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ROOSEVELT SCHOOL CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Members of Roosevelt Intermediate School's Sharps and Flats choral group joined the visiting Newark Boys Chorus in a rendition of the spiritual song "Think of Me" on Friday, February 2, 2018, to kick off the school's 11th Annual Black History Assembly.

"We are so blessed to have the Newark Boys Chorus sing at our Black History Assembly every year," said computer technology teacher Pamela Friedman who has been organizing the powerful event since 2007. "They have performed in Washington, D.C. for then president Bill Clinton and in South Africa for the late Nelson Mandela."

The boys, under the tutelage of music director Donald Morris, lifted their young voices in several songs as Roosevelt students and staff listened appreciatively.

The assembly's keynote speaker was the Reverend Dr. DeForest B. Soaries, Jr., senior pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens in Somerset who told the gathering about two defining moments that "changed my life." The first, he said, was an encounter with a teacher when he was in sixth grade.

"My teacher said, Buster, (my friends called me Buster), you are going to jail," said Rev. Soaries. "That indicated to me that she believed I was destined to fail. Those were the days when a lot of things were determined by the color of your skin."

"Black history says that no matter what people think of you, what matters most is what you think of yourself," he added.

Soaries said the second defining moment came no color and knows no kind."



(above, l-r) Gechtman, Soaries, and Pamela Friedman, teacher and organizer of the event.

Photos courtesy of Westfield Public Schools



(above) Members of Roosevelt Intermediate School's Sharps and Flats chorus joins the Newark Boys Chorus with music director Donald Morris (left) to kick off the 11th Annual Black History Assembly.



(above) The Newark Boys Chorus performs for Roosevelt Intermediate School students and staff at the school's 11th Annual Black History Assembly.

when two schoolmates who disliked him threw a blueberry pie into his face. The two boys were African-American.

"What that taught me," he said, "is that meanness and ugliness knows

The minister quoted his "hero," the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. from his "I Have a Dream" speech about the importance of judging another person "not by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

"We were able to overcome insurmountable odds because we never walked alone," said Soaries to students and staff. "And if you have character, you will never walk alone either."

Before the assembly concluded, Roosevelt assistant principal Brian Gechtman paid tribute to the "amazing voices" of the Newark Boys Chorus with director Morris and the Sharps and Flats chorus with choral directors Sabino Losco and Karen Romero. Gechtman also thanked Friedman for "all of your work behind the scenes" and expressed to keynote speaker Rev. Soaries: "Your words are beyond powerful."



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WHS DREAM TEAM CLUB ATTENDS CONFERENCE

Eleventh grade members of Westfield High School's Dream Team Club attended a recent weekend peer leadership conference, participating in several leadership activities and hearing from a variety of speakers with motivational messages to share.

The Dream Team is a school club that encourages students to make healthy decisions and provides drug/alcohol free social events to the school community.

Among the inspiring speakers at the Annual New Jersey State Elks Peer Leadership Conference held in Long Branch, New Jersey, on Feb. 2 to 4, 2018 was Albert Mensah who worked his way from a mud hut in an impoverished part of Ghana to the world stage. Mensah says, in addressing young people and in life in general, the words and concepts he

uses most frequently are dreams, success, change, fear, communication, passion, enthusiasm and, most importantly, opportunity.

The group also heard from Hawthorne High School assistant principal Craig Jandoli who spoke of his own difficult upbringing and the importance of a positive attitude, telling the students that "attitude is a choice" and "to maintain a positive outlook and believe in yourself."

"The students really enjoyed the entire experience," says club advisor Lauren Hauser, a physical education/health teacher at WHS who attended the three-day conference with the 11th graders. "They learned that people come from all walks of life and can be successful, even when the odds are stacked against them."



(above, back row, left-right) Nicholas Chermak, Evan Meade, Jaimie DeDea, Steven Zucker, Luke Ertman, Sophia Pappalardo. (front row, left to right) Ellie Curry, club advisor Lauren Hauser, Anna Rossen. Photo courtesy of Westfield Public Schools.





