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Westfield's First Female Mayor, Shelley Brindle, Sworn Into Office

By LAUREN S. BARR

WESTFIELD – Over 500 people braved the frigid weather on New Year's Day to witness history as United States Court of Appeals Judge Joseph A. Greenaway, Jr. swore in Westfield's first female mayor, Shelley Brindle. The following evening Mayor Brindle presided over her first governing body meeting, and the first meeting in Westfield's history where Democrats hold a majority on the town council

Along with the new mayor, council members Linda Habgood (Ward 1), Michael Dardia (Ward 2), David Contract (Ward 3) and Dawn Mackey (Ward 4) also were sworn into office by Judge Greenaway.

Mayor Brindle credited her mother's strength and resiliency as a guiding force in her life. She told the crowd that when her father was killed in Vietnam, her mother, Mary Ann, moved her and her two sisters to Virginia and started a new life as a working single mother.

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FIRST COMMENTS AS MAYOR...Mayor Shelley Brindle makes comments following her swearing-in ceremony on New Year's Day on the front lawn of the municipal building as newly sworn-in council members, from left to right, Michael Dardia (Ward 2), Linda Habgood (Ward 1), David Contract (Ward 3) and Dawn

Mountainside Conducts 122nd Reorg. Meeting

By KATE BROWNE

MOUNTAINSIDE — A standingroom-only crowd of residents, police, fire and emergency service personnel, their family members and friends packed Borough Hall Tuesday night for the borough's annual reorganization meeting. Due to a death in his family, Mayor Paul Mirabelli was unable to attend the meeting, and will deliver his annual message to the borough at the next meeting of the governing body, which will be held on Tuesday, January 16, at 7:30 p.m. Councilman Keith C. Turner presided over the meeting in the mayor's ab-

Police Chief Allan Attanasio began the meeting by publicly recognizing and bestowing awards on several officers, including Patrolman James Debbie III, Patrolman Andrew Yasinski, Patrolman James Urban and Sergeant Michael Jackson, for their distinguished service in 2017. The award recipients included officers who successfully administered CPR

to the victim of a car accident, captured a homicide suspect, apprehended a thief, and assisted in the recovery of six stolen vehicles just prior to their intended shipment overseas. In addition, Lieutenant Joseph Giannuzzi received a 25-year service award.

Municipal Judge Frank Sahaj administered the oath of office to the recently reelected Councilman Keith Turner and Councilwoman Deanna Andre. Judge Sahaj also swore in eight members of the fire department and six members of the Mountainside Rescue Squad.

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THEY'RE HONOR...Cranford Municipal Court Judge Mark Cassidy is sworn in by his wife, Union County Superior Court Presiding Judge Karen Cassidy.

orities for the town, saying, "First, instill a culture that inspires our residents to get involved, beginning right here. Town Hall should buzz with energy, enthusiasm and new ideas, a place that serves as the heartbeat of our community.

"Secondly, improve communication with residents, streamline our bureaucracy, and remove barriers to attracting businesses. Together, we will embrace a spirit of service, accountability, and innovation, especially in developing a new master plan for Westfield that will look to our town's treasured past to inspire a new future.

"And third, broaden our community engagement by designating volunteers to reach out to all members of this community. Many of us have stayed on the sidelines, either because we haven't been asked or assumed we weren't needed, leaving the hard work to a select few. The result is a community that has yet to reach its fullest potential because we have not engaged everyone. We need every voice at the table to realize a vision where there is room

The Reverend Mark Boyea, senior minister of the First Congregational Church of Westfield, delivered the invocation on Monday, while Rabbi Douglas Sagal of Temple Emanu-El in Westfield delivered the invocation and benediction at Tuesday evening's reorganization meeting. Both spiritual leaders offered blessings upon the new office holders and the town.

Reverend Boyea called on the new officials to serve, "with the dignity and the decency with which you

"Whether you are a Democrat or a Republican...we have trust and faith in you. You are the right people

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MUNICIPAL BUILDING

MADAM MAYOR...Westfield's first woman mayor, Shelley Brindle, takes the oath of office from United States Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Joseph A. Greenaway, Jr. at Monday's swearing-in ceremony on the front lawn of the municipal building. Her mother, Mary Ann Wright, is pictured holding the Bible, and Mayor Brindle's husband, Kip, is beside her.

Hannen Selected As Cranford Mayor Again

By CHRISTINA M. HINKE

CRANFORD — Thomas Hannen, Jr. was selected to serve as mayor for a second consecutive year during the township committee's reorganization meeting Tuesday. Mr. Hannen also has served as mayor in previous years.

Mayor Hannen chose to remind everyone attending the gathering of those people who are homeless. 'It is a time of year that the weather

has come upon us and impacted a lot of people in our community," Mayor Hannen said. He reflected on an interfaith service for homeless people who have died in Union County that he had attended recently. "Please, because we are people of compassion, look out for each other. There are those among us who do not have a place to live this evening. Some of them are staying at the Presbyterian Church across the street from us tonight. Remember them in your prayers."

He congratulated Kevin Mahoney for his work on behalf of the homeless. Mr. Mahoney is to be honored at a Martin Luther King, Jr. presentation by the Cranford Clergy's Interfaith Committee on Thursday, January 18, he said.

Commissioner Ann Dooley was selected as deputy mayor, a post held by Commissioner Patrick Giblin last year. Mr. Giblin and newcomer Jean-Albert Maisonneuve were sworn in as commissioners by Freeholder Bette

This year marks the committee holding a 4-to-1 Democratic majority.

Commissioner Mary O'Connor is to serve as commissioner of finance, Mr. Giblin as commissioner of public safety, Ms. Dooley as commissioner of public works/engineering, and Mr. Maisonneuve as commissioner of public affairs.

Patricia Donahue was appointed as the new township clerk, a position left open after Tara Rowley resigned as clerk to become clerk in Westfield.

Mr. Maisonneuve also will serve as commissioner liaison to the Downtown Management Corporation (DMC), where he served on the board prior to being elected commissioner. Anthony Durante was named DMC chairman. Chris Ashrafi and Kristin Mider were appointed as resident members; Margaret Sacco and Steve Needle were appointed as owner members.

Commissioner O'Connor thanked former commissioner Andis Kalnins for serving six years on the committee. She also noted some "community building" committees — Centennial

Blumenstock Named Council President

By MICHAEL BONACCORSO

GARWOOD — Councilwoman Jen Blumenstock was approved as 2018 council president at Tuesday night's reorganization meeting of the governing body.

Moments after being sworn into office, newly-elected Republican Councilman Richard McCormack nominated fellow Republican Ileen Cuccaro for 2018 council president. However, Ms. Cuccaro did not receive the majority vote over Ms. Blumenstock.

This year the borough council is split between three Democrats and three Republicans. In situations where voting is deadlocked, Mayor Charles Lombardo will cast the deciding vote.

"One big thing people forgot. How to compromise. Give a little and take a little. Lacking in the world today, not only this country," said Garwood resident for over 90 years Angelo N. Alimonti, in providing open commentary to the mayor and council.

The three Republicans are Mr. McCormack, Joseph Sarno and Ms. Cuccaro. The three Democrats are Sara Todisco, Marc Lazarow, and Ms. Blumenstock.

Mr. Sarno was approved as the 2018 planning board liaison.

All three Republicans voted no on renewing Borough Attorney Robert F. Renaud's contract for serving as the borough's municipal attorney and as the municipal tax appeal attorney, both annual contracts. Mr. Renaud was supported by all three Democrats and Mayor Lombardo, thus garnering an approval for both posi-

Mr. Sarno was the only no vote on approved municipal public defender

Michael S. Simitz. The council unanimously approved borough municipal labor attorney Matthew J. Giaccobbe. Council unanimously approved 2018 borough prosecutor Steven H. Merman. Mayor Lombardo made the fol-

lowing appointments with no confirmation necessary. Any leadership changes made were not given explanation nor necessarily based on past performance. Mr. Sarno will serve as finance

committee chairman, replacing Ms. Todisco. At several 2017 council meetings, Mayor Lombardo lauded Ms. Todisco's performance as finance committee chairwoman. Mr. Sarno expressed at several

2017 council meetings concerns with financial decisions being made regarding the capital expenditure decisions process. Mr. Sarno stated emphasis must be placed on providing all council members ample time to review financial decisions.

Ms. Todisco will serve as public health, police, and safety committee chairwoman. Mr. McCormack will serve as fire committee chairman, replacing Mr. Sarno.

Planning board appointments include former councilman Louis Petruzzelli, Councilman Sarno, William Nierstedt, Mayor Lombardo, Steven Napolitano and Denise Ridente.

"I'd like to point out more times than not this council has voted together," Ms. Todisco said.

Ms. Todisco said she is focused on debating issues the borough faces, "voting on them and moving on towards the next order of business.' At the start of the meeting, Mr.

McCormack and Ms. Todisco were CONTINUED ON PAGE 8



Christina M. Hinke for *The Westfield Leader* WELCOME ABOARD...Jean-Albert Maisonneuve, right, is sworn in as Cranford Commissioner by Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, a Cranford resident.

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WATCHING HISTORY...A large crowd watches as Mayor Shelley Brindle makes comments following her swearing-in on New Year's Day as Westfield's first woman mayor and the first Democrat to serve in the office in over 17 years.

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sworn in to serve as borough council members after both prevailed in the November 2017 election.

Mr. McCormack said he wanted to "thank all those residents who stood behind me and gave me courage to do something I had a burning desire to do for quite a while now.

Mr. McCormack emphasized thankfulness for family member support and his running mate, Michael Collings. Mr. McCormack had his grandchildren hold the Bible as he was sworn in.

Ms. Todisco said her grandfather and longtime community leader Frank Todisco was a huge inspiration for her calling to serve the community.

"As a lifelong resident and volunteer for many organizations, I love this town deeply," said Ms. Todisco in her public address

Ms. Todisco's grandfather's longtime childhood friends, Garwood resident for over 80 years Pat DiFabio and Mr. Alimonti, held the Bible for

Ms. Todisco as she was sworn in. Mayor Lombardo acknowledged achievements in his mayor's address such as the parking committee concentrating on completing the parking permit program while respecting business owner input.

"The Green Team organized the beginnings of beautification of our downtown area with cleanup and seasonal plantings," said Mayor Lombardo of the 2017 program and its positive community impact.

Mayor Lombardo said he and the council are reviewing all borough roadways, with certain roads being prioritized for repairs with "(New Jersey) Department of Transportation and (Union) county funds."

"We also welcomed eight new businesses to our town in 2017," Mayor Lombardo said.

Ms. Blumenstock addressed the public, stating that community volunteerism, adhering to a capital plan by making long-term investments into the borough, and maximizing county grant opportunities is where the council should focus in



LOOKING ON...Senator Tom Kean, Jr. (R-21st, Westfield) and Assemblyman Jon Bramnick (R-21st, Westfield), in back, look on during Monday's Westfield swearing-in ceremony.

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Village, Municipal Alliance, Community Connection—that "celebrate family, friendship and neighborhood,"

"The greatest challenge facing Cranford is meeting its affordablehousing obligation without losing the character that drew us to our town. People leave urban centers and come to Cranford for a reason — to get away from the density and the pace of city life. Our approach to development has to bear that in mind. Using redevelopment, we can create affordable-housing opportunities...it needs to be a top priority for the township committee," Ms. O'Connor said.

"Serving the residents of Cranford the best job I have ever had," Ms. O'Connor said in her closing remarks.

Commissioner Giblin highlighted the downtown and the 27 years of service Kathleen Prunty, who is retiring, gave as DMC director. "Our downtown is a highlight as to why people move here, stay here and come here from other towns," Mr. Giblin said. He noted the Teen Advisory Board

is being reignited.

"Trying to meet our affordablehousing obligations with the infrastructure and space we have...it is something Cranford needs to address, and the problem needs to be addressed

in Trenton," Mr. Giblin said.
About \$7.5 million in tax dollars was paid in advance by township residents before the end of the year, Mr. Giblin said, in hopes of saving some tax dollars due to the State and Local Tax (SALT) deduction being capped at \$10,000 for federal tax returns. "The State of New Jersey is in a property-tax crisis," he said. Mr. Giblin suggested the township committee do its part to address the issue

at the county and state levels.

Deputy Mayor Dooley said the township has seen "profound costs savings" in the five months since Cranford hired a full-time engineer, replacing the consultant engineer it had hired. She also talked about floodcontrol efforts. Gates have been purchased for dams in the Rahway River, while desilting is to take place, "for the first time in a number of years," she said. Phase 2B of the Flood Mitigation project is to begin in 2018, and the committee, she said, is "poised to move that ball" towards making improvements to Orchard Brook.

Mayoral appointments to the planning board are Christopher Chapman, Andrew Cossa, Bobbi Anderson and Julie Didzbalis. Mayor Hannen and Deputy Mayor Dooley will serve on the planning board as official township representatives.

Mary Ann Hay, Christine Daly and David Salomon were appointed to the zoning board of adjustment.

The establishment of a Green Team was authorized as well as the members who will serve. A resolution was passed that would

authorize a cash incentive to employees wishing to waive health benefits. Pastor Thomas Rice of the Cranford Alliance Church gave the invocation, followed by the flag salute led by the police and fire honorary color Hills Country Club and the Frazee House, upgraded communications with residents, investments in public safety, the more than \$200,000 in grants received and the progress in downtown redevelopment.

On the last point, the mayor said "2018 will be an exciting year" for downtown redevelopment efforts, stating that by mid-year, he hoped decisions will be made regarding the properties now occupied by the library and the municipal parking lot on Park Avenue, both of which have been the prime focus of the downtown redevelopment committee.

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staff for the recreation department. Councilwoman Andre issued commendations to Annemarie Pires and Laura Rubino for their service to the rescue squad. Councilman Robert W. Messler recognized John Post, who has been the borough's attorney for

Councilman Turner was elected council president, and Councilmen Turner, Glenn Mortimer and Rene Dierkes were appointed to the fire committee. Councilwomen Andre and Wendy Fech Caccamo and Councilman Mortimer were appointed to the media and information committee. James Foerst will continue to serve as borough prosecutor and JoAnn Neylan will serve as the community's public defender. The court administrator for the new year will continue to be Cynthia West.

During the public portion of the meeting a resident thanked all council members and police and fire de-partment staff and stated it was a pleasure to live in Mountainside. Assemblyman Jon Bramnick (R-21st, Westfield) also attended the meeting and wished all those present a safe and prosperous 2018.

The council will continue to hold all its meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, at 7:30 p.m., at Borough Hall.



WELCOME ABOARD...Commissioner Patrick Giblin, second from left, is sworn in as Cranford Commissioner by Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, left, a Cranford

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at the right time," Rabbi Sagal said. He ended his invocation with the blessing, "May G-d bless the work of your hands.'

resident.

Former Mayor Andy Skibitsky was recognized by both spiritual leaders and Mayor Brindle, who thanked her predecessor for his leadership of the town and the kindness he showed her after the election, "including the note he left for me in the desk that I found this (Tuesday) morning.'

Mayor Brindle said that the four Republican council members, "have all been so gracious and kind to us since we've been elected.'

Second Ward Councilwoman JoAnn Neylan spoke "on behalf of the other side of the aisle," welcoming the new mayor and council members. "We are excited to work with you," she stated.

During the business portion of Tuesday night's meeting, former Mayor Tom Jardim was appointed as town attorney for a term not to exceed 60 days. He is a partner at the Jardim, Meisner and Susser firm in Florham Park. Town Administrator James Gildea

and Town Engineer Kris McAloon were reappointed until December 31, 2020. Scott Olsen, the town's CFO, was appointed as tax collector until December 31, 2021.

A new "Green Team" was created, being led by Medea Villere and Tim Van Epp.

Gary Fox has been named chairman of the recreation commission and will be joined by Brad Rothenberg, Ruth Maloney and

Monica Bergin.
Michael LaPlace and Anastasia Harrison were appointed to the planning board, along with Alternate member Ann Freedman.

Eldy Pavon, Carla Bonacci and Frank Fusaro were all appointed to the board of adjustment.

In a departure from the previous administration, Mayor Brindle will fill the mayor's designee spots on both the planning board and the Special Improvement District board.

Coucilwoman Habgood will chair the Finance Policy Committee with Councilwoman Neylan as vice-chair and committee members Councilman Contract and Fourth Ward Councilman Stokes.

The Public Safety Transportation and Parking Committee will be chaired by Councilman Dardia with First Ward Frank Arena as vice-chair and committee members Mark LoGrippo and Councilwoman Mackey.
Councilwoman Mackey will chair

the Code Review and Town Property Committee with Third Ward Councilman LoGrippo serving as vice-chair. The committee members are Councilwoman Habgood and Councilwoman Neylan.

Councilman Contract will chair the Public Works Committee with Councilman Stokes as vice-chair and Councilmen Arena and Dardia as members.

The next meeting of the Westfield Town Council will be on Tuesday, January 16, at 7 p.m.





Lauren S. Barr for The Westfield Leade MAKING AN ENTRANCE...First Ward Councilwoman Linda Habgood, Second Ward Councilman Michael Dardia, Third Ward Councilman David Contract, Fourth Ward Councilwoman Dawn Mackey and Mayor Shelley Brindle exit town hall to a cheering crowd at the New Year's Day swearing in ceremony.

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Carter, Huegel Sworn In; Mahr Says '18 to Be 'Positive, Upbeat'

By CHRISTINA M. HINKE

FANWOOD—NewcomerAnthony Carter and incumbent Russell Huegel, starting his fourth term on the borough council, were sworn in as councilmen Monday at the governing body's reorganization meeting.

They both were raised by very strong women," Mayor Colleen Mahr said. "They have this sense of giving back to the community."

Patricia Plante of the Fanwood Democratic Committee then presented the councilmen with a gift. "I look forward to Anthony's and Russell's contribution to the borough council," Ms. Plante said.

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"Thank you to God for bringing us all here together today," Mr. Carter began in his speech, followed by thanking his friends, family and Mayor Mahr, among others. Councilman Carter reminisced about his first experience in Fanwood, where he volunteered at the Fanwood Recycling Center, prompted by the authorities after he "got into some trouble," Mr. Carter said. He recalled working at the recycling center under the wings of the late Alan Ebersole, who established the recycling center. "We were just one family," Mr. Carter said of the people he worked with at the recycling center.

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Jack Molenaar was named council president for 2018. Councilman Tom Kranz is to take over as chairman of the finance committee, formerly chaired by Councilman Huegel.

Councilwoman Katherine Mitchell, the longest-serving council person in the borough, was appointed to be the representative to the Union County Revenue Sharing Committee. Mr. Molenaar was re-appointed to a oneyear term on the planning board.

Members of the Fanwood Rescue Squad also were appointed. Edward Winser was named president. Captain Patty Buckridee presented Shreya Kachroo with her badge naming her an official member of the squad.

Mayor Mahr made a special mention of Bob Kruthers' 60 years of service to the squad.

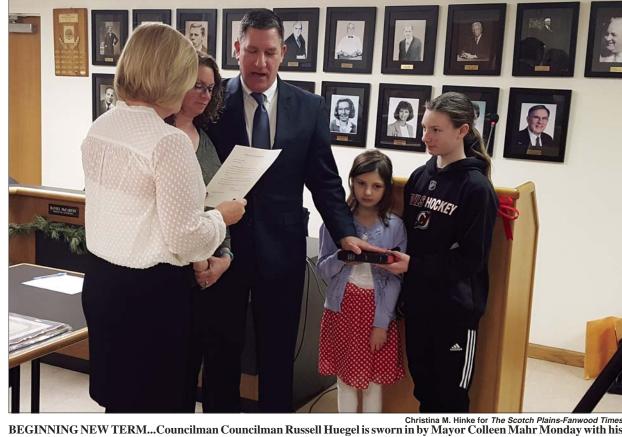
Near the close of the meeting, Mayor Mahr gave her remarks reflecting on

"Fanwood is defined by its residents and its people who step up and ensure the community is the best it can be," Mayor Mahr said.

The Fanwood Police Department, she said, "took the lead" in conversations about the opioid epidemic and prompted the borough to hold community educational sessions about opioid abuse, including the Drug Enforcement Agency's (DEA) Hidden in Plain Sight presentation. "We will be doing this again," Mayor Mahr said. "We can't afford to lose one resident, one child."

"I'm in my fourth term, and I am fortunate to be one of the longest-serving women mayors in the state of New Jersey, and I sit up here with a group of people who have the professionalism to carry out an agenda for the greater good," Mayor Mahr said.

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Councilman Turner was elected

council president, and Councilmen Turner, Glenn Mortimer and Rene Dierkes were appointed to the fire committee. Councilwomen Andre and Wendy Fech Caccamo and Councilman Mortimer were appointed to the media and information committee. James Foerst will continue to serve as borough prosecutor and JoAnn Neylan will serve as the community's public defender. The court administrator for the new year will continue to be Cynthia

During the public portion of the meeting a resident thanked all council members and police and fire department staff and stated it was a pleasure to live in Mountainside. Assemblyman Jon Bramnick (R-21st, Westfield) also attended the meeting and wished all those present a safe and prosperous 2018.

The council will continue to hold all its meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, at 7:30 p.m., at Borough Hall.



Christina M. Hinke for *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*FANWOOD'S RESCUE SQUAD...Members of the Fanwood Rescue Squad were given the oath of office by Mayor Colleen Mahr at Monday's reorganization meeting.

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RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE

 $COUNCILMAN\,CARTER... Anthony\,Carter\,is\,sworn\,in\,as\,Fanwood\,councilman$

at Monday's reorganization meeting by Mayor Colleen Mahr. Pictured, from left

Westfield's First Female

Mayor Brindle Sworn In

to right, are his children Toni, Brett, Jayson, Benjamin, and Aidan (front)

DEMOCRACY IN PROGRESS...A large crowd looks on during Monday's reorganization meeting of the Fanwood council at Borough Hall.

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FIRST COMMENTS AS MAYOR...Mayor Shelley Brindle makes comments following her swearing-in ceremony on New Year's Day on the front lawn of the municipal building as newly sworn-in council members, from left to right, Michael Dardia (Ward 2), Linda Habgood (Ward 1), David Contract (Ward 3) and Dawn Mackey (Ward 4) look on.

Westfield Mayor Brindle

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while Rabbi Douglas Sagal of Temple Emanu-El in Westfield delivered the invocation and benediction at Tuesday evening's reorganization meeting. Both spiritual leaders offered blessings upon the new office holders and the town.

Reverend Boyea called on the new officials to serve, "with the dignity and the decency with which you ran."

"Whether you are a Democrat or a Republican...we have trust and faith in you. You are the right people at the right time," Rabbi Sagal said. He ended his invocation with the blessing, "May G-d bless the work of your hands."

Former Mayor Andy Skibitsky was recognized by both spiritual leaders and Mayor Brindle, who thanked her predecessor for his leadership of the town and the kindness he showed her after the election, "including the note he left for me in the desk that I found this (Tuesday) morning."

Mayor Brindle said that the four Republican council members, "have all been so gracious and kind to us since we've been elected."

Second Ward Councilwoman JoAnn Neylan spoke "on behalf of the other side of the aisle," welcoming the new mayor and council members. "We are excited to work with you," she stated.

During the business portion of Tuesday night's meeting, former Mayor Tom Jardim was appointed as town attorney for a term not to exceed 60 days. He is a partner at the Jardim, Meisner and Susser firm in Florham Park.

Town Administrator James Gildea and Town Engineer Kris McAloon were reappointed until December 31, 2020. Scott Olsen, the town's CFO, was appointed as tax collector until December 31, 2021.

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A new "Green Team" was created, being led by Medea Villere and Tim Van Epp.

Gary Fox has been named chair-

Gary Fox has been named chairman of the recreation commission and will be joined by Brad Rothenberg, Ruth Maloney and Monica Bergin.

Michael LaPlace and Anastasia Harrison were appointed to the planning board, along with Alternate member Ann Freedman.

Eldy Pavon, Carla Bonacci and Frank Fusaro were all appointed to the board of adjustment.

In a departure from the previous administration, Mayor Brindle will fill the mayor's designee spots on both the planning board and the Special Improvement District board.

Coucilwoman Habgood will chair the Finance Policy Committee with Councilwoman Neylan as vice-chair and committee members Councilman Contract and Fourth Ward Councilman Stokes.

The Public Safety Transportation and Parking Committee will be chaired by Councilman Dardia with First Ward Frank Arena as vice-chair and committee members Mark LoGrippo and Councilwoman Mackey.

Councilwoman Mackey will chair the Code Review and Town Property Committee with Third Ward Councilman LoGrippo serving as vice-chair. The committee members are Councilwoman Habgood and Councilwoman Neylan.

Councilman Contract will chair the Public Works Committee with Councilman Stokes as vice-chair and Councilmen Arena and Dardia as members.

The next meeting of the Westfield Town Council will be on Tuesday, January 16, at 7 p.m.

Hannen Selected As Cranford Mayor Again

By CHRISTINA M. HINKE

CRANFORD — Thomas Hannen, Jr. was selected to serve as mayor for a second consecutive year during the township committee's reorganization meeting Tuesday. Mr. Hannen also has served as mayor in previous years.

Mayor Hannen chose to remind everyone attending the gathering of those people who are homeless.

"Ît is a time of year that the weather has come upon us and impacted a lot of people in our community," Mayor Hannen said. He reflected on an interfaith service for homeless people who have died in Union County that he had attended recently. "Please, because we are people of compassion, look out for each other. There are those among us who do not have a place to live this evening. Some of them are staying at the Presbyterian Church across the street from us tonight. Remember them in your prayers."

He congratulated Kevin Mahoney for his work on behalf of the homeless. Mr. Mahoney is to be honored at a Martin Luther King, Jr. presentation by the Cranford Clergy Council Interfaith Human Relations Committee on Thursday, January 18, he said.

Commissioner Ann Dooley was selected as deputy mayor, a post held by Commissioner Patrick Giblin last year. Mr. Giblin and newcomer Jean-Albert Maisonneuve were sworn in as commissioners by Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, a Cranford resident. This year marks the committee holding a 4-to-1 Democratic majority.

Commissioner Mary O'Connor is to serve as commissioner of finance, Mr. Giblin as commissioner of public safety, Ms. Dooley as commissioner of public works/engineering, and Mr. Maisonneuve as commissioner of public affairs.

Patricia Donahue was appointed as the new township clerk, a position left open after Tara Rowley resigned as clerk to become clerk in Westfield.

Mr. Maisonneuve also will serve as commissioner liaison to the Downtown Management Corporation (DMC), where he served on the board prior to being elected commissioner. Anthony Durante was named DMC chairman. Chris Ashrafi and Kristin Mider were appointed as resident members; Margaret Sacco and Steve Needle were appointed as owner members.

Commissioner O'Connor thanked former commissioner Andis Kalnins for serving six years on the committee. She also noted some "community building" committees — Centennial Village, Municipal Alliance, Community Connection — that "celebrate family, friendship and neighborhood," she said.

"The greatest challenge facing Cranford is meeting its affordable-housing obligation without losing the character that drew us to our town. People leave urban centers and come to Cranford for a reason—to get away from the density and the pace of city life. Our approach to development has to bear that in mind. Using redevelopment, we can create affordable-housing opportunities...it needs to be a top priority for the township committee," Ms. O'Connor said.

"Serving the residents of Cranford is the best job I have ever had," Ms. O'Connor said in her closing remarks.

Commissioner Giblin highlighted the downtown and the 27 years of service Kathleen Prunty, who is retiring, gave as DMC director. "Our downtown is a highlight as to why people move here, stay here and come here from other towns," Mr. Giblin said.

He noted the Teen Advisory Board is being reignited.

"Trying to meet our affordable-housing obligations with the infrastructure and space we have...it is something Cranford needs to address, and the problem needs to be addressed in Trenton," Mr. Giblin said.

About \$7.5 million in tax dollars was paid in advance by township residents before the end of the year, Mr. Giblin said, in hopes of saving some tax dollars due to the State and Local Tax (SALT) deduction being capped at \$10,000 for federal tax returns. "The State of New Jersey is in a property-tax crisis," he said. Mr. Giblin suggested the township committee do its part to address the issue at the county and state levels.

Deputy Mayor Dooley said the township has seen "profound costs savings" in the five months since Cranford hired a full-time engineer, replacing the consultant engineer it had hired. She also talked about flood-control efforts. Gates have been purchased for dams in the Rahway River, while desilting is to take place, "for the first time in a number of years," she said. Phase 2B of the Flood Mitigation project is to begin in 2018, and the committee, she said, is "poised to move that ball" towards making improvements to Orchard Brook.

