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BOYS HOCKEY TEAM ORGANIZE SANDWICH DRIVE

Submitted by Cheryl Park

The Westfield High School Boys Hockey Team prepared and donated over 350 sandwiches to help end hunger in our neighboring community. Over 25 players attended this outreach event held on July 30, 2018 at Woodbridge Community Center. The team selected this initiative to address the sandwich donation deficit during the summer months at St. Joseph’s Food Pantry in Elizabeth. Many of the boys had been familiar with St. Joseph’s weekly ‘Sandwich Drives’ from their elementary school days.

Their donation exceeded the team’s original goal of 200 sandwiches to support the homeless of greater Elizabeth. Varsity coach Joe Bertucci complimented the boys on their efforts and lead off the group by encouraging them to not

only be a team on the ice – but in the community as well. Bertucci went on to tell the boys that through these outreach initiatives they grow as players and as individuals – and most importantly, they have the opportunity to impact lives locally. Shoprite of Garwood generously donated over \$300 worth of items.

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WESTFIELD'S TERRY GOULD JOINS CASA OF UNION COUNTY TRUSTEES

Submitted by Gretchen Boger-O'Bryan

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Union County welcomes real estate agent Terry Gould of Westfield and attorney Adam Rothenberg of Scotch Plains to its board of trustees.

CASA of Union County is a nonprofit organization that recruits, trains, supervises and supports community volunteers to advocate for abused, neglected and abandoned Union County children removed from home and placed in foster care or residential facilities. There are nearly 500 Union County children in foster care.

Gould, who also serves as the board's advocate liaison, was a CASA volunteer in Connecticut and, after relocating to the Garden State, she trained with CASA of Union County as well. In total, she has served four years advocating for foster youth. The certified public accountant held various posts in finance and accounting, including with Paramount Pictures in Los Angeles, is now is a Realtor with Sotheby's International Realty.

A personal injury attorney at Levinson Axelrod in Edison, Rothenberg said, "I am honored and excited to join the board of CASA of Union County. Its mission is a unique opportunity to advocate solely for the well-being of children in the foster system. I look forward to assisting to advance the goals of CASA to benefit those children and hope we ultimately can get a CASA volunteer for every child who needs one." His wife Christie is a CASA volunteer. He was gala chairman for the organization's Foster the Dream Gala in 2016.

"We are so pleased Terry and Adam joined the board," said Executive Director Marla Higginbotham. "Both have personal connections to our work: Terry has been a CASA volunteer in two states, and Adam's wife is a long-time volunteer who's advocated for five youth and he's seen firsthand the responsibility — and reward — that brings. Add to that Terry's finance experience and Adam's work as an attorney to

help those in crisis, the board expects to continue to flourish with their added support and expertise."

Through court-ordered access to foster parents, doctors, caseworkers, therapists and teachers, CASA volunteers ensure a child's best interests remain a priority while working toward establishing a safe, stable and permanent home. CASA of Union County currently serves half the county's youth in care; its goal is to provide an advocate for every child. To do that, more volunteers are needed.

For details on training or other ways to get involved, contact

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(above) Terry Gould, a real estate agent from Westfield, joins Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Union County board of trustees

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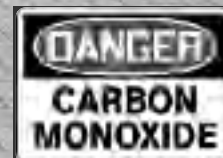
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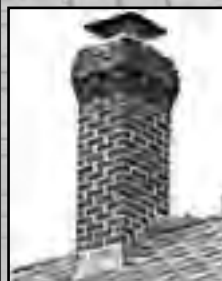
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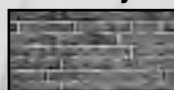
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WHAT IS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT?

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while

bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide on the first Tuesday in August. Neighborhoods host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and various other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits and much, much more. For more information visit natw.org.



(above, l-r) John Gura, Fire Fighter; Anthony Tiller, Deputy Chief; and Jason Garcia, Fire Fighter.



(above) The Westfield Spirit Cheerleading Squad.