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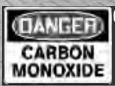
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JUNIOR VARSITY ICE HOCKEY TEAMS COMPETES AT JAMBOREE

Submitted by Beth Ellen Hornstein

The Westfield Junior Varsity (JV) Boy's Ice Hockey team used the 14th Annual Anthony J. Grasso Boys JV Jamboree to demonstrate the Blue Devil program's depth of talent and bright future. The Jamboree took place at Woodbridge Community Center on February 6, 2018 and included five local JV ice hockey teams: the Arthur L. Johnson (Clark) Crusaders, Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raiders, Summit Hilltoppers, and two Westfield squads, the Blue team, and the White team (comprised of freshman).

The format for the tournament was a grueling round-robin with each team playing the opposing four squads. Teams were awarded 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, and 0 points for a loss in this opening portion of the Jamboree. The two teams with the most points after their four games advanced to the tournament championship game.

In the first game of the tournament the Westfield White team squeezed out a tightly contested 1-0 win over Westfield Blue. The close battle would prove to be a tasty appetizer to the main course coming later in the tournament.

As the tournament rolled along it was obvious that the Blue Devil firepower was too much for the other teams to handle. The Westfield Blue team completed the round robin portion in first place with Westfield White in second. A rematch was set for the tournament final. This time the

championship, and hardware for the trophy case, were at stake.

The Championship tilt lived up to the pregame hype and was a tough fought battle between the friendly rivals. Both Westfield goalies, Jack Ruckman (Blue) and Johnny Paladino (White) kept the game scoreless through regulation with

their exceptional play. Because of the tie the game was decided by a five-player-per-team shootout. The drama and excitement were palpable as Westfield Blue emerged with the victory. Scorers in the shootout were Johnny Sickles (senior), Andrew Principato (sophomore) and Tommy Duffy (junior).



(above, 1st row, l-r) Eli Hamlin, Thomas Duffy, Andrew Principato, Michael O'Donnell, Paul Romeo, Evan Krishnamurthy, Michael Rossin, and Coach Spencer Truesdell. (2nd row, l-r) Johnny Sickles, Alex Fitzgerald, and Logan Calder. (3rd row l-r) Goalie Jack Ruckmanand Justin Hornstein. Missing from photo: Aidan Bolandand Ben Fishman. Photo by Varsity Vantage.



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SAM MAHMOUD PRESENTS TALK ON INFAMOUS SPY RINGS

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(above) Sam Mahmoud, speaker.

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of Britain, the USA, and the Soviet Union before World War II, during the War, and throughout the Cold War. The event will begin at 11:45 a.m., on April 4, 2018, at the Echo Lake Country Club, located at 515 Springfield Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey.

During the period from 1936 to 1963, the Cambridge and Rosenberg spy rings were two notorious spy rings that were recruited by the Soviet Union's intelligence agencies; the NKVD and the KGB. All the members of these spy rings were volunteering to spy for the Soviet Unions for free, no rewards, financially or otherwise. The British segment was operating from their perch in the highly sensitive positions in the British Government. The segment operating in the United States was focused on gathering secret scientific research. Both the British and American spy rings involved recruiting five members by the Soviet Union. The British organization came to be known as the Cambridge spy ring as all the spies came from aristocratic families who attended the prestigious Cambridge University, and the American segment was known as the Rosenberg spy ring, which was composed mainly of middle class individuals and scientists who were involved in the Los Alamos project for building the first atomic bomb.

This presentation will deal only with the Cambridge ring, as the Rosenberg spy ring will be covered in a future presentation.

Mahmoud is a member and trustee of the Westfield Historical Society. This will be his 16th lecture on History and World Civilizations

for Westfield Historical Society members along with other organizations such as Rotary clubs, churches, and several other organizations over the years. Mahmoud has been a world traveler, lecturer, columnist and student of histories and cultures of many countries. He has written and published numerous columns and articles about history, politics, current events, and editorial letters in major state newspapers including the Home News Tribune, the Courier News and the Star Ledger, which designated Mahmoud as one of its honor roll writers.

Those wishing to attend the luncheon may make a reservation by calling Carol at 908-654-1794, by noon Friday, March 30th, 2018. The luncheon fee of \$35 (WHS members) or \$40 (non-members) includes a three-course meal, coffee/tea, and gratuity. The luncheon fee may be paid at the door. Westfield Historical Society memberships will also be available at the luncheon.