Mayoral appointments to the planning board are Christopher Chapman, Andrew Cossa, Bobbi Anderson and Julie Didzbalis. Mayor Hannen and Deputy Mayor Dooley will serve on the planning board as official township representatives.

Mary Ann Hay, Christine Daly and David Salomon were appointed to the zoning board of adjustment.

The establishment of a Green Team was authorized as well as the members who will serve.

A resolution was passed that would authorize a cash incentive to employees wishing to waive health benefits.

Pastor Thomas Rice of the Cranford Alliance Church gave the invocation, followed by the flag salute led by the police and fire honorary color guard.



MAKING AN ENTRANCE...First Ward Councilwoman Linda Habgood, Second Ward Councilman Michael Dardia, Third Ward Councilman David Contract, Fourth Ward Councilwoman Dawn Mackey and Mayor Shelley Brindle exit town hall to a cheering crowd at the New Year's Day swearing in ceremony.

Blumenstock Named Council President

By MICHAEL BONACCORSO

GARWOOD — Councilwoman Jen Blumenstock was approved as 2018 council president at Tuesday night's reorganization meeting of the governing body.

Moments after being sworn into office, newly-elected Republican Councilman Richard McCormack nominated fellow Republican Ileen Cuccaro for 2018 council president. However, Ms. Cuccaro did not receive the majority vote over Ms. Blumenstock.

This year the borough council is split between three Democrats and three Republicans. In situations where voting is deadlocked, Mayor Charles Lombardo will cast the deciding vote.

"One big thing people forgot. How to compromise. Give a little and take a little. Lacking in the world today, not only this country," said Garwood resident for over 90 years Angelo N. Alimonti, in providing open commentary to the mayor and council.

The three Republicans are Mr. McCormack, Joseph Sarno and Ms. Cuccaro. The three Democrats are Sara Todisco, Marc Lazarow, and Ms. Blumenstock.

Mr. Sarno was approved as the 2018 planning board liaison.

All three Republicans voted no on renewing Borough Attorney Robert F. Renaud's contract for serving as the borough's municipal attorney and as the municipal tax appeal attorney, both annual contracts. Mr. Renaud was supported by all three Democrats and Mayor Lombardo, thus garnering an approval for both positions.

Mr. Sarno was the only no vote on approved municipal public defender Michael S. Simitz. The council unanimously approved borough municipal labor attorney Matthew J. Giaccobbe. Council unanimously approved 2018 borough prosecutor Steven H. Merman.

Mayor Lombardo made the following appointments with no confirmation necessary. Any leadership changes made were not given explanation nor necessarily based on past performance.

Mr. Sarno will serve as finance committee chairman, replacing Ms. Todisco. At several 2017 council meetings, Mayor Lombardo lauded Ms. Todisco's performance as finance committee chairwoman.

Mr. Sarno expressed at several 2017 council meetings concerns with financial decisions being made regarding the capital expenditure decisions process. Mr. Sarno stated emphasis must be placed on providing all council members ample time to review financial decisions.

Ms. Todisco will serve as public health, police, and safety committee chairwoman. Mr. McCormack will serve as fire committee chairman, replacing Mr. Sarno. Planning board appointments in-

Planning board appointments include former councilman Louis Petruzzelli, Councilman Sarno, William Nierstedt, Mayor Lombardo, Steven Napolitano and Denise Ridente.

"I'd like to point out more times than not this council has voted together," Ms. Todisco said.

Ms. Todisco said she is focused on debating issues the borough faces, "voting on them and moving on towards the next order of business."

At the start of the meeting, Mr. McCormack and Ms. Todisco were sworn in to serve as borough council members after both prevailed in the November 2017 election.

Mr. McCormack said he wanted

to "thank all those residents who stood behind me and gave me courage to do something I had a burning desire to do for quite a while now."

Mr. McCormack emphasized

thankfulness for family member support and his running mate, Michael Collings. Mr. McCormack had his grandchildren hold the Bible as he was sworn in. Ms. Todisco said her grandfather

and longtime community leader Frank Todisco was a huge inspiration for her calling to serve the community.

"As a lifelong resident and vol-

unteer for many organizations, I love this town deeply," said Ms. Todisco in her public address.

Ms. Todisco's grandfather's longtime childhood friends, Garwood resident for over 80 years Pat DiFabio and Mr. Alimonti, held the Bible for Ms. Todisco as she was sworn in.

Mayor Lombardo acknowledged achievements in his mayor's address such as the parking committee concentrating on completing the parking permit program while respecting business owner input.

"The Green Team organized the

beginnings of beautification of our downtown area with cleanup and seasonal plantings," said Mayor Lombardo of the 2017 program and its positive community impact. Mayor Lombardo said he and the

council are reviewing all borough roadways, with certain roads being prioritized for repairs with "(New Jersey) Department of Transportation and (Union) county funds." "We also welcomed eight new

businesses to our town in 2017," Mayor Lombardo said. Ms. Blumenstock addressed the

Ms. Blumenstock addressed the public, stating that community volunteerism, adhering to a capital plan by making long-term investments into the borough, and maximizing county grant opportunities is where the council should focus in 2018.

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ment in infrastructure, \$1.5 million in grant money received, some \$800,000 received for new sidewalks, lighting, benches and other improvements to a portion of the South Avenue corridor, downtown improvements with the assistance of Elizabeth Jeffery, and about a half-million dollars in Open Space grants for Forest Road Park and the Nature Center. Ms. Mahr noted how the borough's downtown was recognized at a two-day economic forum, calling the downtown her "hallmark" achievement during her tenure.

The tax collector's office worked overtime getting in people's prepayment of taxes for the first two quarters of 2018, a move that was ordered by Governor Chris Christie so taxpayers could avoid the hike in taxes that took effect January 1, 2018, Mayor Mahr said. "We collected millions of dollars," she stated. Mayor Mahr also took note of the

needed renovations to the Fanwood Memorial Library.
"As we say goodbye to the people we

"As we say goodbye to the people we have lost and seen such tragedy across the United States...and catastrophic changes in Puerto Rico...it is always good to know you can come home, and always good to know you have a caring community that is here," Mayor Mahr said.

Looking ahead, Mayor Mahr said

2018 "will be a positive, upbeat experience for all of us."

The invocation and benediction were given by Evangelist Deborah Daniel of Praise Temple Interdenominational Church of God in Linden.

The council also approved resolutions appointing various professionals, commissions and boards. T&M Associates was approved for a three-year contract to continue serving as the borough's consulting engineer. New professionals included naming Shain Schaffer as the tax appeal attorney,

Settembrino Architects was selected for architectural services, and Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. was selected as bond counsel.

Former councilman Kevin Boris was named to the planning board as an environmental liaison.

Councilman Carter will serve as chair-

man of the Public Safety Committee and as a liaison to the police department. Councilman Molenaar will serve as chairman of the Public Works Committee; Councilman Huegel will serve as chairman of the Land Use and Historic Preservation Committee; Councilwoman Erin McElroy-Barker will serve as chairwoman of the Recreation and Community Services Committee, and Councilwoman Mitchell will serve as chairwoman of the Health and Senior Services Committee.

The council hosted a luncheon at the Carriage House following the meeting.

The next regular council meeting will be held Tuesday, January 16.



Christina M. Hinke for *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* THEY'RE HONOR...Cranford Municipal Court Judge Mark Cassidy is sworn in by his wife, Union County Superior Court Assignment Judge Karen Cassidy.

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County Deer Management Program to Start January 8

COUNTY – The Union County Department of Parks and Recreation has released details of its annual Deer Management Program, which will begin on Monday morning, January 8 in six county parks and one municipal park. The program will operate in the Watchung Reservation, the Summit portion of Passaic River Park, Ash Brook Reservation, Lenape Park, Nomahegan Park, Oak Ridge Park and the Hawk Rise Sanctuary.

Browsing for food by large numbers of deer has caused a loss of forest understory in park areas throughout the northeastern United States. The overpopulation of deer threatens the survival of the plant and animal communities that are important to the ecology of these parks, according to a county press release.

Forest ecologists recommend a density of 20 per square mile in a healthy hardwood forest and as low as five per square mile in a forest that has been heavily damaged by browsing. Spotlight counts conducted by the county in April 2017 suggested 2017-2018 overwintering densities of about 58 deer per square mile in the Watchung Reservation, 84 per square mile in and around Ash Brook Reservation and Oak Ridge Park, 87 deer per square mile in the Hawk Rise Sanctuary, and 150 per square mile in and around Lenape and Nomahegan

An analysis completed by the county in 2011 showed that roads bordering Lenape and Nomahegan Parks had some of the highest numbers of deer-car collisions in the county. And in Hawk Rise Sanctuary in Linden, overbrowsing by deer is threatening the survival of hundreds of native plants that were planted in conjunction with the construction of a boardwalk, according to the re-

Since 1995, marksmen in the County of Union's state-regulated deer management program have reduced the population of white-tailed deer in the Watchung Reservation substantially. In 2006, hunting was initiated in Ash Brook Reservation and in 2002 in portions of Passaic River Park in Summit. Five years ago, hunters harvested deer from Lenape Park for the first time. Three years ago, the county began to conduct deer management in Nomahegan Park in Cranford and in Linden's Hawk Rise Sanctuary. And Oak Ridge Park was added to the list of sites in

The Watchung Reservation spans over 2,000 acres in Springfield, Mountainside, Scotch Plains, Summit, Berkeley Heights and Watchung. Passaic River Park spans 287 acres in Berkeley Heights, New Providence and Summit. Lenape Park covers 403 acres of land in Cranford, Kenilworth, Union, Springfield and Westfield. The Ash Brook Reservation encompasses 667 acres in Scotch Plains and Clark. The Hawk Rise Sanctuary includes about 45 acres of forest in Linden. And Oak Ridge Park consists of 90 acres of land in Clark and Edison.

The Union County Deer Management Program will operate on Mondays from January 8 to February 5. When there is a holiday on a Monday (Dr. Martin Luther King Day), the program moves to Wednesday. In the event of inclement weather on any other Monday, the hunting activity will be moved to Wednesday that week. If Wednesday brings inclement weather, the hunting will be moved to Friday. Hunters will be in the parks from 5:30 a.m. until after dark, but shooting may occur only during daylight hours.

Forty marksmen have been chosen by the county from among experienced, licensed hunters. Eighty-five percent of the hunters have previously participated in Union County's program, and all are serving on a voluntary basis. The hunters will be wearing orange hats or vests and will hunt the deer from elevated positions, at least 20 feet up in the trees, over baited sites, according to the county release.

The hunters may keep any deer carcasses that they harvest. Many of the deer will be processed at a stateapproved butcher and the venison will be donated to the needy and homeless through the Community FoodBank of New Jersey.

The deer management program will be supervised by the Union County Police and the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife. Anyone found hunting on any county park property outside the terms of this program will be prosecuted. Citizens observing any such illegal activity are urged to contact the Union County Police at (908)

The public should note that these parks will not be closed during the deer management program; however, portions of some roadways inside the park may be closed for short periods if necessary. Park patrons are urged to stay on the marked hiking, walking and bridle trails. Park users also are urged to adhere to the county ordinance that requires that pets be restrained on a leash.

For further information, go to ucnj.org/parks-recreation/wildlifemanagement/deer/ or contact the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation at (908) 527-4900. Hunters interested in joining this program in a future year can get onto a mailing list for applications through

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Courtsey Jim Lowney/County of Union THANK YOU FREEHOLDER WRIGHT...The Union County Board of Chosen $Free holders\, presented\, Free holder\, Vernell\, Wright\, with\, a\, resolution\, in\, recognition$ of her six years on the board at the December 21 meeting. Freeholder Wright is leaving the board after serving two terms in office. Pictured, from left to right, are: front row, Freeholder Chairman Bruce Bergen, Vice-Chairman Sergio Granados, reeholders Wright, Bette Jane Kowalski, Angel Estrada, and County Manager Al Faella; back row, Freeholders Mohamed Jalloh, Chris Hudak, Linda Carter

County to Swear in New Sheriff, Freeholder on Jan. 7

COUNTY — Union County's 162nd annual reorganization ceremony will be held on Sunday, January 7, at noon at the Union County Courthouse in Superior Court Assignment Judge Karen Cassidy's Chambers, 2 Broad Street in Eliza-

Those scheduled to be sworn into new terms are Freeholders Angel Estrada of Elizabeth, and Christopher Hudak of Linden. Angela Garretson, the former mayor of Hillside, will be sworn into her first term as a freeholder replacing Vernell Wright of Union who did not seek a third term. Peter Corvelli Jr., a former councilman in Kenilworth, will be sworn into his first term as county

The freeholder board will also select a new chairperson and vice-chairperson of the board for 2018. The freeholders will also vote to fill numerous positions on county advisory boards and adopt the board's 2018 schedule and approve numerous contracts and appointments.

Mr. Hudak, beginning his third full term, was first appointed to the board in 2010 and served as chairman in 2014. Mr. Estrada is beginning his seventh term, having been first elected to the board in 1999. He served as board chairman in

Motor Vehicles Commission Launches New Website

TRENTON – New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) Chairman and Chief Administrator Raymond P. Martinez has announced the launch of the new MVC website featuring improved design, navigation and increased accessibility from mobile devices. This is the first major

redesign in five years.
"Whether accessed from a desktop, tablet, or smart phone, the new MVC website will improve customer service and simplify business practices," Mr. Martinez said. "Our revamped and streamlined website enables customers to access the information they need faster, and many may even find that they can conduct their motor vehicle business online without ever having to visit an

The redesigned website features approximately 750 unique pages down from nearly 1,300 on the previous website. This will make it easier for the nearly 900,000 people who visit njmvc.gov on a monthly basis to

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access the information and services they need. "NJMVC.gov is a great resource for

anyone who needs to conduct MVC transactions," Mr. Martinez said. "I encourage all of our customers to visit njmvc.gov to take advantage of our 20 plus available online services.'

The MVC site is available to customers 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-aweek and offers a range of online services including vehicle registration renewal, road test and vehicle inspection scheduling, personalized and specialty plate ordering, driver abstract requests and motor vehicle surcharge and restoration payments. Customers may also easily update their address when they move, as well as register as an organ donor through the site.

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

By Paul Peyton of The Leader/Times

President Trump Kills Gateway

President Donald Trump officially scrapped former President Barack Obama's proposal to have the federal government underwrite half the cost of a multi-billion-dollar Amtrak tunnel connecting New Jersey to Penn Station, known as the Gateway Project, according to a Crain's New York report.

"Let's not be surprised by the timing of this letter," said Tom Wright, president of the Regional Plan Association. "Today (December 29th) is the last day to slip this in with no one noticing. The Trump administration is content to kick the can down the road on Gateway.

The letter marks the latest blow to the transit project, which includes the new tunnel under the Hudson River, repairs to the existing dual-tunnel conduit and the reconstruction of New Jersey's Portal Bridge.

"Trump has repeatedly hyped an infrastructure plan that he has promised to release in the New Year. Such a plan would require a large number of votes from (New York Senator Charles) Schumer's (Democrat) conference in order to pass the Senate. Folding Gateway into a Trump infrastructure bill would pressure Schumer to deliver those votes. Elaine Chao, Trump's transportation secretary, is the wife of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, which could increase the White House's leverage," Crane's reported in its story.

Gov.-Elect Phil Murphy Busy Making Picks For His Cabinet

Governor-Elect Phil Murphy has announced several of his choices to serve in his cabinet when he takes office on January 16. These selections include: state Assemblywoman Marlene Caride (D-36th, Ridgefield) to head the state Department of Banking and Insurance; Bergen County Prosecutor Gurbir Grewal as state attorney general; Assemblywoman Elizabeth Muoio (D-15th, Trenton) as state treasurer, and former Passaic County freeholder Tahesha Way as secretary of state, according to NJ Advance Media for nj.com. Ms. Way would replace Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadago who serves as secretary of state in the Christie Administration.

Lieutenant Governor-Elect Sheila Oliver (D-34th, East Orange), a former Assembly speaker, will serve as commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs.

Lawmakers Looking to **Remove Cap on State Taxes**

Governor Chris Christie and state lawmakers are considering changes to allow homeowners to write off their entire property tax bill on their state income taxes in response to a new federal tax law that caps state and local taxes at \$10,000, according to observer.com. New Jersey currently caps property tax deductions for state income tax filers at \$10,000.

The proposal already has bipartisan support in the state Legislature. State Senator Joe Pennacchio (R-26th, Montville) has introduced a bill (S-3598) to make property taxes completely deductible from state income

taxes. Outgoing Senator Ray Lesniak (D-20th, Elizabeth) has announced he will also sponsor a bill and try to get it signed into law before Gov. Christie leaves office on January 16.

> **High-Risk Targets Now Eligible for Security Grants**

Legislation to provide state grants to increase security at New Jersey's nonprofit organizations deemed highrisk targets of threats, attacks, and other violent acts was enacted into law on December 27.

"The threats and anti-Semitic acts we've seen in New Jersey and across the country underscore the need to be vigilant and to ensure we are taking steps to protect our residents. Providing grants to organizations that have been deemed at risk is one way that we can be proactive at the state level,' Senator Loretta Weinberg (D-37th, Teaneck) said. "This program will allow for the hiring of security personnel by a nonprofit if necessary.'

The new state law, S-2634/A-4253, creates a three-year "New Jersey Nonprofit Security Grant Pilot Program" and allow for grants to be distributed to eligible nonprofit organizations deemed high-risk targets to hire permanent or temporary security personnel for the purpose of preparedness and reduction of vulnerability. Eligible organizations could apply for a maximum of \$10,000 a year for each of the three years.

Lesniak, Kyrillos, Wisniewski, **Allen, All Leaving Office**

Several state lawmakers will be leaving the state capital as of January 8th. They include Senators Ray Lesniak (D-20th, Elizabeth), Diane Allen (R-7th, Burlington), Jennifer Beck (R-11th, Red Bank), and Joe Kyrillos (R-13th, Red Bank). Senator Kevin O'Toole (R-40th, Cedar Grove) left office earlier this when he was appointed as chairman of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey by Governor Chris

Also, Assembly Speaker Vincent Prieto (D-32nd, Secaucus) will be replaced as Speaker by Assemblyman Craig Coughlin (D-19th, Woodbridge). Assemblyman John Wisniewski (D-Middlesex) is also leaving office. Mr. Wisniewski, who has been in the Assembly since 1996, and Mr. Lesniak, who has been a Senator since 1983, both ran against Governor-Elect Phil Murphy in the Democratic Primary last June.

New Prosecutor Sworn In For Cape May County

Attorney General Christopher S. Porrino last month announced that Jeffrey H. Sutherland was formally sworn in this morning as Cape May County Prosecutor. He takes over from Rob Johnson, who was appointed acting prosecutor when Prosecutor Robert Taylor retired in September after 13 years in office.

He served on the Cape May County Board of Elections since 2013. He also has served as a mediator for Superior Court in Cape May and Atlantic Counties and has served on the District I Fee Arbitration Committee for the New Jersey Supreme Court since 2016.

Many houses exist but they are not all the same

s one visits homes of different eras one sees and feels the difference.

Post WWII mass produced homes consist of; ranches, bilevels, split levels, development homes, and Mc Mansions

Older homes built from 1880 -1940 (Pre-WWII) have been loved for so many years. Streets, such as Summit, Boulevard, Highland, and Stoneleigh Park were built in diverse styles of different scales, proportions, and material. Each individual home has wonderful scale, historically inspired detailing, and noble materials. This is easily seen when comparing two homes side by side. People will say to me, "I don't know why, I just like it". The reason is scale, proportion, shade and shadow, relationship to property, relationship to the neighborhood, and appropriate detailing.

The original large Victorian and Colonial homes located on the first blocks of Elm, Boulevard, and Prospect were altered over time. Due to their size, most alterations were limited to the home's interiors. As the wonderful homes of the 1920's & 1930's became too small for a changing world, additions were added. These additions incorporated porches, terraces and porte-cocheres. Even basement heights were increased to provide

for finished basements. The beauty of seeing a well-designed addition and alteration is not noticing where or when the changes were made. Larger kitchens, family rooms, additional bathrooms, and bedrooms were needed.

Architects meet clients' needs while responding to an existing home's adjacencies, views, relationship to natural light, and exterior scale and proportions. This is a balance, meeting all the needs while minding the interior as well as the exterior. It is simply not possible in this short article to fully explain an architect's role in a project. What is the simple answer as to why certain houses appear flat and lifeless, lack appropriate window locations and details, and seem out of scale with the neighborhood?

The answer is a lack of architecture.

Wonderful old towns like Westfield have built, added to, restored, and emulated beautiful old homes for over a hundred years. Architecture has and will continue to define great civilizations and communities.

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NJAC to Hold Reorg. Meeting on Jan. 26

Association of Counties (NJAC) reorganization meeting will take place on Friday, January 26, in the Senate Chambers of the New Jersey State

Hunterdon County Clerk Mary H. Melfi, who currently serves as NJAC secretary-treasurer, will be sworn in as the organization's 77th president. Ms. Melfi served on the Flemington Borough Council from 1994 through 2006 and remains active serving as the emergency management coordinator and a member of the planning board. She is also a past president of the Hunterdon County Municipal Officers Association.

During the reorganization meeting, board members and the following executive officers will be sworn in to serve NJAC: President, Ms. Melfi; First Vice-President, Brendan W. Gill, Essex County freeholder; Second Vice-President, E. Marie Hayes, Cape May County freeholder; Secretary-Treasurer, John Cimino, Mercer County freeholder, and Immediate Past President, Heather Simmons, Gloucester County freeholder.

recognize 2017 outgoing county officials for their dedication and commitment to public service including Union County Freeholder Vernell Wright and Sheriff Joseph Cryan. Mr. Cryan will be sworn in as the senator for the 20th Legislative District on Tuesday, January 9.

Also to be honored is Somerset County Freeholder Director Peter S. Palmer who has left office after 20 years on the Somerset board. He is also chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Raritan Valley Rail Coalition that have long sought a one-seat ride for New York com-

'ASK' About Senior **Services in Union County**

COUNTY - Union County residents seeking information about services for seniors can visit the traveling "ASK" Aging Services Kiosk program. Five ASK sessions are scheduled for five different locations in

The ASK program visits libraries and other public facilities in communities throughout Union County. Each ASK session is staffed by personnel from the Union County Department of Human Services Division on Aging and Disability Resource Connec-

Munoz Named Consumer Hero

TRENTON - Assemblywoman Nancy Munoz (R-21st, Summit) was named a consumer hero for 2017 in The Star-Ledger's Bamboozled consumer affairs column on Thursday. She was commended for pressuring hospices to stop charging fees for services not delivered.

 $Assembly woman\, Munoz, who \, is \, a$ registered nurse, introduced a bill prohibiting families from being charged for unused days after she was contacted by a resident who was forced to pay for care after her mother had died. As a result, the hospice industry promised to change their billing practices throughout New

"We are very grateful that we were able to reach a resolution with the hospice community," Asw. Munoz said. "Margaret Shaw, who shared her story with me, should be very proud that her determination to help others contributed to this issue being

Parking Dept. Open for **For Permit Renewals**

WESTFIELD — Police Chief David Wayman has announced that the Parking Services Office will be open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays, January 6 and 13 for parking permit renewals.

At this meeting, NJAC will also

"The ASK program enables residents to speak with an expert and ask questions in person at a convenient location," said Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, the Freeholder Board li-

aison to the Human Services Advisory Board. "ASK has become an important part of our community outreach efforts, helping to ensure that every senior can connect with the resources and services available to them," Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski said.

Seniors and caregivers can come to an ASK session for information about home-delivered meals, respite care, home care, adult day care and other

Assistance with completing applications and forms are also pro-

Any Union County resident or caregiver can visit any of the ASK sessions. The dates and locations for ASK sessions in January are: Wednesday, January 10, Linden Public Library, 31 East Henry Street, Linden, 10 a.m. to noon; Monday, January 22, Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Avenue, Clark, 10 a.m. to noon; Wednesday, January 24, Fanwood Public Library, 5 Forest Road, Fanwood, 10 a.m. to noon, Monday, January 29; Summit Public Library, 75 Maple Street, Summit, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and Tuesday, January 30, Union Public Library, 1980 Morris Avenue, Union, noon to 2 p.m.

The mission of the Division on Aging and Disability Resource Connection is to promote wellness, independence, dignity and choice for seniors and their families. It is one of 670 Area Agencies on Aging nationwide established under the federal Older Americans Act. The division has printed information available in English and Span-

For more information, call 888-280-8226 toll-free, (908) 527-4870, (908) 527-4858, or visit the Union County website at ucnj.org.

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APARTMENT FIRE...The Summit Fire Department were on the scene of an apartment building fire early Sunday morning on Summit Avenue. Ten other fire departments, including Scotch Plains and Fanwood, assisted at the five-alarm blaze that took two hours to bring under control.

Summit Fire Department Responds to Apt. Bld. Fire

SUMMIT - The Summit Fire Department responded to a report of fire at an apartment building on 125 Summit Avenue on Sunday at 5:13

On arrival, crews found heavy fire conditions throughout the building, according to a news release from the city. Firefighters were able to effectively knock down the fire that was declared under control at 7:14 a.m.. Approximately 12 families were evacuated from 125 Summit Avenue and two nearby buildings. Multiple rescues of residents were executed by firefighters through windows. Two residents were transported to Overlook Medical Center for non-life threatening injuries. There were no

reported injuries to responding

firefighters, according to the release.

The Summit Fire Department was assisted at the scene by the Summit Police Department and the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad. Assistance for the five alarm fire was provided by Union County Mutual Aid with Millburn, Springfield, Mountainside, Union, Fanwood, New Providence, Kenilworth, Scotch Plains, Berkeley Heights and Roselle Park fire departments responding.

The American Red Cross is providing support for evacuated fami-

The cause of the fire is under investigation by the Summit Fire Department Investigation Unit.

Christie to Appear At Ammon Foundation Today

TRENTON — Governor Chris Christie will mark one of his last days in office by joining The Ammon Foundation for the ribbon cutting of its new headquarters in Linden at 11 a.m. this

The Ammon Foundation launched in March 2017 as a philanthropic endeavor of Ammon Labs. Its mission is to provide strategic support to remove barriers for those in addiction recovery seeking to continue their educa-

Tips Told on Staying Safe During Cold Snap

COUNTY — As bitterly cold temperatures and wind chills grip the region for a second consecutive weekend, residents are urged to be sure to wear dry, warm clothing and cover exposed skin when outdoors, according to Union County officials.

Check on your neighbors, friends, and relatives, the elderly and those with disabilities. Seniors, infants, people with chronic cardiovascular or lung conditions, those using alcohol or drugs, and people with cognitive impairments (like dementia, serious mental illness or developmental disability) are at increased risk.

tion. Its new headquarters will provide a place of hope for those that have suffered from addiction helping them to access, maintain and sustain long-term

Also scheduled to appear are State Senator Ray Lesniak (D-20th, Elizabeth); Vanessa Vitolo, ReachNJ spokesperson; Linden Police Chief Dave Hart, Fire Chief Joseph Dooley and Mayor Derek Armstead; State Assemblyman Jamel Holley (D-20th, Roselle), and Victor Flores, Rutgers University student and Ammon Foundation Scholarship recipient.

Scotch Plains Rescue Squad: Have a Healthy New Year

SCOTCH PLAINS – Now that the holidays are over, it's time to not only trim our credit card bills, but to also trim our waistlines. It's a fact that most of us gain some weight between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. Being unhappy with the way we look and uncomfortable in our clothes are just the tip of the iceberg. It's the underlying problems, especially when it comes to obesity, which causes the most issues.

According to the American Heart Association, "Currently, one in three U.S. adults is obese, bringing forth a possible health toll, including high blood pressure, Type 2 diabetes, heart disease and stroke. Another third of Americans are overweight." Therefore, it's best to talk to your doctor and stick to the guidelines he or she recommends for your age, gender, height and weight.

In regards to your diet, eat foods that are high in fiber and low in saturated fat, like fruits and vegetables, lean meats, and low-fat milk products. Get plenty of exercise, even if it's just taking a walk around your neighborhood. If you have underlying health problems, speak with your doctor about devising an exercise program that's right for you.

