

## Town Council Allocates More Money Toward Tamaques Study

By CHRISTINA M. HINKE  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

WESTFIELD—Councilman Frank Arena and Councilwoman Jo Ann Neylan voted against a resolution at the November 6 council meeting that would appropriate \$99,500 to retain professional services for the development of a parks and recreation strategic plan, making the total amount spent on considering a plan for two lighted turf fields proposed at Tamaques Park and park improvements close to \$180,000.

The council had a majority vote to approve a contract with Brandstetter

Carroll, Inc., of Lexington, Ky., for a fee not to exceed \$99,500. The funds are to be charged to the recreation department, \$40,000; pool, \$30,000, and park improvement fund, \$29,500.

Earlier this year, Mayor Shelley Brindle, shortly after being elected to office, had decided to halt a Tamaques Park improvement plan to add turf fields for the town's sports leagues in order to find a "better solution," she said in February.

"It's redundant spending," said Councilwoman Neylan, referring to funds already spent on the previous plan.

Councilman Arena said the town had already spent \$80,000 on the plan, and it would have helped thousands of youth players in the spring of 2019 when the fields were anticipated to be open. Mr. Arena said the recreation commission had been on board with the plan.

"I didn't make this decision in a vacuum," Mayor Brindle said. She said she spoke with the recreation commission and many of the sports league representatives.

"I can tell you who was not spoken to, those were residents who use the park for things that are not league related," Mayor Brindle said, referring to the previous plan.

"I spoke to plenty of residents who were worried about impact of parking and traffic on their ability to use the park for other recreational uses," said Mayor Brindle. She said the process should be "thoroughly vetted by all users of the park."

"I'd rather be smart, strategic and thoughtful and take another year to do it, then cram something that is a limited proposition," Mayor Brindle said.

"We are going to let the recreation commission and the consultant...drive the outcome," Mayor Brindle said.

She said the previous plan had all parking placed inside the park, and "would ruin the park" for users who walk, jog and use strollers.

Ms. Neylan responded, "I take exception to the characterization that it was ruining the park for pedestrians and other user groups because that is not true."

"In no way was this plan going to sail through," said Councilwoman Dawn Mackey, because she said she received emails from residents who would have fought against the plan.

Lorraine Derick, a resident of Westfield who has sons involved in

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Courtesy of Robert Petix for The Westfield Leader  
**LOCAL VETERAN...**Alex Urankar and his wife, Kelley, stand under a gigantic American flag they hung in front of their house in Scotch Plains on Veterans Day. A United States Marine captain, Mr. Urankar served in Afghanistan.

## Westfield School Upgrades Set for Summer 2019

By SARAH McGRAIL  
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WESTFIELD — Summer 2019 will see major improvements to Westfield schools, the board of education announced Tuesday.

"The money for all of these projects is coming from our capital reserves, savings that we have been able to incur by being more fiscally responsible in the district over the past years," Board President Gretchan Ohlig told board members.

District architect George Duthie told the board of education this week that several big projects would be carried out over the summer to avoid disruption to students.

Mr. Duthie said the television studio at Westfield High School (WHS) would be renovated to provide a modern, improved studio within the existing space.

Two of the intermediate schools' oldest bathrooms would be completely renovated. These include the bathroom near the gym at Roosevelt and the bathroom near the auditorium at Edison.

The lobbies of the middle schools would be upgraded, with improve-

ments to ceilings and walls, to provide a "gateway" into the auditoriums that were completely renovated two years ago.

A district-wide generator would be installed to enable schools to keep their networks up and running in the event of a power outage.

"As you know, nowadays many things rely on an IT infrastructure. Your security devices, your network, your telephone system, your communication systems, all of those things," Mr. Duthie stated. "We will also have things like boilers and pumps connected to that."

"So you will have the ability to keep the schools running for a short period of time after the power goes out."

In a major security overhaul, every interior door is to be replaced with doors with security glass and wireless interface to enable lockdowns. It also would be possible to limit access to certain parts of the building.

The project will start with the several hundred doors at the high school and the intermediate schools, which are to be replaced between June and

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**THE PLACING OF WREATHS...**At a service held on Monday, Martin Wallberg American Legion Post No. 3 in Westfield honored veterans by placing wreaths at the base of the town's World War I monument. Pictured is World War II PFC Army veteran, 100-year-old Theodore G. Androwsky, seated, who proudly assisted in the wreath ceremony.



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**SINGING FOR THE CENTENNIAL...**Kerry Stubbs leads the crowd in "God Bless America" at the Veterans Day ceremony Monday in Westfield, which this year commemorated the 100th anniversary of the signing of the armistice that ended World War I in 1918. The armistice occurred at the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of the year.

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As of Friday, "No application has been submitted for a cell tower on the UCC campus," according to Cranford Zoning Officer Ron Johnson. A site plan application for a monopole would need to be filed with the township, according to Mr. Johnson.

UCC had first submitted a request for proposals from cellular carriers for a cell tower last year. Then, after UCC student Eric Jacobs, 20, of Millburn, had been arrested and charged with bringing imitation firearms into a classroom on the college's main campus in Cranford on the morn-

ing of February 26, 2018, UCC said in Building and Grounds Committee meeting minutes in March that there was an "urgency" for improved cellular service. "Upon debriefing with the police, they noted they were unable to email a screen shot of the student to officers on the second floor of the Student Development Building because there was no cell reception on the second floor. They asked why we didn't put up a cell tower on the hill in the back of the property," the minutes reported.

Seven months later, "In September 2018, when Governor (Phil) Murphy was on campus, the New Jersey State Police commented on the poor cellular service and resulting communication issues," stated UCC in a statement to The Leader provided from Jaime Segal, director of college relations and spokesperson for the college.

"Improved communications on college campuses was recommended by the New Jersey Domestic Security Preparedness Task Force, Infrastructure Advisory Committee, formed under the Domestic Security Preparedness Act. In today's climate with the proliferation of tragic events in public spaces, the safety of students, faculty, staff, visitors, and the sur-

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Courtesy of Peter Vogt  
**WESTFIELD REMEMBERS WWI VETS...**In this historic picture, Westfield prepares to welcome home its returning servicemen after the victory in World War I in 1918. The photo is a copy of a photo from the Westfield Historical Society's collection. It shows Arcanum Hall in the center.

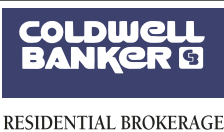
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**PROTEST...**Protestors gather in front of Congressman Leonard Lance's office last Thursday night to support Robert Mueller as special counsel. Mr. Lance, a five-term Republican, was defeated on Election Day by Democrat Tom Malinowski.

## 130-Foot Cell Tower Opposed by UCC Neighbors

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rounding community is paramount. The proposed facility is a prudent measure to ensure reliable communication to our community and with law enforcement, especially during emergent situations," the statement concluded.

Verizon Wireless submitted a proposal for a two-phase approach in November 2017, which first would install an in-building DAS (Distributed Antenna System) that would provide 95 percent coverage throughout the seven main buildings of the Cranford campus, and second would lease land from UCC to build a 130-foot monopole cell tower that would accommodate four cellular carriers.

The agreement stipulates that Verizon would pay UCC an annual base rent of \$34,800, with a 2-percent annual rent increase and 50-percent co-locator rent paid to UCC for a five-year term, with the option for four successive, five-year renewals, according to the resolution.

When asked if the DAS system would provide the cellular service needed for the campus, Ms. Segal said there are significant gaps between the buildings, and it is the college's position that the DAS system would not solely provide the cell service needed. When asked if alternate locations were considered, such as on top of the building or in an area further from the residential area, Ms. Segal said Verizon professionals chose the location of Parking Lot 5B.

At the Union County Freeholder Board meeting held Thursday in Westfield, Joe Hines, public safety director of UCC, said, "95 percent coverage for me isn't good enough."

A group of Cranford residents spoke to the Union County Freeholder Board on Thursday. They cited their concern the pole would decrease property values, questioned if the land lease is just a money grab from UCC, noted that they have not experienced poor cellular service in their neighborhoods, and expressed concerns regarding health risks, among other statements.

Sarah Gregory, who has owned her home in Cranford for 20 years, said, "I live next door to it and the value of my house is going to go down."

Cranford resident Dave McDonald also called for a study to be conducted on the cell coverage. He questioned, is a 130-foot monopole "a reasonable solution? I would say no." He called the lease to Verizon a "monetary windfall."

"Is this a vehicle intended to improve quality of communication or a vehicle in which to also generate revenue?" he asked.

The cell tower would be located half a mile from Brookside Place Elementary School, would be within 1,000 feet of 75 homes, and would be adjacent to neighborhoods where there is a large population of young children, Ms. Licata stated.

Health risks from the effects of radiation emitted from the cellular equipment placed in such short proximity to residences also is of concern to the residents who oppose this monopole.

Two recent studies, by the Ramazzini Institute in Italy and the National Toxicology Program, have found cancer developed in rats when exposed to cell tower radiation.

There also is the question of whether monopoles will soon become outdated as the Federal Communications Commission is supporting 5G technology, a technology that would replace 4G LTE and would no longer need a pole, but rather is a small box that can be affixed just about anywhere, such as a public utility pole.



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The superintendent thanked Cranford Police Chief Ryan Greco, the Cranford Police Department, Orange Avenue School Principal Marc Edery and his team, the counselors, social workers, and, in particular, the faculty member who reported the incident.

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Mr. Rubin, with input from Board Attorney Anthony Sciarillo, responded at length about the hiring process, giving details about extensive interviews, a criminal and state history review check, a fingerprint check, a mentoring program and formal and informal teacher evaluations.

"We continue to be a school that takes great pride in checking in with teachers," Mr. Rubin commented.

Mr. Rubin also reminded Mr. Darling that part of the district's strategic plan being implemented is about a mindfulness that connects to mental health for both students and faculty.

In other board business, a comprehensive maintenance plan was proposed by Business Administrator Robert Carfagno in the amount of \$500,000 and was approved by the board.

The board recognized and honored veterans for their dedicated service.

A state Senate resolution designating the week of November 11 to 17, 2018, as Veterans' Education Awareness Week was approved by the board. The resolution calls for educational efforts directed at highlighting awareness of the efforts and sacrifices made on the part of veterans.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 26.

Discussions about the Cranford Reimaging proposal continue with individual school meetings and community meetings.

## County Freeholders

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and ownership of 'assault firearms.'" The resolution defines assault weapons per New Jersey statute as "a semi-automatic shotgun with either a magazine capacity exceeding six rounds, a pistol grip, or a folding stock; a semi-automatic rifle with a fixed magazine capacity exceeding 15 rounds; a part or combination of parts designed or intended to convert a firearm into an assault firearm, or any combination of parts from which an assault firearm may be readily assembled if those parts are in the possession or under the control of the same person, and a firearm with a bump stock attached."

Tony LaPorta of Westfield said the NRA, "has a stranglehold on so many members of Congress, it's all about the money." He said it is important to speak to counties, towns and state governments "about taking action and try to bubble it up." He said machine guns were outlawed during the Reagan Administration. He said the AR-15 is a "weapon of war" that was used in Vietnam to "counter the AK-47." He said when a bump stock is put on the AR-15, "it becomes an automatic weapon."

Freeholder Chairman Sergio Granados said the county held a gun-buy back program a few weeks ago that resulted in 228 firearms being turned in, including assault rifles and illegally altered weapons.

Freeholder Chris Hudak said the fact the most recent mass shooting, in Thousand Oaks, Calif., did not even

make the lead morning news on November 9, "tells you about where we are today, that this is America."

Mr. Hudak said it is time for the county to "consider our legal options and maybe going after these (gun) manufacturers" for guns that are coming into New Jersey from border states.

Freeholder Bruce Bergen added, "Until we have national legislation we will not truly be able to be safe," as guns will continue to come into New Jersey from surrounding states.

Mr. Bergen also said as rhetoric coming from Washington, specifically President Donald Trump, has increased, so have attacks such as the anti-Semitic attack at a Pittsburgh synagogue on October 27.

On election news, Freeholder Angela Garrison noted that women will hold five of the nine freeholder seats come January with the election of Kimberly Mouded of Westfield and Andrea Straten of Roselle on November 6. They will replace Freeholders Bergen and Mohammed Jalloh, who did not seek reelection.

The freeholders approved the appointment of Phyllis Mirabella of Fanwood, wife of Freeholder Al Mirabella, to the board of Union County Vocational-Technical Schools. She will fill a Democrat seat on the board.

The next freeholder meeting will be held Wednesday, November 28, at the Union County Administration Building in Elizabeth.

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## Planning Board OKs Russo II Site Plan

By MICHAEL BONACCORSO  
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GARWOOD — The planning board unanimously approved the South Avenue II (Russo II) site plan for 72 apartments at last Wednesday's meeting. This meeting marked the third board hearing on the project's impacts on stormwater run-off, parking and traffic, as well as its architectural design and amenities.

Russo Development's attorney, Christopher Minks, said Russo has compiled a list of concessions per board member suggestions pertaining to varying aspects of the redevelopment.

Councilwoman and planning board liaison Sara Todisco said she would prefer to see Belgian block used for curbing along Willow Avenue and West Street. Pending approval by Union County and the borough council, Belgian block curbing was the agreed-upon curb design for South Avenue as well, stated Ms. Todisco.

Mr. Minks said Russo has agreed to install Belgian block curbing based on board members' aesthetic preference for Belgian curbing versus the initially proposed cement curbing.

He said Russo will install an electric-car-charging station inside their parking garage. However, Mr. Minks said additional chargers would increase development costs, including additional maintenance costs for necessary upkeep, and take away room for public, private and municipal parking.

Russo Development has agreed to pay for a four-way stop sign installation at the Willow Avenue and West Street corner, pending mayor and council approval. In addition, Russo agreed to pay for a stand-alone emergency light or signal controlling the firehouse entrance, stated Mr. Minks.

Mr. Minks said he spoke with Fire Chief Allan Tweedle, who responded positively to Russo acknowledging the firehouse entrance in the redevelopment plans and mitigating concerns.

Russo II residents will be able to use all the Russo I facility's (where 298 apartments are being constructed) public amenities, including any work-out rooms or pools, which will be installed, stated Mr. Minks.

He said all plantings, including landscaping such as shrubs and trees, installed by Russo will be maintained by Russo. Mr. Minks said a "decorative hardscape" will be detailed on the building's northeast corner to create "a more defined" building entrance.

Mr. Minks said barbecue grills will not be allowed on any of the tenants' balconies. He said from a safety concern aspect, grills are dangerous, and he was glad the planning board agreed with the developer's sentiment on the topic.

Seventeen parking spaces (18 possible pending the removal of an existing storage shed) will be allocated for municipal use. The parking spaces will be for fire department personnel, as requested by Chief Tweedle at a previous South Avenue II site-plan hearing.

At the Russo II site, 28 parking spaces will be available as shared public and private spaces for tenants, visitors and patrons, stated Mr. Minks.

Mr. Minks said Russo Development is investing in designing a welcoming and well-landscaped entrance or frontage. Board member Bill Nierstedt requested extra bicycle racks be placed on site, stated Mr. Minks.

Mr. Minks said the developer did not find the "additional racks to be appropriate" given the desired design trying to be achieved.

## Westfield School Board

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August 2019, but all Westfield schools will eventually have their interior doors replaced.

Mr. Duthie said work had already started on the renovation of Kehler Stadium, with orders being placed for the bleachers and collaboration starting with the contractor to get the project going.

Board members listened to a presentation by Director of Guidance Maureen Mazzaresse on the role of school guidance counselors in the district's 2018-2019 initiative on Social and Emotional Learning (SEL).

"It doesn't matter if it's called resiliency or if it's called wellness or if it's called SEL. We've been doing it, we are doing it and we will continue to do it," Ms. Mazzaresse assured the board.

"Everywhere a counselor is, they are working and looking and seeking to promote social and emotional learning. They are doing it in one-to-one counseling, they are doing it in small-group counseling, in classrooms, on playgrounds, in school-based programs, in parent meetings, in the hallways, in the lobbies, outside of plays and on the fields," she said.

Ms. Mazzaresse gave examples of how counselors work with children from the youngest (using a Hula-Hoop

to demonstrate respect for personal space) to the oldest (inviting high-school seniors to consider options other than college) to promote social and emotional well-being.

Later in the meeting, the board heard the first reading of a suggestion to change the criteria for acceptance into the National Honor Society (NHS). The GPA requirement would be raised from 3.75 to 3.80, and service hours would be required to be completed before acceptance rather than after. Members were told some NHS members were failing to complete the requirement for service hours before graduation.

## Tamaques

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sports programs in the town, had concerns with the delays of the renovations at Tamaques Park. Ms. Derick said a wide variety of members of the community had been involved in the park renovation plan that took five years. "I would think no stone had gone unturned," she said.

"I don't think anything more needs to be said," Mayor Brindle said.

Ms. Derick asked how the town would resolve problems in the park currently happening with the various sporting programs, such as limited parking and "overcrowding of cars" parked illegally because of no other parking. Also, she said sports leagues are having meets in cafeterias due to lack of gym space the proposed park center would have provided, and also league members drive to different towns for practices and games, which would have been addressed with field improvements. "How do you plan on addressing these issues?" Ms. Derick asked.

"I am not relitigating this and I suggest you ask (Recreation Commission) Chairman (Gary) Fox how he will address these issues," said Mayor Brindle.

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## County Freeholders Hear Update On 2018 Election, New Machines

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**WESTFIELD** — The Union County Freeholders heard an update on this year's General Election Thursday at their mobile meeting in Westfield. The board also became the first county government in the nation to pass a resolution calling for a ban on assault weapons.

Nicole DiRado, administrator for the Union County Board of Elections, said 182,831 of the county's 338,107 registered voters turned out to vote in the county's 431 election districts spread out among 169 polling places. She said another 18,954

cast their ballots by mail compared to 60,773 in the 2016 General Election. She said turnout, including vote-by-mail ballots, exceeded 54 percent, compared to 36 percent in the 2014 mid-term election, 38 percent for the gubernatorial election and 68 percent for the 2016 Presidential election.

As of Thursday night, 4,851 traditional ballots and 1,377 vote-by-mail ballots still had to be counted. County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi added that 5,000 provisional ballots were to be counted this past Saturday.

A total of 30,000 mail-in ballots were mailed out with 20,000 returned.

"All in all, our pilot in Westfield went very well," Ms. DiRado said. She said 11,107 voters cast ballots on the county's new voting machines in Westfield. "No one expects a pilot program for any project to go perfectly; otherwise, we would have just rolled out the project completely county-wide to all districts," she stated.

She said this was the first time the ExpressVote XL machines, which have a paper trail, have been rolled out in the county as they were only certified in July.

She said extra voting machines were added at the Westfield Armory to alleviate long lines. However, 400 people voted at the Colleen Fraser building on North Avenue with no problem in Ward 2, District 1.

She said the plan is to roll out the machines in 10 other towns in the 2019 Primary Election and county-wide in the 2019 General Election.

Ms. DiRado said voters who would like to provide feedback on their voting experience on the new machines or any other issue can e-mail the Board of Elections at ucboe@ucnj.org.

Ms. Rajoppi said the Westfield results were not posted online until later on Election Day due to a technical issue.

She said another letter will be sent to all those who received a letter giving them the opportunity to opt out of the vote-by-mail system so they can vote by machine at their polling place. A similar letter went out in September. Two thousand of the 10,000 mail-in ballot voters from 2016 opted out of this.

Janice Siegel, chairwoman of the Westfield Democratic Committee, urged the board to create a process whereby voters and the challengers get to tell the freeholders or the board

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"They are claiming to help the surrounding areas," Cranford resident Christine Licata who lives about 700 feet from the proposed location of the cell tower, told *The Westfield Leader*. She questioned why UCC would need to provide cell service to the surrounding community. She also said she and residents near the campus have reported cellular service has performed well in the surrounding community.

As of Friday, "No application has been submitted for a cell tower on the UCC campus," according to Cranford Zoning Officer Ron Johnson. A site plan application for a monopole would need to be filed with the township, according to Mr. Johnson.

UCC had first submitted a request for proposals from cellular carriers for a cell tower last year. Then, after UCC student Eric Jacobs, 20, of Millburn, had been arrested and charged with bringing imitation firearms into a classroom on the college's main campus in Cranford on the morning of February 26, 2018, UCC said in Building and Grounds Committee meeting minutes in March that there was an "urgency" for improved cellular service.

"Upon debriefing with the police, they noted they were unable to email a screen shot of the student to officers on the second floor of the Student Development Building because there was no cell reception on the second floor. They asked why we didn't put up a cell tower on the hill in the back of the property," the minutes reported.

Seven months later, "In September 2018, when Governor (Phil) Murphy was on campus, the New Jersey State Police commented on the poor cellular service and resulting communication issues," stated UCC in a statement to *The Leader* provided from Jaime Segal, director of college relations and spokesperson for the college.

"Improved communications on college campuses was recommended by the New Jersey Domestic Security Preparedness Task Force, Infrastructure Advisory Committee, formed under the Domestic Security Preparedness Act. In today's climate with the proliferation of tragic events in public spaces, the safety of students, faculty, staff, visitors, and the surrounding community is paramount. The proposed facility is a prudent measure to ensure reliable communication to our community and with law enforcement, especially during emergent situations," the statement concluded.

Verizon Wireless submitted a proposal for a two-phase approach in

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## Westfield to Spend More Money On Tamaques Study

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

**WESTFIELD** — Councilman Frank Arena and Councilwoman Jo Ann Neylan voted against a resolution at last Tuesday's council meeting that would approve a resolution to appropriate \$99,500 to retain professional services for the development of a parks and recreation strategic plan, making the total amount spent on considering a plan for two lighted turf fields proposed at Tamaques Park and park improvements close to \$180,000.

The council had a majority vote to approve a contract with Brandstetter Carroll, Inc., of Lexington, Ky., for a fee not to exceed \$99,500. The funds are to be charged to the recreation department, \$40,000; pool, \$30,000, and park improvement fund, \$29,500.

Earlier this year, Mayor Shelley Brindle, shortly after being elected into office, had decided to halt a Tamaques Park improvement plan to add turf fields for the town's sports leagues in order to find a "better solution," she said in February.

"It's redundant spending," said Councilwoman Neylan, referring to funds already spent on the previous plan.

Councilman Arena said the town had already spent \$80,000 on the plan, and would have helped thousands of youth players in the spring of 2019 when the fields were anticipated to be open. Mr. Arena said the recreation commission had been on board with the plan.

"I didn't make this decision in a vacuum," Mayor Brindle said. She said she spoke with the recreation commission and many of the sports

league representatives.

"I can tell you who was not spoken to, those were residents who use the park for things that are not league related," Mayor Brindle said.

"I spoke to plenty of residents who were worried about impact of parking and traffic on their ability to use the park for other recreational uses," said Mayor Brindle. She said the process should be "thoroughly vetted by all users of the park."

"I'd rather be smart, strategic and thoughtful and take another year to do it, then cram something that is a limited proposition," Mayor Brindle said. "We are going to let the recreation commission and the consultant... drive the outcome," Mayor Brindle said.

She said the previous plan had all parking placed inside the park, and "would ruin the park" for users who walk, jog and use strollers.

Ms. Neylan responded, "Itake exception to the characterization that it was ruining the park for pedestrians and other user groups because that is not true."

"In no way was this plan going to sail through," said Councilwoman Dawn Mackey because she said she received emails from residents who would have fought against the plan.

Lorraine Derick, a resident of Westfield who has sons involved in sports programs in the town, had concerns with the delays of the renovations of Tamaques Park. Ms. Derick said a wide variety of members of the community had been involved in the park renovation plan that took five years. "I would think no stone had gone unturned," she said.

"I don't think anything more needs to be said," Mayor Brindle said.

Ms. Derick asked how the town would resolve problems in the park currently happening with the various sporting programs, such as limited parking and

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Brooks Crandall for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times  
**WE WILL NEVER FORGET...**This veteran salutes during Sunday's Veterans Day ceremony at the Veterans Monument at Park Avenue and Front Street in Scotch Plains.

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**RUNNING WITH THE DEVILS...**High winds and rain could not stop 11-year old Daniel Perry of Fanwood, a patient from Children’s Hospital of New Jersey at Newark Beth Israel Hospital, as he participated in the RWJBarnabas Health ‘Running with the Devils 5K Run and Walk’ on November 3 at South Mountain Recreation Complex in West Orange. Daniel, who has endured three open heart surgeries, participated in the walk alongside his dad Damon. Prior to the race, Daniel and Damon spent time with New Jersey Devils alumni Bruce Driver and Grant Marshall and the New Jersey Devils mascot. The event, which raised more than \$160,000, proceeds of which will benefit programs and services at RWJBarnabas Health’s 11 statewide hospital facilities, hospice initiatives, the Behavioral Health Network and Children’s Specialized Hospital.

## Planning Board OKs Russo II Site Plan

By MICHAEL BONACCORSO  
Specially Written for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

**GARWOOD** – The planning board unanimously approved the South Avenue II (Russo II) site plan for 72 apartments at last Wednesday’s meeting. This meeting marked the third board hearing on the project’s impacts on stormwater run-off, parking and traffic, as well as its architectural design and amenities.

Russo Development’s attorney, Christopher Minks, said Russo has compiled a list of concessions per board member suggestions pertaining to varying aspects of the redevelopment.

Councilwoman and planning board liaison Sara Todisco said she would prefer to see Belgian block used for curbing along Willow Avenue and West Street. Pending approval by Union County and the borough council, Belgian block curbing was the agreed-upon curb design for South Avenue as well, stated Ms. Todisco.

Mr. Minks said Russo has agreed to install Belgian block curbing based on board members’ aesthetic preference for Belgian curbing versus the initially proposed cement curbing.