For Echo Lake County Club dress code information, visit: echolakecc.org/club.

The Westfield Historical Society is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Since 1968, the 501(c)(3) non-profit Westfield Historical Society has worked to preserve, interpret and encourage interest in history, Westfield, and its residents through educational efforts and community outreach programs.

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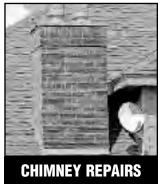
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WESTFIELD GALLERY PRESENTS FINAL ART SHOWS PRIOR TO MOVE

By Maryanne Christiano-Mistretta

Gallery U Boutique is an eclectic art gallery and shopping boutique located in downtown Westfield. They exist as an extension of Universal Institute, Inc., also known as UlRehab, and are a vocational training site providing work opportunities and housing for adult clients with traumatic brain injuries (TBI) and spinal cord injuries.

Clients work in all aspects of the gallery business, from processing inventory to creating artwork of their own, and having their own shows in the gallery. In addition to the art done by clients, Gallery U Boutique carries a striking blend of exclusive, hand selected items from designer collections as well as curated art and items by local artists and artisans. Locals can shop for jewelry, clothing, perfumes, eye glass cases, and stationery. They can also purchase the client produced artwork.

Housing is upstairs from the gallery where clients live in gorgeous two-bedroom apartments which have a window view of downtown Westfield.

Sited in the Root Building for the past four years, there are some changes coming in 2018. Gallery U, located at 439 South Avenue West, Westfield, New Jersey will be leaving the location by the end of July. Their goal is to centralize all their operations at their Livingston campus.

One of the major reasons for the move is the parking issue. There aren't many spaces; and there are no spots for handicapped parking. However, Deneise Hyatt-Murad, director of gallery/retail operations, said that Mayor Shelley Brindle was supportive of the situation, which

makes her feel it will remedy the next business that moves into the building.

Over the past four years, Gallery U put the spotlight on various local artists, musicians, authors, and poets. Exhibits were always on display.

"We've had a lot of support from Westfield," said Hyatt-Murad. "Our clients love coming here. When we move we will create a beautiful space to work in and live in."

The last two 2018 events prior to the move will be:

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For more information visit: facebook.com/GalleryUBoutiqueWestfield or call 908-232-1895. To send submissions, email Deneise at: deneise.hyatt-murad@uirehab.com



(above) Deneise Hyatt-Murad, director of gallery/retail operations.



(above) Gallery U.
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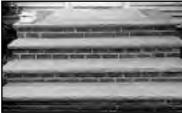


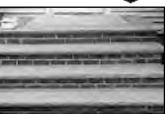




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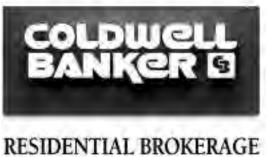
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UNION COUNTY CLERK JOANNE RAJOPPI TO BE PRESENTED WITH "WOMEN IN AMERICAN HISTORY" AWARD

March is Women's History month and the Crane's Ford Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) chapter will be presenting Joanne Rajoppi, Union County Clerk, with the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution "Women in American History" award on Saturday, March 10, 2018, at noon at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Avenue, Cranford, NJ.

The "Women in American History" award,

sponsored by the NSDAR, is designed to recognize worthy women, and celebrate their contribution to history, culture, and society. Joanne Rajoppi is the first woman County clerk in the 154-year history of Union County. She is the former Mayor of Springfield, former Union County Freeholder and first woman chairman of the Freeholder Board, and former NJ Assistant Secretary of State during the Byrne Administration. She has been an advocate for women running for public office, writing her first book, "Women in Office: Getting There and Staying There" in 1993.

As an author, her first book published in 2013 chronicled the military service of her greatgrandfather during the American Civil War titled "New Brunswick and the Civil War: The Brunswick Boys in the Great Rebellion" letters he wrote to his family. She followed the story with the Hamilton women after the war writing her most recent book: "Northern Women in the Aftermath of the Civil War: The Wives and Daughters of the Brunswick Boys." This book

was published in 2017. Ms. Rajoppi will be presenting a power-point program on her most recent book and copies of the book will be available for purchase.