A healthy lifestyle will help you avoid many health issues, plus it will give you the energy and stamina to accomplish everything you want to do. Everybody knows that giving up our favorite foods and adopting a more active lifestyle are tough, but

the benefits are worth it. This year, when you make that resolution to lose weight and exercise, stick to it and you will feel the difference in your body sooner that you think. And instead of visiting the doc-

tor or hospital, go out and enjoy life.

The Scotch Plains Rescue Squad is a volunteer organization of Neighbors Helping Neighbors. With over 90 volunteers, we answer calls not only in Scotch Plains but in surrounding towns as well when needed. Besides answering calls, you will see our ambulances at many special events held in town, such as Scotch Plains Day, the Memorial Day Parade, high school football games, and the summer concerts on the Village Green. We are also available to provide demonstrations for Boys and Girls Scout troops, clubs, and any other group that may be interested in what we do. In addition, we lend out wheelchairs, crutches, canes and other assorted medical equipment free of charge. Please reach out to us if there is something we can do for you. (908) 322-2103for non-emergencies or scotchplainsrescuesquad@gmail.com

Contributing Author Susan Baldaniis a life member of the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad.

Free Tours Saturday at Vietnam Vets Memorial

HOLMDEL — Vietnam veteran Gary Monsees and Dan O'Leary will provide free Tours this Saturday, January 6, at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., at the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial. Tours will leave from the museum lobby and last about an hour. Reservations are not required.

Mr. Monsees registered for the delayed enlistment program on January 16, 1970. In February of 1972, after almost two years in the Army, he arrived in Vietnam and was stationed, initially, at Lane Army Airfield in Anson, Vietnam, with the 129th AHC (assault helicopter company). His first assignment there was in the maintenance platoon as a maintenance officer and test pilot.

Mr. O'Leary was raised in West Orange, and now lives in Jackson, NJ. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1964 and served 13 months in Ft. Hood, Tex. with the Second Armored Division, 54th Signal Battalion (Combat Support). He served in Vietnam from 1965 to 1966 with the Military Assistance Command Vietnam (MACV). He was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal and the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal for his service. He has been a volunteer tour guide at the NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial since 2006. The NJVVMF's Museum and Edu-

cational Center is located adjacent to the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial off the Garden State Parkway at exit 116 in Holmdel, NJ. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and by special appointment. Admission is \$7 for adults; \$5 for senior citizens and students; and free for children 10 years of age or younger and veterans and active military personnel.

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Highlighting School Boards In This Month of Reorganization

Much attention has once again been focused this week on the reorganization meetings that accompany the start of each new year, as newly-elected or reelected officials take their oaths of office. While governing bodies on the municipal, county and state levels garner the lion's share of public attention, outside of a Presidential race, it is important to remember that local school board elections are held in November as well. With the dawn of a new year, these boards also are now conducting their reorganization meetings, including the swearing in of those who, with their colleagues, will play pivotal roles in public education in the years ahead.

The boards of education of both Westfield and Scotch Plains-Fanwood will hold their reorganization meetings this evening, Thursday, January 4. In Westfield, newcomers Kent Diamond and Lynn Benner are scheduled to be sworn in, along with returning board member and Vice-President Margaret "Peggy" Oster, who will begin her second term

During its own reorganization meeting, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school board will welcome Amy Boroff as she begins her inaugural term. Ms. Boroff was elected to the open Fanwood seat on the board as a write-in candidate in November. Evan Murray and Cynthia Clancy, meanwhile, were reelected to their seats representing Scotch Plains on the board.

In Mountainside, Dante Gioia and Dana Guidicipietro, reelected in November, began new terms with Tuesday's school board reorganization.

On Wednesday, newly-elected Albert Del Conte took his seat on the Garwood Board of Education, joining reelected members Linda Koenig and Chris-

Finally, the Cranford Board of Education will conduct its reorganization meeting Monday, January 8, marking the start of new terms for incumbents Lisa Carbone, Kurt Petschow, Jr. and Kristen Mallon, along with Daniel Demarco, who ran unopposed for

Whether in government or school board service, holding elective office involves extensive time commitments, grappling with thorny or complex issues, and the hammering out of major policy and fiscal decisions. A particular challenge is the crafting of annual budgets with the dual goals of maintaining essential services while minimizing the impact on local property taxes. Governing body and school board members can find themselves juggling the demands of home life, career and the position to which they were elected. We thank our new and returning representatives, in their respective capacities, for accepting these responsibilities and wish them success during their tenures of working on our

Newly Elected Officials Face Numerous Challenges In 2018

This week saw a new mayor sworn into office here in Westfield as well as new council members in Westfield, Cranford, Fanwood and Garwood. A new sheriff and one new freeholder will take office on Sunday, January 7, at Union County's reorganization meeting.

Mayor Shelley Brindle is the first woman to serve in Westfield's history and the first Democrat to serve as mayor since Tom Jardim left office at the end of 2000. She is joined by new council members Linda Habgood, Mike Dardia, David Contract and Dawn Mackey.

Fanwood saw Anthony Carter join the borough governing body, replacing Kevin Boris, who opted not to seek a third term on the council. Meanwhile. Garwood welcomed new Councilman Richard McCormack.

The county will welcome new Sheriff Peter Corvelli and Freeholder Angela Garretson on January 7. This marks the second change in sheriffs in the past three years following the 37-year tenure of the late Ralph Froehlich, who died of cancer in 2014.

As town governments begin 2018, the issue of high-density housing from affordable-housing mandates remains one of the biggest challenges. The issue seems to be hitting Cranford and Garwood especially hard with the proposed Birchwood Avenue and Hartz Mountain developments in Cranford and the South Avenue developments planned for the Casale/Petro site in Garwood.

New Jersey will swear in a new governor on Tuesday, January 16, when Phil Murphy takes over. A lot of issues face the incoming administration including school funding. Also, will state lawmakers and Governor Murphy reinstate the 2-percent cap on *interest arbitration* awards which expired on December 31? The cap comes into play when union leaders and municipalities cannot agree on new contract terms. The cap passed in 2010 and was extended in 2014.

As the county begins its new year we ask that officials reach out to municipalities regarding the surge in deer sightings in residential areas. The annual county deer-management plan begins Monday, January 8, in county parks, including Nomahegan and Lenape, and will continue on Mondays through February 5 (see story on page 2). While this year's program is already set, we believe the freeholders need to expand the program as deer are wandering into major thoroughfares, causing potentially serious traffic accidents.

In terms of school funding, we believe school budgets are putting a strain on town councils, which are trying to keep spending in check given rising property taxes even in the era of 2-percent caps imposed by Governor Chris Christie and the State Legislature.

We wish all those newly-elected and reelected officials the best of luck in facing the challenges



Letters to the Editor

Feds: Why Not Allow Us to **Deduct All 2018 Taxes?**

Now that Leonard Lance has failed miserably to achieve his stated goal "to preserve the full SALT dedication [does he mean "deduction"?] and ensure New Jerseyans see the same tax relief promised to other states," I feel he should aggressively lobby the IRS to rescind its edict that taxpayers may not deduct taxes paid in 2017, but due in 2018 that have not been assessed and billed.

I don't believe any state, certainly

not New Jersey, sets its tax rates for the fiscal year 2018-2019 before July 2018. We know our taxes are not going down, so why not give us a measly one-time break to deduct our full year 2018 taxes and partially soften the blows we will incur going forward as our federal deductions diminish and our property values plunge?

Bill Gottdenker

I Applaud Lance For Bill to Deduct All Of 2018 Prop. Taxes

I applaud Leonard Lance's stated intention to introduce legislation that would, if passed, enable New Jersey residents to deduct their entire 2018 real estate tax paid during calendar 2017 from their 2017 taxable income.

Let's see how much clout Mr. Lance has in Washington among his Republican cohorts.

> Bill Gottdenker Mountainside

Thanks for Great Westfield **High School Swimming Shots**

Kudos to Dave Corbin, The Leader's sports editor, for his WHS Swim Team action shots in last week's paper. I know how hard it is to get good swimming action shots, and Dave's photos are outstanding - perfectly timed and composed. They capture the drama and excitement of WHS's fabulous swim teams. Thanks Dave!

Tola Murphy-Baran

Tiny Tim Board Thanks Community for Carol Night Support

The members of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Tiny Tim Fund Board would like to thank all those who participated in the annual Carol Night event on December 6, 2017 and made it a successful fundraiser for the organization. In addition to the residents who shared holiday spirit and solicited donations, checks in the amount of one thousand dollars each were received from the Fanwood Business and Professional Association and the Rotary Club. With gratitude and appreciation to all, the Tiny Tim Fund will be able to carry on its mission of assisting local families. Special thanks are extended to Mr. Tom Britt, proprietor of the Stage House Inn and Tavern on Park Avenue in Scotch Plains, who graciously invited us to use his restaurant as the collection site for the donation canisters and a place for carolers to enjoy refresh-

The Tiny Tim Fund is a non-profit organization that provides financial assistance to children of Scotch Plains and Fanwood in need of medical or dental services, psychological testing, prescriptions or medical supplies and equipment. The organization was established in 1983 and is run by a volunteer Board of Trustees comprised of residents of Scotch Plains and Fanwood with diverse backgrounds in fields such as education, medicine, religion, social work and business. Donations and/ or referrals for as-

sistance can be made in writing to: The Tiny Tim Fund, Inc., PO Box 181, Fanwood, NJ 07023.

The Tiny Tim Board of Trustees **Bernadette Hoyer**

Shame on the UN for Vote Against **U.S.** on Jerusalem As The Capital

The vote in the United Nations General Assembly, really an anti-theperson Trump vote, against President Trump's decision to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and to move our embassy there is a reminder of Rodney Dangerfield's famous line "I get no respect!"

When shall Israel finally get respect and be accepted in the family of nations?

And what a vote it was! One hundred and twenty-eight for the nonbinding resolution, nine against, and 35 cowardly abstentions.

Consider who voted for the resolution against one of the few working democracies.

Former Axis powers Germany, Italy, and Japan.

Britain started the two Opium Wars to force China to permit British merchants to sell opium in China.

France brutally attempted to prevent Algerian independence. Portugal waged long bloody wars

to prevent independence for its African colonies. Indonesia illegally occupied the

former Portuguese colony of East Timor and then engaged in genocide and other brutalities there. Sweden and Switzerland remained

neutral even as Hitler was conquering Europe. The communist countries of China.

Cuba, North Korea, Russia, and Viet-

The terrorist countries of Iran and North Korea. Human rights violators Burkina

Syria committing genocide against its own people. Sudan committing genocide against

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Ethiopia, Eritrea, Liberia, Mali, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, and Senegal who would be better off putting their economic house in order rather than railing against the Israel whose economic and technological prowess could be of inestimable value to these and other poverty-stricken countries.

Failed states Libya, Somalia, and Yemen.

Each of these countries refuses the moral reparation owed the Jewish people to make Jerusalem the capital of Israel because the civilized world stood by while 6,000,000 Jews were being murdered during The Holocaust!

A moral imperative that overrides the legalistic talk about Jerusalem under General Assembly Resolution 194 of December 11, 1948 being "placed under United Nations control," the European Union's view that Jerusalem is a "corpus separatum," and the blather that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict cannot be settled if Jerusalem is the capital of Israel.

History must not be forgotten. The birth of the State of Israel on May 14, 1948 saw its Arab neighbors jointly declare war against Israel! There would be the Six Day War of June 1967 and the Yom Kippur War of October 1973 that took Israel by surprise and other conflicts, the two Intifadas, and terrorist attacks in Is-

Jews in the Diaspora have long "L'Shana Haba'ah B'Yerushalayim" ("Next year in Jerusalem") at the end of the Passover Seder and at the end of Ne'ila the concluding prayer service on Yom Kippur.

How tragic that this brave people who have had to endure so much horror throughout their history have been dealt such a bad hand by a hostile and duplicitous General As-

Shame on the United Nations. Thank you President Trump for having the moral courage to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of the State of Israel!

Stephen Schoeman Westfield

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.

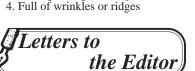
Answers to last week's arcane words. 1. Balagan – A hut built on stilts by the Tartars

2. Tantivy – A swift, full gallop 3. Taraxacin - A bitter substance from the root of the common dandelion

4. Yoicks – A cry used for urging on the hounds in fox hunting

RUNNEL

- 1. A small channel or watercourse 2. A marine fish that ascends rivers to
- 3. A large pole used to motivate a raft
 - 4. A small European hawk
 - **GLACK**
 - 1. Soft sleet or hail 2. A narrow mountain pass
- 3. Corn meal, mush 4. Discontent
 - DAGSWAIN
- 1. A type of dagger 2. Small metal cuplike stand for hold-
- ing hot coffee cups 3. A rough or coarse cover for a bed 4. A high, rocky hill
- RŬGOSE 1. Covered with wax
- . Tending to cause blisters
- 3. Having a rough and dry surface



The New Tax Law

Nation - nj.com: The new law specifically bars taking deductions for income taxes paid ahead of time, but it is silent on prepaid local property taxes.

Fanwood Tax Payments

Fanwood Borough - Policy for Prepayment of Taxes for 2018; In response to the recent federal tax reform, the Borough has issued a policy for prepayments of taxes in 2018. The Tax Office will be accepting payments for the first two quarters that have been billed for February 2018 and May 2018. If residents wish to prepay these two quarters before the end of the year, they can either visit the Borough website and pay online up to 12 midnight of December 31, 2017 or pay in person at the tax office in Borough Hall. Hours have been extended and the tax office will be open on Saturday, December 30 from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. to accept payments as courtesy to our residents who wish to prepay before the end of the year. Payment must be made by the taxpayer to the municipality only. If you are paying into a tax escrow being held by a bank or mortgage company, you should work this out with them directly to prevent double payments. It also recommended that residents consult with their tax accountant or CPA and determine if prepayment would be beneficial, for it may not necessarily benefit everyone.

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Flood Advisory Panel Wants Cranford Twp. to Buy 112 Park Dr.

By CHRISTINA M. HINKE

CRANFORD — The Cranford Flood Advisory Committee has requested that the township committee 'give serious consideration to the acquisition of the property located at 112 Park Drive for the purpose of facilitating Phase 5 of the Flood Plan and the conversion of the remaining property for open space," the Flood Advisory Committee stated in a resolution passed 9-to-0, with 11 members absent.

SCODEE, LLC, co-owned by Bob Pyfer and Denise Lorelli, had purchased the 25,000-square-foot property located adjacent to Nomahegan Park. After presenting its minor subdivision application to the planning board in August, SCODEE withdrew its application due to the negative comments made by planning board members, Flood Advisory Committee members, Environmental Commission members, and residents alike, as well as deficiencies in its stormwater drainage plan noted by

the planning board engineer. The Flood Advisory Committee's resolution states, "it is public knowledge that the current owner has paid much less for the property in question and might be amenable to a resolution involving the transfer of said property to the township or the county for a fair market price." SCODEE, LLC purchased the property for \$280,000 on September 15, 2016, according to njparcels.com.

Prior to SCODEE, LLC buying the property, the township had been in discussions with the County of Union, which owns an easement on part of the property, to buy the property, designate a portion as Green Acres and build a pump station that would aid in reducing flooding conditions seen in the northeast quadrant of the township, and would satisfy the township's fifth phase of its flood plan. This location was deemed ideal in order to assist the most homes in the area, the Flood Advisory Committee had told The Westfield Leader

The County of Union was unsuccessful in its attempt to buy the property from Wells Fargo Bank at an offer of its appraised value of \$500,000 about a decade ago.

112 Park Drive sits in a flood zone and is considered one of the most susceptible areas for flooding, as stated by Township Commissioner Ann Dooley and a resident who lives on Park Drive, Donald Thee, at the August planning board meeting. Objectors noted how building two homes on the property would undermine efforts made by the township to reduce flooding by setting strict development standards that establish requirements for flood control. The property currently is occupied by an abandoned home.



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What To Do If You Have Frozen Pipes

ROTO-ROOTER: Extreme cold temperatures are causing water pipes to freeze and burst across the country. In many cities, demand for plumbing repair and water cleanup services is outstripping capacity. Plumbers and water cleanup technicians are working around the clock to help custom-

When pipes freeze, pressure builds inside pipes causing them to crack – no matter if the pipe is made of plastic, copper or steel. Even a tiny crack can unleash more than 200 gallons of water in a single day. Often the damage doesn't become obvious until pipes thaw.

Roto-Rooter offers the following tips for preventing frozen pipes, which can cause flooding resulting in expensive repairs. By taking a few simple preventive measures before pipes freeze, home and business owners can minimize their risk of a plumbing catastrophe.

Disconnect outside water hoses. If left connected, water in the hoses will freeze and expand causing outside faucets and connecting pipes inside your home to freeze and break. Cover outside faucets with Styrofoam faucet insulation kits found at home cen-

If outside faucets are dripping or leaking, make the necessary repairs or call a plumber before freezing temperatures arrive.

If your washing machine is in an unheated garage, turn off water supply lines leading to the washer and disconnect the hoses if temperatures have dropped below freezing.

Allow a trickle of hot and cold water to run overnight in sinks and bathtubs with water supply pipes that run along outside walls.

Open kitchen and bathroom cabinets beneath sinks (located along outside walls) to allow heat in the room to circulate around uninsulated pipes.

Add insulation wraps to water pipes in unheated areas, such as garages or crawl spaces. Apply heat tape or thermostat-controlled heat cables around water supply pipes that are exposed and prone to freezing, but be sure not to attach these devices to flammable

Keep the furnace is turned on and set no lower than 55 degrees Fahren-

What to do if your pipes have already frozen: Shut-off the water main leading into the structure and open faucets indoors. This will reduce pressure on the frozen pipes and minimize flooding if the pipes burst.

If the frozen pipe is exposed and visible, use a hair dryer or space heater to thaw the ice blockage. Do not use an open flame!

Examine exposed pipes for leaks. Even with the water main turned off, there will be enough pressure to reveal leaks once the pipe has thawed.

Contact a professional plumber equipped with pipe-thawing equipment to get your pipes flowing again, and if necessary, to make repairs to damaged pipes.

Even if no leaks are found, a plumber should examine pipes that experienced a hard freeze. Some pipes may need to be replaced if the material has experienced stretching and fatigue, putting the pipes at risk for future failure.

If you've experienced flooding or water damage, contact a certified water cleanup service provider to remove the water and deal with the damage left behind.

Senior Citizens / Section 8 Housing Westfield Senior Citizens Housing

Westfield Senior Citizens Housing will be accepting waiting list applications. The studio, 1 and 2 bedroom apartments are subsidized through the Section 8 Program of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and are subject to the following federal eligibility requirements:

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- 2. Applicant's maximum annual income:

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Applications will be available weekdays from January 16, 2018, through January 29, 2018 (10:00 AM to 4:00 PM) at the address listed below, or may be obtained by mail, by calling (908) 233-5898, ext 121, or by e-mail by contacting mary, weber@westfieldseniorhousing.com.

> Westfield Senior Citizens Housing Corporation 1133 Boynton Avenue Westfield, New Jersey 07090 (908) 233-5898

www.westfieldseniorhousing.com

If you have a disability and need assistance with the application process, please contact Linda Arches at 908-233-5898, ext. 114.

> Applications must be received by 4:00 PM, Wednesday, February 7, 2018.



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'Fall Prevention' on Tap **Tuesday at Lavy House**

WESTFIELD—An informational program on "Fall Prevention and Home Safety," for senior citizens and their families, will be offered on Tuesday, January 9, at 11:30 a.m. It will take place at The Senior Resource Center at The Lavy House, located at 748 East Broad Street, Westfield. Dr. Claire M. Mulry, an assistant

professor in the Department of Occupational Therapy at Kean University, will be the presenter. Dr. Mulry specializes in community programming, community mobility, adult acquired brain injury, aging in place, environmental modifications and home care. A light lunch will be served and kosher dietary laws observed.

In the United States, falls are the leading cause of fatal and non-fatal injuries among older adults. Many falls can be prevented by taking some simple measures. Making the home safer and reducing the risk of falls can be achieved by installing grab bars, removing throw rugs and adding light-

The Senior Resource Center at The Lavy House is a joint venture between Jewish Family Service of Central New Jersey, Temple Emanu-El of Westfield and The Westfield United Fund. Through a grant from the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater MetroWest NJ, Jewish Family Service of Central New Jersey provides programming and the services of Licensed Clinical Social Worker Naomi Kreutzer each Tuesday. Programs are free of charge and open to the entire

Registration is recommended if planning to attend. To register, e-mail info@jfscentralnj.org or call (908)

Library to Instruct On Accessing Resources

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Public Library will provide instruction on how to access the library's resources on a tablet or smartphone during a program on Friday, January 19, at 10 a.m.

The library's reference staff will teach attendees how to use their Scotch Plains Library card to download ebooks, audiobooks, digital magazines, music and concerts. Participants will need to bring their library card, their fully-charged device and any passwords needed to download apps. Advance registration is required as space is limited.

For more information or to register, go to scotlib.org, e-mail library@scotlib.org, call (908) 322-5007, extension no. 204, or stop by the library Reference Desk. 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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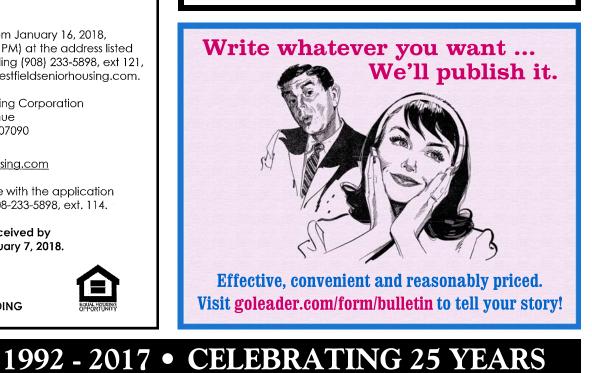
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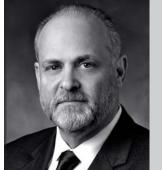
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V. Weaver (Bud) Smith, Jr., 92, Dedicated Family Man and Fun-Loving Friend

V. Weaver (Bud) Smith, Jr., 92, of New Providence, N.J., formerly of Hope Valley, R.I. and Westfield, N.J., died Tuesday, December 12, 2017, surrounded by his loving family.

He was a wonderful husband, loving father and brother, cherished uncle, great-uncle and friend. He is survived by his daughter, Margaret L. (Meg) Smith of Fanwood, N.J.; his sister, Martha S. Widner of Westbury, N.Y.; sister-in-law, Anne L. Pennock of Olmsted Falls, Ohio; nieces, Patricia, Anne and Mary; nephews, Bob and Charles; and his great-nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 52 years, Jane Linton Smith; his infant sister, Joan, and his brother, Second Lieutenant Elmore C. Smith. Bud was, and the family is, very appreciative of the compassionate support and care provided by his "adopted" nephew, Charles M. Banks.

Born in College Point, Queens, N.Y., in 1925, Bud was raised there, as well as in Muncie, Ind., Scarsdale, N.Y., and on Fire Island, N.Y. Bud attended Pennsylvania State University and joined The Lummus Company in the petro-chemical construction industry. Bud traveled extensively in the U.S. to the company's oil refinery and plant construction sites and was later based at the company's

Bloomfield, N.J. headquarters in the procurement group, where he remained until retirement.

Bud and Jane enjoyed wonderful opportunities to travel via car, train and ship to visit with friends near and far. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on a transatlantic cruise. Jane and Bud started their life together in Hartsdale, N.Y., and moved to Westfield, N.J., in 1960. Their joyful retirement years in Hope Valley began in 1988, a place that family and friends loved to visit. Bud loved the ocean and all things maritime, sitting by fireplaces, and was an avid football fan, Lionel train collector, bridge player and golfer.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2018, at 11 a.m., at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 414 East Broad Street, Westfield, N.J., followed by burial in The Garth. Arrangements are being handled by Wm. A. Bradley & Son Funeral Home in

Memorial donations may be made to the New Providence Fire Department Hose Company No. 1, P.O. Box 671. New Providence, N.J. 07974: New Providence EMS, 7 Academy Street, New Providence, N.J. 07974; or Homeside Hospice, 67 Walnut Avenue No. 205, Clark, N.J. 07066.

Mountainside Library Posts January Movies, Programs

MOUNTAINSIDE — The Mountainside Public Library has announced its Tuesday Night movie lineup for January along with programs taking place during the first half of the month. The library will be closed on Monday, January 15, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Tuesday Night Movies this month will include Truth (2016, R) on January 9; The Founder (2017, PG-13) on January 16; My Cousin Rachel (2017, PG-13) on January 23 and An Inconvenient Sequel (2017, PG) on January 30. Show time for each movie is 6:30 p.m.

Winter Story Times with "Miss Elizabeth" will be offered for babies through preschoolers. For a schedule, pick up a flyer at the library or consult the website calendar at mountainsidelibrary.org/ children.

Brown Bag Academy will continue on Mondays, except for January 15, at 1:15 p.m. The current course, which runs through January 22, is "The Everyday Guide to Wine" with Professor Jennifer Simonetti-Bryan, Master of Wine and Certified Specialist of Spirits. Participants are invited to bring their lunch; coffee, tea and cookies are provided. Early arrival is recommended to ensure a seat.

Library Trustees Set Annual Meeting

CRANFORD — The annual meeting of the Cranford Public Library Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, January 25, at 7 p.m., at the Cranford Community Center. The Community Center is located at 220 Walnut Avenue. Following the annual meeting, the board will conduct its regular monthly meeting.

Library to Spotlight **RSVP** on Monday

GARWOOD — The Garwood Public Library will hold an information session on Monday, January 8, at 10 a.m., on the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).

Members of the community are invited to learn more about volunteer opportunities including visiting the homebound, tutoring school-aged children, volunteering at food pantries and assisting at community gardens, among other choices.

The Garwood Public Library is located at 411 Third Avenue. For more information and to reserve a spot, call Nathalie Garcia at (908) 352-8375 or the library at (908) 789-1670.

The Friday Operas on Film series, presented by Mena Clemson, will continue on January 12 at 1 p.m. Die Csárdásfürstin by Emmerich Kálmán will be shown. René Kollo stars as Edwin and Anna Moffa as Silva in this 1971 filmed version of the story of a Budapest cabaret singer in love with a young aristocrat. Bert Grund conducts the Symphonie-Orchester Graunke.

To register for library programs, stop into the library or call (908) 233-0115. The Mountainside Public Library is located at 1 Constitu-

Library Invites Public For 'Let's Monet'

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Public Library will present "Let's Monet" next Thursday, January 11, at 7 p.m. Leah Zara-Acevedo will guide community members through the process of creating their own take on "Winter in Seine, Lavacourt" by Claude Monet. This is an adults-only program. Space is limited and pre-registration is required for this event.

For more information or to register, go to scotlib.org, e-mail library@scotlib.org, call (908) 322-5007, extension no. 204, or stop by the library Reference Desk. The Scotch Plains Public Library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue, one block from Park Avenue, in the center of the township.

Networking Group To Begin New Year

MOUNTAINSIDE — The Scotch Plains and Mountainside Libraries' Career Networking Group will meet on Monday, January 8, at 6:30 p.m., at the Mountainside Public Library.

Traditionally in January, the Career Networking Group invites alumni to tell the story of how they successfully navigated the job search maze and landed. They will share tips and lessons learned and how networking led them to their new professional roles.

Participants give back through their stories with the goal of helping others land their new job or move to a new career. This program is free and open to the public. To register for this event, call the Mountainside Public Library at (908) 233-0115. Individuals can connect with the libraries' Career Networking Group on LinkedIn, Career Networking Group at SPPL.

The Mountainside Public Library is located at 1 Constitution Plaza.



STORY OF CREATION...First-grade students and their parents created artwork depicting the Biblical creation story October 15 at Congregation Beth Israel's Religious School in Scotch Plains. During this family education program, participants separated into small groups, with each group studying a verse or two of Biblical text about one of the seven days of creation. Each group then constructed a poster about their assigned day of the week. The program ended with the families sharing their Art Midrash (interpretation of Biblical narrative) with each other. Congregation Beth Israel's Religious School offers family education programs for kindergarten to grade 6 throughout the year.

— Obituaries

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Lucille Krayenhof Roll, Loved Family; Realtor, Golfer, Active In Community

Lucille Krayenhof Roll of Warren, formerly of Westfield and Mountainside, died peacefully Tuesday, December 26, 2017, at Overlook Medical Center surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Decatur, Ga., on February 7, 1931, the only child of Lucille Hammond Yancey and George Bennett Yancey. She was later adopted by her stepfather, Harold Garrett

Lucille, known as "Lu" or "Lulu," graduated from Nottingham High School in DeWitt, N.Y., and Syracuse University School of Home Economics, where she majored in early childhood education and was president of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She married her college sweetheart, Edgar Allan Roll, "Ed," in 1953, and they remained stalwart SU fans.