He said Russo will install an electric-car-charging station inside their parking garage. However, Mr. Minks said additional chargers would increase development costs, including additional maintenance costs for necessary upkeep, and take away room for public, private and municipal parking.

Russo Development has agreed to pay for a four-way stop sign installation at the Willow Avenue and West Street corner, pending mayor and council approval. In addition, Russo agreed to pay for a stand-alone emergency light or signal controlling the firehouse entrance, stated Mr. Minks.

Mr. Minks said he spoke with Fire

Chief Allan Tweedle, who responded positively to Russo acknowledging the firehouse entrance in the redevelopment plans and mitigating concerns.

Russo II residents will be able to use all the Russo I facility’s (where 298 apartments are being constructed) public amenities, including any workout rooms or pools, which will be installed, stated Mr. Minks.

He said all plantings, including landscaping such as shrubs and trees, installed by Russo will be maintained by Russo. Mr. Minks said a “decorative hardscape” will be detailed on the building’s northeast corner to create “a more defined” building entrance.

Mr. Minks said barbecue grills will not be allowed on any of the tenants’ balconies. He said from a safety concern aspect, grills are dangerous, and he was glad the planning board agreed with the developer’s sentiment on the topic.

Seventeen parking spaces (18 possible pending the removal of an existing storage shed) will be allocated for municipal use. The parking spaces will be for fire department personnel, as requested by Chief Tweedle at a previous South Avenue II site-plan hearing.

At the Russo II site, 28 parking spaces will be available as shared public and private spaces for tenants, visitors and patrons, stated Mr. Minks.

Mr. Minks said Russo Development is investing in designing a welcoming and well-landscaped entrance or frontage. Board member Bill Nierstedt requested extra bicycle racks be placed on site, stated Mr. Minks.

Mr. Minks said the developer did not find the “additional racks to be appropriate” given the desired design trying to be achieved.



**REMEMBERING OUR VETS...**Scotch Plains Mayor Al Smith, pictured in back on right, and veterans including a World War II vet attended Sunday’s Veterans Day\* program in Scotch Plains on Sunday.

## Library to Host Talk On ‘Breakthrough Roadmap’

**SCOTCH PLAINS** — Are you thinking boldly and aspirationally about landing your next job? Are you stretching yourself or being self-limiting? Are you looking for new ways to think and different actions to take? The Breakthrough Roadmap is a systematic way to help guide individuals across the chasm between what is predictable and what is possible. Breakthrough is a shift in mindset and the skills to transform aspirations into bold and yet practical action steps.

On Monday, December 10, at 6:30 p.m., author, speaker and coach Doug Berger will present an experiential conversation at the Scotch Plains Public Library about how to apply breakthrough approaches to landing one’s next job and to thinking

about one’s career. Mr. Berger has been a lifelong student of peak performance and transformation. He has trained thousands of people in breakthrough approaches. He has been a featured speaker throughout North America, Latin America and Asia, and is author of the e-book “The Breakthrough Mind.”

This program is presented by the Scotch Plains-Mountainside Public Libraries’ Career Networking Group. It is free and open to all. Those who would like to attend can register online at [scotlib.org](http://scotlib.org), by calling (908) 322-5007, extension no. 204, or by e-mail at [library@scotlib.org](mailto:library@scotlib.org).

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

## County Freeholders

of elections their observations of the use of the new voting machines. She said there were issues in at least six of the town’s 25 voting districts. She said there needs to be a public process where people can tell their experiences.

In other business, the board passed a resolution urging Congress “to support gun-control measures that include, but are not limited to, an enactment of a ban on the sale, importation, transfer and ownership of ‘assault firearms.’” The resolution defines assault weapons per New Jersey statute as “a semi-automatic shotgun with either a magazine capacity exceeding six rounds, a pistol grip, or a folding stock; a semi-automatic rifle with a fixed magazine capacity exceeding 15 rounds; a part or combination of parts designed or intended to convert a firearm into an assault firearm, or any combination of parts from which an assault firearm may be readily assembled if those parts are in the possession or under the control of the same person, and a firearm with a bump stock attached.”

Tony LaPorta of Westfield said the NRA, “has a stranglehold on so many members of Congress, it’s all about the money.” He said it is important to speak to counties, towns and state governments “about taking action and try to bubble it up.” He said machine guns were outlawed during the Reagan Administration. He said the AR-15 is a “weapon of war” that was used in Vietnam to “counter the AK-47.” He said when a bump stock is put on the AR-15, “it becomes an automatic weapon.”

Freeholder Chairman Sergio Granados said the county held a gun-buy back program a few weeks ago

that resulted in 228 firearms being turned in, including assault rifles and illegally altered weapons.”

Freeholder Chris Hudak said the fact the most recent mass shooting, in Thousand Oaks, Calif., did not even make the lead morning news on November 9, “tells you about where we are today, that this is America.”

Mr. Hudak said it is time for the county to “consider our legal options and maybe going after these (gun) manufacturers” for guns that are coming into New Jersey from border states.

Freeholder Bruce Bergen added, “Until we have national legislation we will not truly be able to be safe,” as guns will continue to come into New Jersey from surrounding states.

Mr. Bergen also said as rhetoric coming from Washington, specifically President Donald Trump, has increased, so have attacks such as the anti-Semitic attack at a Pittsburgh synagogue on October 27.

On election news, Freeholder Angela Garrison noted that women will hold five of the nine freeholder seats come January with the election of Kimberly Moulded of Westfield and Andrea Straten of Roselle on November 6. They will replace Freeholders Bergen and Mohammed Jalloh, who did not seek reelection.

The freeholders approved the appointment of Phyllis Mirabella of Fanwood, wife of Freeholder Al Mirabella, to the board of Union County Vocational-Technical Schools. She will fill a Democrat seat on the board.

The next freeholder meeting will be held Wednesday, November 28, in Elizabeth.



**WESTFIELD REMEMBERS WWI VETS...**In this historic picture, Westfield prepares to welcome home its returning servicemen after the victory in World War I in 1918. The photo is a copy of a photo from the Westfield Historical Society’s collection. It shows Arcanum Hall in the center.

## Cranford School Threat

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sponded at length about the hiring process, giving details about extensive interviews, a criminal and state history review check, a fingerprint check, a mentoring program and formal and informal teacher evaluations.

“We continue to be a school that takes great pride in checking in with teachers,” Mr. Rubin commented.

Mr. Rubin also reminded Mr. Darling that part of the district’s strategic plan being implemented is about a mindfulness that connects to mental health for both students and faculty.

In other board business, a comprehensive maintenance plan was proposed by Business Administrator Robert Carfagno in the amount of \$500,000

and was approved by the board.

The board recognized and honored veterans for their dedicated service.

A state Senate resolution designating the week of November 11 to 17, 2018, as Veterans’ Education Awareness Week was approved by the board. The resolution calls for educational efforts directed at highlighting awareness of the efforts and sacrifices made on the part of veterans.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 26.

Discussions about the Cranford Reimaging proposal continue, with individual school meetings and community meetings, two of which take place this week.

## UCC Cell Tower

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November 2017, which first would install an in-building DAS (Distributed Antenna System) that will provide 95 percent coverage throughout the seven main buildings of the Cranford campus, and second would lease land from UCC to build a 130-foot monopole cell tower that would accommodate four cellular carriers.

The agreement stipulates that Verizon would pay UCC an annual base rent of \$34,800, with a 2 percent annual rent increase and 50 percent co-locator rent paid to UCC for a five-year term, with the option for four successive, five-year renewals, according to the resolution.

When asked if the DAS system would provide the cellular service needed for the campus, Ms. Segal said there are significant gaps between the buildings, and it is the college’s position that the DAS system would not solely provide the cell service needed, said Ms. Segal. When asked if alternate locations were considered, such as on top of the building or in an area further from the residential area, Ms. Segal said Verizon professionals chose the location of Parking Lot 5B.

At the Union County Freeholder Board meeting held Thursday in Westfield, Joe Hines, public safety director of UCC, said, “95 percent coverage for me isn’t good enough.”

A group of Cranford residents spoke to the Union County Freeholder Board at Thursday, citing their concern the pole would decrease property values, questioned if the land lease is just a money grab from UCC, that they have not experienced poor cellular service in their

neighborhoods, and have concerns of health risks, among other statements.

Sarah Gregory, who has owned her home in Cranford for 20 years said, “I live next door to it and the value of my house is going to go down.”

Resident of Cranford Dave McDonald also called for a study to be conducted on the cell coverage. He questioned if a 130-foot monopole “a reasonable solution? I would say no.” He called the lease to Verizon a “monetary windfall.”

“Is this a vehicle intended to improve quality of communication or a vehicle in which to also generate revenue?” he asked.

The cell tower would be located a half a mile from Brookside Place Elementary School, is within 1,000 feet of 75 homes, and is adjacent to neighborhoods where there is a large population of young children, Ms. Licata stated.

Health risks from the effects of radiation emitted from the cellular equipment placed in such short proximity to residences also is of concern to the residents who oppose this monopole.

Two recent studies, by the Ramazzini Institute in Italy and the National Toxicology Program have found cancer developed in rats when exposed to cell tower radiation.

There is also the question if monopoles will soon become outdated as the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is supporting 5G technology, a technology that would replace 4G LTE and would no longer need a pole, but rather is a small box that can be affixed just about anywhere such as a public utility pole.

## Tamaques

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“overcrowding of cars” parked illegally because of no other parking. Also, she said sports leagues are having meets in cafeterias due to lack of gym space the proposed park center would have provided, and also league members drive to different towns for practices and games, which would have been addressed with field improvements. “How do you plan on addressing these issues?” Ms. Derick asked.

“I am not relitigating this and I suggest you ask (Recreation Commission) Chairman (Gary) Fox how he will address these issues,” said Mayor Brindle.

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RIVERA,Natalie Lynn	32	4	4	2	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	1	0	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	1	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	
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LANCE, Leonard	4,180	186	99	150	140	129	159	120	156	143	128	138	166	158	149	153	137	163	115	140	124	144	128	136	180	121	131	107	123	144	113	
MELE, Gregg	53	5	0	0	4	1	1	0	1	1	3	2	0	3	2	2	1	3	0	2	4	3	4	0	2	3	0	0	3	1	2	
MOXLEY, Diane	65	2	4	3	1	1	2	2	3	2	0	3	1	2	3	2	2	4	1	1	0	5	1	2	3	6	1	2	2	1	3	
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MIRABELLA, Alexander	5,132	319	142	143	140	171	152	206	170	196	153	118	171	184	152	209	166	115	153	128	197	214	186	194	152	139	216	163	155	195	133	
STATEN, Andrea F.	5,063	312	136	150	139	165	149	203	168	198	153	115	157	182	152	205	162	109	154	120	196	213	185	191	147	144	214	164	158	193	129	
MOUDED, Kimberly	5,042	316	139	150	135	167	147	204	168	197	155	115	158	175	149	207	160	107	144	124	195	211	191	191	147	138	217	159	147	193	136	
QUATTROCCI, Patricia	4,348	199	98	163	143	136	158	130	158	160	130	142	175	160	148	139	142	169	119	139	131	147	136	146	189	132	144	112	131	151	121	
SARNO III, Joseph R.	4,303	199	103	161	148	136	157	127	154	156	125	142	178	155	145	143	139	174	116	135	132	142	125	149	189	127	137	107	128	149	125	
KANE, Peter G.	4,384	209	101	166	148	142	162	130	160	155	128	143	180	158	146	146	144	178	123	135	138	147	130	147	189	133	141	111	117	156	121	
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WILLIAMS, Rebecca L.	5,200	325	138	159	145	175	154	213	167	201	161	122	165	180	146	217	159	116	155	118	203	216	190	195	151	143	220	166	167	198	135	
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Township Committee																																
HANNEN, Thomas H. Jr.	5,861	355	159	170	164	206	173	234	187	237	185	149	187	184	164	228	178	140	180	142	231	232	193	219	174	163	251	182	205	223	166	
BUONTEMPO, Richard	3,793	170	93	145	130	110	141	106	146	124	107	117	162	158	139	135	130	154	97	123	108	133	120	122	176	115	109	95	93	136	99	
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DARLING, Terry	4,547	224	109	150	161	137	185	168	152	178	138	117	143	122	158	175	164	134	136	122	159	159	144	174	160	150	181	122	137	178	110	
LOIKITH, Maria	3,878	148	78	138	138	111	149	155	111	151	108	98	118	88	131	123	148	138	119	128	141	132	141	167	182	122	152	96	109	146	112	
Hulse, William B.	3,812	155	74	144	131	104	152	151	111	153	115	113	119	89	131	115	139	124	118	119	150	127	129	147	150	137	143	101	112	154	105	
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MCCARTHY, Brian T.	4,581	245	112	11	162	160	188	161	141	182	147	138	146	146	152	174	151	143	140	126	171	183	135	163	168	153	187	135	146	196	119	
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Yes	3,376	202	67	118	89	109	108	119	111	126	113	88	142	93	90	127	104	102	111	97	106	134	108	139	106	97	136	110	95	145	84	
No	3,856	166	110	117	131	126	143	141	129	149	112	118	144	114	146	134	120	113	95	122	128	139	138	136	158	110	141	110	123	129	114	
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Public Counter	10,103	559	261	331	308	333	330	353	355	384	303	274	365	359	319	394	320	300	292	286	345	384	335	349	360	283	378	291	309	372	271	
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# Lack of Stormwater Plan, Density Questioned In Cranford Subdivision Application

**By CHRISTINA M. HINKE**  
*Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times*

**CRANFORD** – Questions of stormwater management plans and density were brought up by two planning board members last Wednesday in the application to subdivide a residential property where currently a single-family home exists at 68 Burnside Avenue.

Applicant Rinaldo Partners LLC owns the 18,376.56-square-foot lot which the applicant plans to subdivide into two smaller parcels, measuring 9,172 and 9,214 square feet. One lot would be at the 50-foot lot width minimum, while the other is below the minimum required at 49.98 feet. Two waivers also were applied for: one for a wider driveway opening and another for an increased pitch of the driveway slope. The applicant is proposing to build two, two-and-a-half-story homes.

Mayor Tom Hannen, Jr., who

voted against the application, asked if one home would be an affordable unit, to which the applicant, Donald William Rinaldo, Jr., replied no.

"Right now, I am having a hard time saying that there is a good, public good," Mr. Hannen said.

Mr. Rinaldo replied that if the subdivision was not granted, then a two-family home could be built without a variance and would have the same amount of density as two separate homes.

During the vote, where the planning board voted to approve the application for a minor subdivision with two waivers with a majority vote, 7 to 1, Mr. Hannen said, "I have a problem as we continue to take single lots and keep subdividing them into smaller lots."

"I have a policy problem with taking properties and keep subdividing our community up into smaller and smaller entities unless there is a spe-

cific public good...that we are trying to accomplish with it. That public good being housing for disabled, affordable housing..." Mr. Hannen said.

Planning board member Dan Aschenbach said during the vote, "I guess I will vote yes on this, but I do find this process almost maddening. We have a problem with stormwater management. Our own ordinance states...some sort of plan should be presented before we approve this...I don't think I should be put into that position. I should have more information before I vote on something like this... We either get rid of this application process, which is relatively new, or we refine it to ensure stormwater management gets a position in our decision making." He said a stormwater management plan "seems to be put to the side without full information."

"I thought we are trying to do net zero on these properties and here we

are 1,000 square feet increase in impervious surface," Mr. Aschenbach added.

Board member Peter Taylor said in response, "The fact that the applicant will need to put a stormwater management plan in place, will collect stormwater and that in itself is a benefit to the adjacent properties and to the people who live in the area because it will collect and store the water and not let it run at the time of the storm event, but will hold it and slowly discharge it per an engineered design and will be a benefit to the applicant and the neighbors."

He said the township engineer would need to approve the stormwater plan per the township code.

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## Editor's Note:

As a service to our readers, *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* unofficial election results appear in today's paper. These results, as emailed to us by municipal clerks, due not include mail-in and provisional ballots, which were said to be in the thousands county-wide. Please see Westfield and Cranford results on page 2, Garwood on page 8, Scotch Plains on page 9, and Summit and Fanwood on page 16. Updated election results can be viewed at <http://www.unioncountytvotes.com/unofficial-election-results/>.



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

By Paul Peyton of *The Leader/Times*

## County Helped Malinowski Carry 7th District Over Lanc

A look at last week's election results shows that Congressman-elect Tom Malinowski won the election in Union County, 47,339 to 34,143, over five-term Republican Congressman Leonard Lance. Mr. Malnowski also won in Somerset County, 53,920 to 45,722; and Essex County, 5,954 to 2,641. Mr. Lance had more votes in Hunterdon County, 34,053 to 28,101, and Warren County, 6,794 to 5,387.

## Dems to Control 11 Of NJ's 12 House Seats

Democrats have picked up four the five seats in the House of Representatives previously held by Republicans. If results hold, as know winner has been confirmed in the third Congressional District, come January Democrats will hold 11 of New Jersey's 12 House seats. Democrats picked off Republican Scott Garrett in the Fifth Congressional District in 2016 with the win by Josh Gottheimer. This year, Democrats won in District 2, held by retiring Republican Congressman Frank LoBiondo, where Democratic state Senator Jeff Van Drew defeated Republican Seth Grossman; District 3 where Andy Kim has a 3,400 plus lead over GOP Congressman Tom MacArthur; District 7, where Democrat Tom Malinowski defeated Republican incumbent Leonard Lance, and District 11 where Mikie Sherrill defeated Republican Assemblyman Jay Webber. Ms. Sherrill will replace retiring long-term Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen.

### Watson Coleman Announces Support for Pelosi, Hoyer

Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-12th) has announced support for Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi for Speaker of the House, Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer for Majority Leader and Assistant Democratic Leader Jim Clyburn for Democratic Whip in the 116th Congress, and indicated that she would sign letters to that effect.

“The American people didn’t just deliver blue wave — they delivered a wave of diverse, thoughtful and energetic new members from coast to coast that better reflects the people of our great nation. Leader Pelosi, Whip Hoyer and Assistant Leader Clyburn have repeatedly demonstrated their commitment to improving the lives of working families, achieving equal protections and access across gender, race and religion, protecting our environment and much more — and I am confident in their abilities to lead us in this moment of change. In this new majority, we will be better positioned than ever to set a positive agenda for the nation and finally hold President Trump accountable for his numerous conflicts of interest, questionable decision making and direct attacks on New Jersey families. With the leadership of Pelosi, Hoyer and Clyburn, Democrats will be well positioned to build a better future for every American family in the next Congress.”

### NJ Would Be First State To Ban Traveling Circuses

Concerned about the abuse of elephants and other exotic animals in circus acts, Democratic-sponsored legislation prohibiting the use of these animals in traveling acts such as fairs, carnivals, circuses and flea markets in New Jersey advanced by the Assembly last Monday by a 71-3 vote. New Jersey would be the first state to ban traveling circuses. The Senate passed the legislation by a 36-0 tally on the same day.

The bill, A-1923, is designated as "Nosey's Law," in honor of Nosey the elephant, who is forced to travel the country and give rides at events despite being virtually crippled by arthritis. The arthritis has likely caused unnecessary suffering and permanent disability for Nosey, but the U.S. Department of Agriculture has failed to take action to protect Nosey, and Nosey's owners continue to use her in shows," according to Assembly Democrats. The bill now heads to the governor's desk.



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# ‘See Something, Say Something’ Could Be Key to Averting Tragedy

We are by now all familiar with the phrase “if you see something, say something,” or “if you hear something, say something” — an appeal to all of us to report actions, comments or situations that may pose a risk to public health or safety. In Cranford two weeks ago, someone followed that advice, and by doing so may have prevented harm to others.

Authorities arrested a faculty member at Orange Avenue School in Cranford November 2 for allegedly making a threat against the school. The individual, identified as Matthew Acosta, 33, of Kenilworth, was charged with one count of third degree terroristic threats and one count of fourth degree risking widespread injury or damage, according to Cranford Police Chief Ryan Greco. The Cranford Police Department Investigative Division was continuing its probe into the incident.

In a message to parents and guardians, Cranford Superintendent of Schools Scott Rubin, Ed.D., credited another faculty member with alerting Orange Avenue School Principal Marc Edery to the threat. The principal promptly notified the Cranford Police Department, which launched the investigation culminating in Acosta’s arrest. A State Superior Court judge last Thursday granted a motion by prosecutors that he be detained pending a mental health evaluation, according to an NJ.com report.

“I want to thank that faculty member for coming forward and making a report,” Superintendent Rubin said in his message. “We continue to encourage our entire community to please say something if you hear or see something and that is what this individual did.”

The superintendent also lauded the swift response of Principal Edery in contacting police. Additionally, Superintendent Rubin and Chief Greco each cited the strong partnership between the school district and the local police department in safeguarding Cranford schools.

In the past two decades, we have witnessed a devastating number of incidents in which children and adults have been killed or injured by violence on school campuses, within businesses and houses of worship, at entertainment or recreation venues. Within the last three weeks alone, armed individuals killed worshippers at a Pittsburgh synagogue and patrons and a sheriff’s deputy at a Thousand Oaks, Calif. nightclub.

Frequently, those responsible for such atrocious acts have exhibited disturbing behavior and/or ideologies prior to unleashing violence. The gunman who attacked the synagogue had previously posted anti-Semitic sentiments on social media; the man who opened fire at the nightclub, and who ultimately took his own life during the melee, was described by people who knew him as having exhibited erratic behavior, according to media reports.

We echo the importance of remaining vigilant regarding any potential threats within our community, whether it be from a familiar or unfamiliar source, and of reporting one’s suspicions to the appropriate authorities. We recognize such circumstances are extremely difficult, especially when they involve relatives, friends or colleagues. People often say they “don’t want to get involved,” or fear they may be seen as overreacting to a situation. However, lives may be at stake. By speaking up today, we can possibly prevent a tragedy from occurring tomorrow.

Last week New Jersey voters went to the polls and made their voices heard. Locally, there was a new Congressman elected in the 7th District, a new mayor in Garwood, three new council members in Scotch Plains, a new Fanwood council member, two new Union County freeholders, a new school-board member in Westfield and two new school-board members in both Cranford and Garwood.

We congratulate Congressman-elect Tom Malinowski and reelected Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman; Garwood Mayor-elect Sara Todisco and Councilmen-elect Michael Ince and Sean Benoit; Scotch Plains newly elected council members Joshua Losardo, Roshan White and Elizabeth Stamler; Fanwood Councilwoman-elect Patricia Walsh and reelected Councilwoman Erin McElroy Barker, and Cranford re-elected township committee member Tom Hannen, Jr.

At the school-board level, we congratulate re-elected Westfield Board of Education members Gretchan Ohlgi and Charles Ostroff and new member Tara Oporto; reelected Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education members Debora Brody, Tonya Williams and Karen Kulikowski, all of Scotch Plains; Cranford reelected board members Maria Lokith and William Hulse and new members Terry Darling

## Letters to the Editor

### I Will Make It My Mission To Establish The Highest Level Of Trust

As a working mom of five, I’m often asked how I manage it all. The housework, the parenting, the job, time to nurture the relationship with my husband, time to take care of myself... The list goes on, and now I will add being a member of the Westfield Board of Education to this list. After over a decade of life in this role, I can tell you the answer. I don’t do it all myself. There is only so much time in a day, and the days go very fast. Especially when you are a parent.

During my campaign, I had help. I had incredible help from my friends, my running mates Simon Cirasa and Dennis Cariello, and others. Thank you to personal stylist Erica Ball of www.ericaball.com, Nikki Tardibuono of Blende Custom Beauty, Bar Method, Fresh Bui, and our Jude Connelly store. These local businesses help me look and feel my best at all times.

I just watched my ten year old daughter leave my home office in jeans and a cropped bomber jacket. She looked almost like a teenager. This time is so precious and it goes so fast. I am sharing this because I want you, the parent in Westfield reading this article, to do two things. Know that you are doing the best that you can, and let others help.

Whether you pay for help, have willing family, have help from your employer, or use school resources, all of these methods will enable you to be the best parent you can be. And one of your biggest helpers is

### Most Successful Ever, Scouting for Food Thanks You Westfield

Hunger continues to be a significant need in our and surrounding communities. To help address this need, Scouting for Food was established 30 years ago first in the St. Louis Scout Council. Patriots’ Path Council in New Jersey joined this national drive, including Scouts in Westfield.

A sincere “thank you” to the residents of Westfield and the Cub Scout Packs and Boy Scout Troops in Westfield who participated in this year’s Scouting for Food, an annual town-wide service project. In the past two weeks cubs and scouts distributed Scouting for Food bags to each home in Westfield and on Nov. 10 picked up donated food and delivered it to the Westfield Food Pantry at Holy Trinity. The food filled the shelves of more than three rooms from floor to ceiling at the food pantry and many families in need will be served by this successful food drive. More than 4,000 bags and 90,000 food items were donated this year.

This year’s Scouting for Food project was the most successful of the past few years – many families donated more than one bag of food. Families and individuals helped collect, deliver to the pantry and sort food for the pantry shelves. All packs and troops in town participated and the people of Westfield responded generously. Our thanks to all who volunteered their time and to the people of Westfield who donated food.

### New To Garwood Bd. of Ed., Maureen Scepkowski Thanks Voters

I would like to thank all those who exercised their right to vote and supported my candidacy for the Garwood Board of Education. I plan to spend the next few weeks listening and learning as I prepare for this position. I will solicit feedback from the community to identify and address concerns, support increased communication, and work toward creating enriching opportunities for teachers and students alike. I look forward to working with all stakeholders to promote academic excellence and increase student achievement and teacher development in all areas.

In my candidate statement, I shared with you my belief that exceptional teachers are the key to an outstanding school and an excellent school system is the foundation of a strong community. For me, there is no greater privilege than being a part of developing a bright future for the children of Garwood. I deeply appreciate your support and I will do my best to serve our community well.