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST MISSION TEAM SERVES IN LONG ISLAND

Submitted by Kylie Haskins

From July 29 through August 4, 2018, six middle and high school students and three adults from First United Methodist Church Westfield served on a mission trip in East Rockaway, NY. The all-female team known as the SALTy Ladies (after the name of the Youth Group, S.A.L.T., which stands for Serving As Light Together), worked with Next Step Ministries, a nondenominational Christian missions organization that hosts mission trips all over the U.S. and internationally.

The team spent the week working on a driveway for a woman whose home was destroyed during Superstorm Sandy. "There is still so much work to be done, even six years after Sandy," said Kylie Haskins, who is the Youth Coordinator at FUMC Westfield. "There were only two streets where we were working that didn't still have condemned houses on them."

The team poured four concrete slabs in total during the week, which included prepping the areas with form boards and wire mesh, mixing 80 pound bags of concrete by hand, and leveling and finishing the areas. "We did a lot of hard work, but it was so amazing to help someone in need and to see how grateful our homeowner was. The girls were incredible, and I couldn't be more proud of how they embodied God's love this week," said Mrs. Haskins.



(above) Members of the SALTy Ladies mission team from First United Methodist Church Westfield at their work site in East Rockaway, NY. (pictured l-r) Riley Pantalena, McKenzie Meyers, Julia Flowers, Connie Palmer, Kylie Haskins, Lucy Burke, Hope Basaman, and Fiona North. Not pictured: Janet Poland.

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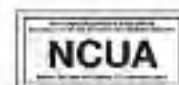
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Apple Fest is a history-themed event, meant to entertain, educate, and bring together young and old in a fall afternoon spent outdoors. 2018 marks the 10-year anniversary of Apple Fest, but also the 50-year anniversary of the Westfield Historical Society, the 100-year anniversary of Mindowaskin Park, and 150-year anniversary of the Fairview cemetery! The events and activities planned for Apple Fest 2018 will take us back in time, to celebrate the culture and history of the highlighted years.

For Apple Fest 2018, our celebrated Apple Café will feature an All-American BBQ, presented by chef Greg Hichok. Our traditional Apple Pie baking contest will include a historic recipe category and the Westfield-grown band "Save Mary" will play cover tunes from the 1970's while the Westfield Ballroom dancers perform. Movie clips from 50 years ago, historic-themed displays, a school art contest and a Westfield High School essay contest along with more of last year's popular Lightning Talks on

Teddy Roosevelt's campaign in Westfield, and the era of Tesla, Marconi and Edison will round up the day's activities. Of course, there will be an assortment of old-fashioned kids' games, a magician's booth and several quizzes for young and old! Our Westfield-native, award-winning artist, Danny Schwartz, will create our commemorative Apple Fest poster.

Apple Fest is an opportunity to explore history with friends and neighbors, while setting traditions that will hopefully mark the future of our area! Please join us on September 29.

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.

For further information on the Westfield Historical Society and its activities or to volunteer, call (908)-654-1794 or visit westfieldhistoricalsociety.org and like us on Facebook!



(above) Westfield Historical Society's 10th Annual Apple Fest will be held on Sept. 29, 2018.



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WALKING ACROSS AMERICA FOR DRUG OVERDOSE AWARENESS

On Day 132 of their journey, Brett Bramble and John “Stick” Azerolo, after having walked more than 1,700 miles, reached Westfield High School. The two left Key West, Florida on January 27, 2018 on foot, walking approximately 20 miles per day at roughly 3 miles per hour to raise awareness about drug overdose prevention, addiction, and recovery.

Speaking to WHS students on Friday, June 8, 2018 Bramble, whose aunt is a Westfield resident, detailed the reasons behind this arduous East Coast journey. He spoke candidly about being molested as a teenager and his subsequent addiction to opioids and trouble. He also spoke from the heart about his sister, Brittany, who became addicted to prescription painkillers and

died of a heroin overdose in 2014. Two years after her death, he walked 3,200 miles from the Atlantic to the Pacific Oceans to honor Brittany and to tell her story.

Having reached hundreds of thousands of people along the way, it was only a few months later that Bramble decided to start walking again, with Azerolo joining him.

“A victim of a drug overdose is not just a statistic,” Bramble told the WHS students. “They are loved by someone.”