The public is invited to join us for the presentation with a reception to follow. The Crane's Ford chapter will also be celebrating its 74th Anniversary, chartered on March 8, 1944.

The NSDAR is a volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, historic preservation, service to veterans and meaningful community service. Membership is open to any woman 18 years or older who can prove lineal descent from an ancestor who aided in achieving American Independence. For more information or DAR application please contact our chapter Registrar, Patricia Campanelli at patushkat@aol.com.



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Area residents who enjoy sewing and quilting, and those who would like to start, are invited to join the newly formed Rahway Sewing & Quilting Meetup group.

Members are encouraged to share their interests, tips and techniques, and just sewcialize with others who share their passion for creating with fabric. "Whether you enjoy making quilts, home dec pieces, gifts, clothing, accessories, or a little bit of everything, this is a group where you can show off your latest masterpiece, get help with a difficult project, exchange information and have some fun," says Lisa Shepard Stewart, organizer of the group and a lifelong fabric collector and sewing/quilting enthusiast.

An introductory meeting was held in February; the next one is scheduled for Sunday, March 18 from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. at the Cultured Expressions

Studio, 1417 Main Street, Rahway, NJ 07065. For complete details, and to RSVP for the March meetup, go to www.meetup.com, search for "Rahway Sewing & Quilting Meetup" and join the group. It's free to sign up and participate in the group, though there may be a fee for some upcoming activities and events.





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The Performance Series takes place at the Patricia M. Kuran Cultural Arts Center also known as "The Old Carriage House". The Arts Center faces Watson Road; however, it is part of the Fanwood Borough Hall property and the actual address is 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey.

Showtime is 7 p.m. Suggested donation is \$15; \$10 for seniors and students.

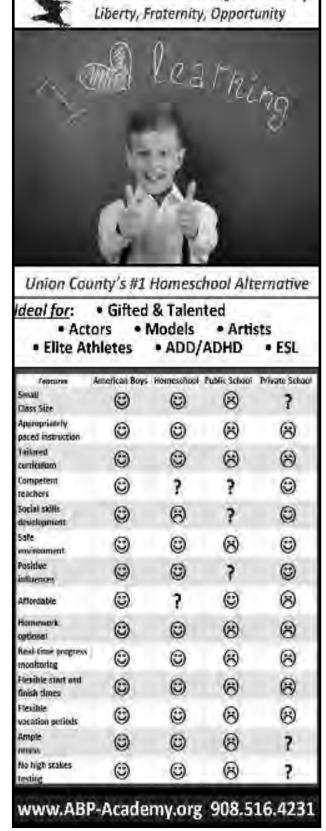
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The Honorable Shelley Brindle, Mayor of Westfield, will be the featured speaker at the College Woman's Club of Westfield's annual spring luncheon on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at noon, at Echo Lake Country Club, 515 Springfield Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey.

The luncheon is \$75 per person and all proceeds benefit the club's scholarship program for young women from Westfield.

A former HBO senior executive who was recently elected Westfield's first female mayor, Mayor Brindle, was herself a scholarship student at the University of Virginia. She credits her daughter for encouraging her to run and her mother, a Vietnam War widow, for instilling in her a spirit of resilience and willingness to embrace change.

"Mayor Brindle's story is inspirational for our multigenerational membership as well as the young women we support through CWC scholarships," said Jeanne Marie Ryan, CWC President. "We are excited to have the Mayor as a speaker for our annual luncheon as we conclude our centennial year and move into another century of helping young women in Westfield achieve their academic goals!"

Founded in 1917 to further higher education for women, the College Woman's Club awards over \$50,000 in scholarships annually to young women from Westfield on the basis of academics, leadership, and financial need. The annual spring luncheon is the club's largest fundraiser, with all proceeds from ticket sales and raffle items benefitting scholarships.

For additional information or to register, please contact: cwc.westfield@gmail.com or mail a check for \$75 made to "College Woman's Club" to Jeanne Ryan, CWC President, 142 Vernon Terrace, Westfield, NJ 07090.