She was a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church in Westfield. Always a deeply religious person, Lu continued her quest for spiritual awareness by converting to Catholicism and became a member of St. Vincent de Paul Church in Stirling.

She and Ed were 40-plus-year members of Echo Lake Country Club, and golf was their favorite recreation when traveling around the country for business or vacations. Together they also enjoyed concerts at Lincoln Center, lecture series, PBS, current events, and anything relating to their family. Lu especially loved Broadway theater, the Thousand Islands and the Jersey shore, and reading, creative writing and researching her genealogy.

She was a member of many organizations including Westfield Service League, Kappa Alpha Theta Alumni Chapter, College Club and ELCC women's 18-Holers. In the 1970s, Lu became a real estate agent, most recently with Coldwell Banker. She earned many awards and accolades, and remembered every customer and listing during her 35-year career.

When she and Ed retired, they continued their love of learning by enrolling in adult education classes and Bible studies. They recently moved to a senior living facility and she lovingly cared for Ed as his health declined.

Lu's friends were very important to her. Always chatty, she loved to reminisce and amazed them with her recollections from 70 years ago. She was working on an autobiography about growing up in Georgia during the Depression, which her children will finish in her memory.

Her greatest love was for her family. She was enormously involved and interested in each of her kids' and grandkids' lives, only satisfied if she received regular updates on all of them. She cherished their times together, and every visit or phone call ended with "I love you." Lu was a beautiful person inside and out, who prided herself on remaining active, taking good care of herself and being an "upper." Her loss is immeasurable and has left a huge void in our hearts.

Lu was predeceased by her parents and stepfather; her sister, Margaret Kirkman, and her brother, Harold Garrett Krayenhof, Jr. In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children, Dorian Roll (Charles Schweitzer), John Roll (Paula), Marcia Reilly (James) and Christina Mahoney (Jeffrey). She was "Nanny Lu" to her grandchildren, Meredith Porri (Daniel), Katherine Roll, Christopher Reilly, Patrick Reilly, Brian Reilly, Max Mahoney and Molly Mahoney, and her great-granddaughter, Cecilia Rose Porri. Also surviving are her sister-in-law, Marjorie Krayenhof, and her father's children, Marion Carroll, Constance Oortman, Trisha Smith, Georgeanne Raines, Betty Lue Fox and Walter Yancey.

Visitation was Tuesday, January 2, 2018, at Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home, 582 Springfield Avenue, Westfield. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Wednesday, January 3, 2018, at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Stirling. Private interment took place at Saint Gertrude Cemetery in Colonia. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation or St. Vincent de Paul Church.

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Summit Area Old Guard To Hear About Fire Safety

SUMMITAREA—Elliott Koppel will speak to fellow Summit Area Old Guard members at their Tuesday, January 9 meeting. He will discuss "Fire Safety and Burn Safety."

Fire safety involves smoke detectors, fire exits, safety in high-rise buildings, using oxygen safely, fire safety building codes, electrical wiring, appliance safety, cooking safely, heating one's home safely, fire codes, escape plans, preventing burns and scald injuries, sprinkler systems, fire alarm systems, signage and construction details, fire extinguishers and even the fire-proofing that ensures buildings comply with proper evacuation procedures.

In the event of a fire, individuals are advised to get out, stay out, and call 9-1-1. If it is necessary to escape through smoke, get low and go under the smoke to the exit. If smoke, heat or flames block the exit routes, stay in the room with the doors closed. Place a wet towel under the door and call the fire department or 9-1-1. Open and wave a brightly-colored cloth signal for help.

For a limited period only, meetings of the Summit Area Old Guard will be held at the United Methodist Church, located at 1441 Springfield Avenue, New Providence. If all goes well, the Old Guard expects that meetings will resume at the New Providence Municipal Center, 360 Elkwood Avenue, New Providence. All active men age 50-plus are invited to attend the group's Tuesday morning meetings. A coffee hour starts at 9:15 a.m., followed by a 10 a.m. business meeting brightened by singing and humor. Guest speakers begin their talks at 10:30 a.m.

Old Guard members participate in sports, bridge, hikes, trips, plays, concerts and other cultural events. For more information, call Jim Hewitt at (908) 233-5507 or log onto the website summitoldguard.org.

Theater Project to Feature A Chance of a Lifetime

CRANFORD — The Theater Project will present a staged, scriptin-hand reading of A Chance of a Lifetime, a new play by Luigi Jannuzzi, on Saturday, January 13, at 2 p.m., in the Cranford Community Center. The Community Center is located at 220 Walnut Avenue.

A Chance of a Lifetime concerns Millie, a wild-eyed dreamer, who convinces her roommate, Edna, to escape the nursing home and enter a world they have both forgotten.

Mr. Jannuzzi has had 27 plays published by Samuel French, including Exhibit This!: The Museum Comedies (13 one-act plays), All the King's Women (eight one-act plays), Night of the Foolish Moon, For the Love of Juliet, A Bench at the Edge, The Barbarians Are Coming, The Appointment and With or Without You.

He is a University of Notre Dame graduate and a member of the Dramatists Guild and the Authors Guild. Headquartered at the Burgdorff Center in Maplewood, The Theater Project is an acclaimed professional theater group and the winner of two New Jersey Tony Awards.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Cranford Public Library. Admission is free and all are

For information about the Cranford Public Library, the Friends of the Cranford Public Library and other upcoming events, visit the Cranford Public Library page at cranfordlibrary.org. For information about The Theater Project, visit thetheaterproject.org.

Snyder Academy to Spotlight Diversity of Early Elizabeth

ELIZABETH — Elizabeth's first families and community of free and enslaved African-Americans are the topic of "Common Ground: Insights Into Elizabethtown's Diverse Community, 1664-1864," a presentation that will take place on Monday, January 15, at 1 p.m., at the Snyder Academy. The Snyder Academy is located at 42 Broad Street, Elizabeth.

This Martin Luther King Jr. Day program is the first in the Snyder Academy's Brackbill Lecture Series. Snyder Academy Research Fellow and Brown University student Sean Briody will share original research about the families that founded the city in 1664, the community of free and enslaved African-Americans who lived in Elizabethtown, and the social and economic ties that bound together and divided the community in its early years.

The program will include a tour of selected sites in the burial grounds of the First Presbyterian Church in Elizabeth. A reception with refreshments will follow. Reservations are recommended. Interested persons are asked to RSVP to Elliot Dee at Elliot@acadenj.org by Wednesday, January 10.

Mary Jo Juelis, 71, Was Beloved **Westfield School Teacher**

Mary Jo (Wade) Juelis, 71, formerly of Westfield, died peacefully on Thursday, December 28, 2017, at Cape Cod Hospital after a courageous, six-year battle with cancer.

Born in Elizabeth, N.J., on February 28, 1946, to Joseph J. Wade and Ruth Wade, Mary Jo moved with her family to Westfield, first living on Clifton Street and then on Knollwood Terrace. Mary Jo attended Holy Trinity School and graduated from Westfield Senior High School in 1964. She attended Immaculata College in Philadelphia, and graduated with Honors from Kean University. She was awarded her Masters of Education in Administration/Leadership from Bank Street College in New York City.

Mary Jo met her beloved husband, John, while vacationing at the New Jersey shore. They were married on June 18, 1966 at the Holy Trinity Church in Westfield. After living in Iceland, Spain, and other east coast locations, the couple returned to live in Westfield in 1970, and would spend the next 47 years in their Fairacres Avenue home. Mary Jo was a teacher at the Presbyterian Church nursery school, and then at Jefferson Elementary School, where she taught kindergarten and first grade for 29 years until her retirement in 2016. Mary Jo and John moved full time to Cummaquid, Mass., in 2017 after splitting time between their New Jersey and Cape Cod homes.

Mary Jo is survived by her husband of 51 years, John; her sisters, Laura Blair and Ruth Wade-Nawrocki; her brothers, Joe Wade, Jr. and Richard

Wade; her sons, J. Juelis of Los Angeles, Calif., Craig Juelis and his wife, Amy, of Grafton, Mass., and Mark Juelis and his wife, Krista, of Fort Washington, Pa. Mary Jo also was a loving grandmother, known as "Mimi" to her grandchildren, Emma, Ian, Henry and Theo.

Mary Jo enjoyed gardening in her spare time along with spending time with her weekly knitting group on Cape Cod. She was a fixture at her sons' sporting events from grade school through college. She volunteered her time as a colonial cooking exhibitor at the Miller-Cory House Museum in Westfield as well as participating with her sons in 4-H raising dogs for the Seeing Eye in Morristown, N.J. She enjoyed time spent laughing and talking with her many cousins and other extended family members.

Most of all, she enjoyed spending her time with her four grandchildren going on different adventures, hunting for hermit crabs at the beach, or sharing a good book on the couch.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered Wednesday, January 3, at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church on Rahway Avenue in Westfield. Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Arrangements were by Dooley Colonial Funeral Home, 556 Westfield Avenue, Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital Cancer Center in New York in Mary Jo's name.
January 4, 2018

Open House Events on Tap At All Westfield Y Branches

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Area YMCA will hold open house programs and events at all branches this Saturday, January 6. At the Main Facility, located at 220 Clark Street, Westfield, members of the community can try the Y and enjoy membership and personal training specials all day long at the Health and Wellness Open House. There also will be a Summer Day Camp Open House with early-bird registration between 10:30 a.m. and noon. Participants additionally can take advantage of a free Safety Around Water Event from 4 to 5 p.m. Activities are in and out of the pool, so individuals are asked to bring a bathing suit.

The Robert and Virginia Bauer Family Branch, located at 422 East Broad Street, Westfield, will offer a free Adult Tae Kwon Do Intro Class from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. and a free Youth/Teen Tae Kwon Do Intro Class from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The Preschool and Full-Day Kindergarten Open House will be held from 10 a.m. to noon. The Early Learning Center YMCA,

located at 170 Elm Street, Westfield, will hold a Full-Day Child Care Open House from 10 a.m. to noon. The Garwood Family Center

YMCA, located at 500 East Street, Garwood, will host an Open House for Summer Day Camp and all Child Care Education programs from 9 to 10:30 a.m. The Dance Academy Open House will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

For a schedule, contact Amanda Aguirre at (908) 301-YMCA (9622), extension no. 258, or aaguirre@westfieldynj.org. For information on Westfield Area YMCA programs and services, visit westfieldynj.org or call the Welcome Center at (908) 301-YMCA (9622). Financial assistance is available for those who qualify.



CAMPFIRE KIDS...Summer campers enjoy their indoor "bonfire." Early Bird Registration for Summer 2018 begins this Saturday, January 6, at Westfield Area YMCA Open House programs.

YMCA Offers Financial Aid For Lifeguard Certification

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Area YMCA has announced that financial assistance is available for the YMCA Lifeguard Certification Course thanks to a grant from Stew Leonard III Children's Charities. Lifeguard job opportunities may be available at the Y upon completion of this certification.

The next YMCA Lifeguard Certification Course is scheduled for Sundays, January 28, February 4 and February 11, from 1 to 8 p.m. The goal of the certification is to provide participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to be a lifeguard and professional rescuer.

This comprehensive course covers safety skills, accident prevention, scanning, guarding techniques, emergency systems, rescue skills, first aid in aquatic environments, spinal injury management, open water dangers, legal responsibilities, pool maintenance basics and information on

how to get a job as a lifeguard. Students will learn how to anticipate and prevent problems before they occur and how to take action to help those in danger in pool, lake, river, surf and water park environments. This course also includes the American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI) Basic Life Support (BLS), First Aid, and Emergency Oxygen Administration Certification.

Passing a Physical Skills Test is required before registering for the course. One-hundred-percent attendance is required, and students must be at least 16 years of age by the last day of the course.

"At the Ý, our lifeguards not only have the ability to save a life, but are professionals who create a safe and positive atmosphere for all individuals. Through this financial assistance, the Westfield Area YMCA is able to give interested individuals an opportunity to take the Lifeguard Certification Course who may not be able to afford it and have an opportunity to become part of something special," stated Rob Faggiano, Westfield Area

YMCA director of aquatics. The Y expressed gratitude for the opportunity to partner with Stew Leonard III Children's Charities to offer lifeguard scholarships as well as children's swimming scholar-

ships in the greater Westfield area. For more information about the Y's lifeguard scholarship program, contact Rob Faggiano at (908) 301-YMCA (9622), extension no. 276, or rfaggiano@westfieldynj.org.

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Genealogical Soc. to Explore **Catholic Ancestry Research**

WESTFIELD—The Genealogical Society of the West Fields invites members of the community to join Father Augustine Curley next Thursday, January 11, for a talk about "Researching Your Catholic Ancestors in the Digital Age." The meeting will be held at 1 p.m. at the Westfield Memorial Library, located at 550 East Broad Street.

Father Curley will discuss some issues that are particular to Catholic research, and then speak about new online resources for Catholic research.

Father Curley is a Benedictine monk of Newark Abbey in Newark. He serves his community as prior and archivist, and teaches in the abbey prep school, St. Benedict's. A writer

and speaker on the history of Catholicism in New Jersey, he has served on the New Jersey Catholic Historical

ing his ancestors ever since, as a highschool student, he began working in the rectory of the parish where his mother's ancestors had settled as far back as the 1820s, and found his ancestors in the church records. He slowly moved from being a "name collector" to placing his ancestors, all Irish, in the context of Irish and American history. His most recent discovery was to place his Donnelly and McLaughlin ancestors in the rebel town of Dromore, County Tyrone.



HOLIDAY GREETINGS...The team at Arbor Terrace Mountainside, a senior living community, recently teamed up with The Arc Kohler School for a lunch celebration to make Christmas cards for U.S. troops. "This event was so much fun for the students and staff to kick off the holiday season," said Maria Owens, senior care counselor for Arbor Terrace Mountainside. The holiday cards would be mailed to the troops from the local Red Cross office.

Seniors, Kids Make Season **Bright For Troops Abroad**

MOUNTAINSIDE — Kelly Adams, executive director of Arbor Terrace Mountainside, a senior living community, recently took a day to volunteer with The Arc Kohler School in Mountainside to craft some handmade cards for United States troops who are serving overseas, as part of the American Red Cross "Holiday Mail for Heroes" program.
The "Holiday Mail for Heroes" pro-

gram is just one way the volunteers from Arbor Terrace have sent holiday cheer to the servicemen and women. Maria Owens, of Arbor Terrace, coordinated this special project and collected the supplies to make the cards.

'Working on a project such as 'Holiday Mail for Heroes' allows our students to give back to the community and to provide some holiday cheer to the brave men and women who serve our country," said Jennifer Kaufman, principal at The Arc Kohler School. "It also provides a way for our students to showcase their talents and practice many of the skills that they work on here at school

With help from the team of teachers

had a great time making cards for the soldiers, and it provided them with the opportunity to utilize the skills we work on in therapy...following directions, practicing colors, learning holiday concepts, practicing yes and no responses and making requests," revealed Shelby Camhi, speech language pathologist at The Arc Kohler School.

Volunteers from Arbor Terrace donated all of the supplies and worked with the students to create handmade cards with personal messages. To kick off the season and get into the spirit of the holidays, Arbor Terrace also donated a pizza lunch for the teachers and staff to enjoy.

For more information on this campaign of sending cards of thanks and holiday cheer to military members, veterans and families, visit redcross.org/holidaymail.

The Arc Kohler School is a private school for students with developmental delays and disabilities. For more information about the school, call Jennifer Kaufman, principal, at (973) 315-0000. Further information also is available at arcunion.org or

superbowlraffle or by calling (908)

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and therapists at the school, "the kids arckohlerschool.org/. **Tickets Still Available For Benefit Super Bowl Raffle**

SCOTCH PLAINS - Tickets are still available for the annual Father Charles Hudson Super Bowl Raffle to benefit The Center for Hope Hospice and Palliative Care. This is the 22nd year that the non-profit organization is raffling off two tickets to the Super Bowl as the first prize. This year's game will be played on February 4 in Minneapolis, Minn.; the grand prize winner also will receive a flight voucher worth \$500 and enjoy a threenight complimentary stay in a Minneapolis-area hotel.

Second prize is a 60-inch LED smart TV and third prize is a \$500 VISA gift card. Tickets are \$10 each and may be requested online at bit.ly/

Pet Supply Collection Underway at Library

GARWOOD — The Garwood Public Library is collecting donations for the Plainfield Area Humane Society through Wednesday, January 31. Requested items include dog and cat food, litter, toys, cleaning supplies and gift cards. Donations should be brought to the library during regular library hours. The library is located at 411 Third Avenue.

Miller-Cory to Offer 'Snow Globes' Event

WESTFIELD — The Miller-Cory House Museum will welcome visitors on Sunday, January 21, for "The Wonderful World of Snow Globes." The museum's Sunday programs are held between 2 and 4 p.m. unless otherwise noted. No reservations are required for the "Snow Globes" event. Open-hearth cooking demonstrations will resume in March in the museum's Frazee Building.

The museum is located at 614 Mountain Avenue, Westfield. Admission, unless otherwise stated, is \$4 for ages 13 and older; \$3 for ages 3 to 12, and free for those under age 3. For more information, call or email the Miller-Cory House Museum at (908) 232-1776 or millercorymuseum@gmail.com.

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FESTIVE WESTFIELD...Six members of the Garden Club of Westfield help to beautify Westfield's downtown during December. The club enjoys changing the planters seasonally. Pictured, from left to right, are: Rosemary Shire, Elaine Puma, Jo Sheehan, Merrilyn Crane, Mary Lou Stevens and Jane Manniello.

Local Synagogue Plans Texas Hold 'Em Tourney

SCOTCH PLAINS — Congregation Beth Israel will hold a Texas Hold 'Em tournament on Thursday, February 1, starting at 6:30 p.m., at the Scotch Plains synagogue. The event is open to the community.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit non-profit and local outreach activities performed by the Men's Club of Congregation Beth Israel, the event's sponsor.

The tournament will be run by a professional company using licensed dealers and professional equipment. Light snacks and beverages will be served. Prizes will be awarded to the final table.

"The Texas Hold 'Em tournament will not only be a lot of fun, but the funds raised will also enable the Men's Club to do more for the local community," said David Labush, president of Congregation Beth Israel's Men's Club.

The registration fee is \$100 for 5,000 chips. The synagogue is offering an Early Bird Special; registrants who sign up before Friday, January 5, will receive an additional 1,000 chips. Seating is limited so

Caregivers to Hold First 2018 Meeting

WESTFIELD — A support group for those caring for elderly or chronically ill loved ones will begin their meetings for the new year on January 8. Meetings are held on the first nonholiday Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the parish center of St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church on Lamberts Mill Road in Westfield.

These are information and sharing sessions. For more information, interested persons are invited to call Marilyn Ryan at (908) 233-8757.

early registration is encouraged. To register, call the synagogue office at (908) 889-1830. For questions, contact Aron Kesler at aron@jmrconsult.net or Alex

Skibinsky at alex@metronilic.com. Congregation Beth Israel is located at 18 Shalom Way, at the corner of Martine Avenue.

Florian Schantz Combo Is Due in Cranford

CRANFORD — The Cranford Public Library will present a performance by the Florian Schantz Jazz Combo on Wednesday, January 24, at 7:30 p.m., at the Cranford Community Center.

The Florian Schantz Jazz Combo was formed in 2012 by then 9-yearold Florian Schantz. Since then, the band has entertained audiences in hundreds of venues in the New York City area and in Germany.

The band features Florian Schantz on trumpet, cornet and flugelhorn; Rup Chattopadhyay on tuba, trombone and flute; Margaret Schantz on flugelhorn and trumpet; Lowell Schantz on guitar, and Cory Ackerman on drums. The Combo will play a selection of Dixieland music.

The Cranford Community Center is located at 220 Walnut Avenue. Admission to the program is free and all are welcome. This program is made possible in part by a HEART (History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands) grant from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

For more information about the program, call the Cranford Public Library at (908) 709-7281. To see what else is coming up at the library, visit the Library Web page at cranfordlibrary.org.

MLK Day of Service Talks Set January 15 at Library

SCOTCH PLAINS — Social Justice Matters, Inc. (SJM) invites the public to attend two events to be held at the Scotch Plains Public Library during the community-wide Scotch Plains-Fanwood Martin Luther King Day of Service on Monday, January 15. The library will be closed to normal business, and only open as the host site for the programs.

From noon to 1:30 p.m., SJM will present "MLK in Oslo: Drawing Inspiration from Dr. King's Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech." Doors open at 11:45 a.m. Attendees will view the 12-minute speech before breaking into small discussion groups, to be followed by one large group conversation. Particular emphasis will be placed on the relevance of Dr. King's ideas more than half of a century later. According to SJM, by sharing their insights, participants may inspire each other to think about taking some form of nonviolent action today to improve their community or the world. Refreshments will follow at 1:30 p.m.

At 2 p.m., the public is invited to join educational sociologist Timothy Eatman, Ph.D., in a conversation about "Publicly Engaged Scholarship." Mr. Eatman is a professor and dean of the Rutgers-Newark Honors Living Learning Community (HLLC) Discussion will focus on the role of the community in the education process, exploring how universities, including Rutgers HLLC, support their communities through student engagement. Talk will touch on the transition from high school to college and the role that the community can play in that process.

To take part in either program, interested persons are asked to register in advance at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Dr. Martin Luther King Day of website, spfmlkday.wildapricot.org. People also may register on January 15 during the 10 a.m. opening program at the Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Central New Jersey, located at 1391 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains.

SJM is a local grassroots non-profit organization. Members are committed to active inquiry into matters of race in American society, and to working towards an equitable community. SJM serves as a resource for community concerns, and facilitates discussions and action about race and related topics.

The Scotch Plains Public Library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue in downtown Scotch Plains

Temple to Present Course On Biblical Interpretation

SCOTCHPLAINS-Congregation Beth Israel will hold an eight-session course entitled "The Enchantment of Midrash," taught by Azzan Yadin-Israel, professor of Jewish Studies and Classics at Rutgers University. Classes begin on January 17 and will meet from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on eight Wednesday evenings. The course is open to adults in the community.

The course will provide an introduction to rabbinic Biblical interpretation, known as midrash. It also will examine how the midrash treats several Biblical themes, such as the creation of the world, the binding of Isaac and the Joseph narrative.

Tuition is \$400 for all eight classes. Class dates include January 17, 24 and 31; February 7, 14 and 21, and March 7 and 21.

"We are excited to be able to bring another college-level class to our community," said Gary Goldner, chair-

Hypertension Clinic Available at Library

SCOTCH PLAINS — The township nurse will be available at the Scotch Plains Public Library for blood pressure checks on Tuesday, January 9, from 10 a.m. until noon. No registration is required.

The Scotch Plains Public Library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue, one block from Park Avenue, in the center of the township.

man of Congregation Beth Israel's Adult Education Committee, sponsor of the event. "The course is designed to appeal to everyone, regardless of your educational background or religious affiliation.'

Congregation Beth Israel is located at 18 Shalom Way, Scotch Plains, at the corner of Martine Avenue. To register or for more information, call Gary Goldner at (908) 654-3010 or the synagogue office at (908) 889-1830.

AARP Chapter Has New Meeting Place SCOTCH PLAINS — The

Westfield Area AARP Chapter 4137 will hold its first meeting of 2018 on Monday, January 8, at 1 p.m. The chapter's new meeting place will be at Nazareth Hall, which is located in the parking lot behind the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church on Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains.

Bridget Quinn, the area representative from the executive offices of AARP in Trenton, will be the guest speaker. Ms. Quinn will bring attendees up to date on the work AARP is doing in connection with services, programs, and state and federal mandated projects of benefit to AARP members and all senior citizens.

Refreshments and fellowship will follow the business meeting. For further information, call IIsa at (908) 322-7188.

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Blue Devils 3rd, RP Panthers 1st at Roselle Park Mat Tourney

Competition was even more intense than in previous years with the addition of two powerhouses, West Essex and Passaic Valley, at the Roselle Park Wrestling Tournament on December 29. Of the nine-team tournament, six teams were competing for the brass ring that was grabbed by the Roselle Park Panthers, who finished with a team total of 186. Interestingly, the West Essex Knights, who placed second with a 183 total, had no individual winners but did place seven matmen in the finals and added four who placed third.

most individual champions with Matt Armamento (120), Mark Montgomery (126), Jon Mejia (132), Josh Mejia (138) and Elvin Guerrero (145). The Westfield Blue Devils placed third with 160 points and claimed two champions with CJ Composto (106) and Luke Hoerle (113). The Piscataway Chiefs took fourth with a 144 total and claimed four champions Mike Petite (160), Nick Recine (170), Elijah Goodson (182) and Paris Foster (195)...

West Milford (WM) took fifth at 127 points and claimed one champion with Craig Blumeling (152).

champions — Tom Marretta (220), Yousef Karmi (285) — and placed sixth with 123.5 points. Madison (M) took seventh at 59, Bloomfield (B) was eighth at 34 and Franklin (F) was ninth at 27.5.

Receiving the top seed at 106-lbs, Blue Devil Composto pinned Will Irwin (Piscataway) in 1:13 with a cradle in the quarterfinal round. Before the pin, Composto quickly recorded a low heel scoop takedown iust after the whistle, added a high crotch takedown then finished off with his standing cradle takedown.

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SINGLE GRAPEVINE AND LEVER...Blue Devil CJ Composto, top, controls Piscataway's Will Irwin with a single grapevine and arm lever tilting maneuver during his 106-lb quarterfinal bout. Composto easily won the 106-lb crown.



TRYING TO SET UP A CRADLE...Blue Devil Brendan Loder, facing, attempts to clamp West Essex Knight Carmen Cucuzza in a cradle during his 195-lb semifinal bout. Loder won 7-0 and placed second in the tournament.

LAYLOR (MVP), DRUBULIS 15 PTS EACH; CRUSE 7 ASST

Raider Boys Rap Tigers, 64-47 For Cotoia Tournament Title

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Scoring streaks came early and in every quarter for the visiting Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys basketball team in its showdown with the hosting South Plainfield Tigers for the Ninth Annual Anthony Cotoia Holiday Tournament title on December 27. The 5-0 Raiders took control immediately with an 18-1 first-quarter run and applied their stifling defense at the right time to cruise to a

64-47 victory. "This tournament was a great challenge for us. It's good playing teams in a different conference and county. I think our kids played pretty well the past two days. I think we can improve on some things but it's always great getting to play teams you don't get to play as often," Raider Head Coach

Steve Siracusa said. Raider seniors Dwight Laylor and Tommy Drubulis each put in 15 points and each were impressive under the boards. Laylor, who pulled 11 boards, blocked a shot and added a pair of

steals, was named tournament MVP. "Dwight was an animal tonight. He has a motor and he brings it every single possession. I don't think they could have matched his athleticism and energy today and he capitalized

on it." Coach Siracusa said. CONTINUED ON PAGE 11



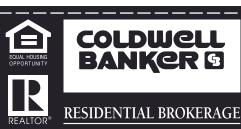
TOURNAMENT MVP...Raider senior Dwight Laylor, No. 1, was named MVP of the Anthony J. Cotoia Holiday Tournament in South Plainfield on December 26-27. The Raiders defeated South Plainfield, 64-47 for the title







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Alex Lowe for The Westfield Leader and The Times

PUTTING THE PINCH ON A MINUTEMAN...Blue Devil junior Matt Crowley, No. 11, and senior Mark Natiello, No. 3, put the pinch on an Elizabeth Minuteman during the opening round of the Len Sepanak Holiday Tournament at Ridge High School on December 27. After trailing by 10 points, the Minutemen rallied to pull out a 57-55 victory.

McDANIEL PUTS IN 22 POINTS, CROWLEY NETS 18 POINTS

Minutemen Singe Blue Devils At Ridge B-ball Tourney, 57-55

By ALEX LOWE

Westfield very nearly pulled off an upset against unbeaten the Elizabeth Minutemen boys basketball team but instead, a trending problem reared its head once more and the Blue Devils lost, 57-55, in the opening round of the Len Sepanak Tournament played on December 27 at Ridge High School in Basking Ridge. After leading throughout the game and building a 10-point lead, the Blue Devils fell behind, 53-52, with 2:49 to play in regulation after Elizabeth's Julius David sank three of three free throws after being fouled on a 3-point shot. David, who scored a game-high 23 points, including six 3-pointers, then sank a pair of free throws to give the

Westfield senior Adam McDaniel answered, tying the game at 55-55 on a 3-point basket from the top of the arc with just:15 remaining. But Elizabeth scored the winning basket on Abdul Dempsey's rebound and putback of a missed shot with:02 left in the contest.