Bramble and Azerolo urged the teenagers to educate themselves about the dangers of drug use and to not be afraid to call 911 if they suspect someone is overdosing. They described the many people they have met on their northward march, often someone with a tale of having lost a loved one to a drug overdose.

“The emotional weight that we carry,” was

Bramble’s response when asked about the most challenging part of this trip. “We receive constant hugs and tears on the side of the road.”

“There isn’t a day that goes by that I don’t cry,” Azerolo added.

Yet, while “a huge challenge,” Bramble says it is one he and Azerolo welcome if they can continue to raise awareness to what they call “the drug crisis in America.”

“She’s dead. She’s dead,” Bramble said starkly at one point, pointing to a picture of sister Brittany. “Drugs did that.”

The pair reached Calais, Maine on August 21, 2018 after 202 days of walking. This walk, Bramble notes on his website, is “a small step in a greater purpose to start a transitional retreat that will help people recover from troubled pasts.”

To read about Bramble and Azerolo’s journey, visit brettbramblewalks.com.



(above) Brett Bramble (left) showed students at Westfield High School mementos he’s been given by people who have lost a loved one to a drug overdose. Bramble and John Azerolo are walking from Key West, Florida to Calais, Maine to raise awareness about drug overdose prevention, addiction, and recovery. They visited WHS on June 8, 2018.

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In New Jersey the awards are also the official recognition program of the Governor's Advisory Council on Volunteerism, administered by a partnership that includes the NJ Office of Volunteerism, NJ Advance Media, the Community Foundation of New Jersey, and corporate sponsors, such as PNC Bank, PSEG, BD and others.

"Imagine adult and teen volunteer facilitators are a consistent, loving, empathic presence for the children and families we serve, providing hope and support while facilitating the mourning process," said Mary Robinson, Imagine Executive Director who nominated the volunteers. "Our volunteers are the foundation of Imagine's community-based peer support model. We would not and could not exist without them and are so grateful for each and every one of them for their commitment and extraordinary service."

Imagine offers free year-round grief support groups for families with children age 3-18 who are coping with loss due to the death of a parent or sibling or other significant family members, or who are coping with a family member with a terminal or chronic physical illness. Concurrent support groups are available for parents and guardians of the children and for young adults ages 18-30.

Imagine is completely privately funded through the generosity of our donors, and our work is only made possible through their support. For more information please contact Imagine at 908-264-3100 or www.imagenj.org.



(above) Accepting the award on behalf of Imagine's 17 Youth Facilitators are Justin Zucker and Dani Jayinski of Scotch Plains.



(above) The 2018 New Jersey State Governor's Jefferson Awards presentation ceremony and celebration of volunteerism was held at the War Memorial in Trenton on June 2, 2018. Pictured accepting the award on behalf of all of our over 70 adult facilitators are (l-r) Imagine Adult Volunteer Facilitators Gail Rhein of Plainfield; Monica Rodriguez of Union; Joanne DeSantis of North Bergen; Tamela Beene of Westfield; Jacqueline Miller of North Plainfield; and Steve Johnson of Westfield.



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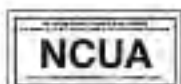
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various age categories. You can participate by running, walking, or making a donation. All proceeds are donated to the International Myeloma Foundation (IMF). Multiple Myeloma is an incurable cancer of plasma cells which attacks and destroys bone.

The entry fee is \$35 per walker or runner. The fee for children ages 4 to 12 is \$20. Runners and walkers may also register for a fee of \$40 on the day of the event, so you are encouraged to register early. Registration will open at 8:00 a.m. with the race officially starting at 9:30 a.m.

A Remembrance Path, where maroon and white balloons attached to placards with the names of people being honored or remembered will be featured. Maroon balloons are designated for patients living with Myeloma, and white balloons are in remembrance of those who have passed on from the disease. A brief personal message can be included on the placard. Anyone can purchase these for an additional \$25.00 donation.

The co-founders of the race are Clark resident Sheree Pask, a Myeloma survivor and a teacher at The Presbyterian Nursery School in Westfield, and Westfield resident Gina Klemm, whose brother Frank Guarino died of the disease in 2012.

Come out and join us as we make Miracles happen again!