### As Your Mayor, I Will Represent All Of Garwood, Thank You, Voters!

I am so truly honored and humbled by all the support for Michael Ince, Sean Benoit, and myself on Election Day. We started this journey together over seven months ago and have worked hard to communicate our vision for the future of Garwood along with setting clear goals and plans to make them happen.

An endeavor like this cannot be done by one person or even three people alone. Instead, it truly takes a village. Thank you to the best team anyone could ask for — for making calls, canvassing, passing out flyers, and so much more. Thank you to those I called and emailed thousands of times from early morning to late at night. Thank you to my family for supporting me from day one when I first decided to get involved and put myself out there when I ran for Council back in 2011.

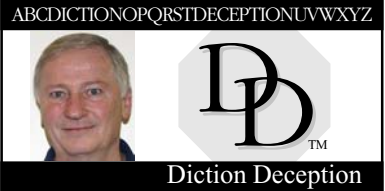
My family is the single largest reason I first sought elected office. They instilled a love of Garwood in me from a very early age. In particular, my grandfather, who took me to Garwood Lions Club events with him, gave me a lesson in the joys of volunteerism and community service. It’s the people of Garwood, collectively, who keep me going — to do the best job I can to serve everyone.

As your Mayor, I will represent all of Garwood — from the youngest resident to the oldest, from the newcomer to the lifelong resident, whether

### Thank You, Garwood Wants Elected Officials Who Will Serve The Public

We want to thank the residents of Garwood for coming out to vote last Tuesday. The overwhelming support that the voters showed us and our running mate, Sara Todisco, was humbling.

As we move forward with our time on council, we want to make sure that every resident of Garwood knows that they can reach out to us and talk to us. We will listen to you, because all residents should have a voice in local government. We encourage you to come to council meetings and voice your concerns; email us and share your thoughts with us about the town;



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.**

- Jadish – Tired, mean or worn out
- Posnet – A little basin or saucepan
- Pathettist – A hypnotist
- Peba – A small armadillo found from Texas to South America

- SAKEEN**
- A nectarine
  - A grain plant of Abyssinia from which flour is made
  - A wild goat of the Himalayas
  - Discolored or blackened
- TENTATION**
- Experimental adjustment
  - The shattering effect of a sudden burst of energy, as in an explosion
  - Spontaneous subdivision
  - Temporary loss of memory
- TEMULENTIVE**
- Somewhat intoxicated
  - Distressing; perplexing
  - Stern; grim
  - Tenative; timid
- MIFF**
- To take offense or quarrel
  - Utter dismay; astonishment
  - To beat or slap
  - To ignore or overlook

## Letters to the Editor

### Happy To Volunteer For Addamsfest

As a thirty-year resident of Westfield, I would like to thank Mayor Brindle, the town council, and Adrian Pastore for all of their efforts of putting together Addamsfest.

What a great way to honor the history of our town by celebrating one of its famous past residents with a series of exciting events that could be appreciated by all ages!

Week-long events like this, which take an amazing amount of blood, sweat, and tears to put together, are exactly what is needed in this day and age to bring towns together.

I was lucky enough to spend an hour with a group of Westfield seniors at the Addams’ art exhibit, which was absolutely wonderful. To bring these prized pieces of art to Westfield was no easy chore, but the seniors absolutely loved it. As a youngster growing up with The Addams Family, it brought back many found memories.

In closing, I would love to see these events done annually even though I can truly appreciate all of the work and expense that goes into running these events. It would be my pleasure to volunteer in any way that I can on a future event.

Brad Chananie  
Westfield

### Mehrotra and Montes Thank Mountainside

Anjali Mehrotra and Ileana Montes thank Mountainside residents for their support and urged everyone to come together and move forward with a renewed focus on the issues that matter: transparency, accountability, and better services for families.

“Thank you to everyone who supported us throughout the campaign, shared your ideas for making Mountainside a better place, and engaged in thoughtful conversations. Our campaign focused on issues that have been ignored for too long in Mountainside, and we firmly believe that bringing these issues out into the light and starting positive discussions about how to address them was important for moving our town forward in a way that serves all families.

“The election is over, but our work is not. Our campaign was about holding our leaders accountable, and that is a job that does not end on election day. We must stay vigilant, and must continue to push for more transparency, accountability, and honesty in Borough Hall.

“Again, we want to thank everyone who supported us throughout the campaign. This was an important step forward for our town, and we look forward to working with the Mayor and Council as well as all the residents who call Mountainside home to make the change we need and keep Mountainside moving in the right direction.”

Anjali Mehrotra and Ileana Montes  
Mountainside

### Fanwood Chuckle

Just received my first sewer “user fee” bill issued by the Borough of Fanwood. I had to chuckle when I read, “The Mayor and Council are committed to transparency.” They sure are transparent, sending out the bills three days after the Council elections.

Joe Britt  
Fanwood

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## Service League Thrift Shop Posts Holiday Sales, Hours

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League Thrift Shop, located at 1741 East 2nd Street, Scotch Plains, has announced its holiday sales and hours. The shop will be closed Thanksgiving week, November 18 through November 23.

The thrift shop will reopen at 10 a.m. for its annual “Black Saturday” Sale on November 24. This sale is one day only, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. All departments will have special items on sale.

The Christmas Boutique will begin on Tuesday, December 4. Volunteers have spent the year selecting new, never-used items suitable for gift giving as well as clothing for the holidays.

The thrift shop will be closed from Sunday, December 23, for Christmas through New Year’s Day, Tuesday, January 1. It will reopen on Wednesday, January 2, at 10 a.m.

All items are sold on a first-come, first-served and cash-only basis. The shop cannot hold purchases. There are no refunds.

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that has served the local communities since 1974. Since its founding, the League has donated more than \$1.3 million for local causes. Anyone interested in learning more about the League or membership is invited to call (908) 322-5420, visit the League’s website, [scotchplains thriftshop.weebly.com](http://scotchplains thriftshop.weebly.com), or speak to any of the volunteers at the thrift shop. Interested persons also are encouraged to check out the organization’s Facebook page, “Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League,” and give the League a “Like.”

Shop hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers will gladly accept new and gently-used donations during business hours, and will provide tax receipts. Tax receipts can be used for saleable items.

Parking is available on the street and in the rear of the building. Visitors may enter the parking lot via Willow Avenue.

## Imagine to Host iRemember At Summit Church Nov. 29

SUMMIT — Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss will host its annual memorial service, iRemember, on Thursday, November 29, at the Central Presbyterian Church, located at 70 Maple Street, Summit. This service

allows participants to remember those who have died, celebrate their own resilience and strength in times of great loss, and express their grief in a supportive community of mourners. The program is free and open to people of all ages and religions.

The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a creative activity of remembrance. Attendees will then participate in a service with readings and music to remember and mourn, followed by dessert and coffee. Mourners are encouraged to attend and to bring friends and family who have experienced a loss. An RSVP is not necessary but encouraged. To RSVP or for more information, contact [Mandi@imaginej.org](mailto:Mandi@imaginej.org).

Imagine provides free, year-round peer support groups for children ages 3 to 18 who have had a parent or sibling die, with concurrent groups for parents and guardians. Free support groups also are available for young adults, 18 and up, who have had a friend, sibling or parent die. For more information about Imagine, visit its website at [imaginej.org](http://imaginej.org) or contact the organization at [info@imaginej.org](mailto:info@imaginej.org) or (908) 264-3100.



LOVING GESTURE...A child places a just made origami crane on a tree at a previous iRemember event.



HOLIDAY HAPPINESS...Carol Clark, left, and Ethel Ward put the finishing touches on a display of unique holiday décor and gift items for sale at Mountainside's Levi Cory House Holiday Boutique – open November 16, 17 and 30 and December 1, 7, 8 and 9, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. The boutique is being held at the Levi Cory House for the first time this year, following its move to Constitution Plaza five years ago and restoration work.

## Holiday Boutique to Be Held At Historic Levi Cory House

MOUNTAINSIDE – It has been five years since Mountainside’s Levi Cory House was moved to Constitution Plaza. After extensive repairs and restoration work, the historic house is now ready for the public to visit. The Mountainside Restoration Committee’s Holiday Boutique, which has previously been held in the Deacon Andrew Hetfield House, has now moved to the adjacent Levi Cory House with an extended schedule. The public is invited to check out the Levi Cory House and shop the newly-expanded Holiday Boutique.

The Levi Cory House Holiday Boutique will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the following days: Friday and Saturday, November 16 and 17; Friday and Saturday, November 30 and December 1; and Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 7, 8 and 9.

The Holiday Boutique will feature a large selection of handmade

ornaments and crafts, seasonal decorations, jewelry, unique gift items and collectibles at affordable prices. With the increased space in the Levi Cory House, there also will be a selection of home accents and occasional furniture.

“The boutique has taken on a completely new look with the expansion into several rooms,” said Sandy VanderMeer, who oversees the Holiday Boutique for the Restoration Committee. “Shoppers will find a great selection of items for the home and for gift giving.”

There additionally will be items for children’s gift giving, so families are encouraged to bring the kids to shop for their gift list. All sales benefit the maintenance and restoration of the Hetfield and Levi Cory houses.

The Hetfield House is located at Constitution Plaza (Watchung Avenue, off Birch Hill Road), adjacent to the Mountainside Public Library. The Mountainside Restoration Committee, also known as the Mountainside Historic Committee, is a 501(c)(3) charity and a committee of volunteers whose purpose is to maintain the circa 1760 Deacon Andrew Hetfield House, restore the circa 1818 Levi Cory House and collect and save historic information and items from destruction. For further information, call (908) 789-9420 or go to [mountainsidehistory.com](http://mountainsidehistory.com).

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## Operation Warm Heart Aids Homeless Shelter Program

CRANFORD — Although the rain came down October 27, it did not dampen the spirits of the patrons of the fourth annual Taste of Operation Warm Heart, a fundraiser to benefit the emergency winter sheltering program for the homeless, run by the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless (ECHH).

“Operation Warm Heart is a life-changing winter shelter program that is open from December 1 to March 31 throughout houses of worship in Elizabeth, Rahway, Linden, Cranford and Scotch Plains,” explained Operation Warm Heart coordinator Erica Rodriguez. “We are proud to say that this program has housed over 1,200 homeless individuals over 15 years, and we hope to continue to shelter our brothers and sisters in need for many years to come as we are called to.”

The event, held at Calvary Tabernacle in Cranford, aimed to help fund the 2018-2019 season of Operation Warm Heart so that ECHH can purchase cots, toiletries, blankets and other medical necessities for those on the streets to survive and be lifted up to once again become self-sufficient. In total, the event raised more than \$2,000.

Taste of Operation Warm Heart featured a 50/50 raffle event, door

prizes, live music from The Young Picassos and a cooking competition. Patrons also were able to partake in an art show, where artists from all over New Jersey donated pieces towards the cause. Those still interested in purchasing a piece will soon be able to find them for sale online on the ECHH website at [theelizabethcoalition.org/](http://theelizabethcoalition.org/).

“Each artist was excited to be able to play a role and hopefully help some people get off the streets for the winter. I live over in Linden, and realizing that there are people who would otherwise potentially freeze or starve to death if not for this program really hit home,” said head curator Camilo Castillo of Camilo Castillo Art.

Throughout the event, various speakers came up to the podium, including Ms. Rodriguez, Executive Director of ECHH Linda Flores-Tober, Elizabeth Mayor Chris Bollwage and a former client of Operation Warm Heart, Bruce.

Operation Warm Heart will have its first hosting on Saturday, December 1. Those interested in supporting ECHH and its endeavors, including Operation Warm Heart, can visit its website at [theelizabethcoalition.org/](http://theelizabethcoalition.org/) or visit its headquarters at 118 Division Street, Elizabeth.

## Interfaith Service to Be Held In Honor of Thanksgiving

SCOTCH PLAINS – Congregation Beth Israel will host the annual Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Monday, November 19, at 7:30 p.m. The service is sponsored by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Ministerial Association, which is comprised of local faith leaders, town mayors, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood schools superintendent and the heads of several non-profit organizations.

The houses of worship in Scotch Plains-Fanwood take turns hosting the program, which is held on the Monday preceding Thanksgiving. This service is free and open to the community.

“We are thrilled to host the service this year. This is a wonderful opportunity for all of our faith communities to gather as one and give thanks for all that unites us,” said Matt Axelrod, cantor of Congregation Beth Israel.

During the service, Cantor Axelrod will conduct the Interfaith Community Choir, comprised of members of many different churches and synagogues throughout Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

Congregation Beth Israel is located at 18 Shalom Way, at the corner of Martine Avenue, in Scotch Plains. For more information, call the synagogue office at (908) 889-1830.

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## — Obituaries —

### Ann Seppe Rotella, 91, Active With Church, Volunteering, Bowling

Ann Seppe Rotella, 91, a resident of Locksley Hall, Greenwood, S.C., widow of Michael Vincent Rotella, Sr., passed away Tuesday, November 13, 2018, at Hospice House.

Born March 14, 1927, in Phoenixville, Pa., she was a daughter of the late Anthony and Bella Gera “Bernice” Giuditta Seppe. Mrs. Rotella retired from the Holy Trinity Catholic Church Parish in Westfield, N.J., after more than 25 years of service.

A member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Greenwood, S.C., she was also a member of the Catholic Women’s Club, The Rosary Society, Catholic Daughters and the Bereavement Committee of the church. She also enjoyed volunteering with Meals on Wheels. She was also a longtime bowler, having participated in league bowling with several teams including the Pin Ups, and was active with the Senior Olympics, in which she competed in several events including bowling.

Surviving are five sons, Anthony and wife Marjorie Rotella of Daytona Beach, Fla., Michael, Jr. and wife Janice Rotella of Palm Coast, Fla., Carmen and wife Sally Rotella of

Flemington, N.J., Joseph and wife Susan Rotella of Greenwood and Patrick and wife Marie Rotella of Warren, N.J.; eleven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by a son, Thomas A. Rotella, and five brothers and sisters.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be said at 1 p.m. on Saturday, November 17, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, with the Reverend Father Timothy D. Tebalt officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers will be the grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at Blyth Funeral Home from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, November 16, with a Rosary being recited at 6 p.m.

Memorials may be made to Hospice Care of the Piedmont, 408 W. Alexander Avenue, Greenwood, S.C. 29646.

For online condolences, please visit [www.blythfuneralhome.com](http://www.blythfuneralhome.com).

Blyth Funeral Home & Cremation Services is assisting the Rotella family.

November 15, 2018



Ann Seppe Rotella

### Robert Coles, 84, Army Veteran; Steel Worker and Avid Golfer

Robert Coles, 84, passed away on Sunday, November 11, 2018. He was born and raised in Garwood.

Graveside services will be held on Monday, November 19, at 11 a.m., at Fairview Cemetery, 1100 East Broad Street, Westfield, N.J.

Bob graduated from Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield. He was an avid golfer and a veteran of the Army. He had been a steel worker for Accurate

Bushing in Garwood.

He was predeceased by two brothers, Ronald D. Coles and John R. Coles, Jr.

Surviving are three nieces, Debra Herbster (Gary) of Brick, Carolyn Clifton (Norman) of China Springs, Tex., and Christy Coles of Toms River; one nephew, Gary Coles (Janice) of Spring Lake Heights, and a sister-in-law, June Coles of Sea Girt.

November 15, 2018



Robert Coles

### Mary ‘Molly’ Aloia, 84

Mrs. Mary “Molly” Aloia, daughter of Tom and Molly Kelly, was born on January 21, 1934, in Irvington, N.J. She attended high school at Our Lady Of The Valley in Orange, N.J. She graduated college from Saint Joseph’s Nursing School in Paterson, N.J. She was a beloved nurse for over 50 years at Overlook Hospital, Summit, N.J., and Muhlenberg Hospital in Plainfield, N.J., and finished her career at The Center for Hope Hospice in Scotch Plains.

Molly was married to her husband, Paul Aloia, on May 18, 1957 at Saint Leo’s Church in Irvington. They moved to Westfield in 1959, after the birth of their twin sons, Paul and John Aloia, in 1958. Molly and Paul welcomed the birth of their first daughter, Kathleen (Bauer) in March of 1959 and Mary (Dombrowski) in October of 1964. The family was an active member of Saint Helen’s Church in Westfield, N.J.

Molly was blessed with seven grand-

children, Andy, Tony, Kelly, Shannon, Allison, Tara and Lea. Molly and Paul enjoyed traveling and volunteering for many organizations in the Westfield area. They continued to serve others after leaving Westfield and moving to Toms River, N.J., in 2010.

Molly is survived by her husband, Paul Aloia, of 61 years; her four children and seven grandchildren. She is also survived by her two sisters, Kathleen Weirido of Brick, N.J., and Maureen Smith of West Wildwood, N.J. All who knew Molly loved her for her passion for helping others and her dedication to Saint Helen’s. She will be greatly missed by her husband, family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Haven Hospice Hackensack Meridian Health at JFK, 65 James Street, Edison, N.J. 08820. The service was held last Saturday, November 10, at Saint Helen’s Church in Westfield.

November 15, 2018

### Boy Scouts to Host Craft-Vendor Fair

AREA — Boy Scout Troop 119 will host its sixth annual Holiday Craft and Vendor Fair this Saturday and Sunday, November 17 and 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

The event will be held at American Legion Post 119, located at 137 New Market Road, Dunellen, and will feature 50 booths of items from vendors, crafters and arti-

sans.

The American Legion is centrally located one block from the Dunellen Train Station, Route 28 downtown area, one block off Washington Avenue and a mile from Route 22 and five miles from Route 287. Ample parking and restrooms, a concession stand, raffles and a 50/50 will be available.



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### Knights Announce Blood Drive Date

AREA—A community blood drive sponsored by Knights of Columbus 3240 of Roselle Park will take place on Saturday, November 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will be held at the Church of the Assumption, located at 113 Chiego Place, Roselle Park.

Complimentary cholesterol screenings, sandwiches and refreshments will be served to all donors. Appointments can be made by calling (201) 251-3703 or online at [donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/47502](http://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/47502). Walk-ins also will be welcome.

## Annual Holiday Boutique Is Sunday at Temple Sholom

SCOTCH PLAINS — Temple Sholom will host its annual Holiday Boutique this Sunday, November 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., where shoppers can find Thanksgiving host gifts, teacher gifts and winter holiday presents.

There also will be breakfast and lunch selections available from Soul Bowls, snacks from Falafel Eats, and burritos and tamales from Mexi-Boys.

Open to the public, the boutique will feature one-of-a-kind local artisans including:

Jams by Kim — “The thing that I enjoy most about my business is the freedom to create new and unique flavor combinations like my blueberry lemon jam, strawberry banana jam, carrot ginger jam, and roasted garlic and sweet onion jam,” says Kim Osterhoudt of her artisanal jams. Peace Love Light — Interior designer Lisa Fero will offer craft decorations that honor Jewish traditions while focusing on a modern color palette and current design trends.

Halma Geomaps — Zachary Halma, a Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School graduate and current NJIT civil engineering student, creates specialized maps of any and every location.

T-Shirt Pillow Lady — Chiara Siliato of Cranford uses T-shirts, ties, towels (think baby clothes, college T-shirts) and turns them into personal gifts for birthdays, graduations and holidays.

Gimme Sugar Bake Shop — Owner Dyanna Rau of Westfield utilizes unique molds and design tools to create endless possibilities in terms of cookie shapes and colors. Her booth

will feature sample cookie platters for Thanksgiving and she will take orders for shoppers’ special occasions.

Match Point Stationery — Owner Barbra Kogan has been designing personalized stationery items such as note cards, address stampers, stickers, clipboards and acrylic items for the last 10 years. She also designs specialized invitations. Ms. Kogan will have some non-personalized items at the boutique and is available to consult on one-of-a-kind designs.

Some of the additional new and unique artisans and local businesses include Cassava Handcrafted Bath and Body (handmade soaps, lotions, butters, lip balms); Bling it Up (trendy accessories, jewelry, hats, gloves, scarves, handbags); Venezuelan ArtisanWare (handmade wooden kitchenware, art and textiles); Floppy Ear Pottery (handmade pottery); Bubble Wrap Clothing Designs (women’s and children’s apparel and accessories); The Painted Flame (hand-poured soy wax candles); Judaica Gallery (Shabbat candles, challah covers, tallit, décor); Remy’s Gems (handcrafted jewelry and accessories); Jojo’s Bags and Things (handbags, clothing, picture frames, gifts); indiviJewel Designs (one-of-a-kind handcrafted jewelry designs); Designed by Js Bowtique (hair bows and bow ties); Cathee’s Creations (handcrafted jewelry), and Steven’s Handicrafts (woven belts and scarves).

Admission to the Holiday Boutique is free and open to the public. Temple Sholom is located at 1925 Lake Avenue, Scotch Plains. This event supports Temple Sholom’s educational programs.

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## Spencer Savings Bank Celebrates Grand Opening in Downtown Westfield

ELMWOOD PARK, N.J. – Spencer Savings Bank celebrated the official opening of its financial center in Westfield, N.J., last week with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Westfield Mayor Shelley Brindle joined the bank and town officials in celebrating the new business location in downtown Westfield at 240 North Avenue. The center, located directly across from the train station, marks the twenty-first bank location in the region for Spencer.

The financial center is a new banking model that features the latest technology to simplify the banking experience, with interactive teller kiosks that allow customers to connect with bankers via video. There will also be staff on hand to help customers with more complex transactions. It will be operating on extended hours of 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., with a 24-hour ATM machine available. The center will also feature a loan production office with loan officers ready to assist customers with all of their business and commercial loan needs.

“Our number one priority has always been providing customers with the best possible service, and this new banking model does just that. We’re excited to unveil it here,” said José B. Guerrero, Chairman, President and CEO of Spencer Savings Bank. “You get the best of both worlds with advanced technology, but yet still the personal attention and care the Spencer staff is known for. Westfield is a great town and we’re really looking forward to connecting with residents and busi-

nesses here.”

Spencer Savings Bank has been in Union County for decades, with locations in the surrounding areas of Cranford, Union and Elizabeth. Staff members are also longtime Westfield and Union County residents, holding prominent positions and connections with various organizations in town.

Continuing its long-term commitment to supporting nonprofits and their community outreach programs, the bank recently made a donation to the Westfield Historical Society. Celebrations will continue with a number of attractive grand opening specials, running through November 30, 2018. Customers who park in the train station lot, across the street, will also be reimbursed for parking fees. Please visit Marta Alexandre, Financial Center Manager, at the center for more information on promotions and parking reimbursement.

About Spencer Savings Bank: Spencer Savings Bank, a community bank headquartered in Elmwood Park, N.J., has been serving its local communities with integrity and pride for more than 75 years. The bank has over \$2.7 billion in total assets and operates 21 branches throughout New Jersey. Spencer specializes in delivering premier banking products and services for consumers and businesses. Visit [SpencerSavings.com](http://SpencerSavings.com) for more information.

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ROBERT MENENDEZ	226	255	214	140			835
BOB HUGIN	252	293	185	156			886
KEVIN KIMPLE	1	4	2	1			8
MADelyn R HOFFMAN	6	3	15	5			29
HANK SCHROEDER	1	0	1	0			2
TRICIA FLANAGAN	0	2	1	1			4
MURRAY SABRIN	1	1	6	2			10
NATALIE LYNN RIVERA	1	2	2	0			5
TOM MALINOWSKI	252	277	247	163			939
LEONARD LANCE	224	268	155	133			780
GREGG MELE	1	6	2	0			9
DIANE MOXLEY	6	5	21	2			34
ALEXANDER MIRABELLA	233	258	228	151			870
ANDREA F STATEN	240	256	225	145			866
KIMBERLY MOUDED	238	254	231	139			862
PATRICIA QUATTROCCHI	236	268	170	141			815
JOSEPH R SARNO III	228	274	171	138			811
PETER G KANE	221	272	166	136			795
REBECCA L WILLIAMS	240	259	238	155			892
PETER B LIJOI	215	254	154	127			750
SARA TODISCO	270	333	267	173			1043
ILEEN CUCCARO	216	222	158	132			728
MICHAEL INCE	256	326	263	161			1006
SEAN BENOIT	258	325	265	159			1007
STEPHANIE BIANCO	221	217	167	133			738
SALVATORE PIARULLI	212	213	148	130			703
BOARD OF EDUCATION							0
RALPH TRENTACOSTA	145	173	134	87			539
MARY ANN KJETSAA	115	161	109	77			462
DENISE RIDENTE	135	214	131	87			567
JOSEPH MICELI	90	154	119	56			419
MAUREEN SCEPKOWSKI	108	171	125	76			480
							0
BOE WRITE-IN							0
QUESTIONS							
State Question #1 YES	154	171	143	100			568
State Question #1 NO	167	242	168	112			689
Votes Cast	501	574	445	314			1834

## Library Plans Wrap Event For Great American Read

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Public Library will close its celebration of The Great American Read on Wednesday, November 28, at 6:30 p.m., with a program on how what people read impacts they way they see themselves. It will cover whether or not texts children and young adults are reading are representative; identifying harmful representations, and ensuring exposure to diversity in order to promote growth and development, including development of critical-thinking skills and empathy.

Entitled “How We See Ourselves in What We Read,” this guided discussion will explore aspects of social justice and representation through a look at a variety of carefully chosen texts.

Laura Nicosia, Ph.D., will lead the discussion. She is an associate professor at Montclair State University, where she teaches American/Young Adult Literatures and methods of teaching the humanities using technologies. Professor Nicosia is past president of the New Jersey Council of Teachers of English and is New Jersey State Representative to the Assembly on Literature of Adolescents. An author of numerous books and articles, she encourages an examination of texts that provoke conversations.