Minutemen a 55-52 lead with:29 left.

'Rebounding has been our Achilles Heel the entire season," said Westfield Head Coach Daryl Palmieri. "It really hurt us today. That last basket was representative of the kinds of problems we have had getting control of the basketball after missed shots. Until we do a better job in that aspect of play, we will continue to have problems."

Westfield's Matt Crowley tried to

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get off a desperation buzzer beater to win the game but he was unable to do so and the Blue Devils fell to 1-4 on the season. This loss was particularly tough compared to others as Westfield dominated most of the contest. Behind the sharp-shooting of McDaniel (22 points) and fearless drives to the basket by Crowley (18 points), the Blue Devils raced out to a 15-5 advantage.

Westfield was playing a highly effective, run-and-gun transition offense and beating the undefeated Minutemen at their own game. It was a development that Elizabeth players found more than a bit bewildering and frus-

"We couldn't stop number 11 [Crowley] early," said Elizabeth guard Julius David. "It seemed like we didn't wake up until the fourth quarter. Our coaches are always on our backs to play four full quarters of basketball and it did not register today until the final quarter. We were determined not to lose though. We are chasing what we hope will be a special season here and we did not want to get off track in this game. We only won four games, I think, all of last year and now we are already at that total so we did not want to lose a game we knew we should

Getting over the hump against a scrappy Blue Devil team would be no easy feat on this day though. Time and again Westfield built leads of six, seven and nine points only to beat back Minutemen surges that pulled the game close. The teams went to intermission with Westfield leading 30-27.

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The third quarter followed the same script with Westfield once again padding its lead to nine, at 50-41, after a Crowley steal and layup with 1:12 remaining. But Elizabeth's final fourth-quarter push would be one that the Blue Devils could not resist. David proved to be the unstoppable force. His 3-pointer cut the Westfield lead to 50-48 with 4:15 remaining. Moments later, David was fouled in the act of shooting a three-point attempt and calmly sank 3-for-3 free throws to push Elizabeth into their first lead of the game at 53-52 with 2:49 left.

Elizabeth's comeback was fueled by more than David's 3-point barrage. The Minuteman defense held Westfield to just five points in the quarter, all coming from McDaniel. Elizabeth also took charge of the rebounds in the final quarter, especially on the offensive end, which led to several second chance baskets, including Dempsey's decisive game winner with :02 left.

"I think you have to give Elizabeth a lot of credit," said Palmieri. "They really turned up the pressure late in the game. We needed to be more poised in that situation. I probably should have called a time out to settle things down but really, for so much of the game we were having success against them in the up-tempo pace. I thought we would handle it again."

Mark Natiello and Sebastian Ferrero each contributed five points for Westfield. The Blue Devils were slated to continue play in the Sepanak round robin tournament with games set for Friday and Saturday.

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Beginning at a point in the southwesterly side lie of Chapel Road, said point being distant southeasterly ninety-nine feet and three hundredths of a foot (99.03) measure along said side line from the point where the same is intersected by the southeasterly side line of Raritan Road, if said side lines are produced to an intersection, as said streets are laid out and delineated on a certain map entitled, "Revised and Amended Map of Fairfield", which map was filed in the Union County Register's Office on October 22nd, 1951 as Map No. 355-F, said beginning point being also in the division line between lots number 5 and 6, in Blok 312-A on said map.

Pursuant to a tax search of 10/12/2017; 2016 Taxes \$11,142.26 billed; \$8,124.01 open plus penalty; Homestead benefit credit reduced taxes by: \$945.68; 2017 QTR1 \$3,021.99 open plus penalty; Homestead benefit credit reduced taxes by: \$945.68, due date 02/01/2017; 2017 QTR2 \$2,076.30 billed; \$2,076.30 open plus penalty; Homestead benefit credit reduced taxes by: \$945.68, due date 05/01/2017; 2017 QTR3 \$3,140.64 open plus penalty, due date 01/2017; 2017 QTR3 \$3,140.64 open plus penalty, due date 01/2017; 2017 QTR3 \$3,140.64 open plus penalty, due date 01/2017; 2017 QTR3 \$3,140.64 open plus penalty, due date 01/2017; 2017 QTR3 \$3,140.64 open plus penalty, due date 01/2017; 2017 QTR4 \$3,140.64 open, due date 01/2017; 2017 QTR4 \$3

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FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP 80 MAIN STREET SUITE 460 WEST ORANGE NEW JERSEY 07052 - 12/14, 12/21, 12/28/17 Fee: \$226.44

Devil's Den

Bob List (1937-2014): We Hardly Knew Ye

By BRUCE JOHNSON

His family decided against back sur-

gery and he was placed in a body cast

for three months. When Horner asked

him years later where he had recuper-

he let anybody know he was in town?

"I didn't want to see or talk to any-

That was "typical Bob," Horner

When Horner noted that at least he

had his bonus money - a rumored

\$20,000 – to help pay for his medical

education, List said, "Are you kid-

ding? Back then the bonus was spread

out over time and included with your

basic salary check. If a player was released, retired or disabled and un-

While his recovery went well, List

able to play, the bonus ceased.'

said.

If you took a survey among 100 random Westfield residents tomorrow on East Broad Street and asked them the first thing that came into their head when they hear the name "List," most likely all 100 would eiated, List said, "At my mother's home on Sherwood Parkway." Why hadn't ther say "John List," or "that crazy guy who murdered his family back in

You'd have to ask Westfield residents and athletes of a certain age (75 and up) - or any of the guys who played with and against him in football, basketball and especially in baseball – to get what in a more just world would be the correct answer: "Bob List" or "that big left-handed pitcher."

Any discussion of the greatest baseball players (especially pitchers) in WHS history has to include Bob List. His school record of 147 strikeouts in his senior year still stands and has rarely been threatened. (The most this century was Chris Jenkins' 94 in

Art Horner was Bob List's friend and classmate in WHS's Class of 1955. He teamed up with List in the backfield of Joe Freeman's final WHS football team, which went 6-3. In the spring they were the pitcher-catcher at Roosevelt and as WHS sophomores, before an injury basically ended Horner's catching career, and Tony Carnevale became List's batterymate.

"I never saw a more talented pitcher," Horner said. "He had velocity, and four pitches he would throw regardless of the count. To this day I still haven't seen a pitcher with as much movement on the ball as Bob."

List was almost as tough to track down as he had been to hit against in his heyday. The Class of 1955 reunion committee tried for years to contact List and then when they finally did, the invitations and bi-yearly memo class updates kept returning stamped "address unknown."

The Horners sent him Christmas cards and Devil's Den articles whenever his name was mentioned. "I also sent him a copy of '100 Years of Blue Devil Football, 1897-1996,' "Horner said. "There was never a note or phone call from Bob.'

In the mid-1950s, List appeared headed to a professional baseball career. But after an all-state and recordsetting career at WHS (see box with highlights) and a strong rookie year after graduating from Cornell in 1959, he suffered a broken back while driving to spring training in 1960.

His car apparently hit an icy patch and he lost control and was thrown out, suffering two fractured vertebras.



SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-17004692 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-010358-17 Plaintiff: CITIBANK N.A.

Plaintiff: CITIBANK N.A.
VS.
Defendant: JOHN A. WALKER AKA JOHN
ALFRED WALKER, HIS HEIRS, DEVISEES,
AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND
HIS/HER, THEIR, OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTREST,
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CO-EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN A.
WALKER AKA JOHN ALFRED WALKER,
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INDIVIDUALLY AND AS CO-EXECUTRIX OF
THE, ESTATE OF JOHN A. WALKER AKA JOHN
ALFRED WALKER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ST. CLARES
HOSPITAL, NEW CENTURY FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.
Sale Date: 01/1/10/2018
Writ of Execution: 10/04/2017
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 Elizabethtown 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: ***Five Hundred
Thousand One Hundred Three and 42/100***
\$500,103.42.
MUNICIPALITY: Scotch Plains Township.

Thousand One Hundred Inree and 421100 \$500,103.42. MUNICIPALITY: Scotch Plains Township. COUNTY: UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY. STREET & STREET NO: 1 Overlook Way. TAX BLOCK AND LOT: BLOCK: 14301, LOT:

DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 2194 Square Feet.
NEAREST CROSS STREET: Raritan Road.
SUPERIOR INTERESTS (if any): All unpaid municipal taxes, assessments and liens; Any set of facts which an accurate survey would disclose; Any restrictions or covenants on record which run with the land; Rights of the United States of America, if any; Any Condominium lien priority, if any; Any outstanding PUD or Homeowner's Associations dues or fees, if any; Any occupants or persons in possession of the property, if any; Additional municipal charges, liens, taxes or tax sale certificates and insurance, if any.

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Scotch Plains Township - Taxes- Qtr #3 & #42017 holds a claim for taxes due and/or other
municipal utilities such as water and/or sewer in
the amount of \$9,667.24 plus penalty as of 09/

the amount of \$9,667.24 plus penalty as or us/ 20/2017.

Scotch Plains Township - Sewer Acct holds a claim for taxes due and/or other municipal utilities such as water and/or sever in the amount of \$175.00 plus penalty as of 09/20/2017.

Total Upset: **Five Hundred Twelve Thousand Twenty-One and 35/100*** \$512,021.35 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 into 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.

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Joseph Cryan

Attorney: POWERS KIRN LLC 728 MARINE HWY

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records to justify his entrance into the Hall of Fame.

Preparing for the speech, Horner asked his elusive buddy if he'd kept a scrapbook of his sports activities. "No," List said. Horner told him the only thing on his display table would be a picture from his high school yearbook. "I don't even have that," List said.

We bring all this up because a couple weeks ago, Barbara Horner, Art's wife -both Faithful Readers of the Devil's Den and the parents of 1980s WHS swim stars Christy, Jennifer and Melissa – happened to google Bob List's name and was surprised to see his obituary. Robert Murdock List MD had died on March 31, 2014, among family and friends in Albuquerque, where he spent his career as a doctor

Bob List's Career Baseball Highlights:

In a 1952 Roosevelt Junior High baseball game against Rahway, he pitched a one-hitter, struck out 17, hit two home runs (5-for-5) and drove in 11 runs. Note: catcher Art Horner was 1-for-2 with four runs scored.

He set a school record for strikeouts in a season with 147, in just 83 innings. That record still stands. His 239 career strikeouts are second to the 246 by Greg Chlan ('65), who was inducted into the Westfield Athletic Hall of Fame on the same night as List.

From May 6 to May 21 of his senior year in 1955, he beat Somerville, 2-0, on a nine-strikeout, one-hitter; beat Scotch Plains, 2-1, in the UCT, striking out 16; lost to North Plainfield despite striking out 15; beat Rahway with 16 strikeouts; whiffed five of the six batters he faced in relief against Plainfield, then came back the next day and threw a no-hitter against Union in the UCT semifinals, with a grand slam home run. He later struck out 18 in a memorable Memorial Day nine-inning, 4-1 win over Roselle Park.

He threw no-hitters against Cranford and Union and a one-hitter vs. Somerville as a senior. He also hit a team-best .371 as the cleanup hitter, had a 9-3 pitching record (on an 11-8 team) and earned Second Team All-State.

On scholarship at Cornell University (he ranked in the top five of his graduating class at WHS), which reportedly wanted him more as a football player than for baseball, he set a school record with 18 strikeouts in one game against Colgate.

Prior to his senior baseball season he was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals and signed for a reported \$20,000 bonus (very big money back then). He didn't pitch his senior year of college due to signing the pro

After graduating Cornell in 1959 he was a combined 7-1 for the Class AA Winston-Salem Red Birds and the Class AAA Rochester Red Wings. The following year he suffered a broken back in a car accident while driving to spring training.

found that when he tried to return to the minors with the Winnipeg Goldeyes the following spring, he wasn't the same pitcher. He was released and his dream of a big-league career was gone, so List concentrated on his medical education and career. He earned a degree as a pathologist at the University of Rochester and, after serving three years in the army stationed in Hawaii during the Vietnam War, settled down in Albuquerque, N.M. List married, had three kids, and became a 6-handicap golfer.

Meanwhile, an unrelated List (John) was infamously etching his name into the Westfield Hall of Shame, murdering his wife, three kids and mother in their Hillside Avenue house on Nov.

In 2010 Bob List was voted into the Westfield Athletic Hall of Fame. He was unable to attend the Nov. 22, 2010 induction dinner, so Horner accepted the plaque for his old friend. In his speech, Horner explained that List was much appreciative of the honor, and wanted to express his gratitude to those who had nominated him and voted for him. He was amazed that 55 years after he graduated there was still a paper trail of his

SHERIFF'S SALE SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-17004751 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION

CHANCERY DIVISION
UNION COUNTY
DOCKET NO. F-026963-12
Plaintiff: U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS
TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST
VS.

Defendant: DENNIS ZYDALIS; MRS. DEN-NISZYDALIS, HISWIFE; VIRGINIA STONELEY-ZYDAUS; DOROTHY L. WRIGHT; CAPITAL ONE BANK USA NA; ADVANTAGE ASSETS II

ONE BANK USA NA; ADVANTAGE ASSETS II INC
Sale Date: 01//10/2018
Writ of Execution: 10/20/2017
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 Elizabethtown 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: ***Eight Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand Ninety-Five and 99/100*** \$47,095.99.
Property to be sold is located in the TOWN-SHIP of SCOTCH PLAINS, County of UNION, State of New Jersey.
Premises commonly known as: 2343 BELVE-DERE DRIVE, SCOTCH PLAINS, NEW JERSEY 07076-1926.
BEING KNOWN as LOT 31, BLOCK 3603 on

BEING KNOWN as LOT 31, BLOCK 3603 on the official Tax Map of the TOWNSHIP of SCOTCH PLAINS.

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Dimensions: 60.00 Feet X 155.00 Feet X 60.00
Feet X 155.00 Feet.
Nearest Cross Street: HENRY STREET.
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 Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.
Total Upset: ***Eight Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Ten and 92/100*** \$868,710.92 together with lawful interest and costs.

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 into 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.

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Attorney: PHELAN HALLINAN, DIAMOND & JONES, PC 400 FELLOWSHIP ROAD SUITE 100 MOUNT LAUREL, NEW JERSEY 08054 (856) 813-5500 Fee: \$208.08 of Pathology. That's more than 3½

"That was the first we learned of his passing," Art Horner said. "Bob never was a good communicator."

DOWLING'S TO HOST EVENT

Dowling's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 117 Chestnut Street, Roselle Park, owned by former WHS football standout Marc Dowling, will host the second Blue Devil Alumni Day on Saturday, starting at 3 p.m.

A snowstorm didn't keep a decentsized crowd from attending last year's inaugural event. All former WHS football players and their significant others, and WHS football fans, are invited to attend. A portion of the proceeds will go to the WHS football program.

(AROUND) THIS DATE

Jan. 5, 1961: Future NBA superstar Rick Barry set a WHS gymnasium record with 53 points during Roselle Park's 80-77 overtime win over the Blue Devils. Barry had 21 baskets and 11 (underhanded) free throws.

Jan. 5, 1977: The WHS wrestling team ended Piscataway's 41-match winning streak with a 26-18 victory. Don Kalis stunned Chiefs co-captain Bob Biggin, 14-11, at 141 pounds. Jan. 5, 2008: Erin Miller became

WHS's all-time leader scorer (male or female), passing Bob King ('63). She converted a free throw with 2:37 left in the first period for her 1,329th point. She graduated with 1,580-40more than Lil Scott ('15).

Contact the Devil's Den at *bj1019@aol.com or 267-307-7138.*

SHERIFF'S SALE SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-17004979
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION
UNION COUNTY
DOCKET NO. F-006756-17
Plaintiff: NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC

DOCKET NO. F-006756-17
Plaintiff: NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC
VS.
Defendant: BEVERLY A. MACK; MR. MACK, SPOUSE OF BEVERLY A. MACK; STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Sale Date: 01/24/2018
Writ of Execution: 10/04/2017
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 Elizabethown 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: ***Two Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Eight and 38/100*** \$299,678.38.
The property to be sold is located in the municipality of WESTFIELD in the County of UNION and State of New Jersey.
Commonly known as 902 CENTRAL AVENUE, WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY 07090.
Tax LOT 23, BLOCK 4801.
Dimensions of Lot: 0.130 AC.
Nearest Cross Street: GREENE PLACE.
Total Upset: ***Three Hundred Seven Thousand Six Hundred Fitty-Nine and 19/100***
\$307,659.19 together with lawful interest and costs.

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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. 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 into 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.

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Attorney: RAS CITRON, LLC 130 CLINTON ROAD SUITE 202 FAIRFIELD NEW JERSEY 07004

\$\) 575-0707 - 12/28/17, 01/04/18, 01/11/18 Fee: \$177.48 & 01/18/18

Area stores that carry The Mestfield Leader and The Scotch Plains - Fanwood TIMES

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7-11 of Mountainside 921 Mountain Ave. (Leader)

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

Kwick Mart Food Store 190 South Ave. (Times)

Mountain Deli 2385 Mountain Ave. (Times)

7-11 of Garwood 309 North Ave. (Leader) **Shoprite Supermarket** 563 North Ave. (Leader)

King's Supermarket 300 South Ave. (Leader)

Baron's Drug Store 243 E. Broad St. (Leader) Scotch Hills Pharmacy 1819 East 2nd St. (Times)

Wallis Stationery 441 Park Ave. (Leader/Times)

Krauszer's 727 Central Ave. (Leader)

Blue Devils 3rd, Panthers 1st at Mat Tourney CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9

"That was the first match of the tournament. I probably felt that kid was not going to be ready, so right away I went for a low single and got

it," Composto said. In his semifinal bout with Carson Barry (Knights), Composto chalked up a number of back points before converting an arm bar/chin hook to a front double-arm corkscrew for a 2:34

Composto decided to use the takedown route in his title bout with Panther Gabe Leo then topped it off with a five-point pancake and another five-point takedown-to-back move to seize a 21-3 tech fall at 3:41. Last year, Composto competed at 113lbs and placed fifth.

"Last season I was mainly getting my back points on top but coming into this tournament it is more fun going feet-to-back, so that's what I tried to do in the last match. Get as many points from neutral as possible," Composto explained.

Leo was just one of several Westfield/Roselle Park matchups in the tournament, so it gave each team an indication of what to expect when they meet again this season.

"We are definitely going to be seeing a bunch more of Roselle Park. That match is high up on our goal list. I wanted to send a message early in the season and I hope our teammates can build around that. In the upper weights we had some really big wins against them," Composto commented.

Seeded first at 113-lbs, Luke Hoerle began his quarterfinal bout against Jaden Williams (Franklin) with a takedown and a two-point tightwaist tilt. Seconds later, Hoerle pinned Williams with an arm bar, walkover in 1:46. In his semifinal bout with Jacob Febo (B), Hoerle used an assortment of tilts then finished it off with a five-point lateral throw to earn a 19-1, 3:11 tech fall. Hoerle's title bout with Knight Jack Ruane took just 19 seconds.

"I went to my go-to I had been doing with most people this season and it worked out. It was a single dump to his back," Hoerle described. Last year, Hoerle was runnerup at

"Last year I was in the finals. I lost. It feels good to improve. That's what am trying to do this season, just

improve on what I did last year." As to his observations of the Roselle Park wrestlers, Hoerle said, "We have been watching all those guys and what they do in just preparing to wrestle

After defeating Norman Rubinski (WM), Blue Devil Tim Miller faced Panther Abel Crespo in the 170-lb semis and used his top-riding skills to earn a 1-0 victory to advance to the championship bout. Miller also used a yank-and-crank half nelson series to control Crespo.

"I've always been big on top. I try to ride kids out. I was going for that **CONTINUED ON PAGE 13**



DRIVING DOWNCOURT...Raider senior Tommy Drubulis, No. 4, drives downcourt in the championship game with South Plainfield at the Anthony J. Cotoia Holiday Tournament in South Plainfield on December 26-27

Raiders Rap Tigers for Cotoia Tourney Crown

Drubulis, who banged a pair of 3pointers, finished with six rebounds, three steals, three assists and a tipped

"We always know what we can expect from Tommy. He always gives it his all every possession, every game and that's something that started since his sophomore year and has been getting better as the years have progressed," Coach Siracusa expressed.

Laylor's and Drubulis's coring ability was made easy by teammate Lamont Cruse who dished out seven assists. Cruse also scored nine points.

"He gets to the paint whenever he wants and he loves to dish it out to us for some threes or he can dump it out to Dwight," Drubulis said.

"Most of the time I score it's off of his assist. He does a good job of giving me the ball," Laylor added.

"When Lamont wants it, he can be a great all-around guard, not just scoring but distributing the ball as well. As long as he plays unselfish, he could CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9

be our X-factor. He showed a little bit of that tonight," Coach Siracusa said.

Senior Jack Brady, who scored nine points, was stubborn defensively and added three steals. Senior Ryan Muench also scored nine points, including a pair of 3-pointers. Justin Guy (5 rebounds) and Jayson Williams each scored two points and Tommy Laucik scored three points.

"Most of our bench players we don't ask them to give us a ton of points, just give their defensive presence. Justin Guy is an example. He gets every rebound he can, plays tough defense. Same with Jon Ramos and Jayson Williams," Coach Siracusa commented.

Drubulis, playing up front on defense, was indeed hands-on not allowing the Tigers and especially the dangerous Gio Dudley from penetrating the paint. Dudley, who was the Tigers' chief thief with a multitude of steals, led all scorers with 19 points but the majority of his points came

against the Raiders' reserves.

'Defensively we always play attack and help line defense and make sure no one gets to the paint. We don't let them settle for outside shots either just to make things difficult for them. If I see the ball on the floor, I dive for it and try to push in transition to find whoever is out like Jack Brady or Lamont Cruse," Drubulis explained

"I agree with Tommy. We just play hard, we play man hard enough and we help. If I see the ball up I just go for it because I know we need the rebounds," Laylor said.

"Union County, defense is just crazy, so we already know what to expect going into every game, so we play tough against every single team we play against," Drubulis said.

The Raiders were also hot from the charity line and displayed it early by scoring the game's first three points from that line. The Raiders finished sinking 15 of 23 free throws — 65

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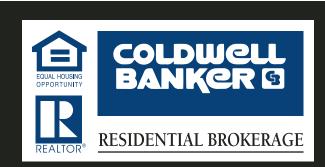


David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times SETTING UP SOME BACK POINTS...Blue Devil Luke Hoerle, top, has Bloomfield's Jacob Febo in a wrist/tight waist tilting position to get back points during his 113-lb semifinal bout. Hoerle won by 19-1, tech fall and went on to win the title.

Jayne Bernstein

Sales Associate

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Stately 6 bedroom 6.1 bath Colonial opens to an impressive foyer with a curved staircase to the upper and lower levels of beautiful living! The spacious rooms highlight lovely millwork and luxurious amenities, while the exterior showcases three front Juliet balconies and two rear covered porticos. This Energy Star Qualified residence, offering smart home technology, is situated in Indian Forest convenient to downtown Westfield



Stunning, Nantucket style, Circa 1904 Dutch Colonial on sprawling, professionally manicured .89 acres lot in Westfield's historic Stoneleigh Park. Structurally impressive, this home features elements that define Classic 20th Century Architecture. It has been beautifully renovated to preserve the character, quality and workmanship reminiscent of years past.



Fantastic 4 bedroom 3.2 bath Colonial has been expanded and newly rebuilt from the basement up and offers a wonderful open floor plan! The beautiful kitchen opens to a bright family room with a gas fireplace, and a staircase leading to the patio and fenced rear yard, as well as the lower level. Additional highlights include new landscaping, beautiful hardwood floors, and exquisite millwork.



Pristine 3/4 bedroom, 4 bath home offering spacious and light filled rooms and gleaming hardwood floors. Living room w/ gas fireplace, formal dining room, center island kitchen, master bedroom retreat w/sitting room & dual baths. Fabulous screened porch, fenced back yard w/Gunite inground pool. An absolute showplace!



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STRAVACH BUCKETS 12 PTS, RYAN 10 PTS, 'DOBO' 10 RBS

Blue Devils Top Spartans, 42-26 In Sepanak Tourney 1st Round

Junior Samantha Stravach scored 12 points and senior Molly Ryan chipped in with 10 points to lead the Westfield High School girls basketball team past Immaculata, 42-26, in the opening round of the Len Sepanak Tournament played on December 27 at Ridge High School in Basking Ridge. The victory raised Westfield's quarter, utilizing smart passing into a 23-12 lead into the break. the high post and effective drives to

"We are a very athletic team," said Ryan. "Today we were working the ball around the top well and passing it inside to Sam and everything seemed

Stravach completed a 3-point play after getting fouled on an inside bas-



Alex Lowe for The Westfield Leader and The Times POSING FOR THE PHOTO...Blue Devils Molly Ryan, left, and Grace Elliott

10 with under a minute remaining in

the half. It was part of an 8-0 run by the Blue Devils that helped them take

pose for a photo after their win over the Immaculata Spartans. season mark to 2-1. It was the second

straight win for the Blue Devils after dropping their opener to Roselle Catholic.

The Blue Devils took command of the contest from the outset. Rvan scored the first four points of the game before picking up two quick fouls and taking a seat on the bench. Ryan's early foul trouble provided the only uncertainty the Blue Devils would face and even that did not amount to much.

"I was disappointed that I picked up my second fouls so early," said Ryan. "The bench was not where I wanted to be in this game.

Strong interior play from Stravach and sophomore Faith Doboesiewicz (9 points, 10 rebounds) more than made up for the early absence of Ryan. Westfield charged out to a 13-5 lead by the end of the opening

Probitas Verus Honos



SLAMFEST TOURNAMENT CHAMPS...The Westfield 8th Grade Girls basketball team rolled over the previously undefeated Wayne PAL team in the Wayne PAL Holiday Slamfest Tournament final, 47-22. Pictured, left to right, wearing their Championship shirts are: front row; Kalea Calugay and Phoebe Chadowitz; middle row, Lucy Langhart, Ava Pravlik, Trinity Koetje, Avery Longstreet, Chelsea Little and Grace Klag; back row: Asst. Coach Tom Grycan and Head Coach Russell "Boo" Bowers. Not pictured: Chloe Kreusser and Avery Hoeft.

SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-17005038 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-009769-14 Plaintiff: HUDSON CITY SAVINGS BANK

Plaintill: HUDSON CITY SAVINGS BANK
VS.

Defendant: ANDRE WIGGINS; SHEILA
WIGGINS; BANK OF AMERICA, NA
Sale Date: 01/31/2018
Writ of Execution: 09/15/2014
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 Elizabethtown 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: "*Seven Hundred
Forty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Nine
and 91/100*** \$743,859.91.
The property to be sold is located in the TOWN-

and 91/100*** \$743,859.91.
The property to be sold is located in the TOWN-SHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS in the County of UNION, and the State of New Jersey.
Tax Lot 5.02, Block 6303.
Commonly known as 812 Cleveland Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076-2022.
Dimensions of the Lot are (Approximately) 90 x 62 x 90 x 62.

x 62 x 90 x 62.

Nearest Cross Street: Situated on the South side of Cleveland Avenue, near the East side of Smith Street.

Smith Street.
Total Upset: ***Eight Hundred Twenty-Six
Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Four and 21/
100*** \$826,744.21 together with lawful interest

exist.

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 into 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.

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.

Attorney: SHAPIRO & DENARDO, LLC - ATTORNEYS 14000 COMMERCE PARKWAY SUITE B

MOUNT LAUREL, NEW JERSEY 08054 - 01/04, 01/11, 01/18 Fee: \$179.52 the basket.

to come from that.'

ket to stretch the Westfield lead to 23-

of reach in the third quarter by opening up with a 14-1 run that built a 37-13 lead against the Spartans. Dobosiewicz fueled the burst with a 3-point shot 20 seconds into the quarter. Active underneath throughout the game, Dodbosiewicz also scored on a putback to make it 30-13. Ryan dropped in a 3-point bomb during the decisive stretch as well.