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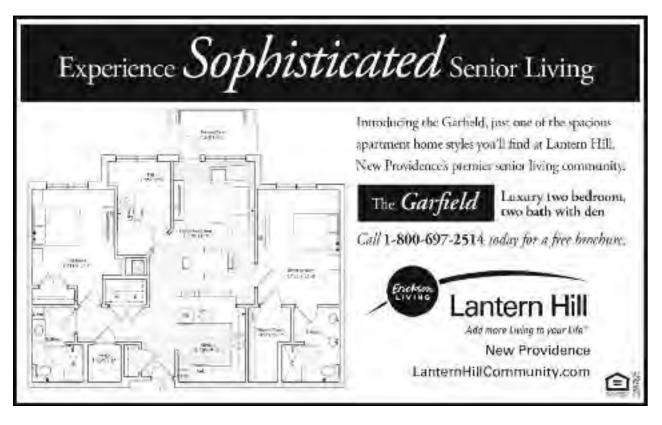
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In Germany, Munich's Fruehlingsfest (Springfest in English) is the sister event to the city's legendary beer festival held later in the year. Known as Little Oktoberfest, the festival welcomes thousands of people to the Bavarian capital for more than two weeks of traditional celebration, including plenty of beer, food, music, and an all-round festive atmosphere.

And just like in Munich, our German festival will welcome Spring, complete with German cuisine, pretzels, beer, wine, music by Bernie's Orchestra, as well as our own traditional German Schuhplattlers and Folkdancers in Lederhosen and Dirndls - all in a Festhalle right in Kenilworth, NJ!

Join us in kicking off the season on Saturday, March 24, 2018 at the Kenilworth Veteran's

Center, 33 South 21st Street, Kenilworth, NJ at 6 p.m. Admission: \$35 per person, \$10 Children ages 6-16 years; Under 6 years - Free, and includes a hot food platter, dessert and tea/coffee as well as imported and domestic beer, wine, soda and water throughout the evening.

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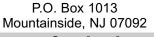




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Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss, recently partnered with the Mandy Reichman Feeding Program at Temple Emanu-El, 756 East Broad Street, Westfield, and the Good Will Rescue Mission. 79 University Avenue, Newark, to make lunches for people who may be foodinsecure in Newark, New Jersey. Participants and volunteers at Imagine donated bread, deli meats and cheese, juice, and water as well as fruit, candy, and snack foods along with sandwich bags and brown paper lunch bags to make over 150 lunches for people in need. Inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Imagine offered the opportunity for participants who come for grief support to make lunches and give back to a community in need.

"Being of service builds our own resilience," said Mandi Zucker, Imagine's Program Director. "We can all think of a time when we were feeling down and helpless and then did something nice for someone else. More often than not we feel better about ourselves and empowered that we can still do for others even when we are in need ourselves."

Imagine provides several opportunities each year for service work for participants. Imagine is a free year-round peer grief support program for children ages 3 to 18 and young adults from 18 to 30 who have had a parent, brother, or sister die, or who are living with a family member with a life-altering physical illness. Concurrent support groups are available for parents and guardians in both programs. Imagine also provides educational workshops and on-site bereavement and crisis support for businesses, corporations, schools and community agencies. Imagine supports children and families coping with loss and fosters resiliency and emotional well-being for all those who grieve. If you or someone you know could benefit please contact Imagine at 908-264-3100 or email info@imaginenj.org.



(above) Imagine participants and volunteers prepare sandwiches for people in need on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.





THE REV. JANE MCCREADY JOINS IMAGINE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rev. Jane McCready is Pastor at Faith Lutheran Church, 524 South Street, New Providence, where she has been a member since 1996. She has a B.A. from Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana and received her Master of Divinity from The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. Prior to attending Seminary, Jane worked in New York City for the 55th Street Dance Theater Foundation at City Center Theater and as a Legal Assistant for 16 years.

Jane was introduced to Imagine in 2013 when she attended an Imagine Annual Breakfast. When her brother died suddenly when she was 11 there were no grief support organizations that existed which could have helped her. She felt instantly connected to the mission of Imagine and it has been an important part of her ministry. Faith Lutheran has hosted a number of education and

Rev. Jane McCready is Pastor at Faith support programs led by Imagine, and is recognized as a Good Mourning site. Through her ministry Jane has referred families to Imagine and members of her congregation serve as volunteers.