Registration is highly recommended for this event. Light refreshments will be served, and there will be Great American Read giveaways. To register, visit [scotlib.org](http://scotlib.org), e-mail [library@scotlib.org](mailto:library@scotlib.org) or call (908) 322-5007, extension no. 204.

Programming for The Great American Read is offered as part of a grant from the American Library Association and PBS. This program also is funded by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities.

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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## Miller-Cory Getting Ready To Celebrate the Holidays

WESTFIELD — The Miller-Cory House Museum is preparing to celebrate the holiday season with festive events taking place this month and during December.

Visitors are invited to experience the atmosphere of a traditional colonial Thanksgiving this Sunday, November 18, from 2 to 4 p.m., at a program entitled “Thanksgiving Dinner Demonstration and 18th Century Table Customs and Manners.”

Members of the Cooking Committee will demonstrate the preparation of an early American Thanksgiving feast over the museum’s open-hearth fire, using colonial

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SHERIFF’S SALE

SHERIFF’S FILE NO.: CH-18003696  
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
CHANCERY DIVISION  
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DOCKET NO. F-033075-16  
Plaintiff: LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC  
vs.  
Defendant: NICHOL A. SANCHEZ; DISCOVER BANK; SLOMINS INC  
Sale Date: 12/12/2018  
Writ of Execution: 07/26/2018  
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: \*\*\*Two Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Five and 22/100\*\*\* \$223,165.22  
MUNICIPALITY: Township of Scotch Plains.  
COUNTY AND STATE: County of Union, State of New Jersey.  
STREET AND STREET NUMBER: 372 Farley Avenue.  
TAX LOT AND BLOCK NUMBERS: Lot: 14; Block: 102.  
DIMENSIONS: Approximately: 50 x 100.  
NEAREST CROSS STREET: Front Street.  
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Pursuant to a tax search of 08/08/2018; 2018: QTR 3 due date 8/1/2018 \$2,066.43 open; subject to posting: QTR 4 due date 11/1/2018 \$2,066.43 open; 2019: QTR 1 due date 2/1/2019 \$2,021.54; QTR 2 due date 5/1/2019 \$2,021.53 open. Sewer Account: 7/1/2018 - 12/31/2018 \$271.12 open.  
For sale information, please visit Auction.com at [www.Auction.com](http://www.Auction.com) or call (800) 280.2832.  
Total Usset: \*\*\*Two Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Eight and 83/100\*\*\* \$229,788.83 together with lawful interest and costs.  
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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.  
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## Synagogue Men Slate Blood Drive Dec. 2

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Men’s Club of Congregation Beth Israel will hold a blood drive on Sunday, December 2, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Scotch Plains synagogue.

Run by Community Blood Services of New Jersey, the drive is open to anyone in the community, age 18 or older, who is medically eligible to donate blood. No pre-registration is required. All blood donors will receive complimentary cholesterol screenings and a light snack.

Congregation Beth Israel is located at 18 Shalom Way, at the corner of Martine Avenue. The blood drive will be held in a bus stationed in the synagogue’s parking lot adjacent to its building.

For more information, contact the synagogue office at (908) 889-1830 or Community Blood Services at (201) 251-3703.

## Temple to Feature Chanukah Brunch

SPRINGFIELD — Temple Sha’arey Shalom, located at 78 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, will hold its annual Chanukah Brunch on Sunday, December 2, at 10:30 a.m. Admission is free.

Steiner Sports sports and entertainment memorabilia will be featured. According to the temple, merchandise will be offered at reasonable prices so that everyone will have an opportunity to make a purchase. To order merchandise in advance, call the temple at (973) 379-5387.

The Temple Brotherhood will sell latkes and Israeli olive oil and the temple’s religious school will provide craft projects for children. For more information, call the temple office, e-mail [office@shaarey.org](mailto:office@shaarey.org) or visit [shaarey.org](http://shaarey.org) or Facebook.com/Shaaarey.

## Textile Arts Show On Tap Saturday

AREA — The Museum of Early Trades and Crafts will present a Textile Arts Show and Sale this Saturday, November 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The show will feature original works by local artists. All the handcrafted textiles will be available for purchase.

Admission to the event will be by donation. The Museum of Early Trades and Crafts is located at 9 Main Street, Madison.

recipes and seasonal ingredients. This will be a demonstration only; dinner is not being served.

Proper colonial dining also requires proper table customs. The upcoming program will include a presentation on authentic early American manners, place settings and other interesting “table top traditions.” Docents will be available to guide visitors through the restored, fully furnished, colonial-era farmhouse. The museum is located at 614 Mountain Avenue, Westfield.

On December 2, “Gingerbread Sunday” will take place from 1:30 to 4 p.m., with children’s crafts, storytelling and refreshments. Advance registration is required for this program. Reservations are being accepted by phone or e-mail through Thursday, November 29, and by phone only from Friday, November 30, until noon on Saturday, December 1.

Admission for November 18 is \$4 for adults and children age 13 and older; \$3 for children ages 3 to 12, and free for those under age 3. For “Gingerbread Sunday,” admission is \$5 per child; accompanying adults may attend for free. For more information or reservations, call (908) 232-1776 or e-mail [millercorymuseum@gmail.com](mailto:millercorymuseum@gmail.com). Details also are regularly posted on Facebook.

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All Quotes are to be e-mailed to [blacina@scotchplainsnj.com](mailto:blacina@scotchplainsnj.com) by **December 14, 2018 at 10:00am**. It is incumbent on the contractor to insure that the Township has received the quote.  
Any questions are to be e-mailed to [blacina@scotchplainsnj.com](mailto:blacina@scotchplainsnj.com) by **December 7, 2018 at 1:00pm**.  
The Township is not responsible to insure that we have received the quote.  
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Township Clerk  
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### Scotch Plains Voting

SC Township Council						
	D	D	D	R	R	R
District	Stamler	White	Losardo	Bondarow	Dalvi	Kowalczyk
1	389	388	397	70	70	71
2	308	311	313	103	103	105
3	189	179	181	198	197	195
4	227	216	216	202	203	212
5	227	211	219	221	221	229
6	173	162	165	146	144	145
7	305	299	296	306	299	312
8	221	217	212	175	171	178
9	242	230	238	204	203	208
10	242	230	237	145	145	150
11	198	191	191	189	187	196
12	221	210	222	199	179	197
13	219	208	213	156	156	160
14	176	162	163	189	166	189
15	239	232	245	220	220	225
16	277	270	278	203	196	199
17	224	216	220	182	188	187
18	175	159	164	198	194	196
19	228	226	235	227	210	223
20	241	228	241	323	315	322
21	268	264	261	138	136	140
22	170	169	163	113	118	122
23	168	155	155	158	167	169
	5327	5133	5225	4265	4188	4330

	Total Votes		
		D	R
District		Menendez	Hugin
1	496	406	72
2	436	313	98
3	403	191	195
4	448	224	202
5	463	227	206
6	325	174	134
7	635	324	280
8	411	240	160
9	465	252	197
10	404	246	135
11	393	214	172
12	433	231	180
13	391	238	143
14	367	183	174
15	482	264	202
16	501	288	185
17	428	252	165
18	284	195	179
19	468	244	213
20	582	264	308
21	435	266	149
22	306	157	135
23	336	169	160
	9892	5562	4044

### Scotch Plains Voting

	Freeholders						Freeholders Unexpired	
	D	D	D	R	R	R	D	R
District	Mirabella	Staten	Mouded	Quattrocchi	Sarno III	Kane	Williams	Lijoi
1	409	405	402	62	61	63	411	59
2	323	314	319	94	101	96	321	93
3	203	192	186	177	181	182	190	181
4	237	237	233	179	181	183	239	177
5	249	233	234	191	201	202	238	194
6	191	180	173	123	129	127	183	125
7	354	336	329	254	270	267	338	261
8	240	234	232	145	156	148	232	150
9	283	257	254	170	179	180	259	177
10	263	248	245	123	123	128	250	123
11	216	212	214	166	167	170	220	158
12	243	239	235	169	172	169	240	167
13	233	227	223	135	135	141	232	138
14	183	176	176	167	165	165	173	163
15	270	262	259	192	195	193	260	184
16	290	293	281	183	184	187	302	177
17	245	242	244	161	165	162	246	156
18	187	178	180	174	182	180	179	172
19	251	242	243	198	193	199	249	191
20	269	261	258	287	292	295	268	282
21	282	273	271	125	128	123	274	126
22	174	171	172	113	119	117	167	122
23	172	167	161	157	162	162	164	164
	5767	5579	5524	3745	3841	3839	5635	3740

	Board of Education					
District	Akins	Foley	Kulikowski	Williams	Brody	
1	120	65	65	154	78	
2	106	75	94	113	80	
3	74	87	122	86	89	
4	94	111	144	130	121	
5	119	109	155	121	121	
6	74	82	116	89	89	
7	121	119	180	157	173	
8	83	88	134	111	105	
9	96	103	146	114	119	
10	95	84	119	131	128	
11	94	96	149	104	110	
12	82	104	138	129	153	
13	74	90	135	116	129	
14	86	101	128	85	115	
15	94	100	156	119	180	
16	123	127	162	134	134	
17	104	95	132	110	131	
18	94	84	134	94	135	
19	115	119	177	119	154	
20	117	156	186	115	175	
21	96	88	110	101	84	
22	66	60	84	62	74	
23	74	69	112	80	103	
	2201	2212	3078	2574	2780	

State Question 1	
Yes	No
162	85
148	82
120	180
155	154
174	174
123	109
204	214
144	124
186	173
157	122
158	129
156	156
144	133
112	149
172	180
215	161
132	164
138	144
161	202
183	234
160	112
105	116
104	143
3513	3440

### GOP: New Jersey ‘Cannot Afford One-Party Rule’

TRENTON – Assembly Minority Leader Jon Bramnick (R-21st, Westfield) and his caucus’ senior leadership including Assemblymen Anthony M. Bucco (R-25th, Randolph), John DiMaio (R-23rd, Bridgewater), Ron Dancer (R-12th, Jackson) and Assemblywoman Nancy Munoz (R-21st, Summit) released the following statement after Governor Phil Murphy’s press conference last week.

“Governor Phil Murphy wants more votes for higher taxes and more spending by targeting the opposition. It’s

tough enough to live and work in a state with the highest taxes and the worst business climate in the nation. The first year of Democrats’ one-party rule in Trenton resulted in a two-point-seven-billion-dollar increase in spending funded by taxpayers. We cannot afford one-party rule, and neither can the people who live here. Republican lawmakers are the only people standing in the way of Governor Murphy and your wallet.

“A strong, fiscally prudent voice is important to our state.”

### Bucco, Munoz Implore Dems to Consider Refunds

TRENTON – NJ Transit riders have faced incessant delays and poor service over the course of the year, and that has led many to come to the same conclusion as some Republican lawmakers: commuters deserve refunds.

Asm. Bucco and Assemblywoman Nancy F. Munoz (R-21st, Summit) are sponsor of a bill (A-1786) with other Republican members that gives passengers a free ticket for a NJ Transit delay of over one hour. Commuters who face those delays would be able to request a refunded ticket with a receipt.

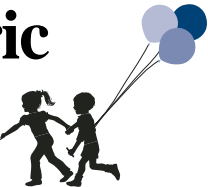
Last week was particularly abhor-

rent for commuters, who aired their grievances on social media.

On Monday a train that lost power stranded 1,500 people for two hours, while Tuesday and Wednesday were bereft of commuter trains for over an hour-and-a-half because Amtrak’s Portal Bridge was impassable, and on Friday delays lasted over an hour when a train was derailed in a Hudson River tunnel.

On Thursday, NJ Transit commuters were given a 10-percent discount that is effective until January 31, 2019 for recurring train delays and cancellations.

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Minutemen Strike Twice; Burn Raiders for Section Crown, 2-1

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

Very little time was wasted for the action to peak once the whistle blew to begin the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 boys soccer championship game between the second-seeded Elizabeth Minutemen and the hosting top-seeded Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raiders on November 8. And it also

took very little time for the complexion of a 0-0 game to change drastically when the Minutemen scored twice within a span of 1:36 in the second half en route to a 2-1 victory and the title.  
Minuteman co-captain Jossier Amaya brought the ball down the right-center, beat a defender and crossed the ball into the box where

senior Henry Chavez tapped it past Raider junior goalkeeper Danny Coyle with 29:27 on the clock. Moments later with 27:51 remaining the hulky senior Youkendly Pacius headed in the ball after Chavez hooked the ball into the box from the right corner.  
Chavez's interpreter explained, "He received the ball from Jossier the cap-

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WHIZZING ONE PAST A RAIDER...Minuteman Sebastian Diaz, No. 12 center, rips a shot past Raider junior midfielder Alvaro Furfaro, No. 12, in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 Championship game in Scotch Plains on November 8.

more photos at goleader.com Ballyhoo Sports



Marlene Iacoponi for The Westfield Leader and The Times

SURROUNDING A WOLFPACK MEMBER...Blue Devils Charlie Riley, No. 57, Declan McCauley, No. 63, and Reid Colwell, No. 23, prepare to take down Wolfpack running back Jack DiPietri, No. 4, during the crossover game.

SHAPIRO HITS NORRIS FOR WINNER, SMITH TWO INTS.

WF Blue Devils Stun Wolfpack In Grid Crossover Game, 20-13

By J.B. RAYMOND  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

WASHINGTON TWP. (Morris) – It was a game that had to be seen to be believed. A large number of fans from football squads sat through a bitterly cold Thursday night in the middle of November to watch Westfield stun host West Morris, 20-13. The back-


and-forth contest was not decided until a four-yard touchdown pass from Hank Shapiro to Tommy Norris with just 17 seconds left in regulation.  
It was an NJSIAA "regional crossover" game, with both teams wanting to play after losing in their opening sectional games the week before. The Blue Devils improved to 3-7 and

ended a six-game skid; the Wolfpack finished the season at 5-5.  
The winning drive started after Emmett Smith's second interception of the night, plus a nice return to the WHS 30. The Pack had taken more than 11 minutes off the clock while driving 70 yards in 19 plays to the

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ALL AROUND COMPETITIVE PLAYER...Blue Devil junior Faith Dobosiewicz, No. 17, led her team with four goals and a pair of assists. Dobosiewicz was also very tough defensively when needed.

DOBOSIEWICZ, HENDRICKS, SULLIVAN LED IN SCORING

Young Lady Blue Devils Gained Valuable Experience in Soccer

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

Having graduated nine super seniors from last year’s No. 4 ranked 19-0-2 squad that shared the Union County Tournament crown with Scotch Plains-Fanwood, this year’s Westfield High School soccer Lady Blue Devils, especially the coaches, were quite aware that their road to success would be a bit rocky. Head Coach Alex Schmidt was faced, not only with replacing all the vacancies; but also moving personnel around to find the best fit.

“This year’s team truly embraced a growth mindset, which at the end of the day is all a coach could ask for. With all of the adverse situations this team faced such as being young, untimely injuries (which we had many of) and a serious car accident, the team didn’t stop from pushing forward,” Coach Schmidt expressed.

The Lady Blue Devils spearheaded by co-captains Kate Armstrong, Elisha Israel and Caitlin Amman finished 4-6 in the Watchung Division of the Union County Conference and 6-9-1 overall. They recorded three shut-outs, one in a 0-0 tie with East Brunswick, and were shutout six times. Seven of the Blue Devils’ losses were by just one goal. The largest margin of loss came in a 4-1 setback to Cranford on September 13. That loss ended the Blue Devils’ 42-game unbeaten streak that began in November of 2015.

This season, the Blue Devils received the fourth seed for the Union County Tournament and after receiving a bye, lost to the fifth-seeded Summit Hilltoppers, 1-0, in the

quarterfinal round. As the ninth seed in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 Tournament, the Blue Devils eliminated the eighth-seeded Elizabeth Minutemen, 2-1, before bowing to the top-seeded, No. 1 Bridgewater-Raritan Panthers, 2-1, in the quarterfinal round.

“If you just looked at our season and our stats you could easily say that this was a ‘lost’ year for Westfield girls soccer. However, if you went to our last game of the season, second round of the North II, Group IV state game verses Bridgewater, No. 1 team in the state and No. 1 team in the section (19-1), you would be hard pressed to say that the team that stepped on the field for Westfield was a below .500 team. The team outplayed Bridgewater for a majority of the game and had much of the momentum in the second half. We always talk about ‘winning your moment’ and that game was the best game we played all year and the team definitely ‘won their moment’ that day,” Coach Schmidt emphasized.

Scoring goals was indeed hard to come by as the Blue Devils totaled just 16, while yielding 20 goals. Junior Faith Dobosiewicz led the team in scoring with four goals and a pair of assists and senior Sophie Hendricks had two goals and three assists, while sophomore Jane Sullivan put in three goals. Senior Julia Mancheno had a goal and two assists, and junior Catherine Miller contributed a goal and an assist.

Blue Devils scoring one goal were juniors Mikaela Buoscio and Riley Ciarletta, sophomores Noah Autzmequine and Katie Hamilton, and



BATTLE BETWEEN SOPHOMORES...Blue Devil sophomore Katie Hamilton, left, battles for possession of the ball with SPF Raider sophomore Holly Nelson.

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Sofia Martinez. Contributing one assist each were Israel, juniors Sofia Carayannopoulos and Grace Friedberg, sophomore Julia Weinstein and freshman Elise Fox.

As the goalkeeper, Amman made 77 saves and junior Erin Harris made 11 saves. Last year Amman made 68 saves and Harris made 10 saves.

“As a senior you always want to leave your mark and I am so proud of this senior class. With only six seniors, each played such an important role to the 2018 team. Sophie Hendricks led with humor, Brooke Sullivan with patience, Julia Mancheno led with a mature voice, Elisha Israel with endless positivity, Caitlin Amman with total focus day-in and day-out, and Kate Armstrong led with her fierce tenacity to compete,” Coach Schmidt pointed out.

The Blue Devils did play with 18 underclassmen, so that should be a positive sign for next year.

“The underclassman have learned so much from this senior class and although the seniors won’t reap the benefits of their strong leadership, I’m sure that when they see the team’s on-field improvements next year, they will know that it was their endless commitment to growth this year that played a big part in that turnaround. Success can be measured in many different ways and I am proud of the all the individual and team successes we had this year. As an athlete you’re not always in charge of the result, but you are in charge of your performance. The 2018 WHS Girls soccer team competed in every game they played in and fought to the very last whistle of the season,” Coach Schmidt concluded.

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GARDINER, TARTIBUONO, COLUMBRITA AT SINGLES

Cougars Had Banner Season In Tennis With 19-3 Record

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

Seemingly somewhat overshadowed by perennial Union County powerhouses Westfield and Kent Place, the Cranford High School girls tennis team buckled down and just kept winning and winning regular-season games. The end result was a 19-3 record and the capturing of the Union County Conference Mountain Middle Division crown. The Lady Cougars also placed seventh in the Union County Tournament (UCT).

Cougar Head Coach Lisa Williams was obviously quite pleased. “After taking five years off from coaching the girls and boys varsity tennis teams to have my own two children, I returned to coach the girls’ tennis season this fall. I was not sure what to expect as their number one player did not return this season.”

The Lady Cougars’ only losses came at the rackets of 15-4 Westfield (4-1),

She also won three matches and placed fifth in the UCT at that position. Gardiner then added another win the the NJSIAA Singles Playoffs. Her 22 total wins was the most in a single season by a Cougar. At second singles, Tardibuono finished 16-5 and placed eighth in the UCT.

“Tardibuono has the mental toughness and the ability to see the court. These are two skills that are innate and cannot necessarily be taught,” Coach Williams expressed.

Colombrita held the third singles spot, placed ninth in the UCT and finished with a 14-6 record.

“Colombrita has come a long way and made vast improvements to her game learning a topspin forehand and more competitive serve. Our first match of the season she lost to Roselle Park and the very last match of the season Colombrita won against the same competitor proving her successful season,” Williams said.

Bio Engineer. Our entire team is made up of honors students and over achievers. I am extremely proud of their progress on the tennis court and their ability to balance life as dedicated high school students,” Coach Williams expressed.

The team’s 19 wins topped the previous high of 17 set by the 2009 team and was the most in the 46 years that Cranford has had a girls tennis team. The Lady Cougars’ final loss was understandingly to the Millburn Millers in the semifinal round of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 Tournament.

“As the coach of the girls’ team and a mom of two girls, I feel that it is important to set an example for these young ladies. I was clear with the girls on all the things that I was balancing in my life, while coaching: wife, mother of two, working full-time special education teacher at CHS, taking graduate classes for my second mas-



OUTSTANDING SEASON...The Cougar girls tennis team had a banner season, going 19-3 and the capturing of the Union County Conference Mountain Middle Division crown. The Lady Cougars also placed seventh in the Union County Tournament (UCT).

Scotch Plains-Fanwood (3-2) and No. 1-ranked, 24-0 Millburn (5-0) in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 semifinals. The Millers went on to win the Tournament of Champions for the sixth straight year. Of their 19 wins, the Cougars recorded 11 shutouts.

“It was not until our match vs. GL [Governor Livingston] on October 30 that we truly came to terms about winning the conference. During our season, we were more concerned about building the strength of our team and going over strategy to win and be successful. Winning the conference was an added bonus to all of our hard work this season on and off the court,” said Coach Williams.

What definitely helped shoot the Cougars right to the top was a trio of very talented freshmen, who occupied the three singles positions.

“Molly Gardiner, Olivia Tardibuono and Alyssa Colombrita were certainly a nice surprise! Gardiner has a lot of experience playing in tournaments whereas Tardibuono and Colombrita are beginning their tennis journey. Tardibuono and Colombrita took lessons over the summer and improved that much more during our practices before the start of the season,” Coach Williams pointed out.

Gardiner took on the very competitive first singles spot and finished with an 18-2 regular-season record.

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The Cougars went with senior Julia Sorkin and sophomore Amanda Newport at first doubles. The pair placed sixth in the UCT and finished with an

ters degree in Administration Leadership at Georgian Court University, Advisor to the P.R.I.D.E. club at CHS and during the season training for and



GREAT SEASON AT FIRST SINGLES...Freshman Molly Gardiner had an 18-2 regular-season record and finished with 22 wins overall. Her 22 total wins was the most in a single season by a Cougar.

18-3 record.

“The two played at the singles state tournament losing in the first round to Princeton. Newport will return next season and we will continue to focus on her mechanics and doubles strategy,” Coach Williams promised.

The second doubles team consisted of seniors Hailey Seals and Kylie Brown, who also placed sixth in the UCT and finished with a 16-4 record.

“We are also graduating our second doubles team of Seals and Brown. All three graduating seniors are extremely intelligent and talented young ladies. Sorkin is an EMT for Cranford, Seals is the Manager at Giggles in Cranford, and Brown is going to college to be a

running the Brooklyn Half Marathon,” Coach Williams said.

With the return of Gardiner, Tardibuono and Colombrita at the hotly contested singles spots and Newport with a year experience at doubles, the Cougars could certainly expect a very bright outlook for next year.

“It is important to set high expectations on the court, in the classroom and in life. I feel that all of my players have learned a lot about tennis, being a good sport and the importance of a balanced life to be happy. Strong women can certainly be strong leaders and I would like to think that the 2018 Cranford girls’ tennis team knows that they can do whatever they set their mind to,” Coach Williams expressed.

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# No. 1 Lady Panthers Shut Out Raiders in Soccer Semis, 2-0

**By ALEX LOWE**  
*Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times*

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls soccer team was defeated by top-seeded and top-ranked Bridgewater-Raritan, 2-0, in the NJSIAA North 2, Group IV sectional semifinal match played November 5 in Bridgewater. A pair of lightning quick first-half goals by Panther star Morgan Winchock put Scotch Plains-Fanwood in catch up mode and on a day when the weather was windy and rainy the stifling Bridgewater-Raritan defense took care of the rest. With the win, the Panthers were slated to meet Watchung Hills in the sectional final.

“We’re excited,” said Winchock. “It is just another team that we have to beat. Three times, I think we can do it.”

For Scotch Plains-Fanwood, the 2018 season has been one of unexpected success. The Raiders entered the campaign with a lot of youth on their roster. Rather than serving as a detriment, the enthusiasm and athleticism fueled this team to exceed expectations. But on this day, the difference in experience may have finally caught up with the Raiders.

Seven minutes into the contest, Bridgewater-Raritan scored a pair of

goals within one minute of each other. Winchock was responsible for both. The first came on a header set up off of a corner and the second moments later on a laser shot after a free kick. In each instance, the Raiders appeared to have made fundamental errors.

“The corner kick was a lapse and then on the free kick, everybody just sat back,” said Scotch Plains-Fanwood Head Coach Kevin Ewing. “We’ve got to learn from our mistakes. Unfortunately, they had to occur in the last game.”

Armed with a two-goal advantage, the Panthers showed why they are the top-rated team in the state. The Panther defense kept the very quick and potent Raider offense from making any serious runs into the scoring area throughout the rest of the first half. Although the Raiders may have had a slight quickness edge on the wings, the Panthers did a great job of smothering that aspect of the game.

“We’ve always had a very tough defense,” said Winchock. “We knew some of their players and just being able to know who we had and being able to mark them as efficiently as we can, I think that was just really important.”

Bridgewater-Raritan could do little

on offense the rest of the way as well as Scotch Plains-Fanwood played its own brand of smothering defense. But the damage had been done.

The Panthers controlled the rest of the contest, fending off any threats from the Raiders in the second half and cruising to victory. Panther goalkeeper Maggie Ousouljoglou needed to make just four saves on the game. Raider goaltender Maya Kessler stopped six shots. The Raiders were left to ponder what might have been had they not given up the two quick goals early in the contest.