The Blue Devils put the game out

Immaculata, a Somerville based Catholic school, fell to 1-3 on the season. It has been a few years since the Spartans regularly dominated girls' basketball in Somerset County. Westfield will see the level of competition rise when they get back into Union County play after the holi-

"We always look forward to playing against the top competition," said senior guard Grace Elliott. "We played well today but we know there is always room to improve. We are playing a lot of new players in our rotation this season, so the challenge is to find chemistry as the season goes along.'

Margo Cherry led all Immaculata scorers with 10 points for the game. Grace Elliott finished with three rebounds, four assists, four steals and four blocks for Westfield. The Blue Devils were set to play West Morris and then Ridge in the next two games of the round robin tournament.

Immaculata Westfield

Cougar Matmen Place Fouth At Tunkhannock Tourney

The Cranford High School wrestling team made a fine showing by placing fourth at the Tunkhannock Holiday Tournament in Pa. that featured 26 teams held between Christmas and New Years. The host, Tunkhannock, captured the team title with a total of 165.5, followed by West Scranton at 150, Wyalusing at 148 and Cranford at 145. Wyoming Seminary B took fifth with a 143.5 total.

Cougar freshman Luke DiGiovanni competing at 126-lbs battled all the way to the title bout where he dropped a 9-6 decision to Joe Hester of Montrose, Pa.

SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-17004772 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION

DOCKET NO. F-018029-15
Plaintiff: BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC

Defendant: ANDY T. LE AND LINH N. LE, HIS

Defendant: ANDY T. LE AND LINH N. LE, HIS WIFE

Sale Date: 01/17/2018

Writ of Execution: 10/06/2017

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 Elizabethtown 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: ***Three Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-One and 70/100*** \$348,721.70.

The property to be sold is located in the TOWN-SHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS in the County of UNION, and the State of New Jersey.

Tax Lot 9 Block 302 f/k/a Lot 19 Block 28 Commonly known as 524 Farley Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076

Dimensions of the Lot are (Approximately) 50 x 132 x 50 x 131.

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Nearest Cross Street: Situated on the Southwesterly side of Farley Avenue, 285 feet from the Southeasterly side of East Second Street:

Total Upset: ***Three Hundred Fity-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Nine and 17/100*** \$356,949.17 together with lawful interest and costs.

The sale is subject to any unpaid taxes and assessments, tax, water, and sewer liens and other municipal assessments. The amount due can be obtained from the local taxing authority. Pursuant to NJSA 46:8B-21 the sale may also be subject to the limited lien priority of any Condominium/Homeowner Association liens which may aviet

minium/Homeowner Association liens which may exist.

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any.

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Attorney: SHAPIRO & DENARDO, LLC - ATTORNEYS 14000 COMMERCE PARKWAY

Fee: \$179.52

MOUNT LAUREL, NEW JERSEY 08054

12/21, 12/28/17, 01/04/18

DiGiovanni won his first two bouts by pinn to reach the semifinals where he added a third fall to face Hester.

Cougar junior AJ Bencivenga won

his next bout. After winning his first wrestleback, Smith lost his next bout to wrestle for fifth/sixth where he dropped a 6-1 decision. Competing at 138-lbs, Conor Halpin won his first bout with a pin in 2:34 then won his quarterfinal bout 6-4. In the semifinal, Halpin lost, 12-2, to be

bout at 195-lbs by 12-1, majority decision then lost his quarterfinal bout. Budnbik won his next two wrestlebacks and eventually finished sixth after losing 5-1 in overtime to JJ Hooper (Hanover, Pa.). Kyle Roper won three bouts at 152lbs and lost two to place eighth. Matt Doran (170-lbs) won three bouts and lost two and Dan Swanson (160-lbs) won two bouts and lost two bouts.

UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-002428-15 Plaintiff: BANK OF AMERICA N.A.

Plaintiff: BANK OF AMERICA N.A.
VS.
Defendant: ANDREW K. DOE; ISMC K. DOE, SR.; MRS. ANDREW K. DOE, HIS WIFE; MRS.
ISAAC K. DOE SR., HIS WIFE
Sale Date: 01//10/2018
Writ of Execution: 05/11/2017
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 Elizabethtown 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: ***Three Hundred Thirty Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Four and 40/100*** \$330,434.40.
MUNICIPALITY: Township of Scotch Plains. COUNTY AND STATE: County of Union, State of New Jersey.

Block: 1102.
DIMENSIONS: 50 x 123.
NEAREST CROSS STREET: Sycamore Av-

minium)
Being known and designated as Lots 1 and 2 in Block 2 on a map entitled map of Grand View Scotch Plains Township New Jersey which Map was filed in the Union County Clerks office on April 1, 1918 as Map no. 183A.

Pursuant to a tax search of 07/06/2017; Sewer acct #: 07/01/2017 - 12/31/2017 \$129.06 open; sewer charges are based on prior water consumption; Liens 2015 3rd party lien sewer; amt: \$567.29 + subsequent taxes + interest; cert. #: 1621; sold on: 10/25/2016; sold to: Violet Potter; must call prior to settlement for redemption figures.

and costs.

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FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP 80 MAIN STREET SUITE 460 WEST ORANGE NEW JERSEY 07052

12/14, 12/21, 12/28/17

his first two bouts at 145-lbs by pin then lost 6-0 in the semifinals to be cast into the wrestleback rounds. After Bencivenga won his wrestleback via 4:59 pin, he lost his next bout to place fourth. Junior Rob Schork chose a long route on his way to placing fourth at 220-lbs. After winning by fall in his first bout, Schork lost his second but recovered to win his next three wrestlebacks before losing to Jackson Chilson (Wyalusing) for third

Dean Smith won his first bout at 132-lbs by 40 second fall then lost placed in the wrestlebacks where he eventually placed sixth.

Senior Dylan Budnik won his first

SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-17004695 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION

STREET AND STREET NUMBER: 1768 Front

TAX LOT AND BLOCK NUMBERS: Lot: 15;

For a house or other property (not condo-

Total Upset: ***Three Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Nine and 76/ 100*** \$348,979.76 together with lawful interest

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.

Fee: \$197.88



High School Sport Shorts:

Raiders Top New Brunswick, **Brearley Bears in Wrestling**

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School wrestling team picked up a pair of victories on December 23 with a 53-26 trouncing of New Brunswick and a 54-21 taming of the Brearley Bears to improve to 4-2. The Raiders only losses were to South Plainfield and Westfield.

Against New Brunswick, Sam Wustefeld pinned Keshon Davila in 1:09 at 220-lbs. Declan Cassidy pinned Danily Rosario in 1:01 at 195lbs and Nick Palazzollo pinned Ben Walker in 1:44 at 170-lbs. Jeremy Lenart pinned Fernando Lugo in 43 seconds at 126-lbs. Mike Fleck (113lbs), Mateo Velez (145-lbs), Mike Ramos (152-lbs) and Zach Fleischman (160-lbs) received forfeits.

Against Brearley, Alex Oslislo pinned Rich Middleton in 43 seconds at 182-lbs. Bobby Mount pinned Niko Perez in 1:41 at 285-lbs and Jack Cannon recorded the second-quickest pin at 145-lbs with a 25-second fall over Andrew Cherego. CJ Estevez pinned Caeran Doroughety in just 18 seconds at 220-lbs. Jacob Perone pinned Jagger Kebea in 59 seconds at 132-lbs. Ramos pinned Kyle Lynaugh in 1:31 at 152-lbs and Fleischman pinned John Braun in 1:32 at 160-lbs. Palazzollo (170-lbs) and Cassidy

Ridge Hoopsters Beat Lady Blue Devils, 37-19

Defense called the shots or, at least, stopped most of them in a 37-19 Ridge victory over the Westfield High School girls basketball team in a round robin round of the Len Sepanek ment on December 30. Neight team could muster double digits in any quarter until the hosting 4-3 Ridge Red Devils managed to net 14 points in the final frame.

Sophomore Faith Dobosiewicz led the Lady Blue Devils with six rebounds and five points. Samantha Stravach had five rebounds, two steals and three points. Grace Elliott had four rebounds, two points, three steals and two assists. Molly Ryan had three steals, two points and two rebounds. Lily Maz ĥad two points, two rebounds and a steal. Josie Greenwood had three points and two rebounds, Caroline Dwyer had two points and Emma Pietrewicz added a rebound.

Westfield (2-3)

Pope John Girls Top Cougar Cagers, 37-26

The Pope John High School girls basketball team defeated the Cranford Cougars, 37-26, on December 29. Kenna Squier rolled in 24 points, pulled a4 rebounds and made seven steals for Pope John and Morgan Heller added nine points and 10 re-

Cam Wichelns led the Cougars with 13 points, which included a 3-pointer and six free throws. Lauren Williamson and Caroline Kelly each scored four points, while Charlotte VanWhy and KC Pringle each netted two points and Caroline McCaffrey added one point.

13 2 11 11 37 6 12 6 2 26 Pope John W. Wind-Pl. So. Tops **Cougar Boys in Hoops**

The West Windsor-Plainsboro South High School boys basketball team broke away from a tight game in the fourth quarter to earn a 69-58 win over the Cranford Cougars on December 27. Folarin Okulaja scored 26 points to lead the victors. Matt Fonseca scored 15 points, including three 3-pointers, and Brian Waldner scored 11 points for the Cougars. Jeremy Ruka had nine points (1 3pointer), Colin Budries had six points, Andres Myhre had five points (1 3pointer) and Anthony Araujo had three points, while Kevin Easse and Cole Blazek each had four points and Hunter Goff added one point.

Cranford W. W-PI South 14 8 13 23 10 16 13 30 (195-lbs) received forfeits.

Brearley Bear Rebecca Pizuto recorded a 2-0 decision over Fleck at 113-lbs. Pat Phillips (106-lbs) pinned Kyle Rigney in 1:14 and Nick Stampoulis (120-lbs) won by 5-2 decvision over Lenart. Frank Silva (126-lbs) pinned Kyle Robinson in 42 seconds and Pat Machado (138lbs) eked out a 6-4 sudden victory over Bobby Root.

WF Rips Newark E.S. Girls Ice Hockey, 8-0

The Westfield High School girls ice hockey team put together an impressive team effort in defeating Newark Eastside, 8-0, on December 30. Maddie Katz scored a hat trick, Captain Ally Hornstein netted two goals and Mary Beke, Maddie McDevitt and Zoe Tedeschi each flicked in a goal to power Westfield offensively. The Blue Devil defense was nearly impenetrable and goaltender Megan Raftery stopped all shots that got through to register the shutout victory

Information courtesy of Varsity Vantage

WF's Melao Wins 1600 At Track Universe Inv't

Westfield High School senior Mia Melao finished first in the 1,600 meters with a time of 5:20.2 at the Track Universe Invitational held at the New York Armory on December 28. Caroline Collins finished fifth in the event at 5:28.7. Katie Hamilton

Lady Raiders Thump N 13th St Tech, 52-18

Abbe-Gayle Burton bucketed 23 points to lead the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls basketball team to a 52-18 thumping of North 13th St. Tech in the first round of the Benedictine Academy Tournament on December 27. Brianna O'Brien and Meghan Duthrie each netted six points, while Nya Downing, Brenna McNamara and Eboni Davis each scored four points for the 3-1 Raiders.

Sc PI-Fanwood

Cougar Cagers Lick Lady Lancers, 52-34

Senior Camryn Wichelns scored 15 points, including a 3-pointer, and added three steals, two assists and two rebounds to lead the Cranford High School girls basketball team to a 52-34 victory over the Livingston Lancers on December 27. Junior KC Pringle scored 12 points and added seven rebounds, three blocks, two assists and two steals and junior Lauren Williamson netted eight points, including two 3-pointers, and added five assists and a pair of rebounds.

Senior Lauren Santarelli had a pair of 3-pointers and two assists. Senior Caroline Kelly had four points and two assists and junior Olivia Speer had three points, while juniors Ellie Rokicki and Meghan Santarella had two points each.

Livingston Cranford 10 9 9 6 34 10 13 13 16 52

Cougar Cagers Knock Kittatinny Boys, 85-52

Senior Colin Budries sank 20 points, including six free throws, and Cole Blazek netted 13 points, including three 3-pointers, as the Cranford High School boys basketball team crunched Kittatinny, 85-52, on December 23.

The Cougars nailed 13 3-pointers. Jeremy Ruka and Andres Myhre each scored eight points, including a pair of 3-pointers. Hunter Goff had nine points, including two 3pointers, Anthony Araujo had seven points, including a 3-pointer, Kevin Easse nailed a pair of 3-pointers and Nick Moore had five points, including a 3-pointer. Brian Waldner had five points, Ian Scott had two points and Matt Fonseca had three points.

Kittatinny 8 15 12 17 52 11 30 25 19 85 Cranford



finished sixth in the 800 at 2:31.5 and

Lauren Triarsi took fifth in the 55

hurdles at 8.7. Erica Lawrence placed

fourth in the shot put with a distance

of 32-10.5 For the boys, James McCutcheon (2:04.9), Matt Meusel (2:05), Chris Calimano (2:10.8) and Spencer Weigand (2:01.4) took top honors in the 4x800 with a time of 8:22.1. Rob Brown finished third in the 200 at 23.2 and fifth in the 400 at 52.5.

Lady Raiders Stop Elizabeth, Benedictine

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls basketball team elevated its record to 5-1 with a 59-30 victory over Elizabeth on December 29 and a 59-25 triumph over the hosting Benedictine Academy on December 30. Stefanie DeVizio led the Raiders in scoring against Elizabeth with 14 points, while adding a pair of steals. Brianna O'Brien netted 10 points and Corrinne Lyght had nine points and five assists. Nya Downing had eight points, six rebounds and three steals. Kaysia Minor had four points, four rebounds and three steals. Ebony Davis had seven re-

bounds and four points. O'Brien bucketed 14 points against Benedictine and added two assists and two steals. DeVizio had 12 points, Lyght had nine points. nine rebounds and four assists and Downing added eight points, eight rebounds and six blocks. Abbe-Gyle Burton had seven rebounds and five points.

Raider Cagers Beat J.P. Stevens, 47-31

Senior guard Tommy Drubulis pumped in 15 points, including four 3-pointers, and senior Jack Brady netted 11 points, including a 3pointer, to lead the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys basketball team to a 47-31 victory over J.P. Stevens in the opening round of the Anthony Cetoia Holiday Tournament at South Plainfield on De-

cember 26. Senior Dwight Laylor scored seven points, had three assists and pulled 10 rebounds for the Raiders. Junior Anthony Porter had four points. Ryan Muench, Justin Guy and Jayson Williams each had three points, and Lamont Cruse had one point. Elisha Smith scored 14 points, including four 3-pointers, for the J.P. Stevens Hawks.

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Metuchen Boys Down Cougar Cagers, 71-59

The hosting Metuchen High School boys basketball team led by Amari Whitehead with 29 points jumped in from of the Cranford Cougars and stayed there in a 71-59 victory on December 28. Senior Anthony Araujo led the 1-5 Cougars with 16 points, including a pair of 3pointers. Senior Colin Budries sank 12 points, senior Matt Fonseca sank trip threes for nine points and Jeremy Ruka netted eight points. Cole Blazek and Anders Myhre each scored five points and Brian Waldner scored four points.

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Recent Home Sales

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Cranford: 10/28/17

Kevin and Deborah M. Sherwood to John and Suzanne Egan, 24 Princeton Road, \$870,000.

John and Jennifer Massa to James and Katie Ann D'Arcy, 212 Beech Street, \$679,000.

D Villane Construction LLC. to Adam H. and Jaclyn M. Van Duzer, 104 Makatom Drive, \$994,590.

Ryan and Elizabeth G. Helmstetter to Nicholas C. and Jillian E. Fiorello, 825 Springfield Avenue, \$545,000. John and Carole Cappello to Jaimee Reid and Eric Forman, 10 Central

Avenue, \$650,000. North Union Associates LLC. to S&P Cranford Holdings LLC., 18-20

Union Avenue North, \$1,100,000. Karl and Donna Schlenker to Ryan Trombley, 818 Springfield Avenue,

\$505,000. John M. and Samantha M. Samoylo to Peter D. Waldron, 15 Balmiere

Parkway, \$433,500. Paul E. and Penny R. Reynolds to Michael and Ingrid C. Chuley, 89

Belmont Avenue, \$621,000. Virginia R. Colarusso to Mario and Shannon D. Della Fortuna, 116

Glenwood Road, \$530,000. Michael and Annette Zindel to John Becht and Erika Van Anglen, 109

Elmora Avenue, \$515,000. John and Lisa Daubner to Joseph and Kelly Pisano, 17 Columbia Avenue, \$472,000.

Robert and Kathy Fitzsimmons to Jagdeep and Alka L. Intwala, 104

Columbia Avenue, \$580,001.

David and Catherine Des Rochers to Joseph J. and Paula H. Cassidy,

199 Columbia Avenue, \$430,000. Steven D. and Jeffrey L. Molinoff to Jolie Calella and Charlene Raimondo, 22 Riverside Drive Apt C1, \$260,000.

Samantha and Trevor Yee to Joan English, 217 Prospect Avenue, Apt 9-2A, \$294,000.

Ann Marie Shapiro and Gerar Menegaz to Matthew J. and Catherine E. Venditti, 8 Raleigh Avenue, \$539,000.

Andrew and Susan B. Zemlansky to Kevin Mc Caul and Erin Rogers, 900Orange Avenue, \$529,000.

Christian C. and Patricia Ann Howard to Alessandro Savia, \$430,000.

Phyllis Conneely to Theresa O'Rourke and John Burns, 8 Adams Avenue, \$470,000.

Diane C. Rios and Ivan Abreu to Charles Rapp, 17B Parkway Village,

\$226,000. Oi-Kam Cheung to Yu Chun Huang,

36A Parkway Village, \$225,000. Brian Foglia and Caroline Cunha to Chad J. Viglianti, 96 Burnside Avenue, \$527,000.

Sonia E. Rivera -Hooey to Steven and Maria Pazdro, 105 Besler Avenue, \$445,000.

Bruce J. Martinez to 42 Hillcrest Ave LLC., 42 Hillcrest avenue,

James and Diane Stanley to Justin

DISHING OUT THE ASSISTS...Raider Lamont Cruse, No. 2, dished out seven assists and added nine points in the championship game with South Plainfield at the Anthony J. Cotoia Holiday Tournament on December 26-27.

Raiders Rap Tigers for Cotoia Tourney Crown

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Drubulis netted seven points and

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of the third quarter. Early in the

fourth, the Raider reserves took to

the court and the Tigers took advan-

tage with seven quick points (5 from

PUBLIC NOTICE

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING SCHEDULE – 2018

TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Trust-

ees of the Westfield Memorial Library will

meet in regular public meeting, at which

the public may attend and participate on

the following dates in 2018 in the Program

Room or Technical Services Department

of the Westfield Memorial Library, 550

Fast Broad Street Westfield New Jersey

at 7:30 p.m., the said meeting dates being

the following Thursdays, unless otherwise

Thursday

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Fee: \$30.60

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and Diane Bain, 220 South Union Avenue, \$405,000.

The Mextfield Leader and The Scotch Plains – Fanwood TIMES

R. L. and V. R. Smith and S. S. Dubrel to Jason Cheek and Kirby Ruffner, 38 Concord Street, \$446,000. Vivian Phillips to Matthew Kunsman, 307 Stoughton Avenue, \$364,000.

Wells Fargo Bank to 201 Walnut Ave LLC., 201 Walnut Avenue, \$1,825,000.

Allison C. Reuter to Richard Lewis Carlson, 201 Lincoln Park east, \$195,000.

Douglas P. and Laura R. Mosley to Jason Moy and Cindy Merlino, 83 Centennial Avenue, \$285,000.

Harish Atreya and Tara Chowdappa to Bernadette Donohue, 1 Hale Street, \$460,000.

Simla Sivanandan and Ajish Bhaskar to Matthew and Lisa Williams, 254 Hillside Avenue, \$550,000. Messina Homes LLC. to James and Kacie Peluso, 26 Mendell Avenue, \$542,000.

Joseph and Elizabeth Sherrier to John and Toni Ahrens, 202 Hillside Avenue, \$634,900.

John D. and Caryn R. Armstrong to Jason A. and Cecilia P. Pedde, 186 Baltimore Avenue, \$365,000.

Gerard Rastelli to Christopher Taglia, 18 Colin Kelly Street,

Gregory and Jodi Wofsy to Lizabeth and Germano Coffer-Dawe, 5 Osage Drive, \$539,000. Isobel and Jeffrie S. Wyatt to DJD

Contracting Group LLC. 388 Centennial Avenue, \$232,000. Richard and Lisa Pizzuta to Rich-

ard Lo and Elsa Pan, 710 Lexington Avenue, \$755,000.

David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Patel, 2 from Dudley). After a timeout

with 5:40 remaining, the Raider start-

ers returned and added a 10-3 run

with the help of Brady, who sank

three free throws and a 2-pointer.

The Raider reserves returned for the

As to his MVP Award, Laylor

expressed, "It feels good but we got

to keep on pushing for the rest of the

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD

PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the PLAN-NING BOARD OF THE BOROUGH OF

FANWOOD, after public hearing on No-

vember 29, 2017 granted approval to

Charles Garrett for coverage, setback, lot

area and width variances related to the

construction of a garage for property at

ough Hall during normal business hours.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Mr. Charles Garrett

Fee: \$16.83

260 Paterson Road

Fanwood, New Jersey 07023

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South Plainfield

season.



WORING AN ARM BAR...Blue Devil Quinn Gimblette, top, works an arm bar on West Essex Knight Billy Garafalo in his 120-lb bout for third place. Gimblette recorded a 17-1. 3:45 tech fall over Garafalo to place third.

Blue Devils 3rd, Panthers 1st at Mat Tourney CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11

half nelson the entire time. We must spend 30 minutes every day drilling top position," Miller explained.

During his bout, Miller did come close to adding a takedown but came up short.

"From neutral, I was trying to move him around, be on the head and obviously going for the front headlocks but I had to go for other things. I was looking for fake drag, single and I thought I was able to defend a few of his shots pretty well," Miller said,

Miller faced Chief Recine (NJSIAA qualifier last year) for the crown but was on the low side of a 17-2, tech

Blue Devil Brendan Loder advanced to the 195-lb semis with a 4:41 pin over James Nomdi (F) then was successful with three short arm drags-to-double-leg takedowns to defeat Knight Carmen Cucuzza, 7-0.

"We do that stuff all the time in the wrestling room, so it's fun to hit it in the match. Once it works, it's fun to take him down with it. My first match I felt like I didn't have much of an offense going, so this match I tried to pick it up, take some more shots and it worked out in my favor," said Loder, who added, "It's my first time in the finals for this tournament, so I am excited about that. I got to stay focused and aggressive.'

In his title bout, Loder was pinned by Piscataway's Foster.

At 220-lbs, Blue Devil Matt Dente pinned George Whitehead (M) in 3:10 with a half nelson/tight waist. He faced Park Panther Sean Matthews in the semis and used the same technique to earn a 2:31 fall and a trip to the championship bout.

"I was going into the match thinking I weighted in only at 184, so I knew the kids were going to be bigger than me. But I went in there and worked all the things we learned in practice. The feeling was great because I knew when he was coming into me, he was too far over, so I popped my head in and took him over," Dente said.

Looking ahead in the season, Dente said, "I feel this tournament is a good tounament to get all these matches in and it will be good for me in the long run.'

Marretta (PV) won an 11-3, majority decison over Dente for the title. Blue Devil Quinn Gimblette began

his 120-lb quarterfinal bout against Chris Dutag (Piscataway) with a de-

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BOROUGH OF FANWOOD

The Tax Assessment List for The Borough of Fanwood for the 2016 Tax Year 5:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. in the Municipal

Michael A. Ross, CTA Tax Assesso 1 T - 1/4/17, The Times Fee: \$11.22

PUBLIC NOTICE

260 Paterson Road, Fanwood, being Block Documents pertaining to this application are available for public inspection at Bor-

will be open for inspection on Thursday, February 22, 2018 between the hours of Building Lobby, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood.

May 24, 2018 June 28, 2018 Thursday TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS September 27, 2018 Thursday October 25, 2018 Thursday

January 25, 2018

March 22, 2018

April 26, 2018

February 22, 2018

The Tax Assessment List for The Town-November 15, 2018 ship of Scotch Plains for the 2018 Tax Year December 20, 2018 will be open for inspection on Monday, The agenda for all of the said meetings February 26, 2018 between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. in the Tax is not yet known. The aforementioned no-Assessor's Office, RM. 122, Municipal tice has been prepared and will be posted Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains mailed and filed in accordance with the Michael A. Ross, CTA provisions of the Open Public Meetings

Tax Assessor Fee: \$11.22 1 T - 1/4/18, The Times

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percent. After the Raiders' 18-1

run, Tiger Jalil Palms hit a 3-pointer

and Dudley rolled in a layup to end

each early in the second quarter,

Brady, on an assist from Anthyony

Porter, scored the first two points

of an 11-0 run. Brady assisted

Muench on his 3-pointer on the

tail end of the run to give the Raid-

ers a 33-10 lead. The Raiders eased

off on defense and, once again, the

Tigers added a 7-0 run of their

own with a 3-pointer from Julian

Lee and a pair of layups from

Dudley the make the halftime

identity and that's going to win us a

lot of games this year; however, we

can't just get used to playing the

scoreboard, we have to get better

playing at each possession like it's

our last. I think at times, we get

some lapses where we figure we got

a 10-15-point lead. However we got

to remember what got us to that

bigger lead in the beginning and

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"Our defense is definitely our

score, 33-17.

After a trade-off of four points

the first quarter at 18-6.

1 T - 1/4/18, The Leader

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BOROUGH OF FANWOOD RESOLUTION 18-01-01

BE IT RESOLVED the following meetings of the Mayor and Council will be held during Year 2018 at 7:00 P.M. at Borough Hall, Mayor and Council Chambers, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey.

AGENDA MEETINGS

No Meeting February 5 March 5 April 2 May 7 June 4 July 2 August 6 September 4 October 1

November 5

1 T - 1/4/18, The Times

January 16 February 20 March 19 May 21 June 18 July 16 August 20 September 17 November 19

REGULAR MEETINGS

December 17

December 3 The Agenda and Regular Meetings will be held on the first and third Mondays except for those dates marked with an "*" above Official action may be taken at either the Agenda or the Regular Meetings of the Mayor

and Council Eleanor McGovern,

Borough Administrator/Clerk Fee: \$45.90

BOROUGH OF GARWOOD

2018 ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE MAYOR AND COUNCIL SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAY-7:15 PM

EXCEPT NOVEMBER 15, 2018 IS A THURSDAY EXCEPT DECEMBER 27, 2018 IS A THURSDAY 2018 Council Meeting Schedule Jan 9 & 23

March 13 & 27 April 10 & 24 July 10 & 24 May 8 & 22 June 12 & 26 Aug 14 & 28 Sept 11 & 25 Nov 15 (Thursday) & 27 Dec 11 & 27 (27th Thursday)

Workshop meetings commence at 7:00 p.m. same evening, preceding the Regular Council Meeting. Executive Sessions may be held at any meeting listed. Formal action may be taken at any meeting listed.

LIBRARY BOARD

BOARD OF HEALTH

Except January and September are 2nd Wednesday Held at Garwood Public Library – 411 Third Avenue No Meetings in July and August 2018 1/17, 3/21, 6/20, 9/19, and 11/28/2018 - 6:00 PM

FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH - 8:00 PM

RECREATION COMMISSION THIRD WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH - 7:00 PM

Held at Garwood Sports and Recreation Complex -140 Myrtle Avenue or Municipal Building at 403 South Avenue, Garwood

PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE THIRD WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH - 7:15 PM No Meetings in July and August 2018

GARWOOD MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE THURSDAY AS FOLLOWS AT - 7:00 PM

1/18, 3/15, 5/17, 6/14 and 9/20/2018 All above meetings listed will be held at the prevailing time or as soon thereafter as possible in the Municipal Building, 403 South Avenue, Garwood, New Jersey unless

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL CONSTITUTES THE AUTHORITY AS THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD FOR THE BOR-OUGH.

1 T - 1/4/18, The Leader Fee: \$67.32 fensive, stepover throw then pinned him in 1:34 using an arm bar, sitthrough. After losing via 21-6, tech fall to Panther Armamento in the semis, Gimblette rebounded to take third with a 17-1, 3:45 tech fall over Knight Billy Garafalo.

Blue Devil Jordan Simpson (152lbs) beat Steve Herrera (M) to reach the semis where he dropped a 9-3 decision to Blumeling (WM). Simpson then battled back to claim third place with a 6-4, overtime victory over Panther Dylan Camilo.