Jane currently serves as Chair of the Family Promise Union County Community Board; Chair of the New Providence-Berkeley Heights Interfaith Clergy Group; Chair, First Contact and Coordinator of the New Providence-Berkeley Heights Community Emergency Group.

Jane and her husband Gary lived in Westfield for 20 years where they raised their family, and currently reside in New Providence. She has been an active community volunteer and has been recognized for her leadership. In addition to spending time with her husband and three children, she enjoys traveling, New York City, the theater, museums, music and sports.

Imagine is a free year-round peer grief support center located at 244 Sheffield Street, Mountainside, New Jersey, and serving all of Union County and beyond. Imagine serves children, young adults and parents/guardians who have had a parent, sibling, or child die. Support groups for caregivers of a person living with a life-altering physical illness are also available. If you are interested in learning more about Imagine please visit our website at imaginenj.org or call 908-264-3100.



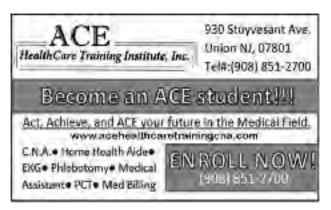
(above) The Rev. Jane McCready.



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cope with the effects of a loved one's mental health illness? Join our peer led group monthly meetings and gain insight from others facing similar challenges. NAMI hold their Union County Family Support Group Meetings the third Tuesday of every month. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 20, 7:30 to 9 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Cranford, 11 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey. For more information, call 908-233-1628 or email namiunioncounty@yahoo.com.

Free Course on Mental Illness. The NAMI Family-to-Family Education Program begins on Thursday evening, March 22. Presented by the Union County Chapter of NAMI, the course meets 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings, over a consecutive 12-week period. Course ends on May 31. It is free-of-charge, with all necessary materials furnished at no cost.

The course is offered specifically to the parents, siblings, spouses, teen-age and adult children, and significant others of individuals with severe and persistent mental illness. In a confidential setting, loved ones will learn how to understand and support their ill relative while maintaining their own well-being. The program is not appropriate for individuals who, themselves, suffer from one of the major mental disorders. The course is taught by NAMI members who have completed intensive training.

Curriculum topics include schizophrenia,

Are you feeling stressed and alone in trying to bipolar disorder (manic depression), clinical depression, panic disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, and others, the clinical treatment of these illnesses, and how caregivers can learn to cope more effectively. Attendees will learn about the biology of the brain, new research, medications, skills needed to successfully communicate with a relative, and how to deal with critical periods. Other topics include advocacy, fighting stigma and problem solving.

Classes will meet at St. Agnes Church, 332 Madison Hill Road, Clark, New Jersey. Registration is required prior to the beginning of the course. Call Pat at 732-382-0762 or email patroman2@aol.com. Please include in the subject line: F2F class. A F2F teacher will contact you with the details. Refreshments will be served.

Understanding New Perspectives on Mental Health Diagnoses. The Union County NAMI invites the public to hear a presentation by Anne Lopez, Director of Community Education/Outreach with the Mental Health Association of New Jersey. Her goal and mission is to empower families and individuals living with a mental health diagnosis or substance abuse through education and support.

The presentation will be held Tuesday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m. at RWJ Rahway Fitness and Wellness Center, 2120 Lamberts Mill Road, Scotch Plains, New Jersey.

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THE HISTORY OF EDUCATION IN ENGLAND AT WESTFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY LUNCHEON - MARCH 7

will be presenting a talk on the history of education in England on March 7, 2018. The event will begin at 11:45 a.m. at the Echo Lake Country Club, 515 Springfield Avenue, Westfield.

Dr. Hewitt will explain the difference between two thoughts of education in England, both of which were formed 200 years ago. One of those thoughts was formed by the Anglican Traditionalist at Oxford and Cambridge, and was to establish morally upright character that would inspire and uplift society and lead the economy. The other thought which was developed and enlightened "Utilitarian" at the upstart London University, defined the positions about the moral foundations for higher education.