“You know, take back the first eight minutes of the game, it was a pretty even game,” said Ewing. “I mean, I think Bridgewater had a little better of the play but our kids fought hard all game. We didn’t create too many chances for ourselves but they fought hard. We had two mistakes in the early part of the game and that hurt us. You can’t give mistakes to a good team like Bridgewater.”

The game was played under horrendous conditions with a steady, cold rain arriving in Somerset County ahead of schedule and pouring down on players throughout the contest. Still Ewing was not using that as an excuse.

“Both teams had to play in the same conditions. If anything I just think Bridgewater is a very tough team defensively and it had a big impact on us.”

His thoughts were echoed by Winchock.

“It was pretty tough. The ball was skipping a lot but it is just one of those things you have to deal with. Both teams had to adjust to it.”

For the Raiders, the season did not end as they would have hoped but it ended a lot later than many would have expected. With a youthful, deep and talented lineup, the Raiders figure to be right back in the hunt for a sectional title next year.

“We only have four seniors,” said Ewing. “We are going to miss their leadership and experience but we have a lot of talented young kids coming back.”



BATTLING FOR POSSESSION OF THE BALL...Cougar senior Kenzie Butler, right, and Millburn Miller Melissa Gates, No. 21, battle for possession of the ball in the North 2, Group 3 semifinal game in Cranford on November 9.

# Cougars Rout Millers, 7-2; Fall To Middletown No. in Final, 3-1

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

The second-seeded, No. 10 Cranford High School girls soccer team erupted with four goals in the first half and added another three to rout the sixth-seeded Millburn Millers, 7-2, in the semifinal round of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 Tournament in Cranford on November 6. Then on November 9 in Middletown, the Cougars’ season came to an end with a 3-1, rain-soaked defeat to the top-seeded Middletown North Lady Lions.

In the rout against the Millers, which is normally very unusual for a section semifinal game, the Raiders got off to a very quick 2-0 jump. Senior attacker Lauren Williamson netted a hat trick (3 goals) and junior Maggie Murray scored twice and added a pair of assists. Junior Brooke Swandrak scored twice and senior Grace DiGiovanni added two assists, while seniors Kenzie Butler and Sofia Ambrosia each contributed an assist for the 18-3 Cougars. Carly Bernstein

scored in the first half and Chloe Zegas scored in the second half for the 11-7-1 Millers.

“We came out on fire! From the opening whistle, we pressed high and shut down their passing lanes forward. I knew they had a lot of talent and speed in Chloe Zegas, so our game plan was to now allow her to even receive the ball that often. Going up 2-0 within eight minutes definitely helped our mentality and momentum, and we were able to carry on our consistent play throughout the game. Very proud of how we executed our plan against Millburn,” Cougar Head Coach Andrew Gagliardo expressed.

In the championship game, it was the Lady Lions, who turned the tables on the Cougars with two quick goals. Ashley Dietrich, on a quick assist, scored half way through the first minute then 13 minutes later Lioness Darien Rinn made the score 2-0. With 10 minutes remaining in the half, Cougar Williamson, assisted by Claire Ganley, netted a goal.

“I think it was tough going down a goal within the first 30 seconds of the game. We didn’t come out with the energy we needed to; with the energy we usually bring. Not sure why,” commented Coach Gagliardo. “It was even tougher going down 2-0. But then we switched it on, and in my opinion, dominated the rest of that game. I have to praise our girls’ resiliency in that game. Not many teams can battle

back and keep fighting in that scenario. The rain, their home field where they haven’t lost all year, fans, I was very proud with how we carried ourselves.”

Dietrich nailed her second goal 10 minutes into the second half off a corner kick that deflected off a Cougar defender to put the Lions up 3-1. Throughout the game the Lions were keying on Murray, putting the pinch on her with a double team.

“We got back to 2-1, and showed really good signs of coming back and potentially getting a win. Possession was really favorable for us. I think we just lacked that final urgency to finish the game off. Lauren, Sofia and Maggie had good games. They all had their moments of good play. Maggie and Lauren were still beating girls end line, getting balls into the box, taking shots. They just weren’t falling for us. Some opportunities didn’t get finished, and unfortunately, it wasn’t our game,” Coach Gagliardo said.

The 21-1 Lions were set to face Northern Highlands in the Group 4 semifinals on November 13. The Lady Cougars completed their season with an outstanding 18-4 record.

“Overall, it was a fantastic season for us. We had a lot of firsts, one of the best seasons in program history, and plenty of standards set high that will hopefully carry on to next season,” Coach Gagliardo said.

# P-Burg Stops Cougars, 21-0, In Sectional Grid Semifinal

After a scoreless first quarter, the top-seeded, 12th-ranked Phillipsburg Stateliners scored a touchdown in the second quarter then added two fourth-quarter touchdowns to defeat the fifth-seeded Cranford Cougars, 21-0, in the semifinal round of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 Tournament in Phillipsburg on November 10.

Quarterback Jack Stagaard connected with receiver Sterling Walker for an 87-yard touchdown in the second quarter to give P-burg a 7-0 lead. Late in the third quarter Nasir Ball intercepted Cougar junior quarterback Connor Katz’s pass at the Stateliner 22 yard line to set up the next touchdown when Joe Green scooted into the end zone from the 11 yard line on the first play of the fourth quarter. P-burg’s final touchdown came on a 19-yard reception by Walker Sutton.

P-burg totaled 380 yards (253 passing, 127 run), while Cranford had a total of 287 (136 passing, 151 run). Katz completed 12 of 21 passes for 136 yards, including two interceptions. Cole Blazek had seven receptions for 72 yards. Mike Kalnins had two receptions for 48 yards and Tom Korzeneski had three receptions for 16 yards. Rob Schork carried 23 times for 122 yards and Katz carried 13 times for 29 yards.

Defensively, Dante Cassaro was involved in 16 tackles and Jake

Chapman, who recovered a fumble, was involved in 12 tackles. Matt Doran recovered a P-burg fumble and had five tackles. Jamelle Harper had eight tackles, including a sack and a throw for a loss. Zach Blevins made eight tackles, including a sack and a throw for a loss. Ahmad Rasheed made seven tackles and Chris Guiditta made five tackles. Blazek added an interception.

The Cougars finished their season with a 6-4 record, while the 9-1 Stateliners would face Irvington for the title on November 16. The third-seeded Irvington Blue Knights defeated second-seeded Randolph, 20-17, with a field goal in the second overtime

Cranford	0	0	0	0	0
Phillipsburg	0	7	0	14	21

Sc PI-Fanwood	0	0	0
BrH2O-Raritan	2	0	2

Probitas Verus Honos



LINING UP AGAINST THE SCARLET KNIGHTS...Michigan Wolverine defensive lineman Rashan Gary, No. 3 from Scotch Plains, lines up in the game at Rutgers on November 10. Fourth-ranked Michigan defeated Rutgers, 42-7.

Lions Top Westfield In Group 4 V-ball

The 17-6 Westfield High School girls volleyball team’s season came to an end with a 25-13, 25-18, set-back to the top-seeded, 31-1 North Hunterdon Lions in Annandale on November 7. Samantha Colucci had nine assists, three digs, a kill and a service ace. Jenna Miller recorded nine digs and three kills and Stephanie Margolies had two kills, five digs, an assist and a service point.

Anne Friel had five digs, an assist and two service points, Julia Becker had five digs and a service point and Nora Brindle had two service aces. Uzi Ijoma notched seven kills and a dig. Grace Gruters had two blocks, a kill, two digs and a service point. Giana Mangiamele had a block and Abby Zidel added a dig.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD  
NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR  
QUALIFICATIONS/PROPOSALS

The Township of Cranford is soliciting proposals through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

Sealed RFP responses will be received by the Township Clerk on Friday, December 7, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Township Clerk, Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey 07016, at which time and place responses will be opened for:

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS/PROPOSALS FOR  
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THE PLANNING BOARD

Submission packages may be obtained at the Township Clerk’s Office, (908) 709-7210, during regular business hours, 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, or by downloading the documents on the Township’s website: <https://www.cranfordnj.org/bids>. Registration on the Township’s website is required.

Respondents shall comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27. A copy of your New Jersey Business Registration Certificate shall be included with your proposal.

Patricia Donahue, RMC  
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MAKING A CRUNCHING TACKLE...Blue Devils Colin Freer, No. 11, a Wolfpack running back during the crossover game against West Morris Central in Washington Twp. on November 8. The Blue Devils won 20-13. The Blue Devils will face Plainfield in the Annual Thanksgiving Day game at Hub Stine Field in Plainfield at 11 a.m.

## Blue Devils Stun Wolfpack in Grid Crossover

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WHS 29.

There were 2:15 showing on the scoreboard when Shapiro got his first real-time two-minute drill. The junior – who already holds most of WHS’s game, season and career passing records – got an A-plus.

“Emmett made a great play and gave the offense a chance to win the game, which is all we can ask for from the defense,” Shapiro said. “We practice our two-minute drill every week, so when it comes to the game, everyone knows what they have to do. I knew we would win if everyone did their job and executed the coach’s play calls.”

After running for a yard, Shapiro completed eight consecutive passes (earlier in the game he had a run of 10 straight, spanning the second and third periods). He hit Griffin Rooney for 13, Smith for seven, Justin Chambliss for five, Norris for 16, Rooney for 12 and two, then Norris for 11. After spiking the ball to stop the clock with 0:17.6 showing, Shapiro hit Norris for the winning TD.

“That was the first time a team I played on had a tie game with only a short amount of time left and the ball,” said Shapiro, who finished the night completing 19 of 24 passes for 228 yards. “We all knew what we had to do. Seeing great quarterbacks lead their team in situations like this, I knew I had to do the same.”

Westfield had taken a 6-0 lead on two first-period field goals by sophomore Mack Prybylski. The first was set up by Smith’s long kickoff return to the West Morris 45. The drive featured a 21-yard pass to Norris, before a 29-yard field goal.

The ensuing kickoff was fumbled and kicked around before Will Kessler recovered the ball on the WM four. Two runs and an incomplete pass resulted in minus-one yards, so Prybylski got the field goal, which got a lucky bounce off the right upright and caromed over the goal post.

West Morris then drove 69 yards in 11 plays, sparked by a fourth-and-five first-down pass on a fake punt. The final six plays of that drive resulted in four first downs and a touchdown. But the PAT kick was botched and the game remained tied at six.

The Blue Devils then put together one of their best drives of the season,

starting at the 11:40 mark from their 34. They went 16 plays and 61 yards, including a converted fake punt of their own, in an 8:30 minute drive that ended on downs at the WM five.

A leaping interception by Smith at the Westfield 45 with 37 seconds left in the half gave Shapiro time to find Rooney behind the “prevent” defense for a 55-yard touchdown and a 13-6 halftime lead.

“Emmett made another great play there to get the ball back,” said Shapiro, whose father played quarterback at Pascack Hills High School. “We ran one of our basic pass plays and I knew Griffin would beat the secondary and be open. All I had to do was get the ball there and I knew he’d make the play.”

On their second possession of the second half, the Wolfpack drove 64 yards in just four plays, runs for 0, 10 and 32 yards, and a 22-yard touchdown pass. With 6:45 left in the game it was a 13-13 tie.

The Devils next went on a long drive of their own, marching from their 31 to the WM one, taking 11 plays and using up over five minutes of the clock. But after reaching the five-yard line, two incompletions and two runs produced four yards.

“I wasn’t surprised when Coach (Jim) DeSarno kept the offense on the field for fourth down on the goal line,” Shapiro said. “He trusts us to get the necessary yards, but we didn’t get it done there. We really wanted that last yard, especially after the two drives that stalled resulting in field goals. We need to get it in the end zone.”

Was this game an omen for 2019?

“Hopefully this (Thursday night) is the start of something special,” said Shapiro, who has received an offer from Lehigh University, and is talking to several other top academic schools. “We have a lot of great players that we’ll have to replace, but we also have a lot of great players coming back. I believe this group has the capability to be great and to get a lot of wins next year.

“We had a much tougher schedule this year and things didn’t turn out how we wanted. But we came to practice every day, worked hard and stayed together. Now with Plainfield next, we need to have a great week of practice and send these seniors off the

right way.”

NOTES: Rooney finished with eight catches for 117 yards, while Norris had seven for 90. Norris now has 58 career catches, the most ever for a WHS tight end, passing Chris Boutsikaris (54) and David Kane (49). ... Junior Nick Martini carried 23 times for 87 yards, and had four runs of more than 10 yards.

Senior linebacker Koury Kania did not suit up; senior cornerback Jordan Simpson was suited up, but did not play. Kessler took Kania’s spot inside, and senior Griffin Aslanian played outside backer. Senior Devon McLane replaced Simpson. ... The 114th meeting of WHS and Plainfield will take place next Thursday at Hub Stine Field. It will be the 75th meeting schedule since the teams started playing on Thanksgiving morning in 1944. (See next week’s Devil’s Den for more on that, and the game’s future.)

The officials either forgot to bring their yellow flags, or mutually decided to keep them in their pockets to speed things up, as there was not a single penalty called in the game. (It was refreshing to see a game not marred by the nonstop flurry of falling hankies.) ... To be kind, the refs’ spotting of the ball was shaky, as was the fact they never brought out the chains to measure for first downs, despite at least a half-dozen measurable situations. The worst was at the end of the third period, after the Pack held on downs at their one-yard line. Following a third-down run, the officials signaled a first down, without a measurement, and then spotted the ball at the 10-yard line!



RUNNING WITH THE DEVILS...The high winds and rain could not stop 11-year old Daniel Perry as Fanwood, center, a patient from Children’s Hospital of New Jersey at Newark Beth Israel Hospital, as he participated in the RWJBarnabas Health “Running with the Devils 5K Run and Walk” on Saturday, November 3, at South Mountain Recreation Complex in West Orange.

### Fanwood Residents Run/Walk With the Devils

Daniel Perry of Fanwood, who has endured three open heart surgeries, along with his father Damon, partici-

pated in the Running with the Devils 5K Run and Walk on November 3 at South Mountain Recreation Complex in West Orange. Prior to the race, Daniel and Damon spent time with New Jersey Devils alumni Bruce Driver and Grant Marshall and the popular mascot, NJ Devil.

The event, which raised more than \$160,000, supports the collective commitment of RWJBarnabas Health and the New Jersey Devils to build stronger communities by promoting healthy, active lifestyles and world-class healthcare. Proceeds will benefit programs and services at RWJBarnabas Health’s 11 statewide hospital facilities, hospice initiatives, the Behavioral Health Network and Children’s Specialized Hospital.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

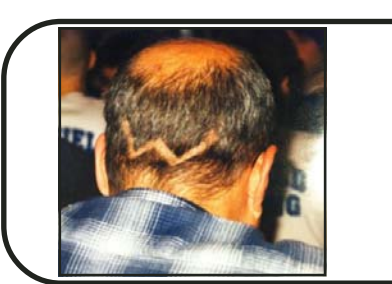
**TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS**

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a quorum of the members of the Scotch Plains Township Council, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment may be in attendance at the **RFP/RFO Pre-Submittal Meeting for the Redevelopment of the Tier 1, Phase I Section of the Scotch Plains Downtown on November 20, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Scotch Plains Municipal Building, Township Council Chambers, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076.

No formal action will be taken by the Township Council, Planning Board or Zoning Board of Adjustment at this meeting.

BOZENA LACINA  
Municipal Clerk

1 T - 11/15/18, The Times Fee: \$17.34



The WHS field hockey team had 16 wins this fall, the second-most in the program’s 47-year history. The total combined record for those 47 teams is 400-333-116.

And this year’s squad scored 57 goals, one less than the school record set by the 1979 team that finished 19-1-1 and lost to Cherry Hill East in the state Group 4 final. That team was coached by Hall of Famer Carol Donner and included four current Hall of Famers – Denise Comby, Cheryl Gleason, Chris Diemer and Bonnie Bell – and several possible future inductees, like co-captain Pam Kraft, Christine Cosenza, and high-scoring sophomore Martha Tweedie.

The Blue Devils have reached the state championship game four times – in 1975, 1978, 1979 and 1992, although they all came up short. They also reached the state semifinal round in 1977.

As far as individual scoring, Jen Schwarzenbekis the career points leader with 54. Paige Corbett’s 26 points in 1999 was a single-season record, while Cosenza had six points in one game in 1980 before she started selling insurance.

Tweedie and Schwarzenbek are tied for the career goal-scoring lead with 40 each, while Schwarzenbek’s 18 in 1994 is the school standard. Mary Jackson’s five goals against Thomas Edison Tech in 1974 set a school record, while four girls – Sue Booth, Julie DeCosta, Schwarzenbek and Alex Maus – found the back of the cage four times in a single game.

Hall of Famer Erin Allebaugh and Corbett are tied for most career assists with 20 apiece, while Corbett’s 14 as a senior is the single-season mark.

Christina Seery (’17) set school records for saves in a career (658), season (283) and game (39). Diemer has the record for career shutouts with 30, 15 each in 1978 and 1979.

As with our soccer records in last week’s Den, many of these statistical categories are incomplete. Anyone with verifiable corrections and up-

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD**  
**CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-16**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, CHAPTER 255, LAND DEVELOPMENT, §255-39 CONDITIONAL USES**

**STATEMENT**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the foregoing ordinance was finally passed at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, New Jersey on November 5, 2018.

Patricia Donahue  
Municipal Clerk

1 T - 11/15/18, The Leader Fee: \$18.36

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

(3) The third priority shall be a new tower located within a non-residential district in the Township.

255-37(l) (5)-(7) . . . . .

(9) Site Plan Approval.

(a)-(b) (1) . . . . .

(12) Applicants proposing to erect a new wireless telecommunications tower shall provide documentary evidence that a legitimate attempt has been made to locate the antennas on existing buildings or structures. Such evidence shall include a radio frequency engineering analysis of the potential suitability of existing buildings or structures in the search for such antennas. Efforts to secure such locations shall be documented through correspondence between wireless telecom providers and the property owners of any suitable existing buildings or structures. The Township reserves the right to engage such professionals as it may be required at the applicant’s expense.

(10) Conditional use standards for towers.

(11) Design standards for towers. Applicants shall satisfy the design standards enumerated below to obtain site plan approval for towers in addition to other standards that may be required pursuant to this chapter.

(a)-(b) . . . . .

(c) A report from a qualified expert shall be submitted, at the expense of the applicant, which contains the following:

i. A description of the tower and the technical specifications for the tower design and height.

ii. Documentation to establish that the tower has sufficient structural integrity for the proposed uses at the proposed location and meets the minimum safety requirements and margins according to the FCC requirements in their current adopted revision. (cite)

iii. General capacity of tower including number and type of antenna it is designed to accommodate

iv. Elevations of the proposed tower and accessory building shall be submitted which generally depicts all of the proposed antennas, platforms, finish materials and all other accessory equipment.

**EXPLANATION – Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

**NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE**

The foregoing ordinance was introduced and approved on first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, New Jersey on Monday, November 5, 2018 and will be further considered for final passage after public hearing to be held at the Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as this matter can be reached. All persons interested will be given the opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance. Copies of Ordinance 2018-17 are available in the office of the Township Clerk, Cranford Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey, during the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Patricia Donahue  
Municipal Clerk

1 T - 11/15/18, The Leader Fee: \$128.52

## Devil’s Den

# WHS Record Book: Field Hockey

By BRUCE JOHNSON  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

dates is welcome to contact me at bj1019@aol.com.

**FIELD HOCKEY RECORDS**

**CAREER POINTS**

54 Jen Schwarzenbek, 1992-94  
47 Martha Tweedie, 1979-81  
47 Halsey Urban, 2009-12  
45 Diana Daniel, 1990-92  
31 Kristen Leonardis, 1998-99

**ONE-SEASON POINTS**

26 Paige Corbett, 1999  
21 Diana Daniel, 1992  
21 Jen Schwarzenbek, 1992  
20 Shannon Wagner, 1997  
20 Kristen Leonardis, 1999  
19 Cheryl Gleason, 1979  
19 Jen Schwarzenbek, 1993  
18 Martha Tweedie, 1980  
18 Erin Allebaugh, 1992  
17 Denise Comby, 1979  
17 Christine Cosenza, 1980  
17 Megan Webber, 2017

**ONE-GAME POINTS**

6 Christine Cosenza, 1980

**CAREER GOALS**

40 Martha Tweedie, 1979-81  
40 Jen Schwarzenbek, 1992-94  
29 Julie DeCosta, 1973-74  
28 Cheryl Gleason, 1978-80  
23 Sue Booth, 1974-75  
23 Denise Comby, 1977-78

**ONE-SEASON GOALS**

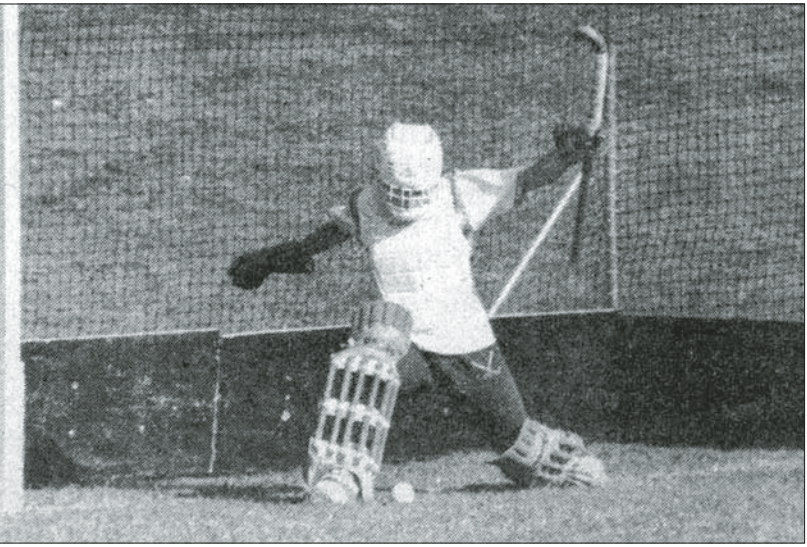
18 Jen Schwarzenbek, 1994  
15 Julie DeCosta, 1974  
15 Mary Jackson, 1974  
15 Diane Henry, 1975  
15 Shannon Wagner, 1997  
14 Julie DeCosta, 1973  
14 Cheryl Gleason, 1979  
14 Martha Tweedie, 1981  
13 Sue Booth, 1975  
13 Martha Tweedie, 1979, 1980  
13 Diana Daniel, 1992

The first recorded game between the ancient rivals was in 1900, but, contrary to popular belief, it’s only been a Thanksgiving tradition since 1944. This will be the 75th game scheduled on Turkey Day, with the Blue Devils holding a 45-27-2 advantage. The teams met after Thanksgiving in 1976, a 34-0 WHS victory, when the Devils beat the Queen City guys, 14-0, for the state sectional title.

(FYI, Union City, which beat WHS, 21-7, in the sectional quarterfinals, ran for 459 yards Friday night in a 46-6 rout of Union in the North 2, Group 5 semifinals, while Piscataway routed Ridge, 40-13, in their semifinal. With Phillipsburg advancing to the North 2, Group 4 final, three of WHS’s losses were to state finalists.)

**THIS AND THAT**

The WHS boys cross-country team finished a close second to South Jersey’s Kingsway Regional in the state Group 4 championship race Saturday. Kingsway, which is located in Woolwich Township, Gloucester County, beat the Devils by six points, 97-91. WHS, led by senior James McCutcheon’s ninth-place finish, averaged 16:52 per runner, while the Dragons were at 16:49. The girls were fifth in Group 4, with senior Sarah Hacker again leading the way in 11th place.



VERSATILE ATHLETE...Claudia Carnevale (’90) was a three-year field hockey goalie, three-year basketball starter at guard and three-year shortstop in softball.

**ONE-GAME GOALS**

5 Mary Jackson, 1974 vs. Edison Tech

4 Sue Booth, 1974 vs. Edison Tech  
4 Julie DeCosta, 1974 vs. Millburn  
4 Jen Schwarzenbek, 1994 vs. Cranford

4 Alex Maus, 2002 vs. Union

**CAREER ASSISTS**

20 Erin Allebaugh, 1990-92  
20 Paige Corbett, 1998-99  
16 Diana Daniel, 1990-92  
14 Jen Schwarzenbek, 1992-94

**ONE-SEASON ASSISTS**

14 Paige Corbett, 1999  
11 Alina Spera, 2010  
10 Halsey Urban, 2011  
10 Shannon Devitt, 2016  
10 Zoe Rader, 2016

**CAREER SAVES**

658 Christina Seery, 2013-16  
597 Hannah Purdy, 2007, 2009-10 (’08?)

443 Claudia Carnevale, 1987-89  
329 Meg O’Brien, 1992-94  
300 Deanna Cohen, 2011-12

**ONE-SEASON SAVES**

283 Christina Seery, 2015  
269 Hannah Purdy, 2009  
218 Hannah Purdy, 2010  
212 Agatha Magierski, 2013  
201 Nathalia Mavrogiannis, 2006

**ONE-GAME SAVES**

39 Christina Seery, 2015 vs. West Essex

36 Hannah Purdy, 2010 vs. Oak Knoll  
32 Natalia Mavrogiannis, 2006 vs. Kent Place

**CAREER SHUTOUTS**

30 Chris Diemer, 1978-79  
27 Meg O’Brien, 1992-94  
21 Jen Woodbury, 1998-99  
20 Christina Seery, 2013-16  
19 Claudia Carnevale, 1987-89

**ONE-SEASON SHUTOUTS**

15 Chris Diemer, 1978 and 1979

**UP NEXT**

Despite both teams limping into the game with sub-par records, next Thursday’s 114th football meeting between WHS and Plainfield will still be one of New Jersey’s Thanksgiving Day highlights. After three straight state sectional championship years, the Devils are 3-7 this fall, while the Cardinals are 1-9. Overall, WHS leads the series by a 61-45-7 margin.