To register or donate go to
give.myeloma.org/miracles2018
 or call 732-574-9182 for more information.



(above) The Remembrance Path at the Miracles for Myeloma 5K Run/Walk honors those living with Myeloma and those who have passed. This year, the event will be held on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at Oak Ridge Park in Clark.

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9/18	6:30 pm	Evening LEGO Club 5-11yrs Caregiver remains in library
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WESTFIELD AREA YMCA CHIEF INSTRUCTOR GEDMAN WINS GOLD AT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



(above) Pamela Gedman (center), receives her gold medal at the ATA Martial Arts World Expo in Little Rock, Arkansas.

The Westfield Area YMCA is proud to announce that Pamela Gedman, Chief Instructor of Gedman's Black Belt Academy, has become the 2018 World Champion in Sparring in the Woman's 40-49 year old 4th and 5th degree black belt division.

ATA Martial Arts, the world's largest organization dedicated to teaching martial arts to all ages, held its World Expo on July 9 - 15, 2018 in Little Rock, Arkansas. During the Tournament of Champions held July 12-13, the Top Ten competitors in each division competed for the prestigious title of ATA World Champion. Divisions are based on age and black belt rank. Competitors battle it out in traditional, creative, Xtreme and team events. For these elite martial artists, earning a spot in the coveted Top Ten among the best in the world marks a culmination of hard work and passion while competing at national, district and regional tournaments throughout the year.

Gedman's Black Belt Academy is located at the Robert and Virginia Bauer Family Branch

(422 East Broad St., Westfield) of the Westfield Area YMCA and offers programs for adults, teens and children beginning at age 4. Classes are taught by a team of certified black belt instructors. Classes for beginners through 5th degree black belts are available. Beginner students are required to attend the Intro class (no uniform required) before beginning rank-specific training. There is no annual commitment or contract required to participate. Rank advancement ceremonies are held on-site at the Bauer Branch four times a year.

For information on all the classes, programs, leagues and events offered at the Westfield Area YMCA, visit www.westfieldynj.org or the Main Y Facility Welcome Center located at 220 Clark Street, Westfield. The Welcome Center can also be reached at 908-301-YMCA (9622).

The Y is the nation's leading nonprofit committed to strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Financial assistance is available for those who qualify.

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now free to stop by and pick up or exchange a book.

Little Free Libraries are being installed all over the country. The book exchanges have grown to 36,000 around the world in 70 countries. Locally, you can find little libraries

popping up on front lawns.

Group member Nicole Eng stated "One of our missions at the Mothers' Center is to pursue opportunities to make the local community a better place for moms and their children and partners. By installing a Little Free Library in our local park, it is our hope this this Little Free Library will bring the surrounding communities together through literacy."

To learn more about the Mothers' Center of Central New Jersey, please visit motherscentercnj.org.



(above) A Story Time was held at Little Free Library Launch Party held in July in Unami Park.

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YMCA YOUTH OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Each year, the Westfield Area YMCA bestows the special "Youth of the Year" recognition to two high achieving youth who participate at the Y. This year, the award was presented to Alexis Devre of Clark and Olivia London of Scotch Plains, formerly of Westfield.

Alexis Devre first came to the YMCA to attend lifeguarding class thanks to a grant from Stew Leonard III Children's Charities. She obtained her lifeguard certification and then her

swim instructor certification, and has been a warm and welcoming ambassador to the Y. Whether lifeguarding or instructing, Alexis is always smiling, punctual and focused. She has volunteered to help with events such as Swim with Santa and Pizza Palooza and spoke at the Y's Annual Campaign launch, attesting to what the Y has meant to her.

Alexis has been on the track and field and swim team for the last 3 years at Arthur L. Johnson High School, is a member of her Key Club and completed the year-long Union County Sheriff's Office Police Academy. In the fall, Alex will study Criminal Justice at Stockton University with a goal of working in law enforcement.

When looking for a youth role model at the Westfield Area Y, it is hard not to think of Olivia London. Olivia is a sports and rock wall coach, a Kid's Club staff member, a Flyer's track & field team coach, works when needed in

birthday parties and volunteers at many of the Y's fundraisers and events. This is not surprising, though, since Olivia literally grew up at the Y, participating in a wide variety of programs and activities.