Blue Devil Jeremy Silber recorded a throw-by takedown, an escape, a slip-through takedown, a head-andarm throw-by and a head-and-arm walkaround takedown to tally a 9-1, majority decision over Francisco Vasquez (F) in the 132-lb quarterfinals. Silber eventually placed fourth. Blue Devil seniors Isaiah Reese placed fourth at 160-lbs and Russ Weber placed fourth at 182-lbs.

CHAMPIONSHIP BOUTS: 106: — Composto (W) tf Leo (RP), 21-113: — Hoerle (W) p Ruane (WE) :19

120: — Armamento (RP) p Carlos Villeda (WM) 1:40

126: — Montgomery (RP) d Trevor Fleet (WM), 7-2 132: ๊— Jon Mejia (RP) p Mike Ruane (WE), 1:02

— Josh Mejia (RP) p Joe Nappi (WE), 1:38 - Guerrero (RP) d John Bartley — Blumeling (WM) d Luke Geleta

(PV), 6-3 160: — Petite (Pisc) d Jeremy Galletta (PV), 7-0

170: — Recine (Pisc) tf Miller (W), 17-2, 5:52 182: — Goodson (Pisc) d Pete Kenny (WE), 8-5

195: — Foster (Pisc) p Loder (W) :48 220: — Marretta (PV) md Dente (W) 11-3 Hwt: — Karmi (PV) sv Gashi (WE), 2-1 THIRD PLACE: 106: — Carson Barry (WE) 113: — Reilly Fleet (WM) 120: — Quinn Gimblette (W) 126: — Erick Valentin (Pisc)

132: — Alex Samara (M) 138: — Nick Samara (M) 145: — Anthony Cecere (WM) 152: — Jorday Simpson (W)

160: — Antonio Zaccfarià (ŴE) Luke Dignazio (WE) Devin Hilburn (RP) 195: — Carmen Cucuzza (WE)

Sean Matthews (RP)



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times TURNING FOR THE PIN...Blue Devil Matt Dente, top, turned Roselle Park Panther Sean Matthews to his back and pinned him in 2:31 in his 220-lb semifinal

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY UNION COUNTY CHANCERY DIVISION **DOCKET NO. F-019221-17** FILE NO: 51333-673

CIVIL ACTION ORDER SETTING TIME, PLACE AND AMOUNT OF REDEMPTION

CFT SERVICES, LLC AS CUS-TODIAN FOR PHOENIX FUNDING, PLAINTIFF(S) VS. MARY ERDMANN, WIDOW, HER HEIRS, DEVISEES AND PER-SONAL REPRESENTATIVES, AND THEIR OR ANY THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST; KATHRYN M. ERDMANN; STATE OF NEW JERSEY; DEFENDANT(S)

THIS MATTER being opened to the court by Goldenberg, Mackler, Sayegh, Mintz, Pfeffer, Bonchi & Gill, A Professional Corporation, Attorneys for Plaintiff, and it appearing that default has been entered against the defendants, ERDMANN, Widow, her heirs, devisees and personal representatives, and their or any of their successors in right, title and interest; KATHRYNM. ERDMANN; STATE OF NEW JERSEY; that plaintiff has produced before this court tax sale certificate #14-00251, certified to be a true copy which certificate is dated June 8, 2015. and is of record in the Union County Clerk's Office on August 7, 2015, in Book 13966 of Mortgages, page 210, as instrument #607989, which covers Block 369, Lot 18. By assignment dated May 12, 2017, said tax sale certificate was assigned to plaintiff, which assignment was recorded in the Clerk's Office of Union County on June 6, 2017, in book 1435 of assignments, page 163, as instrument #169756. Said certificate, and its assignment, have been marked Exhibit P-1 on the part of the plaintiff. More than two years have elapsed since the sale of said lands by the City of Linden, and the lands have not been redeemed from the tax sale; that plaintiff has produced before this court its Certification showing that there is due on said tax sale certificate, together with subsequent taxes and interest, the sum of \$25,430.24 as of November 15, 2017; and IT IS on this 26th day of December,

2017, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the amount required to redeem the premises referred to in the aforementioned tax sale certificate is the sum of \$25,430.24, which includes the amount due on said tax sale certificate, subsequent taxes and interest as of November 15, 2017, together with costs duly taxed in the sum of \$1,323.57. An exact redemption amount

bout to advance to the championship. Dente placed second. **PUBLIC NOTICE**

> must be obtained from the municipal tax collector; and

> IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the 9th day of February, 2018, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and four o'clock in the afternoon, at the office of the Tax Collector of the City of Linden, 301 North wood Lane, Linden, New Jersey, be and the same is hereby fixed as the time and place for the redemption of the said lands as described in the complaint and making up the premises concerning which the complaint is filed, and that thereupon the defendant who redeems shall be entitled to the certificate of tax sale duly

endorsed for cancellation: and IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in default of the said defendants paying to the Tax Collector of the City of Linden, and the plaintiff, the said sum, interest and costs aforesaid, the said defendants stand absolutely debarred and foreclosed of and from all right and equity of redemption on in and to said lands and premises and every part thereof, and the plaintiff shall have an absolute and indefeasible interest of inheritance in fee simple, to said lands and premises. Anything to the contrary notwithstanding, redemption shall be permitted up until the entry of final judgment including the whole of the last date upor which judgment is entered; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if the addresses of the defendants are not known. a copy of this Order or Notice thereof directed to such defendants shall be published in Westfield Leader, a newspaper circulating in Union County, at least one time, not less than ten days prior to the date fixed for redemption by this Order; and ITIS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy

of this Order or a Notice thereof be served upon the defendants, whose addresses are known, by mailing to each of them such a copy or notice not later than ten days prior to the date fixed for redemption of the lands and premises by this Order; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be delivered to the Tax Collector of the City of Linden, and that said Tax Collector of the City of Linden certify to this Court whether the premises were or were not redeemed from the plaintiff's tax sale certificate in accordance with the terms of this Order.

PAUL INNES, P.J. CH. Respectfully recommended R.1:34-6 Office of Foreclosure KEITH A. BONCHI, ESQUIRE KAB 032321983 GOLDENBERG, MACKLER, SAYEGH MINTZ, PFEFFER, BONCHI & GILL A Professional Corporation 660 New Road, Suite 1-A Northfield, New Jersey 08225 (609) 646-0222

Attorneys for Plaintiff 1 T - 1/4/18, The Leader Fee: \$111.18

POLICE BLOTTER

Thursday, December 21, a resident of Cedar Terrace reported the theft of items from a motor vehicle on December 17. The incident occurred between 8:45 and 10:30 p.m. while the victim's vehicle was parked in the area of Hiawatha Drive. A cellular phone and \$100 in U.S. currency were reported stolen. As per the victim, the vehicle was unlocked at the time of the theft.

Saturday, December 23, a business located on the 300 block of West South Avenue reported a burglary and theft. The business was broken into and unknown items were removed from the premises.

Saturday, December 23, Jillian Harz, 35, of Fanwood was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence. Harz was processed and released to a responsible adult.

Tuesday, December 26, a resident of North Plainfield reported the theft of a motor vehicle while it was parked in the area of Lawrence Avenue and Watchung Fork. The victim reported that the vehicle had been left unlocked with the keys inside. The theft occurred between 8:30 p.m. on December 25 and 11:41 a.m. on December 26.

Tuesday, December 26, a resident of South Chestnut Street reported being the victim of identity

theft. According to the police report, one or more unknown suspects opened a bank account in the victim's name and charged more than \$4,000.

Tuesday, December 26, Michael Quintero, 35, of Linden was arrested on an outstanding warrant from North Plainfield following a motor vehicle stop on Central Avenue near Sycamore Avenue. He was released on his own recognizance after being transported to and processed at police headquarters.

Tuesday, December 26, Benny Rouland, Jr., 49, of Newark was arrested on an outstanding warrant from Westfield with \$1,500 bail. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and transported to the Union County jail in lieu of bail.

Wednesday, December 27, a Boynton Avenue resident reported being a victim of fraud. One or more unknown suspects accessed the victim's bank account and used her reward points, which have an approximate value of \$207.09.

Wednesday, December 27, a resident of the 400 block of West Grove Street reported being the victim of criminal mischief. One or more unknown suspects damaged newlypoured concrete on the victim's sidewalk. According to the police report, the damage was apparently intentional, as it involved a drawing

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Monday, December 18, an employee of a business on the 70 block of South Avenue reported that her purse had been stolen from within the business sometime between 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Cash and personal items were reported missing.

Tuesday, December 19, a resident of the 70 block of Oakwood Court reported that an unknown person had entered his unlocked, parked motor vehicle and removed ome cash and tools.

Wednesday, December 20, Mark Itidiare, 24, of Springfield was arrested on a warrant out of New Brunswick after police made a motor vehicle stop at Terrill Road and East Front Street for a motor vehicle violation. Itidiare, a passenger in the vehicle, was processed, posted bail and released.

Friday, December 22, a resident of the 10 block of Paul Place reported that an unknown person had entered her unlocked, parked motor vehicle and removed her wallet.

Monday, December 25, a resident of the 100 block of Marian Avenue reported that an unknown person had removed a bicycle from a shed. The bicycle is valued at \$500.

Wednesday, December 27, Shona Brown, 29, of Plainfield was arrested on an active warrant out of Englewood after police made a motor vehicle stop at Terrill Road and East Front Street. Brown was processed and released by the Englewood Municipal Court.

Thursday, December 28, a resident of the 10 block of Cottage Way reported a home burglary. One or more unknown persons ransacked the house and removed some jewelry.

Blood Drive to Be Held January 11

BERKELEY HEIGHTS — New Jersey Blood Services, a division of the New York Blood Center, has announced that a blood drive will take place next Thursday, January 11, between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., at the 200 Connell Building in Berkeley Heights. The blood drive will be held in the fifth floor elevator lobby.

Participants are asked to bring identification with their signature or photo and birth date. Individuals may donate if they are between 17 and 75 years old and in general good health. Sixteen-year-olds can donate with a parental consent form and those 76 and over can donate with a doctor's note. Participants are asked to bring a donor card if they have one.

Walks-in will be welcome. For more information, call 1-(800)-933-

SCOTCH PLAINS – Sixth grad-

ers at Congregation Beth Israel's Re-

ligious School created and staffed

"Mitzvah Booths" to raise money

for several charities at the synagogue's "Hanukkah Party and

Mitzvah Fair" on December 17. The

synagogue is located at 18 Shalom

Way, at the corner of Martine Av-

The students collected approxi-

mately \$800 by running games and

craft activities in support of their

chosen charities, which included the

enue, in Scotch Plains.

GOOD DEEDS...Emersyn Teicher, Sofie Altman and Rabbi Howard Tilman, pictured left to right, gather at the Mitzvah

Booth in support of Down syndrome on December 17 at Congregation Beth Israel's "Hanukkah Party and Mitzvah Fair.'

Congregation Beth Israel Youth Create

'Mitzvah Booths' to Benefit Various Charities

Alzheimer's Association; the Azrieli

Foundation that supports scientific

and educational research; child

abuse; Down syndrome; Holocaust

remembrance; United States veter-

ans as well as special-needs groups.

Fair participants purchased "band-

aides" to be used at the Mitzvah

Booths in order to help "heal the

to look beyond the holiday presents

and to focus instead on giving of

themselves through their time and

'We wanted to teach the children

world.

HOLIDAY GIVING...The concept of "tzedakah," or charity, is a core component in the Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Central New Jersey's Brody Family Early Learning Center curriculum. Each year, in preparation for the holiday season, the children and teachers at the JCC's preschool and kindergarten undertake a "Thanks-for-Giving" project to help the community. For the third year in a row the Brody Family Early Learning Center partnered with the Mandy Reichman Feeding Program, which supplies food to the hungry. Pictured are students in one of the full-day 4s classes. The JCC is located at 1391 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains.

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effort," said Gail Beckman

Buchbinder, education director of

Congregation Beth Israel. "The Jew-

ish concept of tikkun olam is one of

Co-sponsored by Congregation Beth Israel's Religious School and

Men's Club, the Hanukkah Party also featured food and entertainment for

the whole family. Prior to its start,

children and parents gathered in the

synagogue's sanctuary to light the

Hanukkah menorah together with

their teachers and clergy.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

RECREATION COMMISSION **PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Recreation Commission of the Township of Scotch Plains has scheduled

January 8, 2018 and January 22, 2018 The meetings will begin at **7:30 p.m**. and be held in Room 202 of the Scotch Plains Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue,

a meeting for the following dates:

Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076; and In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Township of Scotch Plains does not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities. Anyone who requires an auxil iary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of Scotch Plains should contact Municipal Manager/Township of Scotch Plains designated ADA Coordinator as soon as possible before the scheduled event. Notifying the ADA coordinator at least 72 hours in advance will enable the Township to arrange for appropriate resources. The ADA does not require the Township of Scotch Plains to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden. Complaints that a program, service, or activity of Scotch Plains is not accessible to or inclusive of persons with disabilities should be directed to Municipal Manager/Township of Scotch Plains designated ADA Coordinator.

BOZENA LACINA, Municipal Clerk Fee: \$36.72

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Distinguished Honor Roll Grade 9

Zahra Ahmed, Isabella Albano,

Kaitlyn Alliegro, Julia Anderson, Jack

Arkin, Dina Attia, Noah Autmezguine, Kyle Azzaretto, Ashleigh Bahadur, Layla Balouma, Kaitlin Bavaro, Anna Bazsa, Sean Becker, Lleyton Beinhaker, Keren Jian Benaojan, Emily Bergerman, Aidan Berman, Aidan Bertsch, Charles Beurer, Jamie Beyert, Caroline Bielen, Elizabeth Bielen, James Birle, Alexandra Blancato, Ryan Borak, Isabel Boufarah, Joseph Brogan, Annabella Buontempo, James Bushell, Alyssa Cafiero, James Calcagno, Ailish Campanile, Claire Campbell, Isabella Cano, Shane Carlin, Alexa Cassiba, Amya Castellanos, Lily Ceraso, Amanda Cerrachio, Thomas Chen, Anna Cioffi, Declan Cleary, Andrew Cohen, Eli Cohen, Jed Cohen, Caroline Collins, Maeve Collins, Nicholas Corsentino, Sally Crandall, Benton Cummings, Andrew Cunningham, Aidan Dailey, Gianna Davis, Rebekkah Dayon, Jacob Delforte, Gianna Dente, Paige Doyle, Kaitlyn Duffy, Adam Dunaief, Emily Duncan, Kelly Eagan, Olivia Ebel, Emily Edwards, Grace Endy, Paige Faitoute, Rileigh Ferguson-Hewson, William Fiorentino, William Fischer, Kate Fishman, Mia Fleming, Giovanni Gallo, Allison Gambrino, Lisset Garcia, Shannon Garguilo, Lindsay Geschickter, Ryleigh Gildea, Sean Glenn, Jacqueline Gonzalez, Mia Grogan, Isabella Guggino, Katherine Hamilton, Emma Hanley, Parker Hanna, Shane Hanna, Cooper Harris, Sean Hazard, Elizabeth Healy, Audrey Heber, William Heflin, Mary Heinzerling, Shannon Helfman, Allie Hinkel, Megan Hinkel, Samantha Hoffmann, Jacob Holtzman, Jordan Horowitz, Rebecca Horvath, Samantha Horvath, Jessica Isser, Keri Jean, Emma Jepsen, Julia Johnson-Milstein, Zaria Katz, Laurajane Kehler, Wil Kehler, Jack Kelesoglu, Jack Kiely, Christopher Kirby, Emily Klag, Xenia Kobori, Max Krueger, Erin Kylish, Grace Lanza, Jason Lara-Rodriguez, Amalie Larsen, Madeleine Learner, Jack Lehavi, Grace Luo, Julia Mackey, Paige Macry, Sean Marner, Morgan Mason, Daniel Matin, Emily Mautone, Chester Maz, Julia McGann, Elizabeth McGuire, Finn McGurn, Kathryn McHugh, Robert McIntyre, Lila McMahill, Henry Meacock, Mira Mehta, Matthew Meixner, Zachary Mendelson, Noah Metz, Andrew Miller, Lorenzo Mizerek, Jessica Moore, Matthew Moran, Eric Mordkovich, Juliette Mueller, Jenna Muselli, Heloise Naeveke, Sophia Nazzaro, Jade Nicosia-Garcia, Jillian Omberg, Jordan Ortiz, Eric Palia, Angela Panikiewsky, Reva Patel, Sara Perlin, Erin Petrie, Emma Pietrewicz, Thomas Pinto, Bianca Popa, Anna Qiang, Gabriella Ricerca, Aimee Riley, Alina Romero, Sophia Rossetti, İsabella Ruiz, Samantha Salz, Dilany Santamaria, Claudia Santangelo, Savin, Thomas Savorgiannakis, Joshua Saxon, Thalia Scantlebury, Caroline Schafer, Juliana Schuttevaer, Maxwell Scialabba, Daniel Shakal, Chloe Shanebrook-Wein, Justin Shen, Matthew Shinners, Elizabeth Shoobs, Madeline Silva, Maya Simpson, Rachel Simpson, Kyle Snyder, Henry Stewart, Daniel Stirrup, Hailey Stogner, Molly Stogner, Braden Stryker, Emma Sugrue, Jane Sullivan, Louise-Marie Sur, Samantha Surks, Sophie Tananbaum, Eva Terry, Anna Tichenor, Victoria Toal, Daisy Torralba Osorio, Alexia Vieites, Rachel Vinnelrod, Sarah Vitorino, Natalia Vollaro, McKenzie Waddell, Aprina Wang, Julia Weinstein, Amanda Wendler, Jacob Wendler, Amanda White, Katherine Wistner, Ellery Wolf, Isabella Wolff, Tyler Wragg, Justin Yu, Mary Zadrozny,

Benjamin Zakharenko, Kailey Zhao

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Westfield High School - 1st Marking Period

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RAIDERS DON'T RISK IT...On December 12 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School students witnessed a staged traffic accident on Happel Court as a drill to encourage safe driving habits and educate students on potential repercussions.

SP-Fanwood High School Holds Safe Driving Event

SCOTCH PLAINS – On December 12 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHS) staged a traffic accident on Happel Court as a drill brought about by the efforts of the Scotch Plains and Fanwood Police Departments, the Scotch Plains Fire Department, the Fanwood Rescue Squad, the Municipal Alliance Committee, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood PTA Chemical Dependency Committee and DECA, the co-curricular Marketing Club of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. The purpose of this drill was for the senior class at the high school to witness a simulation of the loss of life and injury that happens when driving while distracted or under the influence.

The Raiders Don't Risk It Project was the brainchild of Marjorie Fitzgibbon, DECA Advisor and SPFHS student Catie Currie, DECA executive vice-president and who spearheaded the involvement of the DECA Club members. Throughout the school day, seniors went out to Happel Court during their Health and P.E. classes and watched the events unfold immediately as if there had been a crash. Students were able to witness a reality-based portrayal of the aftermath of the crash and the response by law enforcement, emergency personnel and family members. The event was to remind the seniors of the risks and legal ramifications of driving while under the influence or distracted as in texting, using a cell phone or horse playing. Seniors Caitlin Bourke, Ryan Lopez and Nate Redmount played the roles of the students in the vehicle. PTA volunteers Dawn Smith, Jennifer Powers and Lisa Ciarrocca were featured in the roles of parents of the students.

The Raiders Don't Risk It Project is a dramatic presentation to educate the seniors of SPFHS about the true consequences of poor decisions while driving. When students see their friends and peers covered in a tarp and another being hand cuffed, it hits home. It is even more gut wrenching to see the reaction of the parent actors finding out that their teen did not survive the crash and how poor driving decisions can impact so many people.

After the reenactment, the seniors participated in a question and anwer session with Sergeant Brown and Chief Ted Conley of the Scotch Plains Police Department, Chief Richard Trigo of the Fanwood Police Department and Liz Knodel-Gordon, the district student assistance coordinator. After the session students were also able to tour the crashed vehicle

Connor Stevenson Inducted Into National Honor Society

NORTH HAVEN, Conn. – Connor Stevenson of Mountainside, a physical therapy major, was recently inducted into Alpha Eta, the health science honor society, during a ceremony on the North Haven Campus of

Quinnipiac University. Alpha Eta was founded in 1973 with the purpose of recognizing scholarship in allied health students. It was formed in conjunction with the American Society of Allied Health Professionals at Emory University in At-

Students inducted into the society must exhibit superior academic performance in the field of health science and in overall academic performance. The society offers students opportunities to network with other health science profes



LENDING A HAND...Hurricane Maria caused catastrophic damage and a major humanitarian crisis in Puerto Rico. Many families have had no choice to flee the island with some finding refuge here in Scotch Plains. Children of some of these displaced families have been enrolled at School One. While they are being supported academically, faculty reached out to the families to find out what they could do to help. Due to the loss of many personal items, the families expressed a need for climate appropriate clothing. The families and staff of School One began a collection of new and gently used clothing for these students. In no time, the School One office was filled with items to be sorted and organized. The families were presented with boxes filled with clothing, shoes, sneakers, winter boots and coats, hats and gloves, scarves, and also boxes of toiletries and school supplies. In addition, as part of lending a hand, these families were provided with a Thanksgiving dinner donated by the Evangel Church.

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Oratorio Singers of Westfield To Begin Rehearsals Jan. 8

WESTFIELD-The Oratorio Singers of Westfield will begin rehearsals from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Monday, January 8 in preparation for their 38th annual concert under the baton of Maestro Trent Johnson. The delightful music of several well-known composers will be offered by the chorus, instrumentalists and soloists in a performance to be presented at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 18 in the sanctuary of Westfield's First United Methodist Church, One East Broad Street.

The group is currently welcoming new members. The Oratorio Singers, long regarded as a municipal chorus made up of singers from many locales, of varied faiths and of many ages in all voice ranges. As in any chorus, the ability to read music is preferable.

Mr. Johnson has chosen several works for the 2018 program. Among them are works of Mozart: 2 early choruses - "Misericordia Domini" and

"Sancta Maria, Mater Dei," and 3 church sonatas for organ and strings; Aaron Copland's "Old American Songs," and Beethoven's moving and beautiful "Elegiac Song." To round out the program, Mr. Johnson has written a new work entitled 'Wittenberg-the Story of Martin Luther" which commemorates the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. This will be a world premiere featuring narrator, soloists, chorus and members of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra.

Concert-goers in the Westfield area should be looking forward to another stellar occasion when the Oratorio singers take the stage in March of 2018. For more information, visit oratoriosingersofwestfield.org. All rehearsals take place in the choir room of the First United Methodist Church. For information regarding joining the chorus, call (908) 656-7418.

Dawley's Work on Display

CRANFORD – Art curator Cynthia A. Dawley welcomes the public to view an art exhibit by Cranford artist Kerrie Wandlass on display in the main lobby of Two River Community Bank in Cranford. Ms. Wandlass works in acrylics, oils, mixed media, and computer graphics. She recognizes her work is influenced by the impressionists, namely Cezanne and Prendergast, as her interest lies in shape, color and outlines. She strives to compel the viewer to see what is around us and often unnoticed in our busy lives, and encourages acknowledgement of the serenity that can be felt by these often

forgotten surroundings.

The current exhibit will be on display to the public through Wednesday, February 14, with an open artist reception on Friday, January 12 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday, January 13 from 10 a.m. to noon where all are invited to come and speak with Ms. Wandlass.

Two River Community Bank is located at 245-249 North Avenue West, Cranford.

To be considered for future art shows, Cynthia@CADawley.com and include "TwoRiver" in the subject line.



FROM THE HEART...Eric Deutchman and Debra Biderman playing music from the heart of Europe as audience members entered a mid-November scholarship

Mid-November Concert Benefited Area Students

WESTFIELD - Music from the Heart of Europe, a mid-November 2017 concert in Westfield, featured songs, repertoire and dance from Russia, Poland, Ukraine, Slovakia and Hungary, along with decor and delicacies from the region. More than 200 audience members donated over \$5,000 to the Scholarship Fund of the Musical Club of Westfield. The fund assists students from Union County majoring in music performance, composition, theater or therapy for up to four years of college and graduate school.

Eric Deutchman of Westfield mixed with the attendees as they entered, playing folk tunes on his accordion. Nadya and Yulia Geniush accompanied by Mary Beth Krupinski McFall sang Russian and Ukrainian classics. Pianist Sophia Agranovich gave marvellous renditions of Scriabin and Chopin. Debra Biderman, violinist, accompanied by Carolle-Ann Mochernuk played the Romanian Folk Dances of Béla Bartók. Andrew Pulver, baritone, accompanied by Tanya Pulver, sang Slovakian melodies. Eight-year-old Sonya Subbotina, ballerina and folk dancer, presented the Russian Dance from Swan Lake by Tchaikovsky. Florian Schantz on flügelhorn, Lowell Schantz on guitar and Margaret Schantz on trumpet, performed a Polish oberek and a polka. Pianist Helen Ryba presented rare gems from Ukraine. Alla, Luba, Nadya and Yulia Geniush sang traditional Russian and Ukrainian folk songs. Pianist Yuly Verbitsky finished the concert with rousing repertoire from Chopin, Mussorgsky and Rimsky-Korsakov.

This arts program was made possible in part by a HEART (History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands) grant from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders

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Madrigal Singers to Present Post-Christmas Concert

SUMMIT - The Madrigal Singers will present their annual Post-Christmas Concert, Wassail All Over the Town, on Sunday, January 7 at the United Methodist Church, 17 Kent Place Boulevard, Summit, at 4 p.m. General admission, available at the door, is \$15; admission for students and seniors is \$10.

The program will feature carols and sacred masterpieces from across the centuries by Palestrina, Josquin Des Prez, Lassus, Kodaly, Vaughn Williams and others.

The Madrigal Singers are an a capella choral group specializing in Mediaeval and Renaissance music. The group, founded in 1948, is currently under the direction of John Sichel, and is comprised of sopranos Martha Desmond, Heather Keith, Gwen Shapiro and Amy Wechsler; altos Donna Brumbaugh, Roberta Lichtenberg, Jennifer Melick, Holly Hartline and Sarah Riffel; tenors, Richard DeVany, Christopher Ferro and basses Greg Hartline, Scott Hobson, Kirk Robbins and Gordon Rowan. Kirk Robbins will perform the readings and flutes will be played by Eugenia Cline and Clarissa Nolde.



DOING GOOD...James and Joey Schreiber, fourth and second graders at Franklin School in Westfield, collected donations for Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside as a way to give back for the holidays. Paul's Garage in Scotch Plains, Lukoil of Scotch Plains, Eurosport of Westfield and 16 Prospect Wine Bar and Bistro, along with several individuals made donations allowing the boys to go shopping and package baskets of supplies such as crayons, markers, paint, paper, coloring books, play dough, puzzles, memory games, legos, bike helmets, balls, stacking rings, action figures and much more. At the hospital James told the director of the volunteer program that he wanted to do this because he feels bad for the kids that are in the hospital for the holidays and wanted them to feel happy even though they weren't home.

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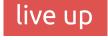
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Blue Devils 3rd, Panthers 1st At Roselle Park Mat Tourney

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Competition was even more intense than in previous years with the addition of two powerhouses, West Essex and Passaic Valley, at the Roselle Park Wrestling Tournament on December 29. Of the nine-team tournament, six teams were competing for the brass ring that was grabbed by Interestingly, the West Essex Knights, who placed second with

winners but did place seven matmen in the finals and added four who placed third.

The hosting Panthers claimed the most individual champions with Matt Armamento (120), Mark Montegomery (126), Jon Mejia (132), Josh Mejia (138) and Elvin Guerrero (145). The Westfield Blue Devils placed third with 160 points and claimed two champithe Roselle Park Panthers, who ons with CJ Composto (106) and finished with a team total of 186. Luke Hoerle (113). The Piscataway Chiefs took fourth with a 144 total and claimed four a 183 total, had no individual champions — Mike Petite (160),

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Nick Recine (170), Elijah Goodson added a high crotch takedown (182) and Paris Foster (195)...

West Milford (WM) took fifth at 127 points and claimed one champion with Craig Blumeling (152). Passaic Valley (Hornets) claimed two champions — Tom Marretta (220), Yousef Karmi (285) — and placed sixth with 123.5 points. Madison (M) took seventh at 59, Bloomfield (B) was eighth at 34 and Franklin (F) was ninth at 27.5.