# POLICE BLOTTER

## WESTFIELD

Tuesday, November 6, Kaja Brown, 23, of South Plainfield was arrested at the South Plainfield Police Department on a Westfield Municipal Court criminal warrant in the amount of \$851. She was transported to Westfield police headquarters, where she was processed and held pending court.

Tuesday, November 6, David Chavez, 23, of Piscataway was arrested on a Piscataway Municipal Court criminal warrant, in the amount of \$550, pursuant to a motor vehicle stop at Central and Ayliffe Avenues. He was transported to police headquarters, where he was processed and released with a court date of November 13.

## SCOTCH PLAINS

Friday, November 2, a 2017 Mercedes S550 was stolen from a residence on Frances Lane at approximately 1 p.m. The vehicle was entered

as stolen and a description was broadcast to surrounding towns. The vehicle was able to be tracked and was located at the Jersey Gardens Mall in Elizabeth at approximately 5 p.m. The vehicle was recovered unoccupied by the Elizabeth Police Department.

Friday, November 2, the management at a Front Street gas station reported the theft of gas. A customer filled their motor vehicle up and left without paying. The matter is under investigation.

Tuesday, November 6, a resident of Ravenswood Lane reported an incident of fraud. Someone gained access to the victim's bank information and made a bank transfer without the victim's authorization. Authorities are investigating the matter.

Wednesday, November 7, the management at a Front Street furniture store reported the theft of a sign from the front

of the store, which was valued at \$850. The matter is under investigation.

Wednesday, November 7, a resident of North Plainfield reported their motor vehicle was burglarized at a Martine Avenue facility. The victim stated that her purse was removed from the vehicle and several credit cards were used at various locations. The matter is under investigation.

Wednesday, November 7, a resident of Paramus reported the theft of her cell phone from a locker at a Lamberts Mill Road facility. Authorities are investigating the matter.

Wednesday, November 7, a resident of Roberts Lane reported an incident of fraud. The victim stated that two individuals attempted to secure bank loans and put the victim's name down as a co-signer without the victim's knowledge. The matter is under investigation.

Sunday, November 11, Gina Senatus, 40, of Roselle was arrested during a motor vehicle stop and charged with driving under the influence. She was transported to police headquarters and processed.

## FANWOOD

Sunday, November 4, an officer on patrol on the 50 block of South Avenue observed an individual litter on the street. The officer made contact with him, and a check of this individual showed an active warrant out of the Union County Sheriff's Office. The individual, Richard Foster, 49, of Plainfield, was placed under arrest on the active warrant and also charged with littering. He was turned over to the Union County Sheriff's Office.

Thursday, November 8, a resident of the 100 block of South Martine Avenue reported that his house was burglarized by an unknown person. The incident occurred between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Friday, November 9, an officer made a motor vehicle stop at Terrill Road and East 3rd Street for a motor vehicle violation. While the officer was speaking with the driver, he could detect an odor of marijuana. A search of the vehicle revealed suspected marijuana. The driver was arrested, processed, charged with possession of marijuana and released pending his court appearance. He was identified as Sebastian Bonilla, 21, of Linden.

## CRANFORD

Tuesday, October 31, Jenine Parrinello, 44, of Edison was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance (CDS) and possession of drug paraphernalia following a motor vehicle stop on the Garden State Parkway 137 Exchange for failing to maintain their lane. Parrinello, the driver, was arrested for suspected cocaine located in her property. She was processed and provided with a state Superior Court appearance date. In addition, she was issued motor vehicle summonses for failure to keep right, driving with a suspended license and possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle.

Wednesday, October 31, Christopher Morris, 20, of Newark was arrested and charged with distribution of a CDS, possession of over 50 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia following a motor vehicle stop on the Garden State Parkway 136 Exchange for unclear plates. Morris was processed and provided with a state Superior Court appearance date. In addition, he was issued motor vehicle summonses for unclear plates, a seatbelt violation and possession of a CDS in a motor vehicle.

Thursday, November 1, Peter Lima, 57, of Linden was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI) after police units were dispatched to a reported motor vehicle crash on Alden Street. Following an investigation at the scene, one of the drivers, Lima, was arrested for DWI. He was processed and provided with a municipal court appearance date. In addition, he was issued a motor vehicle summons for improper parking.

Saturday, November 3, Donald Moore, 34, of Edison was arrested and charged with DWI after police units were dispatched to a suspicious vehicle driving along Springfield Avenue with no headlights activated. Moore was processed and provided with a municipal court appearance date. In addition, he was issued motor vehicle summonses for an unregistered vehicle and obstructing traffic.

Sunday, November 4, Robbill Mohammed, 41, of Roselle was arrested and charged with DWI after police units were dispatched to a reported motor vehicle on North Avenue West, pulled curbside, playing loud music from the radio. Following an investigation at the scene, police arrested the driver, Mohammed, for DWI. He was processed and provided with a municipal court appearance date. In addition, he was issued motor vehicle summonses for careless driving and obstructing traffic.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

**TRYING TO GET POSITION...Raider co-captain Rock Valian, No. 7, attempts to scoot in front of a Minuteman during the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 Championship game in Scotch Plains on November 8.**

# Minutemen Strike Twice; Burn Raiders, 2-1

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tain of the team. He's normally a lefty, so he was able to run to the ball and his best opportunity was for him to strike it with his right foot. He opened up his body, ran through it and he was able to strike it."

As to his goal, Pacius described, "It was a corner. We always do that in practice. Coach tells us to attack the ball, attack the ball. So that's what I did. Attack the ball, and I put it into the back of the net."

During his varsity career, Pacius has also been a very effective goalkeeper as well as an attacker.

"I like both. I like blocking the goals and I like scoring them," Pacius commented.

Although scoreless, the majority by far of the pressure in the first half was delivered by the 20-1-2 Raiders. After Coyle (4 saves) smothered one of Chavez's long shots from the far left corner, the Raiders answered with a sustained assault. Elizabeth junior goalkeeper Stephen Valencia (5 saves) and his defenders were put to the test after a long throw-in created a big scramble and some animosities in the box. Raider junior Alvaro Furfaro took a shot that banged the crossbar. Another throw-in got to co-captain Alex Ferrara, whose shot was deflected.

Then midway through the half, the Raiders had a nice idea when senior midfielder Jack Hosmer skid the ball forward to senior attacker Zidan Abdella, who was gliding down the right side. From there, Abdella drilled a fine cross into the center where co-captain Rock Valian got a foot on it. Unfortunately for the Raiders, his shot was deflected. With a little more than 18 minutes on the clock, Alex Ferrara got off a shot that Valencia managed to reject.

But the emotions began to flare a few minutes later when a mass mix of Raiders, which included Mike and Alex Ferrara, Furfaro, senior Jon Koseoglu and Valian, penetrated the box. After a mad scramble, Koseoglu

appeared to score but the goal but was negated on an offside call that evoked plenty of displeasure from the Raiders' portion of the sidelines. And it did not get any easier when additional referees' calls did not go their way.

"The game was decided unfortunately by the officials. That's all I can say. We score a goal. No way in God's name that the kid was or we were offside. No way! Virtually impossible! Prior to that we have the ball in the box, going for the ball. The kid two-handed push to Alvaro [Furfaro] from behind. He falls down. There's no call. That kills your game. That kills your game right there. Game should have been 2-0 in the first half but as a result of poor officiating, it wasn't," Raider Head Coach Tom Breznitsky expressed.

Ten minutes later toward the end of the half, however, Minuteman Matt Giraldo scored but it too was negated because of an illegal push in the box.

The tide drifted slightly in favor of

the Minutemen in the second half then Chavez netted his goal and Pacius followed less than two minutes later with his header.

"I wanted to win it all for my team. All my fellows are always pushing me to play. Even sometimes people say, 'Ah! You are too big to play the game but I will not let that get into my head. I know I can play and I can do it. Coach always says, 'corners, find the big man. That's what he did,'" Pacius expressed.

The Raiders reacted with a sense of urgency. Abdella took a free kick and drilled it off the crossbar. On the rebound Alex Ferrara took a knee to the head and the Raiders were awarded a penalty kick. With 22:18 on the clock, Koseoglu ripped his shot into the left-center of the net to narrow Elizabeth's lead to 2-1. The Raiders stepped up their attack until the very end but could not find the mark.

"The kids gave it an effort to come back. It's difficult some times but I could not be more proud of them. It was one 'heck' of a season," Coach Breznitsky said.

Elizabeth	0	2	2
Sc PI-Fanwood	0	1	1

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
CHANCERY DIVISION  
UNION COUNTY  
DOCKET NO.: F-017566-18  
FILE NO: 27.0917**

### NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:  
JANE SCHWARZ, HER  
HEIRS, DEVISEES AND PER-  
SONAL REPRESENTATIVES,  
AND HIS, HER, THEIR, OR  
ANY OF THEIR SUCCESS-  
SORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND  
INTEREST**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon FRANK J. MARTONE, P.C., Plaintiff's Attorneys, whose address is 1455 Broad Street, Bloomfield, New Jersey, 07003, an answer to the Complaint/Amended Complaint in a civil action in which HAVEN SAVINGS BANK is plaintiff and JANE SCHWARZ, HER HEIRS, DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, AND HIS, HER, THEIR, OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST, are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey within thirty-five (35) days after the date of this publication. (A directory of the addresses of each deputy clerk of the Superior Court is available in the Civil Division Management Office in the county listed above and online at [http://www.judiciary.state.nj.us/pro\\_se/10153\\_deptyclerklawref.pdf](http://www.judiciary.state.nj.us/pro_se/10153_deptyclerklawref.pdf).) If the Complaint/Amended Complaint is one in foreclosure, then you must file your written answer or motion and proof of service with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Hughes Justice Complex, P.O. Box 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0971. A filing fee payable to the Treasurer, State of New Jersey and a completed Case Information Statement (available from the deputy clerk of the Superior Court) must accompany your answer or motion when it is filed. You must also send a copy of your answer or motion to plaintiff's attorney whose name and address appears above, or to plaintiff, if no attorney is named above. A telephone call will not protect your rights; you must file and serve a written answer or motion (with fee of \$175.00 and completed Case Information Statement) if you want the court to hear your defense.

If you do not file and serve a written answer or motion within 35 days, the court

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may enter a judgment against you for the relief plaintiff demands, plus interest and costs of suit. If judgment is entered against you, the Sheriff may seize your money, wages or property to pay all or part of the judgment.

You are further advised that if you cannot afford an attorney, you may call the Legal Services office in the county where you live or the Legal Services of New Jersey Statewide Hotline at 1-888-LSNJ-LAW (1-888-576-5529). If you do not have an attorney and are not eligible for free legal assistance, you may obtain a referral to an attorney by calling one of the Lawyer Referral Services. A directory with contact information for local Legal Services Offices and Lawyer Referral Services is available in the Civil Division Management Office in the county listed above and online at [http://www.judiciary.state.nj.us/prose/10153\\_deptyclerklawref.pdf](http://www.judiciary.state.nj.us/prose/10153_deptyclerklawref.pdf).

This action has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing a mortgage and recovering possession of the lands and premises described in a mortgage dated December 22, 2004, recorded on December 29, 2004, in Book M10983, Page 984, made by JANE SCHWARZ AND ALAN ZIMMERMAN, H/W, to the plaintiff and covers real estate located at 1119-25 Woodland Avenue, Plainfield, New Jersey 07060, Tax Lot 20, Block 11.

Pursuant to R. 4:4-4 and 4:64-1(d), mediation is available through the New Jersey Courts. Forms and instructions may be obtained on the Court's web site at [www.njcourtsonline.com](http://www.njcourtsonline.com).

You **JANE SCHWARZ, HER HEIRS, DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, AND HIS, HER, THEIR, OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST**, are made a defendant because you are the heir(s) of the deceased mortgagor, JANE SCHWARZ, and as such may have an interest in the mortgaged premises, and you have a right to Notice of this action for any right, title, claim or interest you may have in, to, or against the said mortgaged premises and your lien or encumbrance on the mortgaged premises is subject to plaintiff's mortgage.

Dated: November 15, 2018  
Michelle M. Smith, Esq.  
Superior Court Clerk

Frank J. Martone, P.C.  
A Professional Corporation  
1455 Broad Street  
Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003  
(973) 473-3000  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act P.L. 1975 c.231, this notice is to advise that the Cranford Board of Education will hold a Reorganization and Open Work Session meeting on Monday, January 7, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the Board Room at Lincoln School. The purpose of the meeting is to conduct the Reorganization of the Board of Education including administering the Oath of Office to the newly elected Board Members and to transact any other business to come properly before the Board. Formal action will be taken at this meeting.

By order of  
Robert J. Carfagno  
Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary

1 T - 11/15/18, The Leader Fee: \$20.40



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

**USING HIS HEAD...Minuteman Youkendy Pacius, No. 30, goes up for a header as Raider co-captain Alex Ferrara closes in. Pacius did use his head to knock in what turned out to be the winning goal that earned Elizabeth the title.**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
CHANCERY DIVISION  
UNION COUNTY  
DOCKET NO. F-018024-18  
FILE NO: 51333-746**

### NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:  
MARYE BAKER, HER HEIRS,  
DEVISEES AND PERSONAL  
REPRESENTATIVES AND  
THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR  
SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT,  
TITLE AND INTEREST; JOHN  
DOE, HUSBAND OF MARY E.  
BAKER, SAID NAME JOHN  
DOE BEING FICTITIOUS;  
ROGER BAKER, HIS HEIRS,  
DEVISEES AND PERSONAL  
REPRESENTATIVES AND  
THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR  
SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT,  
TITLE AND INTEREST; MRS.  
ROGER BAKER; UNKNOWN  
OWNERS/UNKNOWN CLAIM-  
ANTS, THEIR HEIRS, AND  
DEVISEES AND PERSONAL  
REPRESENTATIVES AND  
THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR  
SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT,  
TITLE AND INTEREST;**

YOU ARE HEREBY summoned and required to serve upon the Law Offices of Goldenberg, Mackler, Sayegh, Mintz, Pfeffer, Bonchi & Gill, A Professional Corporation, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 660 New Road, Suite 1-A, Northfield, New Jersey 08225, an answer to the Amended Complaint filed in a civil action in which CFT Services, LLC As Custodian for Phoenix Funding, Inc. is plaintiff and Mary E. Baker, her heirs, devisees and personal representatives and their or any of their successors in right, title and interest, et al. are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, within 35 days after November 15, 2018, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Amended Complaint. You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Hughes Justice Complex, P.O. Box 971, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625, in accordance with the rules of Civil Practice and Procedure. You are further advised that if you cannot afford an attorney, you may call the Legal Services office in the county where you live or the Legal Services of New Jersey Statewide Hotline at 1-888-LSNJ-LAW (1-888-576-5529). If you do not have an attorney and are not eligible for free legal assistance, you may obtain a referral to an attorney by calling one of the Lawyer Referral Services. The names and telephone numbers of such agencies are as follows: Lawyer Referral Service: (908) 353-4715, Legal Service: (908) 354-4340.

THE ACTION has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing Tax Sale Certificate #15-00214 dated June 14, 2016 made by Paul M. Lesniak, Collector of Taxes of the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, and State of New Jersey, to U.S. Bank Custodian for Phoenix and covers real estate located at 911-913 Olive Street in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union and State of New Jersey, known as Lot 1446, Block 8, as shown on the Tax Assessment Map and Tax Map duplicate of the City of Elizabeth. Said tax sale certificate was recorded in

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the Clerk's Office of Union County on August 9, 2016, in Book 14133 of Mortgages, page 7, as instrument #626200. 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.

YOU, MARY E. BAKER, are made a defendant in the above entitled action because you are the record owner of the property.

YOU, HEIRS, DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF MARY E. BAKER, AND THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST, AND EACH of you are made defendants in the above entitled action because it is uncertain whether Mary E. Baker is alive or dead, therefore, plaintiff joined her, her heirs, devisees and personal representatives, and their or any of their successors in right, title and interest as party defendants.

YOU, JOHN DOE, HUSBAND OF MARY E. BAKER, SAID NAME JOHN DOE BEING FICTITIOUS, are made a defendant in the above entitled action because it is uncertain whether Mary E. Baker, the record owner of the property, is married.

YOU, ROGER BAKER, are made a defendant in the above entitled action because you are the record owner of the property.

YOU, HEIRS, DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF ROGER BAKER, AND THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST, AND EACH of you are made defendants in the above entitled action because it is uncertain whether Roger Baker is alive or dead, therefore, plaintiff joined him, his heirs, devisees and personal representatives, and their or any of their successors in right, title and interest as party defendants.

YOU, MRS. ROGER BAKER, are made a defendant in the above entitled action because it is uncertain whether Roger Baker, the record owner of the property, is married.

YOU, UNKNOWN OWNERS/UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS, THEIR HEIRS, DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, AND THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST, AND EACH of you are made defendants in the above entitled action because you have or may claim to have some right, title, lien or other interest affecting the real estate being foreclosed by virtue of ownership, inheritance, descent, intestacy, devise, dower, court judgment or other legal or lawful right.

The nature of which and the reason that you and each of you are joined as defendants is set forth with particularity in the Amended Complaint, a copy of which will be furnished you on request addressed to the attorneys of the plaintiff at the above mentioned address.

DATED: November 15, 2018  
MICHELLE M. SMITH, Clerk  
Superior Court of New Jersey  
GOLDENBERG, MACKLER, SAYEGH, MINTZ, PFEFFER, BONCHI & GILL  
660 New Road, First Floor  
Northfield, New Jersey 08225  
(609) 646-0222  
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## Mountainside Voting

		Dist. #1	Dist. #2	Dist. #3	Dist. #4	Dist. #5	Dist. #6	Dist. #7	Dist. #8	Dist. #9	Totals	
REGISTERED VOTERS		5305	331	301	360	304	409	290	399	302	359	57.6%
SENATOR	D	R. Menendez	123	119	151	102	146	94	153	111	123	1122
	R	B.Hugin	194	171	201	196	249	189	236	181	220	1837
		Nomination By Petition										
	M	K. Kimple	2	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	2	8
	G	M. Hoffman	3	2	1	1	6	2	2	1	2	20
	E	H. Schroeder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	N	T. Flanagan	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
	L	M. Sabrin	0	0	3	1	2	2	0	1	3	12
	F	N. Rivera	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES	D	T. Malinowski	130	126	165	115	165	114	165	131	132	1243
	R	L. Lance	190	163	184	184	235	163	222	164	216	1721
		Nomination By Petition										
	L	G.Mele	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	6
	G	D. Moxley	1	0	1	0	1	2	3	1	1	10
BD. OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS	D	A. Mirabella	134	117	143	114	149	111	156	117	123	1164
	D	A. Staten	123	111	140	116	147	108	155	116	122	1138
	D	K. Mouded	123	112	142	113	147	108	152	96	129	1122
	R	P. Quattrocchi	184	166	196	180	228	164	222	167	224	1731
	R	J. Sarno III	180	165	197	178	228	161	221	172	219	1721
	R	P. Kane	181	170	197	183	236	168	228	170	219	1752
	D	R. Williams	122	115	144	112	154	104	159	109	123	1142
	R	P. Lijoi	172	166	193	174	216	163	209	166	218	1677
COUNCIL	D	A. Mehrotra	133	136	173	127	181	114	179	133	140	1316
	D	I. Montes	153	142	170	136	188	120	185	137	147	1378
	R	R. Messler	173	146	171	170	214	164	205	157	199	1596
	R	R. Pater	169	149	172	168	215	165	208	164	212	1622
BD. OF EDUCATION		C. Schiano	129	125	132	122	167	97	151	126	130	1176
		J. Hyman	26	19	42	34	49	38	51	32	33	324
		K. Motz	21	19	22	19	20	12	19	22	22	176
PUBLIC QUESTION	#1	Yes	106	91	105	94	133	97	113	97	104	940
		No	131	113	146	111	147	110	163	109	140	1170

## Summit Voting

Tom Malinowski (D)	4892
Leonard Lance (R)	3126

Andrea F. Staten (D)	4371
Alexander Mirabella (D)	4267
Kimberly Mouded (D)	4231
Peter G. Kane (R)	3514
Patricia Quattrocchi (R)	3441
Joseph R. Sarno III (R)	3372

B. David Naidu (D)	2460
John Dougherty (R)	1420

Gregory S. Vartan III (D)	2578
Louis P. Desocio (R)	1503

Robert Menendez (D)	4293
Bob Hugin (R)	3753

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### TOWN OF WESTFIELD ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

#### PERSON TO PERSON AND PLACE TO PLACE TRANSFER

Take notice that application has been made to the Town of Westfield to transfer to BB Westfield LLC trading as Bareburger, for premises located at 126 Central Avenue, Space 1C/2B, Westfield, New Jersey 07090, the Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 2020-33-009-009, currently held in pocket status, heretofore issued to The Office of Westfield LLC.

The individuals and entities who will hold an interest in this license are:

RMA Holdings LLC  
Alka Group LLC  
Yamaci LLC  
458 Chestnut Street  
Ridgefield, New Jersey 07657  
Arto Ozgun  
458 Chestnut Street  
Ridgefield, New Jersey 07657  
Robert Tas  
Salihiye Sok no 5  
Yesilkoy, Istanbul (Turkey) 34149  
Humayk Yamacyan  
Savas Sok Girne Apat no 25  
Ferikoy, Istanbul (Turkey) 34377

Objections, if any, should be made immediately in writing to Tara Rowley, Town Clerk, Town of Westfield, 425 E. Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090.  
BB Westfield LLC  
c/o Skene Law Firm PC  
2614 Route 516  
Old Bridge, New Jersey 08857

2 T - 11/08/18 &  
11/15/18, The Leader Fee: \$71.40

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### BOROUGH OF GARWOOD ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

#### NOTICE OF INTENT TO TRANSFER PERSON TO PERSON & PLACE TO PLACE TRANSFER

TAKE NOTE that application has been made to Mayor and Council of the Borough of Garwood, 403 South Avenue, Garwood, Union County, New Jersey to: transfer to: Garwood Hospitality Group LLC, for premises located at: 400 South Avenue, Unit 8, Garwood, New Jersey, Plenary Retail Consumption License #2006-33-005-008, issued to: QUICK COPPER HOLDINGS LLC, for Premises Located at: Pocket License.

The persons who will hold an interest in this license are:

John J. Roder - 50%  
350 William Street  
Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076  
Salvatore Perillo - 50%  
92 Thompson Street, Apt F1  
New York, New York 10012

Objections, if any, should be made immediately in writing to Christina M. Ariemma, Borough Clerk, Borough of Garwood, 403 South Avenue, Garwood, New Jersey, 07027.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Garwood Hospitality Group LLC  
by: Robert C. Williams, Esq.  
622 Eagle Rock Avenue, Suite 207  
West Orange, New Jersey, 07052  
(973) 736-4100  
Attorney for Applicant

2 T - 11/8/18  
& 11/15/18, The Leader Fee: \$68.34

### Support Local Journalism



KEEPING JARDINE GREEN...Members of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club recently visited the Jardine Academy in Cranford, where they teamed up with students there to clean up the gardens and plant daffodil bulbs. Pictured, from left to right, are: Lena Peitsinowski, Mary Lou Nolas, Adah Levin, Martha Savage and Irene Greenstein.

## Rake and Hoe Garden Club Visits Jardine Academy

WESTFIELD — As part of their commitment to community service, members of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield visited Jardine Academy in early October and worked with some of the students to clean up the gardens and plant daffodil bulbs. During the visit, the students gathered and sorted the material removed from the garden into compost and trash.

The Jardine Academy, located in Cranford, is operated by the Cerebral Palsy League and approved by the New Jersey Department of Edu-

cation. It provides a comprehensive educational program designed to meet the cognitive and physical needs of children and young adults, ages 3 to 21, with multiple disabilities.

The Rake and Hoe Garden Club is affiliated with the Garden Club of New Jersey and the National Garden Club, Inc. Information about the club and its Deck the Halls Holiday House Tour and Boutique, to be held on Saturday, December 1, can be found on the club's website, rakeandhoe.org, or on its Facebook page.

## ‘Doc’ Gooden to Speak At Annual Hot Stove Dinner

CLARK, NJ – The Union County Baseball Association will induct new members into the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame at the organization's 83rd annual Hot Stove League Dinner on Sunday, February 10, beginning at 1 p.m., at The Gran Centurions in Clark. The special guest speaker at the annual event will be Dwight “Doc” Gooden, the former award-winning pitcher for the New York Mets and the New York Yankees.

Dwight Gooden made his Major League debut in 1984 for the Mets. The 19-year-old phenom won the Rookie of the Year Award and quickly established himself as one of the league's most talented pitchers. The following year, he pitched 16 complete games en route to winning the Cy Young Award. At the age of 21, he helped the Mets win the 1986 World Series.

Gooden's headline-grabbing 16-year Major League career—including his no-hitter while pitching for the Yankees in 1996—remains a hot topic of discussion nearly two decades after he threw his final pitch. Baseball fans of all ages will want to hear all about his meteoric career—and they'll get their chance at the Hot Stove

League Awards Dinner.

Scholastic athletes from throughout Union County also will be honored at the afternoon awards ceremonies on Feb. 10 for their accomplishments in high school, college and Union County Youth Baseball leagues.

Tickets for the 83rd annual Hot Stove League awards dinner may be purchased online at www.UCBA-NJ.org or by writing to the Union County Baseball Association, PO Box 176, Fanwood, New Jersey 07023. Information about table reservations and journal ads also may be found at: www.UCBA-NJ.org.