Olivia has been an active Girl Scout since Kindergarten, most recently spending time with her troop at Children's Specialized Hospital. She is a long-time member of St. Helen's Youth Ministry in Westfield and volunteers to work with the children weekly at the homeless shelter in Edison. Olivia also volunteers with Catholic Work Heart Camp and spent a week last summer in Hartford painting houses and assisting families in need. This fall Olivia will attend Stockton University to study Nutrition and Holistic Health.

The Y is for youth development, healthy living and social responsibility and is pleased to bestow this honor on two such well deserving community-oriented youth.



(above, l-r) Westfield Area YMCA CEO Mark Elsasser, award recipients Alexis Devre and Olivia London, and Westfield Area YMCA Board Chair, John Cronin pictured with Westfield Area YMCA Youth of the Year Awards.

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Based in Westfield, NJ, the 501c3 not for profit charity Walk In Sunshine seeks to provide financial assistance to local families who have lost a young child, while providing online resources for families all around the world.

"We know firsthand that after the loss of our son, Joseph, everything was a blur," said the couple. "It can be difficult to sift through vendors and figure out what resources are available. We are hoping this website can help ease some of the burden a family faces in the immediate wake of a child loss."

The website features a variety of online resources such as support groups, links to books, memorial keepsakes, and information to apply for financial aid. Walk in Sunshine has pledged to donate \$1,000 to any vendor of the Westfield's family choice who have lost a child under the age of 18.

"Easily 50% of the plots in the Infant Section at Fairview Cemetery do not have a headstone. Some of this certainly is financial," said Lou.

Walk in Sunshine is here to help in those circumstances. "The loss of a child is all too familiar to many in Westfield, and knowing there are other families searching the internet for blogs, or a special way to remember their loved on, we thought Walk In Sunshine could be the one website that could meet all these needs."

In addition, the website features a Memory Wall, where parents can submit information for free that can help their child be remembered and connect with fellow grievers. Parents can also post a photograph or write a few words about their loved one. "We would love for this memory wall to be shared all over the world," said Francine.

"We would love to hear from other families who have lost children in the Westfield area, or from anyone who has any feedback about our site," said Francine. "We hope to be able to donate money to the surrounding towns in Union County beyond Westfield as early as 2019."

As Walk In Sunshine grows in its capacity it will look to hold events, fundraisers, or even a 5K race in Westfield, NJ.

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Dr. Massarelli will speak at the Wednesday, September 26, 2018 meeting. All are welcome. Learn about the support and education that NAMI can offer. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at RWJ Rahway Fitness & Wellness Center, 2120 Lamberts Mill Rd., Scotch Plains. For more information, call 908-233-1628 or email namiunioncounty@yahoo.com

ANNUAL CEMETERY TOUR TO HAVE WORLD WAR I THEME

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Guests will be escorted to eleven graves of citizens who have interesting and in some cases tragic stories to tell. Costumed actors will represent both soldiers and civilians as they give the historic accounts of the parts they played in the war.

Tour stops will include the graves of two soldiers who were killed in action, the mausoleum of Dr. Fred Albee, the famous orthopedic surgeon, and a 15 year old girl who

worked as a Red Cross Volunteer. Descriptions of some of the brutal battles will be given by soldiers who were there, two of whom received the Purple Heart and came home with life-altering injuries. Visitors will also learn about the USA Coast Artillery Corps, the Army Air Force, and the Balloon Squadron. Visitors will hear the unusual story of a decorated soldier, who after the war, murdered his girlfriend and was executed in the electric chair.

Tours start at noon and leave every 15 minutes with each tour taking approximately 1 1/2 hours. The last tour goes out at 4:00 p.m. Since large crowds are anticipated, tour time reservations are recommended to ensure a desired starting time. Admission is \$15.00 for adults, \$10.00 for seniors (65+), and \$5.00 for children (12 and under). For reservations and more information, call the Museum office at (732) 381-0441.

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(above) Dylan Esposito (Grade 4) and Talia Esposito (Grade 2)



(above) The Pappalardo Family, Julia (Grade 3) and Dylan (Grade 1).