Dr. Hewitt grew up and attended schools in

First Wednesday Luncheon series, Dr. Jim Hewitt Rapids for B.A., and UMass/Amherst for M.A., and Ph.D., European History. After studies and academic work at UMass/Amherst, he transitioned into business by attending the Wharton School at University of Pennsylvania. He moved to New York City to work with NYC Transit Authority, and then shifted into commercial real estate beginning with Trinity Church development on Wall Street. Dr. Hewitt actively volunteers at the Old Guard of Summit, the Paper Mill Play House, the New Jersey Festival Orchestra, and The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

Those wishing to attend the luncheon may advocated by the "The Rationalists" and the make a reservation by calling Mary at 908-233-2930. The luncheon fee of \$35 (WHS members) or \$40 (non-members) includes a three-course meal, coffee/tea, and gratuity. The luncheon fee

As part of the Westfield Historical Society's Westfield, then went to Calvin College in Grand may be paid at the door. Westfield Historical Society memberships will also be available at the luncheon.

> Echo Lake Country Club is at 515 Springfield Ave, Westfield, NJ. For Echo Lake County Club dress code information, visit: echolakecc.org/club.

> The Westfield Historical Society is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Since 1968, the 501(c)(3) non-profit Westfield Historical Society has worked to preserve, interpret and encourage interest in history, Westfield, and its residents through educational efforts and community outreach programs.

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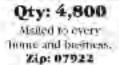
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The IRS is urging the public to be aware of suspicious individuals claiming to be from the IRS.

Thousands of people have lost millions of dollars and their personal information to tax scams. Scammers use the regular mail, telephone, or email to set up individuals, businesses, payroll, and tax professionals.

The IRS doesn't initiate contact with taxpayers by email, text messages, or social media channels to request personal or financial information. Recognize the telltale signs of a scam.

SCAMS TARGETING TAXPAYERS IRS-IMPERSONATION TELEPHONE SCAMS

A sophisticated phone scam targeting taxpayers, including recent immigrants, has been making the rounds throughout the country. Callers claim to be IRS employees, using fake names and bogus IRS identification badge numbers. They may know a lot about their targets, and they usually alter the caller ID to make it look like the IRS is calling.

Victims are told they owe money to the IRS and it must be paid promptly through a gift card or wire transfer. Victims may be threatened with arrest, deportation or suspension of a business or driver's license. In many cases, the caller becomes hostile and insulting. Victims may be told they have a refund due to try to trick them into sharing private information. If the phone isn't answered, the scammers often leave an "urgent" callback request.

Some thieves have used video relay services (VRS) to try to scam deaf and hard of hearing individuals. Taxpayers are urged not trust calls just because they are made through VRS, as interpreters don't screen calls for validity.

Limited English Proficiency victims are often approached in their native language, threatened with deportation, police arrest and license revocation, among other things. IRS urges all taxpayers caution before paying unexpected tax bills. Note that the IRS doesn't:

- Call to demand immediate payment using a specific payment method such as a prepaid debit card, gift card or wire transfer.
 Generally, the IRS will first mail you a bill if you owe any taxes.
- Threaten to bring in local police or other lawenforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

- Demand payment without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
- Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

SCAMS TARGETING TAX PROFESSIONALS

Increasingly, tax professionals are being targeted by identity thieves. These criminals – many of them sophisticated, organized syndicates - are redoubling their efforts to gather personal data to file fraudulent federal and state income tax returns.

SURGE IN EMAIL, PHISHING AND MALWARE SCHEMES

Phishing (as in "fishing for information") is a scam where fraudsters send e-mail messages to trick unsuspecting victims into revealing personal and financial information that can be used to steal the victims' identity.

The IRS has issued several alerts about the fraudulent use of the IRS name or logo by scammers trying to gain access to consumers' financial information to steal their identity and

Scam emails are designed to trick taxpayers into thinking these are official communications from the IRS or others in the tax industry, including tax software companies. These phishing schemes may seek information related to refunds, filing status, confirming personal information, ordering transcripts, and verifying PIN information.

Be alert to bogus emails that appear to come from your tax professional, requesting information for an IRS form. IRS doesn't require Life Insurance and Annuity updates from taxpayers or a tax professional.

Variations can be seen via text messages. The IRS is aware of email phishing scams that include links to bogus web sites intended to mirror the official IRS web site. These emails contain the direction "you are to update your IRS e-file immediately." These emails are not from the IRS.

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