Sponsored by the Union County Baseball Association, in cooperation with the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Hot Stove League awards dinner is the primary annual fund-raising effort for the Union County Youth Baseball Leagues. The summer and fall leagues have given more than 40,000 boys and girls an opportunity to participate in an organized baseball program for the past 70 years.

For more information call Jim Iozzi, UCBA president, at 908-917-2523.

## Fanwood Voting

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD	UNOFFICIAL RESULTS								
NERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 6, 2018	DIST #1	DIST #2	DIST #3	DIST #4	DIST #5	DIST #6	DIST #7	TOTAL	Mail In
REGISTERED VOTERS	828	548	979	786	847	894	851	5733	
VOTES CAST	476	328	590	477	514	529	510	3424	
United States Senator									
Menendez	305	168	366	284	311	263	253	1950	
Hugin	153	149	203	184	182	242	235	1348	
Kimple	1	0	3	4	0	2	4	14	
Hoffman	5	2	6	1	8	8	4	34	
Schroeder	1	0	0	1	1	2	1	6	
Flanagan	3	0	1	0	0	1	4	9	
Sabrin	0	3	3	1	6	4	3	20	
Rivera	2	2	4	1	1	2	2	14	
Personal Choice	1	1			0			2	
House of Rep. 12 th Cong.									
Coleman	327	186	383	321	337	296	280	2130	
Kipnis	135	129	190	152	157	221	213	1197	
Personal Choice								0	
General Assembly 22nd									
Carter	320	181	389	308	329	292	281	2100	
Quattrocchi, J	138	134	188	153	146	222	212	1193	
Personal Choice								0	
Freeholders									
Mirabella	311	173	363	297	325	281	262	2012	
Staten	300	161	266	292	316	268	251	1854	
Mouded	298	160	357	291	320	267	254	1947	
Quattrocchi, P	144	144	198	158	162	229	225	1260	
Sarno	149	145	200	164	167	237	233	1295	
Kane	157	148	205	160	168	235	229	1302	
Personal Choice								0	
Personal Choice								0	
Personal Choice								0	
Freeholders Unexpired									
Williams	307	173	317	297	291	279	262	1926	
Lijoi	144	138	199	156	132	210	221	1200	
Personal Choice								0	
Councilmen									
Mcelroy Barker	318	182	355	311	339	284	276	2065	
Walsh	332	207	390	330	357	307	293	2216	
Walter	144	137	206	151	162	235	218	1253	
Personal Choice								0	
Personal Choice								0	
Question									
No. 1									
Yes	175	101	194	185	214	163	164	1196	
No	138	131	219	173	170	222	207	1260	

## Letters to the Editor

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### Losing An Election Nowadays Is Not Losing!

Of course, no elected official wants to lose an election but losing an election today may be a very good thing indeed for the elected official who loses!

Who in his or her right mind would want to serve in government today what with the growing incivility?

Yes, United States Representative Leonard Lance lost the election but did he lose? No more will protestors occupy his office in Westfield and intimidate his staff? No more will he have to worry about his personal safety! No more will he have to contend with a not always friendly press! No more will his public duties interfere with his private life!

What must United States Associate Justice Brett Kavanaugh be thinking now? "Was this plum job worth the devastation that unsubstantiated allegations caused my wife, my daughters, and me? I could be making far more money in private law practice!"

What too must President Trump be thinking? "Is being President of the United States of America worth so much when I am confronted with such hostility whatever I do or do not do?"

And what must former Governor Chris Christie be thinking? "All those nasty stereotypes! All that mockery! All that lack of appreciation!"

What democracy is this when elected officials are subjected to castigation and vilification because good

taste and civility are out of fashion? Is this what freedom of speech, freedom of the press, the right of the people peacefully to assemble, and the right to petition the government for redress of grievances is all about?

Whatever happened to George Washington's "Rules of Civility and Decent Behavior in Company and Conversation"?

Whatever happened to the commandment "Love thy neighbor as thyself"?

The Sun will continue to rise and fall and the Moon will continue to orbit the Earth and the rivers and streams will continue to flow and the clouds will continue float by and the flowers will continue to bloom no matter who wins or who loses. What is so very important now will a hundred or a thousand years hence not even be a footnote! And so this perspective should moderate the fierce emotions of the times so that elected officials may be able to serve us in a climate of civility and respect for what they often at great personal sacrifice are trying to do for our betterment!

If we want our democracy to flourish we had best reconsider how we treat our elected officials! We had best treat them as we would want to be treated!

Stephen Schoeman  
Westfield



HOLIDAY SPIRIT...Woman's Club of Westfield members fill stockings to be sent to United States troops in time for the holidays. Pictured, from left to right, are: Julie Nardone, Pat D'Angelo, Vivian O'Neil, Diana Peterson, Jane Walsweer and Nancy Hatfield.

## Woman's Club of Westfield Fills Stockings For Troops

WESTFIELD — Members of the Woman's Club of Westfield's Home Life Department recently spent an afternoon together filling many Christmas stockings to the brim with greeting cards of good cheer, writing pads with pens, decks of cards, candy, lotion, fun items and more. The stockings will be shipped to those active in the military with the hope of bringing a smile to a soldier's face and as a way of showing appreciation and gratitude for all the work these service men and women do and all the sacrifices that they make defending their country.

These stockings will join many others as part of the "Boatsie Boxes"

delivery system. Boatsie Boxes began in 2004 when Master Sergeant Patrick R. Boatsie's mother, Gail, forwarded a personal request from the Deputy of Programs in Baghdad for personal items needed for the military in Baghdad hospitals. Four months later, Master Sergeant Boatsie was deployed from Baghdad to Iraq and the care package delivery was extended to include any deployed troop in need of support.

The Woman's Club of Westfield gathers at a general meeting on the second Monday of the month, at 1 p.m., at the Masonic Lodge in Westfield, located at 1011 Central Avenue.





**PREMIERE BALLET...**American Repertory Ballet (ARB), New Jersey's preeminent classical and contemporary ballet company, season highlights include the World Premiere of Kirk Peterson's *Beauty And The Beast* and The Company premiere of Paul Taylor's *Airs*.

## American Repertory Ballet Continues 2018-2019 Season

AREA — American Repertory Ballet (ARB), New Jersey's preeminent classical and contemporary ballet company, continues its 2018-2019 season. Embarking on its 55th year, ARB will perform throughout the state under the artistic leadership of Douglas Martin. Season highlights include the company premiere of Paul Taylor's *Airs*; *Coppélia*, one of the greatest comedic ballets of all time; and the world premiere of Kirk Peterson's *Beauty and the Beast*.

In November and December, ARB brings the beloved classic *Nutcracker* to five venues throughout state. A holiday tradition for more than 50 years, ARB's *Nutcracker* is one of the longest, continuously running *Nutcracker* productions in the nation.

"This season shows the best of what ARB does from classics like *Coppélia*, *Beauty and the Beast* and *Nutcracker* to neo-classical works like *Tears of the Moon* and *Ephemeral Possessions* (pas de deux) to modern classics such as Paul Taylor's *Airs*," said Mr. Martin. "We can't wait for audiences to see ARB's strong dancers perform these works."

The program includes Mr. Peterson's *Tears of the Moon*, Mr. Martin's *Ephemeral Possessions* (pas de deux), and Mr. Taylor's *Airs*, set to music of Handel.

"It's an honor to have the Taylor piece made available to us and to have expert staging by longtime Paul Taylor company member Sean Mahoney," said Mr. Martin. Mr. Mahoney, an alum of Princeton Ballet School and American Repertory Ballet, infused his years of wisdom as a member of the Paul Taylor Dance Company on the ARB dancers.

The highlight of ARB's fall season is its annual production of the beloved classic *Nutcracker* set to Tchaikovsky's magnificent score, with stunning scenery, thrilling choreography and a cast of more than 100 dancers. Directed by

Mr. Martin, ARB's professional company will be joined by select students from Princeton Ballet School to tell the story of a young girl named Clara and how a mysterious gift from her Uncle Drosselmeyer brings about enchanted dreams and fantastical scenes. *Nutcracker* will be performed at five venues throughout the state including McCarter Theatre Center, Union County Performing Arts Center, South Orange Performing Arts Center, Two River Theater and State Theatre New Jersey.

In March, the company returns to New York City with a triple-bill featuring Peterson's *Tears of the Moon*, Taylor's *Airs*, and a brand-new work by resident choreographer Mary Barton.

The 2018-2019 season concludes with the world premiere of Peterson's full-length ballet *Beauty and the Beast*, set to music by Tchaikovsky. Based on the original 1740 classic French fairy tale, *Beauty and the Beast* will premiere at the State Theatre New Jersey, New Brunswick, on Friday, May 10.

For a full list of dates and times and more information, visit [www.arballet.org](http://www.arballet.org) or call (609) 921-7758.

American Repertory Ballet's mission is to bring the joy, beauty, artistry and discipline of classical and contemporary dance to New Jersey and nationwide audiences, and to dance students through artistic and educational programs. Led by Executive Director Julie Diana Hench and Mr. Martin, the organization comprises: the preeminent professional classical and contemporary ballet company in the state; Princeton Ballet School, one of the largest and most respected non-profit dance schools in the nation, with studios in Cranbury, New Brunswick and Princeton; and ARB's Access & Enrichment initiatives, including the acclaimed DANCE POWER, the longest continuously running community arts partnership in New Jersey.

## UCESF Holding Holiday Fundraiser for Ed. Programs

COUNTY -- The Union County Educational Services Foundation (UCESF) is running a holiday fundraiser through November to support the Union County Educational Services Foundation as all proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to provide innovative educational programs at the Union County Educational Services Commission (UCESC). Order a UCESC golf umbrella with a minimum donation of \$25.

The UCESF is a public non-profit organization that was formed to raise funds, establish partnerships and secure other forms of support needed to develop and enhance the academic, social and daily living skills of students with physical, emotional and intellectual disabilities served in the schools and programs operated by the UCESC.

The UCESF is located at 45 Cardinal Drive in Westfield. It was established in 1969 to provide highly innovative, specialized and cost-effective educational programs and services in

response to the needs of the students, parents, and staff of the 21 school districts in Union County. Over the past four decades, the UCESC has remained committed to ensuring that all students, including those with disabilities have academic, social, therapeutic and career readiness opportunities needed to become independent, productive and valued members of society. UUCESC annually serves over 7,000 students enrolled in general education, special education, vocational and nonpublic schools located in Union County and the State of New Jersey.

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**SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL...**GRINCH? Horton? Cat in the Hat?. They are all part of SEUSSICAL, the lively musical production by Lincoln School of Garwood's class of 2019. Performances will be held on Friday, November 16, and Saturday, November 17, at 7 p.m.

## POPCORN

### Bohemian Rhapsody

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By Michael S. Goldberger  
film critic

I once knew a rock band, The Original Kounts, and, because lead singer Howard "Richard" Tepp was my best friend, I was sort of the manager for a while sometime in the late 1960s. That was before Bob Crewe's Larry Brown ("Tie a Yellow Ribbon") walked into Newark, N.J.'s Indian Pizzeria and heard Howie singing to the juke box. I think I was eating a tuna sub. Well, before you could say rock star, Howie became Richard of Richard and The Young Lions, had a number one hit in Cleveland, Detroit and D.C. with his single, "Open up Your Door" and, as the apocrypha goes, might have also had a career-propelling hit in NYC were it not for the DJ strike.

No skin off my Ashtabula about the managerial position. I wanted to be a writer, anyway. Besides, I moved up to a much more hallowed position in the rock 'n' roll world: best friend to the lead. This entitled me, as now self-assumed spiritual adviser, to regularly accompany the band to Crewe Productions' lofty offices in New York, which of course required skipping a lot of college classes and later led to the necessity of completing my matriculation in Iowa. But as a short order cook in rural Pennsylvania assured me on my way out there, "It's all good."

Ensnored in the world of rock 'n' roll dreams, I observed firsthand the stencil by which the road to would-be stardom and adulation nary veers. Oh, sure, there are permutations and variations on a theme. Synergies among band members may differ; maybe the bigwigs don't decide that better studio musicians should back the lead in recording sessions; not all production companies ill-advisedly put the money behind another group at the most inopportune time; and it isn't a given that key band members will jump ship, just as it isn't compulsory for the lead to eventually pine for solo success.

Of course, feel free to add the catalysts of drugs, booze, groupies, greed and lovers to the cauldron of what shapes a rock band's path to platinum, oblivion or just plain also-ran status. But while most vocalists and strummers would agree that reaching the plateau where one is driven to concert and studio in chauffeured Rolls Royce is the undeniable career goal, most would also concur that creative discoveries and the dreams of stardom in the days and nights while reaching for the brass ring were the most fun of all.

All this self-indulgent perspective noted, I thank director Bryan Singer for joggling these memories into high-relief via his superb biographical film, *Bohemian Rhapsody*, which astutely and soulfully details the birth of the group Queen and the star trajectory of its lead singer, Freddie Mercury. So no, you're not in the wrong film criticism. My justification for the preface is the opportunity *Bohemian Rhapsody* afforded me to show just how a film can speak to you.

It all came rushing back: the petty fights, the gleeful chumming about, the aspirations and, maybe best of all, like lottery ticket holders excitedly sharing how they'll spend their fortune, the delirious, collective wish for a catapult to some indefinable, musical nirvana. Only a few hundred million dollars separated Queen's success from Richard and the Young Lions's eventual ascension to cult status among music aficionados who hunt vinyl at retro record shops.

Point of disclosure: All my vaunted, insider claims noted, I knew virtually very little about Queen and Freddie Mercury's meteoric rise. Fact is, aside from my fleeting brush with the rock 'n'

roll world, when most of my friends were attending concerts at Fillmore East, I was at the movies. But actually, I was a fan without knowing it. Over the years, more than once, when wondering who sang a song I found myself enamored of, my search divulged it was Queen.

Now, thanks to this rather traditional biographical treatment splendidly embellished with all the modern, filmic doodads, including some terrific music sequences, I know the backstory. Sporting fake buckteeth and a bearing that fans of Mercury will deem astonishingly clone-like, Rami Malek fabulously etches more than one scene the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences can show on Oscar night when announcing the nominees for best male performance. Via his diminutive, energetic frame, he embodies every aspect of rock star majesty.

It is also eerie and telling that he might subconsciously suspect his talent is preciously temporary, as if on loan from one of the Olympian gods, replete with an ironic caveat...all leading to that incessant question: What to do, what to do with this precious gift? With *Bohemian Rhapsody*, understanding the precepts, canons and conventions that attend the alchemy of showbiz success, sub-species rock stardom, director Singer smartly and symphonically affirms Freddie Mercury and Queen's important place in our cultural history.

... *Bohemian Rhapsody*, rated PG-13, is a Twentieth Century Fox release directed by Bryan Singer and stars Rami Malek, Lucy Boynton and Gwilym Lee. Running time: 134 minutes.

## College Night at WHS To Be Held Nov. 15

WESTFIELD -- Tonight, Thursday, November 15, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Westfield High School (WHS) will host more than 160 nationwide colleges, universities and other post-secondary institutions at its annual College Night. This event provides an opportunity for students and their parents to talk one-on-one with college representatives and gather information about their schools. The college representatives will be in the WHS varsity gym, gym 5 and cafeteria B. A list of schools that will be in attendance is posted on the Department of Counseling Services' website. It will be finalized closer to the event and updated to include room assignments.

## Peppermint Boutique Craft Fair

CLARK -- Mother Seton Regional High School Parents' Guild will hold its "The Peppermint Boutique" Craft Fair on Saturday, December 1, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at One Valley Road, Clark (Exit 135 on the Garden State Parkway). The fair will present over 100 vendors of assorted crafts and handmade items. The fair is free admission and there will be a 50/50 raffle and open kitchen.

## LEADER/TIMES CLASSIFIED ADS PAY



**CELEBRATING POETS...**Westfield High School students and staff attend the Dodge Poetry Festival in Newark on October 19. The festival is a celebration of eminent poets from the late 20th and early 21st centuries. "My hope is to help students see that poetry is still an important, vital, and living art form and not one relegated to old textbooks," said English teacher David Della Fera.

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**WORDS OF HOPE...**On the afternoon of October 29, members of the Mount Saint Mary Academy HOPE Club (Helping Other People Everywhere) gathered to write thank-you notes to service men and women in Iraq where Mount graduate, Yvonne Zirrih '90, a Navy reservist, is on reserve duty. They also collected toothpaste to send to the troops.

## Mt. St. Mary Reaches Out to Graduate in Reserves

WATCHUNG -- On the afternoon of October 29, members of the Mount Saint Mary Academy HOPE Club (Helping Other People Everywhere) gathered to write thank-you notes to service men and women in Iraq where a Mount graduate is on reserve duty.

Donna Venezia Toryak '68, director of admissions and HOPE Club advisor, said the students completed 38 notes and collected 25 tubes of toothpaste.

JoAnn Minnicino '74, president of the Mount Saint Mary Academy Alumnae Association, had kept in touch with Yvonne Zirrih '90, a Navy reservist, but had not heard from her recently. She wanted to see if there was something she could do to help her and her family.

Yvonne said she enlisted in January of her senior year at Mount Saint Mary Academy. She was commissioned in November 2009 and is now a lieutenant. She is currently deployed in Kuwait and Iraq.

"I sent an email to alumnae to ask them to bring toothpaste to the Alumnae Association meeting that evening. Mrs. Torkyak responded too and asked if the HOPE Club could collect items and write letters as well," said Mrs. Minnicino.

She also reached out to Isabel Gachko, director of theology and campus minister, to rally students in the Mount's religion classes to have them write letters of encouragement.

Mrs. Minnicino also mobilized the efforts of Diane Leech '61 and alumnae who live in the area of the graduate serving in the Reserves to see if they could coordinate meals for the family. S. Carol Conly, RSM, will also coordinate the Mercy Associates to see if they can prepare meals too.

The outreach efforts do not end there, she noted, as a basket has been sent to the family and a care package has been sent to the graduate on behalf of the alumnae. Mrs.

Minnicino has also sent a care package to the graduate's daughter.

"My family is making a collection at Thanksgiving along with the little kids making cards and drawing pictures," she said. "My doctor is donating candy and my dentist is donating toothbrushes. This is the second package, which will be going out next week," she shared.

## National Guard Soldier Promoted to Captain

SCOTCH PLAINS -- John Guittard from Scotch Plains, assigned to the 27th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, has received a promotion to the rank of captain.

Major General Ray Shields, the adjutant general for the State of New York, announced the recent promotion of members of the New York Army National Guard in recognition of their capability for additional responsibility and leadership.

Army National Guard promotions are based on overall performance, attitude, leadership ability, and development potential.

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For more information about the New York Army National Guard, visit [www.dmna.ny.gov](http://www.dmna.ny.gov), or [www.1800goguard.com](http://www.1800goguard.com).

The New York National Guard (New York State Division of Military and Naval Affairs) is the state's executive agency responsible to the Governor for managing New York's Military Forces, which consists of nearly 20,000 members of the New York Army National Guard, the New York Air National Guard, the New York Naval Militia and the New York Guard.

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# Arts & Entertainment



LOCAL TALENT...Concert pianist Gil Scott Chapman (above), of Westfield, and soprano vocalist Mia Pafumi, a Westfield High School alumna, are to perform together on Thursday, December 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center.

## Gil Scott Chapman and Mia Pafumi to Perform in Cranford

CRANFORD — An evening with concert pianist Gil Scott Chapman, of Westfield, and soprano vocalist Mia Pafumi, a Westfield High School alumna, is on tap Thursday, December 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center, and is being presented by the Friends of the Cranford Public Library.

A classically trained jazz pianist, Mr. Chapman holds a B.F.A. in Jazz Studies and Master of Music (improvisation) from the University of Michigan. He has won and placed in a number of classical piano competitions, performed at Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center and the Monterey Jazz Festival, and performed alongside many celebrated artists. He helped to develop the Gershwin Initiative, a long-term partnership between the University of Michigan and the Gershwin family, bringing the music of George and Ira Gershwin to scholars and audiences worldwide.

He resides in Westfield.

A graduate of Montclair State University’s John J. Cali School of Music, Ms. Pafumi made her professional opera debut in the chorus of the Sarasota Opera, and as a principal artist at the Knoxville Opera. She studied overseas at the Conservatorio Giuseppe Verdi di Musica in Milan, and her recent performance venues include Lincoln Center and the Alexander Kasser Theater in Montclair. She is the third-place winner of the Gerda Lissner Foundation’s 2015 International Vocal Competition and a second-time grant winner of the Licia Albanese-Puccini Foundation’s 2014 and 2015 International Vocal Competition, where she performed in the Winner’s Concert at Carnegie Hall.

No registration is required for this free concert. The Cranford Community Center is located at 220 Walnut Avenue, Cranford, and is accessible

to all. For more information about the Friends of the Cranford Public Library, visit [cranfordlibrary.org](http://cranfordlibrary.org).



Mia Pafumi

## New SPFHS Drama Director Morgan Knight Talks Process

By SUSAN MYRILL DOUGHERTY  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

SCOTCH PLAINS — Life isn’t always fun and games. But according to new Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Drama Director Morgan Knight, being a part of a dramatic production should teach the cast and crew life lessons. To do that he uses theater games.

Currently preparing for the opening weekend of the school’s fall play *Peter and the Starcatcher*, Mr. Knight took time out of rehearsal for a phone interview with *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*.

“I like to use theater games to warm up the students before our rehearsals,” he explained. In fact, for the auditions for this play, he conducted group auditions, not individual auditions as are traditionally held. During those, he asked students to go on an imaginative journey through theater games including improvisation.

With a philosophy that theater should not only be goal-oriented for a quality production, but also be an enjoyable experience for the participants, he especially likes this show. The non-traditional set and an ensemble-based show that requires imagination is the perfect vehicle to get teens to benefit from theater experience. “I want the kids to learn all aspects of theater and apply lessons they learn on stage to their everyday lives. Through participation, they learn public speaking, interaction with others, discipline and time management,” he said.

By being in the show, Mr. Knight explained, students learn to breathe, trust each other and learn more about themselves through team-building exercises. “I feel the kids in theater walk away stronger because they get to thrive in a safe environment,” Mr. Knight said.

Mr. Knight said although he grew up in New Jersey and considers himself, “a Jersey guy,” he’s had to learn specifically about the Scotch Plains-Fanwood community. He said he thinks the tradition of a fall play is rather new. “Although there is a strong rep theater program here that concentrates on the spring musical, we felt there was a hunger for a strong straight play in the fall.” He knew this would be a positive step for the school because of the volunteer parent group. “They are pretty amazing with their handling of tickets and the lobby decoration and support.”



STAR MAKER...Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Drama Director Morgan Knight directs the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Fall play *Peter and the Starcatcher*, on Friday, November 16, and Saturday, November 17, at 7:30 p.m.

A working actor, Mr. Knight’s theater training came from Philadelphia, where he attended the University of the Arts, graduating with a B.F.A. in their acting program. One of his specialties is fight direction and stage violence. He emphasized that he can make sense of violence, but only on the stage.

The show itself is one that can use his special talents. *Peter and the Starcatcher* is based on the 2004 novel “Peter and the Starcatchers,” by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson and adapted for the stage by Rick Elice. This play gives the supposed backstory for some of the characters in the classic *Peter Pan*. The story opens with an ensemble of actors who, on a bare stage, bicker and fight. They break the fourth wall by addressing the audience directly about what to expect in the show. The audience is invited to go on the journey of imagination with the

actors.

In the show, the audience learns how Captain Hook lost his hand, why the crocodile ticks and dozens more comic insights into the beloved children’s story. There is a reference to speaking Dodo, a language known only to dodo birds, so obviously, this is a fun-filled show that doesn’t take itself seriously. Fun and games will continue to blossom in imaginative teens of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Rep Theatre under the guidance of their new director Mr. Knight.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School presents *Peter and the Starcatcher* on Friday, November 16, and Saturday, November 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students and seniors, and are available at the door or online at: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3821582>.



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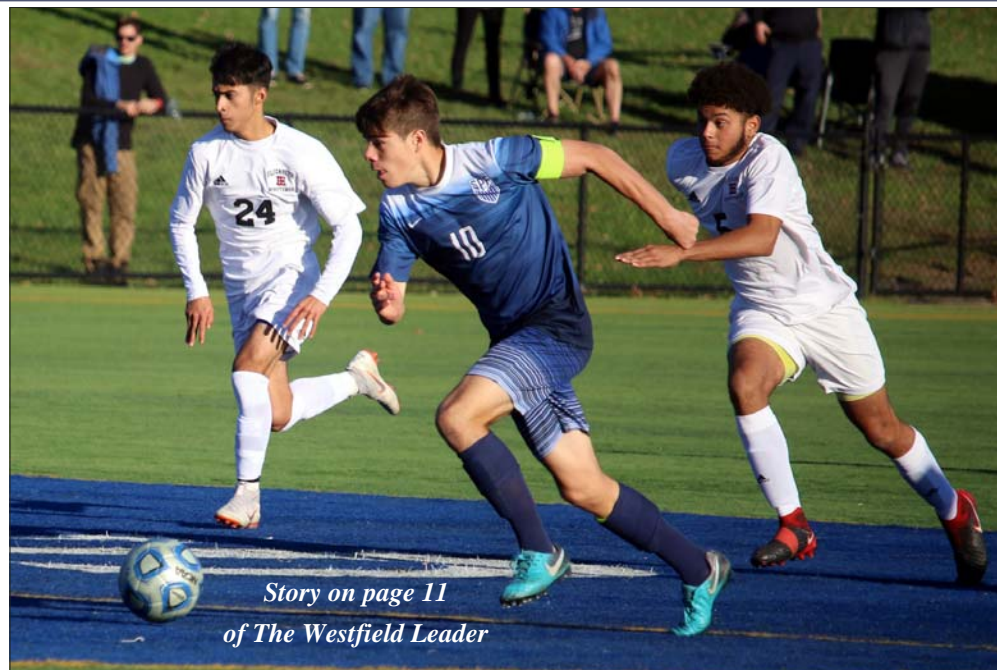
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## ***SPF RAIDER KOSEOGLU CONNECTS ON PENALTY KICK; MINUTEMEN CHAVEZ, PACIUS SCORE***

# **Minutemen Strike Twice; Burn Raiders for Section Crown, 2-1**

By DAVID B. CORBIN

*Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times*

Very little time was wasted for the action to peak once the whistle blew to begin the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 boys soccer championship game between the second-seeded Elizabeth Minutemen and the hosting top-seeded Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raiders on November 8. And it also took very little time for the complexion of a 0-0 game to change drastically when the Minutemen scored twice within a span of 1:36 in the second half

en route to a 2-1 victory and the title.