(above) Jefferson PTO Executive Board Members.



(above) Joey DeSimone (Grade 2).

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(above) Rotary Club Foundation of Westfield's 2018 college scholarship awardees who received a combined total of \$98,000. Dr. Margaret Dolan, Superintendent of Schools (left) joins them with Rotarian Carl Peer (right) who chaired the selection committee.

Submitted by Nancy Jackson

Philip Salerno, President of the Rotary Club of Westfield, convened the 97-year-old service organization's annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony Luncheon on June 12, 2018 at the Westfield Area Y announcing that 18 college-bound Westfield students would be the recipients of scholarships totaling \$98,000.

Rotarian Carl Peer, chairman of this year's scholarship committee, presided, first welcoming invited guests including the scholarship winners, their parents, and School Board President Gretchen Ohlig. Offering brief remarks containing their observations and congratulations were Mayor Shelly Brindle, Dr. Margaret Dolan, Superintendent of Schools, herself a Rotarian, and High School Principal Dr. Derrick Nelson.

Representing The Westfield Foundation, which manages the investments of several of the named funds comprised of donations and bequests by Rotarians, their families and friends, were trustees and Rotarians Barbara Frantz, and Ray Kostyak. Donald Maxwell, son of the late Donald (Bob) Maxwell, a member of the club for 68 years with perfect attendance, and his daughter, Kate, were also in attendance. Rotarian William Bonsall honored the late Harry Sturcke, also a Rotarian for 68 years, commenting on his outstanding generosity and legacy.

Peer introduced Marta Alexandre, Chairman of Westfield Rotary Club Foundation, which is

the non-profit fundraising arm of the club. She congratulated Mr. Peer and the Scholarship Committee for their conscientious work. She announced that since its inception as "The College Fund," the foundation has awarded more than \$3 million. Peer led applause in appreciation for those who served on the 2018 scholarship selection committee: Mary Ellen O'Boyle, Philip Richardson, Chung Kun Shih, Anthony LaPorta, Nancy Jackson and Deirdre Gelinne.

Candidates for scholarships must be residents of the town who are graduating seniors enrolled in accredited high schools. Criteria for consideration, according to Peer, are based on academic achievement, service to the community and financial need. He commented, "The committee members are congratulated on their diligence. The applications and supporting detail are carefully reviewed and every candidate who meets the criteria receives a personal interview."

Commencing with the proceedings, Peer, the selection committee members and The Westfield Foundation trustees introduced the scholarship recipients, presented their scholarships and announced the colleges they will be attending:

Two Charles & Florence Wallace Scholarships, totaling \$15,000 each for four years to Shea Elliot, University of Chicago and

Clair Hunter, The College of New Jersey.

Health Sciences Scholarship in Memory of Linda Reed, \$8,000, to Julia Vricella-Stokes, Villanova University.

Two Robert M. & Winifred M. Reed Law/Government Service Scholarships, \$5,000 each, to Julia Robb, University of Vermont and Julia Schiano, Michigan State University.

Charles & Florence Wallace Scholarship, \$5,000, to Caroline Stockwell, the University of Rochester.

Three scholarships in memory of Harry Sturcke, \$5,000 each, to Julian Mazzola, The New School, Ophelia Murray, West Virginia University and Haley MyKytka, Syracuse University.

Chester A. Gerdes Scholarship, \$4,000, to Noah Ensslin, Stevens Institute of Technology.

Georgianna Pollack Scholarship, \$4,000, to Matthew Doyle, Fordham University.

Bob Maxwell Scholarship, \$2,000, to Tyler Wright, Clemson University.

Six Rotary Club Scholarships went to James Cerria, \$4,000 for Purdue University; Daniel Scalia, \$4,000 for Rutgers University; Steven Warren \$4,000 for Washington & Lee University; Rollins Terry, \$3,000 for the University of Virginia; Joseph Ensslin, \$3,000 for the University of Pittsburgh, and Gabriela Ryan, \$2,000 for the University of North Carolina.