Receiving the top seed at 106lbs, Blue Devil Composto pinned Will Irwin (Piscataway) in 1:13 with a cradle in the quarterfinal round. Before the pin, Composto quickly recorded a low heel scoop takedown just after the whistle,

then finished off with his standing cradle takedown.

That was the first match of the tournament. I probably felt that kid was not going to be ready, so right away I went for a low single and got it," Composto said.

In his semifinal bout with Carson Barry (Knights), Composto chalked up a number of back points before converting an arm bar/chin hook to a front doublearm corkscrew for a 2:34 fall.

Composto decided to use the takedown route in his title bout with Panther Gabe Leo then topped it off with a five-point pancake and another five-point takedown-to-back move to seize a 21-3 tech fall at 3:41. Last year, Composto competed at we had some really big wins 113-lbs and placed fifth.

"Last season I was mainly getting my back points on top but coming into this tournament it is more fun going feet-to-back, so that's what I tried to do in the last match. Get as many points from neutral as possible, Composto explained.

Leo was just one of several Westfield/Roselle Park matchups in the tournament, so it gave each team an indication of what to expect when they meet again this season.

"We are definitely going to be seeing a bunch more of Roselle Park. That match is high up on our goal list. I wanted to send a message early in the season and I hope our teammates can build around that. In the upper weights

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against them," Composto commented.

Seeded first at 113-lbs, Luke Hoerle began his quarterfinal bout against Jaden Williams (Franklin) with a takedown and a two-point tightwaist tilt. Seconds later, Hoerle pinned Williams with an arm bar, walkover in 1:46. In his semifinal bout with Jacob Febo (B), Hoerle used an assortment of tilts then finished it off with a five-point lateral throw to earn a 19-1, 3:11 tech fall. Hoerle's title bout with Knight Jack Ruane took just 19 seconds.

"I went to my go-to I had been doing with most people this season and it worked out. It was a single dump to his back," Hoerle described.

Last year, Hoerle was runnerup at 106-lbs.

"Last year I was in the finals. I lost. It feels good to improve. That's what I am trying to do this season, just improve on what I did last vear."

As to his observations of the Roselle Park wrestlers, Hoerle said, "We have been watching all

those guys and what they do in just preparing to wrestle them."

After defeating Norman Rubinski (WM), Blue Devil Tim Miller faced Panther Abel Crespo in the 170-lb semis and used his top-riding skills to earn a 1-0 victory to the championship bout. Miller also used a yank-and-crank half nelson series to control Crespo.

"I've always been big on top. I try to ride kids out. I was going for that half nelson the entire time. We must spend 30 minutes every day drilling top position,"

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Miller explained.

During his bout, Miller did come

came up short.

"From neutral, I was trying to close to adding a takedown but move him around, be on the

head and obviously going for the front headlocks but I had to go for other things. I was looking for fake drag, single and I thought I was able to defend a few of his shots pretty well," Miller said, Miller faced Chief Recine

(NJSIAA qualifier last year) for the crown but was on the low side of a 17-2, tech fall.

Blue Devil Brendan Loder advanced to the 195-lb semis with a 4:41 pin over James Nomdi (F) then was successful with three short arm drags-to-double-leg takedowns to defeat Knight

Carmen Cucuzza, 7-0.

"We do that stuff all the time in the wrestling room, so it's fun to hit it in the match. Once it works, it's fun to take him down with it. My first match I felt like I didn't have much of an offense going, so this match I tried to pick it up. take some more shots and it worked out in my favor," said Loder, who added, "It's my first time in the finals for this tournament, so I am excited about that. I got to stay focused and

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aggressive."

In his title bout, Loder was pinned by Piscataway's Foster.

At 220-lbs, Blue Devil Matt Dente pinned George Whitehead (M) in 3:10 with a half nelson/ tight waist. He faced Park Panther Sean Matthews in the semis and used the same technique to earn a 2:31 fall and a trip to the championship bout.

"I was going into the match thinking I weighted in only at 184, so I knew the kids were going to be bigger than me. But I went in there and worked all the things we learned in practice. The feeling was great because I knew when he was coming into me, he was too far over, so I popped my head in and took him over," Dente said.

Looking ahead in the season, Dente said, "I feel this tournament is a good tounament to get all these matches in and it will be good for me in the long run."

Marretta (PV) won an 11-3, majority decison over Dente for the title.

Blue Devil Quinn Gimblette be-

against Chris Dutag (Piscataway) with a defensive, stepover throw

gan his 120-lb quarterfinal bout then pinned him in 1:34 using an arm bar, sit-through. After losing via 21-6, tech fall to Panther



Armamento in the semis, Gimblette rebounded to take third with a 17-1, 3:45 tech fall over Knight Billy Garafalo.

Blue Devil Jordan Simpson (152-lbs) beat Steve Herrera (M) to reach the semis where he dropped a 9-3 decision to Blumeling (WM). Simpson then battled back to claim third place with a 6-4, overtime victory over Panther Dylan Camilo.

Blue Devil Jeremy Silber recorded a throw-by takedown, an а slip-through escape, takedown, a head-and-arm throw-by and a head-and-arm walkaround takedown to tally a 9-1, majority decision over Francisco Vasquez (F) in the 132-lb quarterfinals. Silber eventually placed fourth. Blue Devils Isaiah Reese placed fourth at 160-lbs and Russ Weber placed fourth at 182-lbs.

CHAMPIONSHIP BOUTS: 106: — Composto (W) tf Leo (RP), 21-3, 3:41

113: — Hoerle (W) p Ruane (WE) :19 120: — Armamento (RP) p Carlos Villeda (WM) 1:40

126: — Montgomery (RP) d Trevor Fleet (WM), 7-2 132: — Jon Mejia (RP) p Mike Ruane

New Jersey

(WE), 1:02 138: — Josh Mejia (RP) p Joe Nappi

(WE), 1:38 145: — Guerrero (RP) d John Bartley

(WE), 5-1 152: — Blumeling (WM) d Luke Geleta

(PV), 6-3 160: — Petite (Pisc) d Jeremy Galletta

(PV), 7-0 170: — Recine (Pisc) tf Miller (W), 17-

2, 5:52 182: — Goodson (Pisc) d Pete Kenny

(WE), 8-5

195: — Foster (Pisc) p Loder (W) :48

220: — Marretta (PV) md Dente (W) 11-3 Hwt: — Karmi (PV) sv Bardhyl Gashi (WE), 2-1

THIRD PLACE: 106: — Carson Barry (WE)

113: — Reilly Fleet (WM)

120: — Quinn Gimblette (W) 126: — Erick Valentin (Pisc)

132: — Alex Samara (M)

138: — Nick Samara (M) 145: — Anthony Cecere (WM)

152: — Jorday Simpson (W)

160: — Antonio Zaccfarià (WE)

170: — Luke Dignazio (WE)

182: — Devin Hilburn (RP) 195: — Carmen Cucuzza (WE)

220: — Sean Matthews (RP)

Hwt: — Marcus Estevez (F)

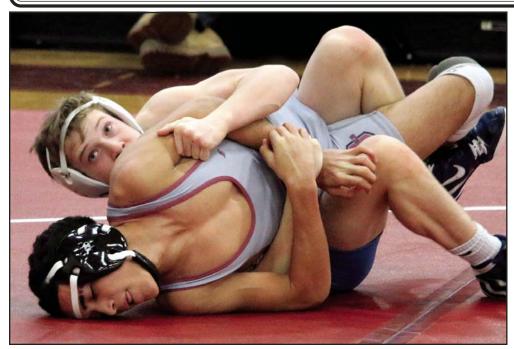


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Blue Devils Place Third, Panthers Take First at Roselle Park Wrestling Tournament









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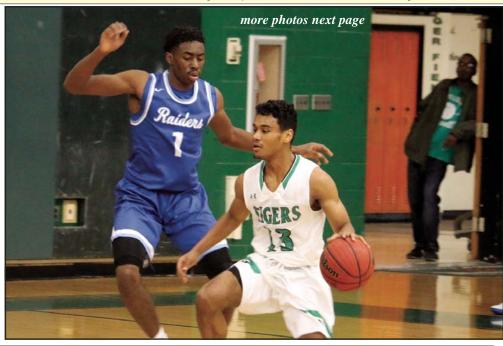






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Raider Boys Rap Tigers for Anthony Cotoia Basketball Tournament Crown, 64-47











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Hannen Selected As Cranford Mayor Again

By CHRISTINA M. HINKE

Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

CRANFORD — Thomas Hannen, Jr. was selected to serve as mayor for a second consecutive year during the township committee's reorganization meeting Tuesday. Mr. Hannen also has served as mayor in previous years.

Mayor Hannen chose to remind everyone attending the gathering of those people who are

homeless.

"It is a time of year that the weather has come upon us and impacted a lot of people in our community," Mayor Hannen said. He reflected on an interfaith service for homeless people who have died in Union County that he had attended recently. "Please, because we are people of compassion, look out for each

this evening. Some of them are Democratic majority. staying at the Presbyterian pravers."

Mahoney for his work on behalf of the homeless. Mr. Mahoney is to be honored at a Martin Luther King, Jr. presentation by the Cranford Clergy's Interfaith Committee on Thursday, January 18, he said.

Commissioner Ann Dooley was selected as deputy mayor, a post held by Commissioner Patrick Giblin last year. Mr. Giblin and newcomer Jean-Albert Maisonneuve were sworn in as commissioners by Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, a Cranford

other. There are those among us resident. This year marks the who do not have a place to live committee holding a 4-to-1

Commissioner Mary O'Connor Church across the street from us is to serve as commissioner of tonight. Remember them in your finance, Mr. Giblin as commissioner of public safety, Ms. Dooley He congratulated Kevin as commissioner of public works/ engineering, and Maisonneuve as commissioner of public affairs.

> Patricia Donahue was appointed as the new township clerk, a position left open after Tara Rowley resigned as clerk to become clerk in Westfield.

Mr. Maisonneuve also will serve as commissioner liaison to the Downtown Management Corporation (DMC), where he served on the board prior to being elected commissioner. Anthony Durante was named DMC chairman. Chris Ashrafi and Kristin Mider were appointed as resident members; Margaret Sacco and Steve Needle were appointed as owner members.

Commissioner O'Connor thanked former commissioner Andis Kalnins for serving six years on the committee. She also noted some "community building" committees - Centennial Village, Municipal Alliance, Community Connection — that "celebrate family. CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

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Christina M. Hinke for The Westfield Leader WELCOME ABOARD...Jean-Albert Maisonneuve, right, is sworn in as Cranford Commissioner by Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, a Cranford resident.



Christina M. Hinke for The Westfield Leade THEY'RE HONOR...Cranford Municipal Court Judge Mark Cassidy is sworn in by his wife, Union County Superior Court Presiding Judge Karen Cassidy.

Blumenstock Named Council President

By MICHAEL BONACCORSO

GARWOOD — Councilwoman Jen Blumenstock was approved as 2018 council president at Tuesday night's reorganization meeting of the governing body.

Moments after being sworn into office, newly-elected Republican Councilman Richard McCormack nominated fellow Republican Ileen Cuccaro for 2018 council president. However, Ms. Cuccaro did not receive the majority vote over Ms. Blumenstock.

This year the borough council is split between three Democrats and three Republicans. In situations where voting is deadlocked, Mayor Charles Lombardo will cast the deciding vote.

"One big thing people forgot. How to compromise. Give a little and take a little. Lacking in the world today, not only this coun-

try," said Garwood resident for over 90 years Angelo N. Alimonti, in providing open commentary to the mayor and council.

The three Republicans are Mr. McCormack, Joseph Sarno and Ms. Cuccaró. The three Democrats are Sara Todisco, Marc Lazarow, and Ms. Blumenstock.

Mr. Sarno was approved as the 2018 planning board liaison.

All three Republicans voted no on renewing Borough Attorney Robert F. Renaud's contract for serving as the borough's municipal attorney and as the municipal tax appeal attorney, both annual contracts. Mr. Renaud was supported by all three Democrats and Mayor Lombardo, thus garnering an approval for both

Mr. Sarno was the only no vote on approved municipal public CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

Hannen Selected as Cranford Mayor Again

friendship and neighborhood," she said.

"The greatest challenge facing Cranford is meeting its affordlosing the character that drew us to our town. People leave urban centers and come to Cranford for a reason — to get away from the density and the pace of city life. Our approach to development has to bear that in mind. Using affordable-housing opportunities...it needs to be a top priority for the township committee," Ms. O'Connor said.

ever had," Ms. O'Connor said in

her closing remarks.

Commissioner Giblin highlighted the downtown and the 27 years of service Kathleen Prunty, who is retiring, gave as DMC director. "Our downtown is a highlight as to why people move here, stay here and come here from other towns," Mr. Giblin said.

He noted the Teen Advisory Board is being reignited.

"Trying to meet our affordablehousing obligations with the infrastructure and space we have...it is something Cranford needs to address, and the problem needs to be addressed in Trenton," Mr. Giblin said.

About \$7.5 million in tax dollars was paid in advance by township residents before the end of the

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year, Mr. Giblin said, in hopes of saving some tax dollars due to the State and Local Tax (SALT) deduction being capped at \$10,000 able-housing obligation without for federal tax returns. "The State of New Jersey is in a property-tax crisis," he said. Mr. Giblin suggested the township committee do its part to address the issue at the county and state levels.

Deputy Mayor Dooley said the township has seen "profound redevelopment, we can create costs savings" in the five months since Cranford hired a full-time engineer, replacing the consultant engineer it had hired. She also talked about flood-control 'Serving the residents of efforts. Gates have been pur-Cranford is the best job I have chased for dams in the Rahway River, while desilting is to take place, "for the first time in a number of years," she said. Phase 2B of the Flood Mitigation project is to begin in 2018, and the committee, she said, is "poised to move that ball" towards mak-

Cranford resident.

ing improvements to Orchard Brook.

Mayoral appointments to the planning board are Christopher Chapman, Andrew Cossa, Bobbi Anderson and Julie Didzbalis. Mayor Hannen and Deputy Mayor Dooley will serve on the planning board as official township representatives.

Mary Ann Hay, Christine Daly and David Salomon were appointed to the zoning board of adjustment.

The establishment of a Green Team was authorized as well as the members who will serve.

A resolution was passed that would authorize a cash incentive to employees wishing to waive health benefits.

Pastor Thomas Rice of the Cranford Alliance Church gave the invocation, followed by the flag salute led by the police and fire honorary color quard.



Christina M. Hinke for The Westfield Leader WELCOME ABOARD...Commissioner Patrick Giblin, second from left, is sworn in as Cranford Commissioner by Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, left, a

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defender Michael S. Simitz. The stood behind me and gave me council unanimously approved borough municipal labor attorney Matthew J. Giaccobbe. Council unanimously approved 2018 borough prosecutor Steven H. Merman.

Mayor Lombardo made the following appointments with no confirmation necessary. Any leadership changes made were not given explanation nor necessarily based on past performance.

Mr. Sarno will serve as finance committee chairman, replacing Ms. Todisco. At several 2017 council meetings, Mayor Lombardo lauded Ms. Todisco's performance as finance committee chairwoman.

Mr. Sarno expressed at several 2017 council meetings concerns with financial decisions being made regarding the capital expenditure decisions process. Mr. Sarno stated emphasis must be placed on providing all council members ample time to review financial decisions.

Ms. Todisco will serve as public health, police, and safety committee chairwoman. Mr. McCormack will serve as fire committee chairman, replacing Mr. our downtown area with cleanup Sarno.

Planning board appointments include former councilman Louis Petruzzelli, Councilman Sarno, William Nierstedt, Mayor Lombardo, Steven Napolitano and Denise Ridente.

"I'd like to point out more times than not this council has voted together," Ms. Todisco said.

Ms. Todisco said she is focused on debating issues the borough faces, "voting on them and moving on towards the next order of business."

At the start of the meeting, Mr. McCormack and Ms. Todisco were sworn in to serve as borough council members after both prevailed in the November 2017 election.

Mr. McCormack said he wanted to "thank all those residents who

courage to do something I had a burning desire to do for quite a while now."

Mr. McCormack emphasized thankfulness for family member support and his running mate, Michael Collings. Mr. McCormack had his grandchildren hold the Bible as he was sworn in.

Ms. Todisco said her grandfather and longtime community leader Frank Todisco was a hugé inspiration for her calling to serve the community.

"As a lifelong resident and volunteer for many organizations, I love this town deeply," said Ms. Todisco in her public address.

Ms. Todisco's grandfather's longtime childhood friends, Garwood resident for over 80 years Pat DiFabio and Mr. Alimonti, held the Bible for Ms. Todisco as she was sworn in.

Mayor Lombardo acknowledged achievements in his mayor's address such as the parking committee concentrating on completing the parking permit program while respecting business owner input.

"The Green Team organized the beginnings of beautification of and seasonal plantings," said Mayor Lombardo of the 2017 program and its positive community impact.

Mayor Lombardo said he and the council are reviewing all borough roadways, with certain roads being prioritized for repairs with "(New Jersey) Department of Transportation and (Union) county funds."

"We álso welcomed eight new businesses to our town in 2017, Mayor Lombardo said.

Ms. Blumenstock addressed the public, stating that community volunteerism, adhering to a capital plan by making long-term investments into the borough, and maximizing county grant opportunities is where the council should focus in 2018.

Flood Advisory Panel Wants Cranford Twp. to Buy 112 Park Dr.

By CHRISTINA M. HINKE
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader & The Times

CRANFORD — The Cranford Flood Advisory Committee has requested that the township committee "give serious consideration to the acquisition of the property located at 112 Park Drive for the purpose of facilitating Phase 5 of the Flood Plan and the conversion of the remaining property for open space," the Flood Advisory Committee stated in a resolution passed 9-to-0, with 11 members absent.

SCODEE, LLC, co-owned by Bob Pyfer and Denise Lorelli, had purchased the 25,000-square-foot property located adjacent to Nomahegan Park. After presenting its minor subdivision application to the planning board in August, SCODEE withdrew its application due to the negative comments made by planning board members, Flood Advisory Committee members, Environmental Commission members, and residents alike, as well as deficiencies in its stormwater drainage plan noted by the plan-

Tips Told on Staying Safe During Cold Snap

COUNTY — As bitterly cold temperatures and wind chills grip the region for a second consecutive weekend, residents are urged to be sure to wear dry, warm clothing and cover exposed skin when outdoors, according to Union County officials.

Check on your neighbors, friends, and relatives, the elderly and those with disabilities. Seniors, infants, people with chronic cardiovascular or lung conditions, those using alcohol or drugs, and people with cognitive impairments (like dementia, serious mental illness or developmental disability) are at increased risk.

ning board engineer.

The Flood Advisory Committee's resolution states, "it is public knowledge that the current owner has paid much less for the property in question and might be amenable to a resolution involving the transfer of said property to the township or the county for a fair market price." SCODEE, LLC purchased the property for \$280,000 on September 15, 2016, according to niparcels.com.

Prior to SCODEE, LLC buying the property, the township had been in discussions with the County of Union, which owns an easement on part of the property, to buy the property, designate a portion as Green Acres and build a pump station that would aid in reducing flooding conditions seen in the northeast quadrant of the township, and would satisfy the township's fifth phase of its flood plan. This location was deemed ideal in order to assist the most homes in the area, the Flood Advisory Committee had told The Westfield Leader in August.

The County of Union was unsuccessful in its attempt to buy the property from Wells Fargo Bank at an offer of its appraised value of \$500,000 about a decade ago.

112 Park Drive sits in a flood zone and is considered one of the most susceptible areas for flooding, as stated by Township Commissioner Ann Dooley and a resident who lives on Park Drive, Donald Thee, at the August planning board meeting. Objectors noted how building two homes on the property would undermine efforts made by the township to reduce flooding by setting strict development standards that establish requirements for flood control. The property currently is occupied by an abandoned home.



Library to Spotlight RSVP on Monday

GARWOOD — The Garwood Public Library will hold an information session on Monday, January 8, at 10 a.m., on the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).

Members of the community are invited to learn more about volunteer opportunities including visiting the homebound, tutoring school-aged children, volunteering at food pantries and assisting at community gardens, among other choices.

The Garwood Public Library is located at 411 Third Avenue. For more information and to reserve a spot, call Nathalie Garcia at (908) 352-8375 or the library at (908) 789-1670.

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Dawley's Work on Display

CRANFORD - Art curator Cynthia A. Dawley welcomes the public to view an art exhibit by Cranford artist Kerrie Wandlass on display in the main lobby of Two River Community Bank in Cranford. Ms. Wandlass works in acrylics, oils, mixed media, and computer graphics. She recognizes her work is influenced by the impressionists, namely Cezanne and Prendergast, as her interest lies in shape, color and outlines. She strives to compel the viewer to see what is around us and often unnoticed in our busy lives, and encourages acknowledgement of the serenity that can be felt by these often forgotten surroundings.

ary 13 from 10 a.m. to noon where all are invited to come and speak with Ms. Wandlass.

Two River Community Bank is located at 245-249 North Avenue West, Cranford.

To be considered for future art shows, please contact Cynthia@CADawley.com and include "TwoRiver" in the subject line.





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Kevin and Deborah M. Sherwood to John and Suzanne Egan, 24 Princeton Road, \$870,000.

John and Jennifer Massa to James and Katie Ann D'Arcv, 212 Beech Street, \$679,000.

D Villane Construction LLC. to Adam H. and Jaclyn M. Van Duzer, 104 Makatom Drive, \$994,590.

Rvan and Elizabeth G. Helmstetter to Nicholas C. and Jillian E. Fiorello, 825 Springfield Avenue, \$545,000.

John and Carole Cappello to Jaimee Reid and Eric Forman, 10 Central Avenue, \$650,000.

North Union Associates LLC, to S&P Cranford Holdings LLC., 18-20 Union Avenue North, \$1,100,000.

Karl and Donna Schlenker to Ryan Trombley, 818 Springfield Avenue, \$505,000.

John M. and Samantha M. Samovlo to Peter D. Waldron, 15 Balmiere Parkway, \$433,500.

Paul E. and Penny R. Reynolds to Michael and Ingrid C. Chuley, 89 Belmont Avenue, \$621,000. Virginia R. Colarusso to Mario

and Shannon D. Della Fortuna, 116 Glenwood Road, \$530,000. Michael and Annette Zindel to

John Becht and Erika Van Anglen, 109 Elmora Avenue, \$515,000. John and Lisa Daubner to Joseph and Kelly Pisano, 17 Columbia Avenué, \$472,000.

Library Trustees Set Annual Meeting

CRANFORD — The annual meeting of the Cranford Public Library Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, January 25, at 7 p.m., at the Cranford Community Center. The Community Center is located at 220 Walnut Avenue. Following the annual meeting, the board will conduct its regular monthly meeting.

Robert and Kathy Fitzsimmons to Jagdeep and Alka L. Intwala, 104 Columbia Avenue, \$580,001.

David and Catherine Des Rochers to Joseph J. and Paula H. Cassidy, 199 Columbia Avenue. \$430,000.

Steven D. and Jeffrey L. Molinoff to Jolie Calella and Charlene Raimondo, 22 Riverside Drive Apt C1, \$260,000.

Samantha and Trevor Yee to Joan English, 217 Prospect Avenue, Apt 9-2A, \$294,000.

Ann Marie Shapiro and Gerar Menegaz to Matthew J. and Catherine E. Venditti, 8 Raleigh Avenue, \$539,000.

Andrew and Susan B. Zemlansky to Kevin Mc Caul and Erin Rogers, 900Orange Avenue, \$529,000.

Christian C. and Patricia Ann Howard to Alessandro Savia, \$430,000.

Phyllis Conneely to Theresa O'Rourke and John Burns, 8 Adams Avenue, \$470,000.

Diane C. Rios and Ivan Abreu to Charles Rapp, 17B Parkway Village, \$226,000.

Oi-Kam Cheung to Yu Chun Huang, 36A Parkway Village, \$225,000.

Brian Foglia and Caroline Cunha to Chad J. Viglianti, 96 Burnside Avenue, \$527,000.

Sonia E. Rivera -Hooey to Steven and Maria Pazdro, 105 Besler Avenue, \$445,000.

Bruce J. Martinez to 42 Hillcrest Ave LLC., 42 Hillcrest avenue, \$220,000.

James and Diane Stanley to Justin and Diane Bain, 220 South Union Avenue, \$405,000.

R. L. and V. R. Smith and S. S. Dubrel to Jason Cheek and Kirby Ruffner, 38 Concord Street, \$446,000.

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Vivian Phillips to Matthew Kunsman, 307 Stoughton Avenue, \$364,000.

Wells Fargo Bank to 201 Wal-nut Ave LLC., 201 Walnut Avenue, \$1,825,000.

Allison C. Reuter to Richard Lewis Carlson, 201 Lincoln Park Project will present a staged, east, \$195,000.

Douglas P. and Laura R. Mosley to Jason Moy and Cindy Merlino, Centennial Avenue, \$285,000.

Harish Atreya and Tara Chowdappa to Bernadette Donohue, 1 Hale Street, \$460,000.

Simla Sivanandan and Ajish Bhaskar to Matthew and Lisa Williams, 254 Hillside Avenue, \$550,000.

Messina Homes LLC, to James and Kacie Peluso, 26 Mendell Avenue, \$542,000.

Joseph and Élizabeth Sherrier to John and Toni Ahrens, 202 Hillside Avenue, \$634,900.

John D. and Caryn R. Armstrong to Jason A. and Cecilia P. Pedde, 186 Baltimore Avenue, \$365,000.

Gerard Rastelli to Christopher Taglia, 18 Colin Kelly Street, \$325,000.

Gregory and Jodi Wofsy to Lizabeth and Germano Coffer-Dawe, 5 Osage Drive, \$539,000. Isobel and Jeffrie S. Wyatt to DJD Contracting Group LLC. 388 Centennial Avenue, \$232,000.

Richard and Lisa Pizzuta to Richard Lo and Elsa Pan, 710 Lexington Avenue, \$755,000.

Pet Supply Collection Underway at Library

GARWOOD - The Garwood Public Library is collecting donations for the Plainfield Area Humane Society through Wednesday, January 31. Requested items include dog and cat food, litter, toys, cleaning supplies and gift cards. Donations should be brought to the library during regular library hours. The library is located at 411 Third Avenue.

Theater Project to Feature A Chance of a Lifetime

CRANFORD — The Theater all are welcome. script-in-hand reading of A Chance of a Lifetime, a new play by Luigi Jannuzzi, on Saturday, January 13, at 2 p.m., in the Cranford Community Center. The Community Center is located at 220 Walnut Avenue.

A Chance of a Lifetime concerns Millie, a wild-eyed dreamer, who convinces her roommate, Edna, to escape the nursing home and enter a world they have both forgotten.

Mr. Jannuzzi has had 27 plays published by Samuel French, including Exhibit This!: The Museum Comedies (13 one-act plays), All the King's Women (eight one-act plays), Night of the Foolish Moon, For the Love of Juliet, A Bench at the Edge, The Barbarians Are Coming, The Appointment and With or Without

He is a University of Notre Dame graduate and a member of the Dramatists Guild and the Authors Guild. Headquartered at the Burgdorff Center in Maplewood, The Theater Project is an acclaimed professional theater group and the winner of two New Jersey Tony Awards.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Cranford Public Library. Admission is free and

For information about the Cranford Public Library, the Friends of the Cranford Public Library and other upcoming events, visit the Cranford Public Library page cranfordlibrary.org. For information about The Theater Project, visit thetheaterproject.org.

Florian Schantz Combo Is Due in Cranford

CRANFORD — The Cranford Public Library will present a performance by the Florian Schantz Jazz Combo on Wednesday, January 24, at 7:30 p.m., at the Cranford Community Center.

The Florian Schantz Jazz Combo was formed in 2012 by then 9-year-old Florian Schantz. Since then, the band has entertained audiences in hundreds of venues in the New York City area and in Germany.

The band features Florian Schantz on trumpet, cornet and flugelhorn; Rup Chattopadhyay on tuba, trombone and flute; Margaret Schantz on flugelhorn and trumpet; Lowell Schantz on guitar, and Cory Ackerman on drums. The Combo will play a selection of Dixieland music.

The Cranford Community Center is located at 220 Walnut Avenue. Admission to the program is free and all are welcome. This program is made possible in part by a HEART (History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands) grant from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

For more information about the program, call the Cranford Public Library at (908) 709-7281. To see what else is coming up at the library, visit the Library Web page at cranfordlibrary.org.