Minuteman co-captain Josser Amaya brought the ball down the right-center, beat a defender and crossed the ball into the box where senior Henry Chavez tapped it past Raider junior goalkeeper Danny Coyle with 29:27 on the clock. Moments later with 27:51 remaining the hulky senior Youkendly Pacius headed in the ball after Chavez hooked the

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ball into the box from the right corner.

Chavez's interpreter explained, "He received the ball from Josser the captain of the team. He's normally a lefty, so he was able to run to the ball and his best opportunity was for him to strike it with his right foot. He opened up his body, ran through it and he was able to strike it."

As to his goal, Pacius described, "It was a corner. We always do that in practice. Coach tells us to attack the ball, attack the ball. So that's what I did. Attack the ball, and I put it into the back of the net."

During his varsity career, Pacius has also been a very effective goalkeeper as well as an attacker.

"I like both. I like blocking the goals and I like scoring them," Pacius commented.

Although scoreless, the majority by far of the pressure in the first half was delivered by the 20-1-2 Raiders. After Coyle (4 saves) smothered one of Chavez's long shots from the far left corner, the

Raiders answered with a sustained assault. Elizabeth junior goalkeeper Stephen Valencia (5 saves) and his defenders were put to the test after a long throw-in created a big scramble and some animosities in the box. Raider junior Alvaro Furfaro took a shot that banged the crossbar. Another throw-in got to co-captain Alex Ferraro, whose shot was deflected.

Then midway through the half, the Raiders had a nice idea when senior midfielder Jack Hosmer skid the ball forward to senior attacker Zidan Abdella, who was gliding down the right side. From there, Abdella drilled a fine cross into the center where co-captain Rock Valian got a foot on it. Unfortunately for the Raiders,

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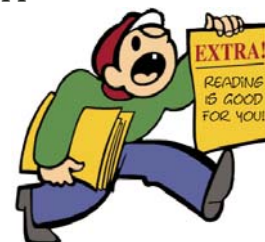
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## Minutemen Strike Twice; Burn Raiders, 2-1, for North 2, Group 4 Boys Soccer Title

his shot was deflected. With a little more than 18 minutes on the clock, Alex Ferrara got off a shot that Valencia managed to reject.

But the emotions began to flare a few minutes later when a mass mix of Raiders, which included Mike and Alex Ferrara, Furfaro, senior Jon Koseoglu and Valian, penetrated the box. After a mad scramble, Koseoglu appeared to score but the goal but was negated on an offside call that evoked plenty of displeasure from the Raiders' portion of the sidelines. And it did not get any easier when additional referees' calls did not go their way.

"The game was decided unfortunately by the officials. That's all I can say. We score a goal. No way in God's name that the kid was or we were offside. No way! Virtually impossible! Prior to that we have the ball in the box, going for the ball. The kid two-handed

push to Alvaro [Furfaro] from behind. He falls down. There's no call. That kills your game. That kills your game right there. Game should have been 2-0 in the first

half but as a result of poor officiating, it wasn't," Raider Head Coach Tom Breznitsky expressed. Ten minutes later toward the end of the half, however, Minute-

man Matt Giraldo scored but it too was negated because of an illegal push in the box.

The tide drifted slightly in favor of the Minutemen in the second half then Chavez netted his goal and Pacius followed less than two minutes later with his header.

"I wanted to win it all for my team. All my fellows are always pushing me to play. Even sometimes people say, 'Ah! You are too big to play the game but I will not let that get into my head. I know I can play and I can do it. Coach always says, 'corners, find the big man. That's what he did,' Pacius expressed.

The Raiders reacted with a sense of urgency. Abdella took a free kick and drilled it off the crossbar. On the rebound Alex Ferrara took a knee to the head and the Raiders were awarded a penalty kick. With 22:18 on the clock, Koseoglu ripped his shot into the left-center of the net to

narrow Elizabeth's lead to 2-1. The Raiders stepped up their attack until the very end but could not find the mark.

"The kids gave it an effort to come back. It's difficult some times but I could not be more proud of them. It was one 'heck' of a season," Coach Breznitsky said.

Elizabeth	0	2	2
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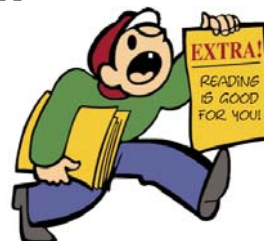






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# Verizon 130-Ft. Cell Tower at UCC Opposed By Cranford Residents

By **CHRISTINA M. HINKE**  
*Specially Written for The Westfield Leader*

CRANFORD – Union County College (UCC) has signed a land lease with Verizon Wireless to erect a 130-foot monopole on its Cranford campus.

According to the resolution approving the lease passed by the board of trustees of Union County College on June 26, "The safety of students, faculty, staff, visitors and the surrounding community is paramount. Since there is limited to no cellular coverage in the Cranford campus buildings and surrounding areas, it is Union County College's responsibility to seek out a comprehensive solution that ensures reliable communication in emergencies, as well as during day-to-day operations to all locations on the Cranford campus..."

"They are claiming to help the surrounding areas," Cranford resident Christine Licata, who lives about 700 feet from the proposed location of the cell tower, told *The Westfield Leader*. She questioned why UCC would need to provide cell service to the surrounding community. She also said she and residents near the campus have reported cellular service has performed well in the surrounding community.

As of Friday, "No application has been submitted for a cell

tower on the UCC campus," according to Cranford Zoning Officer Ron Johnson. A site plan application for a monopole would need to be filed with the township, according to Mr. Johnson.

UCC had first submitted a request for proposals from cellular carriers for a cell tower last year. Then, after UCC student Eric Jacobs, 20, of Millburn, had been arrested and charged with bringing imitation firearms into a classroom on the college's main campus in Cranford on the morning of February 26, 2018, UCC said in Building and Grounds Committee meeting minutes in March that there was an "urgency" for improved cellular service. "Upon debriefing with the police, they noted they were unable to email a screen shot of the student to officers on the second floor of the Student Development Building because there was no cell reception on the second floor. They asked why we didn't put up a cell tower on the hill in the back of the property," the minutes reported.

Seven months later, "In September 2018, when Governor (Phil) Murphy was on campus, the New Jersey State Police commented on the poor cellular service and resulting communication issues," stated UCC in a statement to *The Leader* provided from Jaime Segal, director

of college relations and spokesperson for the college.

"Improved communications on college campuses was recommended by the New Jersey Domestic Security Preparedness Task Force, Infrastructure Advisory Committee, formed under the Domestic Security Preparedness Act. In today's climate with the proliferation of tragic events in public spaces, the safety of students, faculty, staff, visitors, and the surrounding community is paramount. The proposed facility is a prudent measure to ensure reliable communication to our community and with law enforcement, especially during emergent situations," the statement concluded.

Verizon Wireless submitted a proposal for a two-phase approach in November 2017, which first would install an in-building DAS (Distributed Antenna System) that would provide 95 percent coverage throughout the seven main buildings of the Cranford campus, and second would lease land from UCC to build a 130-foot monopole cell tower that would accommodate four cellular carriers.

The agreement stipulates that Verizon would pay UCC an annual base rent of \$34,800, with a 2-percent annual rent increase and 50-percent co-locator rent paid to UCC for a five-year term, with the option for four successive, five-year renewals, according to the resolution.

When asked if the DAS system would provide the cellular service needed for the campus, Ms. Segal said there are significant gaps between the buildings, and it is the college's position that the DAS system would not solely

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# Planning Board OKs Russo II Site Plan

By **MICHAEL BONACCORSO**  
*Specially Written for The Westfield Leader*

GARWOOD – The planning board unanimously approved the South Avenue II (Russo II) site plan for 72 apartments at last Wednesday's meeting. This meeting marked the third board hearing on the project's impacts on stormwater run-off, parking and traffic, as well as its architectural design and amenities.

Russo Development's attorney, Christopher Minks, said Russo has compiled a list of concessions per board member suggestions pertaining to varying aspects of the redevelopment.

Councilwoman and planning board liaison Sara Todisco said she would prefer to see Belgian block used for curbing along Willow Avenue and West Street. Pending approval by Union County and the borough council, Belgian block curbing was the agreed-upon curb design for South Avenue as well, stated Ms. Todisco.

Mr. Minks said Russo has agreed to install Belgian block curbing based on board members' aesthetic preference for Belgian curbing versus the initially proposed cement curbing.

He said Russo will install an electric-car-charging station inside their parking garage. However, Mr. Minks said additional chargers would increase development costs, including additional maintenance costs for necessary upkeep, and take away room for public, private and municipal parking.

Russo Development has agreed to pay for a four-way stop sign installation at the Willow Avenue and West Street corner, pending mayor and council approval. In addition, Russo agreed to pay for a stand-alone emergency light or signal controlling the firehouse entrance, stated Mr. Minks.

Mr. Minks said he spoke with Fire Chief Allan Tweedle, who responded positively to Russo acknowledging the firehouse entrance in the redevelopment plans and mitigating concerns.

Russo II residents will be able to use all the Russo I facility's (where 298 apartments are being constructed) public amenities, including any workout rooms or pools, which will be installed, stated Mr. Minks.

He said all plantings, including landscaping such as shrubs and trees, installed by Russo will be maintained by Russo. Mr. Minks said a "decorative hardscape" will be detailed on the building's northeast corner to create "a more defined" building entrance.

Mr. Minks said barbecue grills will not be allowed on any of the tenants' balconies. He said from a safety concern aspect, grills are dangerous, and he was glad the planning board agreed with the developer's sentiment on the topic.

Seventeen parking spaces (18 possible pending the removal of an existing storage shed) will be allocated for municipal use. The parking spaces will be for fire department personnel, as requested by Chief Tweedle at a previous South Avenue II site-plan hearing.

At the Russo II site, 28 parking spaces will be available as shared public and private spaces for tenants, visitors and patrons, stated Mr. Minks.

Mr. Minks said Russo Development is investing in designing a welcoming and well-landscaped entrance or frontage. Board member Bill Nierstedt requested extra bicycle racks be placed on site, stated Mr. Minks.

Mr. Minks said the developer did not find the "additional racks to be appropriate" given the desired design trying to be achieved.

# Knights Announce Blood Drive Date

AREA — A community blood drive sponsored by Knights of Columbus 3240 of Roselle Park will take place on Saturday, November 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will be held at the Church of the Assumption, located at 113 Chiego Place, Roselle Park.

Complimentary cholesterol screenings, sandwiches and refreshments will be served to all donors. Appointments can be made by calling (201) 251-3703 or online at [donor.schedules/drive\\_schedule/47502](http://donor.schedules/drive_schedule/47502). Walk-ins also will be welcome.



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provide the cell service needed. When asked if alternate locations were considered, such as on top of the building or in an area further from the residential area, Ms. Segal said Verizon professionals chose the location of Parking Lot 5B.

Board meeting held Thursday in Westfield, Joe Hines, public safety director of UCC, said, "95 percent coverage for me isn't good enough."

A group of Cranford residents spoke to the Union County Freeholder Board on Thursday. They cited their concern the pole would

decrease property values, questioned if the land lease is just a money grab from UCC, noted that they have not experienced poor cellular service in their neighborhoods, and expressed concerns regarding health risks, among other statements.

Sarah Gregory, who has owned her home in Cranford for 20 years, said, "I live next door to it and the value of my house is going to go down."

Cranford resident Dave McDonald also called for a study to be conducted on the cell coverage. He questioned, is a 130-foot monopole "a reasonable solution? I would say no." He called the lease to Verizon a "monetary windfall."

"Is this a vehicle intended to improve quality of communication or a vehicle in which to also generate revenue?" he asked.

The cell tower would be located half a mile from Brookside Place Elementary School, would be within 1,000 feet of 75 homes, and would be adjacent to neighborhoods where there is a large population of young children, Ms. Licata stated.

Health risks from the effects of radiation emitted from the cellular equipment placed in such short proximity to residences also is of concern to the residents who oppose this monopole.

Two recent studies, by the Ramazzini Institute in Italy and the National Toxicology Program, have found cancer developed in rats when exposed to cell tower radiation.

There also is the question of whether monopolies will soon become outdated as the Federal Communications Commission is supporting 5G technology, a technology that would replace 4G LTE and would no longer need a pole, but rather is a small box that can be affixed just about anywhere, such as a public utility pole.

## Operation Warm Heart Aids Homeless Shelter Program

CRANFORD — Although the rain came down October 27, it did not dampen the spirits of the patrons of the fourth annual Taste of Operation Warm Heart, a fundraiser to benefit the emergency winter sheltering program for the homeless, run by the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless (ECHH).

"Operation Warm Heart is a life-changing winter shelter program that is open from December 1 to March 31 throughout houses of worship in Elizabeth, Rahway, Linden, Cranford and Scotch Plains," explained Operation Warm Heart coordinator Erica Rodriguez. "We are proud to say that this program has housed over 1,200 homeless individuals over 15 years, and we hope to continue to shelter our brothers and sisters in need for many years to come as we are called to."

The event, held at Calvary Tabernacle in Cranford, aimed to help fund the 2018-2019 season of Operation Warm Heart so that ECHH can purchase cots, toiletries, blankets and other medical necessities for those on the streets to survive and be lifted up to once again become self-sufficient. In total, the event raised more than \$2,000.

Taste of Operation Warm Heart featured a 50/50 raffle event,

door prizes, live music from The Young Picassos and a cooking competition. Patrons also were able to partake in an art show, where artists from all over New Jersey donated pieces towards the cause. Those still interested in purchasing a piece will soon be able to find them for sale online on the ECHH website at [theelizabethcoalition.org/](http://theelizabethcoalition.org/).

"Each artist was excited to be able to play a role and hopefully help some people get off the streets for the winter. I live over in Linden, and realizing that there are people who would otherwise potentially freeze or starve to death if not for this program really hit home," said head curator Camilo Castillo of Camilo Castillo Art.

Throughout the event, various speakers came up to the podium, including Ms. Rodriguez, Executive Director of ECHH Linda Flores-Tober, Elizabeth Mayor Chris Bollwage and a former client of Operation Warm Heart, Bruce.

Operation Warm Heart will have its first hosting on Saturday, December 1. Those interested in supporting ECHH and its endeavors, including Operation Warm Heart, can visit its website at [theelizabethcoalition.org/](http://theelizabethcoalition.org/) or visit its headquarters at 118 Division Street, Elizabeth.



**SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL...GRINCH? Horton? Cat in the Hat?.** They are all part of SEUSSICAL, the lively musical production by Lincoln School of Garwood's class of 2019. Performances will be held on Friday November 16 and Saturday November 17, at 7 p.m.

## Rubin Addresses Threat Made Against School

By ROBYN ORR-GIOFFRE  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

CRANFORD — Superintendent of Schools, Scott Rubin, Ed.D., made a brief statement at Monday's board of education meeting and addressed questions about the threat made to Orange Avenue School (OAS) on November 2.

Lasy Thursday, Matthew Acosta, 33, of Kenilworth, who is a teacher at Orange Avenue School, appeared in state Superior Court to face charges for allegedly making terroristic threats against the school.

Acosta was charged with one count of third-degree terroristic threats and one count of fourth-degree risking widespread injury or damage.

"One of the things that makes Cranford truly extraordinary is how people come together, support each other, and lean on each other when we face very serious issues, and that certainly has been the case with the recent serious issue that has happened at Orange Avenue School," Mr. Rubin commented to the

board members.

The superintendent thanked Cranford Police Chief Ryan Greco, the Cranford Police Department, Orange Avenue School Principal Marc Edery and his team, the counselors, social workers, and, in particular, the faculty member who reported the incident.

"Safety must continue to be a shared responsibility," Mr. Rubin further commented, and touted the importance of the idea that, "if you see something, say something."

Board member Maria Loikith commented that this mantra led directly to the reporting of this serious incident and offered a personal thanks to that faculty member.

A Cranford resident who recently ran for and won a spot on the Cranford Board of Education, Terry Darling, stood to address the board in relation to the threat. He thanked the board for its increased measures in dealing with security issues, and inquired about the hiring process, along with the methods for monitoring faculty

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members once they are hired.

"Do we do anything for our faculty after they're hired to monitor their mental health?" Mr. Darling inquired.

Mr. Rubin, with input from Board Attorney Anthony Sciarillo, responded at length about the hiring process, giving details about extensive interviews, a criminal and state history review check, a fingerprint check, a mentoring program and formal and informal teacher evaluations.

"We continue to be a school that takes great pride in checking in with teachers," Mr. Rubin commented.

Mr. Rubin also reminded Mr. Darling that part of the district's strategic plan being implemented is about a mindfulness that connects to mental health for both students and faculty.

In other board business, a comprehensive maintenance plan was proposed by Business Administrator Robert Carfagno in the amount of \$500,000 and was approved by the board.

The board recognized and honored veterans for their dedicated service.

A state Senate resolution designating the week of November 11 to 17, 2018, as Veterans' Education Awareness Week was approved by the board. The resolution calls for educational efforts directed at highlighting awareness of the efforts and sacrifices made on the part of veterans.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 26.

Discussions about the Cranford Reimaging proposal continue with individual school meetings and community meetings.

## Local Letters to the Editor

### Thank You, Garwood Wants Elected Officials Who Will Serve The Public

We want to thank the residents of Garwood for coming out to vote last Tuesday. The overwhelming support that the voters showed us and our running mate, Sara Todisco, was humbling.

As we move forward with our time on council, we want to make sure that every resident of Garwood knows that they can reach out to us and talk to us. We will listen to you, because all residents should have a voice in local government. We encourage you to come to council meetings and voice your concerns; email us and share your thoughts

with us about the town; and come to the town hall meetings to receive information first hand.

On election night, your voices were heard loud and clear. You want elected officials who will serve the public, and that is exactly what we are going to do. We will work as a team to make sound short term and long term decisions to the benefit our community. We are so excited to start work as the newest council members beginning in January and to have Sara Todisco as our mayor. Thank you Garwood.

Councilman Elect Michael Ince (D)  
Councilman Elect Sean Benoit (D)

### As Your Mayor, I Will Represent All Of Garwood, Thank You, Voters!

I am so truly honored and humbled by all the support for Michael Ince, Sean Benoit, and myself on Election Day. We started this journey together over seven months ago and have worked hard to communicate our vision for the future of Garwood along with setting clear goals and plans to make them happen.

An endeavor like this cannot be done by one person or even three people alone. Instead, it truly takes a village. Thank you to the best team anyone could ask for—for making calls, canvassing, passing out flyers, and so much more. Thank you to those I called and emailed thousands of times from early morning to late at night. Thank you to my family for

supporting me from day one when I first decided to get involved and put myself out there when I ran for Council back in 2011.

My family is the single largest reason I first sought elected office. They instilled a love of Garwood in me from a very early age. In particular, my grandfather, who took me to Garwood Lions Club events with him, gave me a lesson in the joys of volunteerism and community service. It's the people of Garwood, collectively, who keep me going—to do the best job I can to serve everyone.

As your Mayor, I will represent all of Garwood—from the youngest resident to the oldest, from the

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newcomer to the lifelong resident, whether a renter or a homeowner, whether Republican or Democrat—we are one Garwood after all.

I've already begun to prepare for my new role by meeting with Mayor Charles Lombardo to ensure a smooth transition. I thank him for serving Garwood for 25 years, the most of any elected official in town history.

I am also busy preparing to advertise all board, commission, and committee appointments as well as preparing to launch a first-ever Citizens Advisory Panel. Please be on the lookout on www.garwood.org, my Facebook page, and this local paper to see what you might be interested in joining. I'd love to meet with you as the future of Garwood cannot

be determined by any one individual. But together, we can and we will make Garwood work for everyone. Together, we can and we will adapt with the changing times of the future, while staying true to the independence and value our founders envisioned.

While I have plenty of ideas on how we can ensure Garwood has a bright future, I'll also be coming to you to ask for your feedback and your ideas. Also, please feel free to reach out to me anytime with your thoughts and questions as we need them to make Garwood work for everyone. I'm ready to get to work! Thank you!

Sara Todisco  
Mayor-Elect  
Garwood

### New To Garwood Bd. of Ed., Maureen Scepkowski Thanks Voters

I would like to thank all those who exercised their right to vote and supported my candidacy for the Garwood Board of Education. I plan to spend the next few weeks listening and learning as I prepare for this position. I will solicit feedback from the community to identify and address concerns, support increased communication, and work toward creating enriching opportunities for teachers and students alike. I look forward to working with all stakeholders to promote academic excellence and increase student achievement and teacher development in all areas.

In my candidate statement, I shared with you my belief that exceptional teachers are the key to an outstanding school and an excellent school system is the

foundation of a strong community. For me, there is no greater privilege than being a part of developing a bright future for the children of Garwood. I deeply appreciate your support and I will do my best to serve our community well.

Maureen Scepkowski  
Garwood

### Peppermint Boutique Craft Fair on Tap

CLARK -- Mother Seton Regional High School Parents' Guild will hold a craft fair "The Peppermint Boutique" Craft Fair on Saturday, December 1, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at One Valley Road, Clark (Exit 135 on the GSP). The fair will present over 100 vendors of assorted crafts and handmade items! The fair is free admission and there will be a 50-50 raffle and open kitchen.

*Probitas Verus Honos*





## POLICE BLOTTER

### CRANFORD

Tuesday, October 30, Jenine Parrinello, 44, of Edison was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance (CDS) and possession of drug paraphernalia following a motor vehicle stop on the Garden State Parkway 137 Exchange for failing to maintain their lane. Parrinello, the driver, was arrested for suspected cocaine located in her property. She was processed and provided with a state Superior Court appearance date. In addition, she was issued motor vehicle summonses for failure to keep right, driving with a suspended license and possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle.

Wednesday, October 31, Christopher Morris, 20, of Newark was arrested and charged with distribution of a CDS, possession of

over 50 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia following a motor vehicle stop on the Garden State Parkway 136 Exchange for unclear plates. Morris was processed and provided with a state Superior Court appearance date. In addition, he was issued motor vehicle summonses for unclear plates, a seatbelt violation and possession of a CDS in a motor vehicle.

Thursday, November 1, Peter Lima, 57, of Linden was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI) after police units were dispatched to a reported motor vehicle crash on Alden Street. Following an investigation at the scene, one of the drivers, Lima, was arrested for DWI. He was processed and provided with a municipal court appearance date. In addition, he was issued a motor vehicle summons for improper parking.

Saturday, November 3, Donald Moore, 34, of Edison was arrested and charged with DWI after police units were dispatched to a suspicious vehicle driving along Springfield Avenue with no headlights activated. Moore was processed and provided with a municipal court appearance date. In addition, he was issued motor vehicle summonses for an unregistered vehicle and obstructing traffic.

Sunday, November 4, Robbill Mohammed, 41, of Roselle was arrested and charged with DWI after police units were dispatched to a reported motor vehicle on North Avenue West, pulled curbside, playing loud music from the radio. Following an investigation at the scene, police arrested the driver, Mohammed, for DWI. He was processed and provided with a municipal court appearance date. In addition, he was issued motor vehicle summonses for careless driving and obstructing traffic.

*Probitas Verus Honos*

# Gil Scott Chapman and Mia Pafumi to Perform in Cranford

CRANFORD — An evening with concert pianist Gil Scott Chapman, of Westfield, and soprano vocalist Mia Pafumi, a Westfield High School alumna, is on tap Thursday, December 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center, and is being presented by the Friends of the Cranford Public Library.

A classically trained jazz pianist, Mr. Chapman holds a B.F.A. in Jazz Studies and Master of Music (Improvisation) from the University of Michigan. He has won and placed in a number of classical piano competitions, performed at Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center and the Monterey Jazz Festival, and performed alongside many celebrated artists. He helped to develop the Gershwin Initiative, a long-term partnership between the University of

Michigan and the Gershwin family, bringing the music of George and Ira Gershwin to scholars and audiences worldwide. He resides in Westfield.

A graduate of Montclair State University's John J. Cali School of Music, Ms. Pafumi made her professional opera debut in the chorus of the Sarasota Opera, and as a principal artist at the Knoxville Opera. She studied overseas at the Conservatorio Giuseppe Verdi di Musica in Milan, and her recent performance venues include Lincoln Center and the Alexander Kasser Theater in Montclair. She is the third-place winner of the Gerda Lissner Foundation's 2015 International Vocal Competition and a second-time grant winner of the Licia Albanese-Puccini Foundation's 2014 and 2015 International



Mia Pafumi



LOCAL TALENT...Concert pianist Gil Scott Chapman (above), of Westfield, and soprano vocalist Mia Pafumi, a Westfield High School alumna, are to perform together on Thursday, December 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center.

Vocal Competition, where she performed in the Winner's Concert at Carnegie Hall.

No registration is required for this free concert. The Cranford Community Center is located at 220 Walnut Avenue, Cranford, and is accessible to all. For more information about the Friends of the Cranford Public Library, visit [cranfordlibrary.org](http://cranfordlibrary.org).

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