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PRESENTATION ON VETERANS BENEFITS AT THE AMERICAN LEGION

Submitted by Sharon Knight

On October 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., David Brimmer, Community Outreach Manager for the Veterans Administration (VA) New Jersey Healthcare System, will present a program on Veterans benefits at the Martin Wallberg American Legion Post 3 located at 1003 North Avenue West in Westfield, New Jersey.

Included will be information on: Diagnostic,

treatment, preventative, and other healthcare services available to eligible veterans enrolled for VA Healthcare benefits; eligibility, and information on local VA health centers and Community-Based outreach centers (CBOCs.) There will be also be representatives from the Union County Office of Veteran Services with information from local and State organizations.

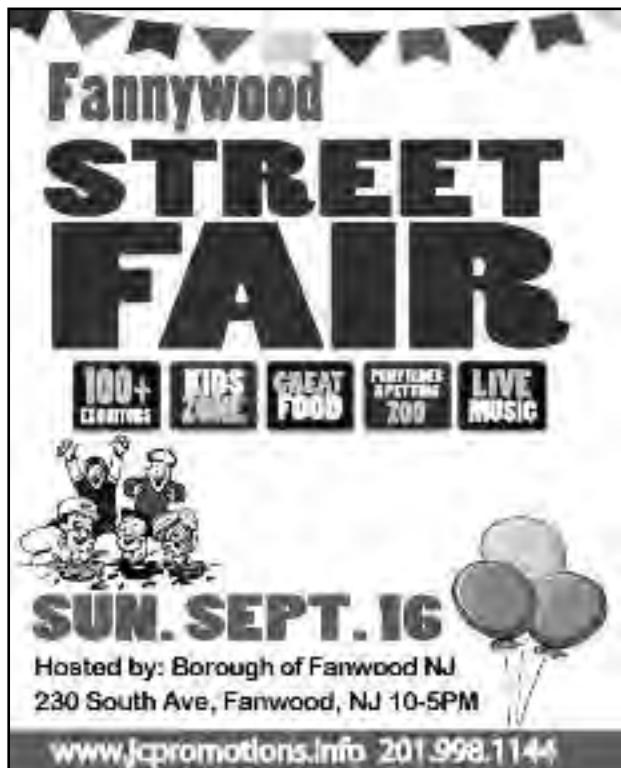
VETERANS' AND DEPENDENTS' HEALTH CARE BENEFITS PRESENTATION

For veterans and dependents of veterans, the Cranford Public Library will present a valuable health care information session on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. David Brimmer, MS, of the Department of Veterans' Affairs New Jersey Health Care System will visit the Cranford Community Center to speak about health care benefits available to veterans and dependents. He will also discuss the process for filing a claim for VA Service-Connected Disability Compensation.

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JENSEN BUTLER BIKES ACROSS AMERICA TO RAISE MONEY FOR RARE CANCER RESEARCH

On May 5, 2018 Jensen Butler graduated Summa Cum Laude from Florida State University. One week later, he left Santa Monica, California with one goal in mind – to ride his bike over 4,150 miles across the United States to Montauk, New York. Along the way, he is raising

money for rare cancer research through Memorial Sloan Kettering's charity, Cycle for Survival.

Butler, son of Kristan McCarthy of Mountainside and Nat Butler of Westfield, is a native of Mountainside and a graduate of Governor Livingston High School. He was a walk on to the Florida State University Football team but cycling is a relatively new endeavor for the 22 year old. An exceptional all-around athlete, he played football, basketball and tennis at his high school and is always looking for his next challenge.

Last year over spring break, Jensen was inspired and rode his bike 300 miles from Florida State's campus in Tallahassee to Anna Maria, Florida. After that, he knew he wanted to do more and set out planning for the 70+ day journey that will take him through 13 states before finishing in Montauk, New York in mid July.

Butler, who is riding solo, has a fundraising goal of \$10,000 for Cycle for Survival and hopes to raise awareness about the charity which is the movement to beat rare cancers. Cycle for Survival has raised over \$180 million dollars in the past decade with every single dollar allocated to rare cancer research.

"With over 1.6 million new cancer cases diagnosed in 2017, approximately half of them were rare cancers so we all know someone who has been touched by rare cancer," said Butler. "Committing my ride to such a great cause while

raising this money holds me accountable and motivates me to finish."

Jensen entered Kentucky on July 1, 2018 and anticipates finishing his journey before the month's end. You can follow along on Jensen's journey on social media via Instagram and Facebook through @tourdejensen.

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(above) Jensen Butler at the start of his journey in Santa Monica.

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SAMARITAN SANDWICH-MAKING EVENT FOR FAMILIES

Submitted by Sue Caruso-Green

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Bring your children and grandchildren. This is a great project to do with children to help them

to understand that hunger and poverty exists. The need is great. Parents with children, the unemployed and the elderly all wait in the heat for the food to be distributed and the line starts to form early in the morning.

We will have some bread, cold cuts and sandwich baggies available, but please bring some as well. Some suggestions for sandwiches: ham and cheese, turkey, chicken, roast beef, peanut butter and jelly, etc.

Girl Scouts, Brownies, Boy Scouts and Cubs - all are welcome! Many hands make light work as we share our blessings with others.

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The department also offers Adult Tennis for beginners and intermediate levels on Sundays starting the end of September. Back by popular demand is Pickleball on Tuesday mornings in October from 10 – 11:30 a.m. The department also offers year-round Senior Transportation for medical and shopping for senior residents. Register now for your spot! Please visit our website for details on each program listed.

A variety of After School Enrichment programs for school age include: Sewing & Fashion Design, Jr Scientists Lab, Jr. Bakers Workshops, Dining Etiquette, Social Etiquette and NEW Cartooning class! Cartooning will be for ages 6 - 12 on Tuesdays 4 - 5 p.m. There is a variety for everyone to choose from. Classes are scheduled to start around the end of September and beginning of October.

Kids can “Be Active” this fall with Tennis, Fencing, and a variety of Fall Camps, as well as

our weekly United Soccer Academy Soccer classes and weekly USSI Multi-Sports classes. Weekly Sport classes and enrichments such as Soccer, Flag Football, T-Ball, Lacrosse, Multi-Sports are offered for ages 2-7. Our Preschool classes include: Pre-School Jr. Scientists ages 3-5 Friday mornings at 11 a.m. and NEW this Fall a Young Rembrandt Drawing class for ages 3-5 Wednesdays at 10-10:45 a.m. We also offer our Preschool Sport Classes. Check the “Rec Room” Brochure for details on all programs.

Don’t forget to sign up for Fall Soccer Camps when kids are out of school! Our USA Instructors are hosting mini-camps for ages 5 to 14 on the following dates: September 10 & 11, 19, October 8 and November 8 & 9. There is a soccer camp for everyone!

“Be Active” with one of the programs offered through the Recreation Department this fall. For additional information, please visit our website: westfieldnj.gov/recreation for a copy of “The Rec Room” program brochure. Also visit our Facebook page: [FaceBook.com/WestfieldRecreation](https://www.facebook.com/WestfieldRecreation), or contact the Westfield Recreation Department at 425 East Broad St., Westfield at 908-789-4080 or by email: recreation@westfieldnj.gov.

9/11 MEMORIAL SERVICE

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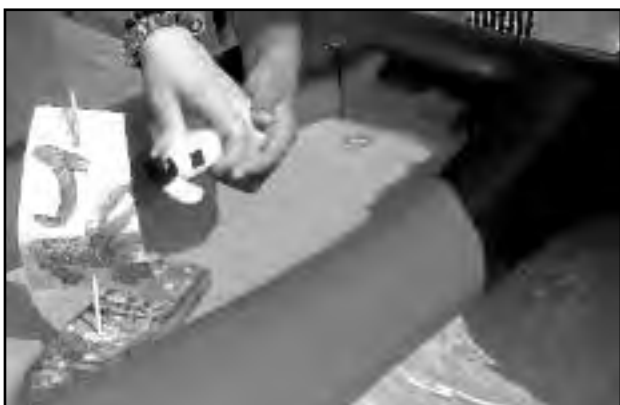
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Pack 45 at Crossroads school is led by school social worker Ms. Elaine Liggeri, who enjoys using Scouting to give her students enrichment activities that they may not be able to participate in outside of a school setting. The pack will have its annual Pinewood Derby next winter.

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