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WHS BLUE DEVILS MARCHING BAND ROARS INTO SEASON

Submitted by Sarah McGrail

The lion roars and 125 musicians and dancers spring into action hunting for courage to face their fears in Westfield High School marching band's 2018 production.

The super-sized yellow bricks used in the performance, entitled Goodbye Yellow Brick Road, represent the road to find that courage and we hear from band members about the things that worry them.

Band Directors Chris Vitale and Trevor Sindorf surveyed their teenage musicians before the start of the season and asked them to share their own anxieties which have been incorporated into the show as voiceovers.

We hear them say: "I'm afraid that my grades won't be good enough," "I'm afraid that I won't meet my parents' expectations," and "I'm afraid that time is moving too fast."

The end of the performance sees them gather up the yellow bricks from their journey and use them to build a throne for the lion who is ceremonially crowned in a scene reminiscent of The Wizard of Oz.

Elton John's Goodbye Yellow Brick Road is just one of the pieces of music given a new interpretation by the band.

The others are Man of Steel, a theme associated with Superman, and a classical piece by Shostakovich.

The Marching Blue Devils travel to the University of Delaware for their next competition, the annual Mid-Atlantic

Marching Band Championship.

Drum Major Mary-Joy Sidhom said: "We are all super excited. It's our first of three big competitions so, even though there's a lot of pressure, everyone is getting hyped up for the weekend.

"We put so many new elements into the show and we are so excited to debut it in Delaware.

"Everyone's been working hard for the past two weeks and I feel we are ready to put a great performance on the field."

Mr. Vitale warned his students that, with 26 bands competing from eight states, the competition would be very challenging.

He said: "Of the three years we've attended this event, this is the strongest pool of bands I've seen attend this regional. Competition will be tough!

"Several of the bands attending this weekend's contest finished in the top 25 nationally at previous Bands of America Grand Nationals.

"I am positive that the students will have a great experience. Our hope is that being among these programs will continue to inspire and motivate our students."

In October the band competed in the state championships at Rutgers University and in November will travel to the MetLife Stadium for the national competition.



Photos from this and other events can be found online at rennamedia.com and on Westfield Monthly page on [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com). Feel free to "Like," "Tag," and "Share."

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ROTARY CLUB OF WESTFIELD COLLECTS BIKES FOR CHARITY

Submitted by Dr. D. Michael Hart

On Saturday, October 13, 2018, The Rotary Club of Westfield collected bikes to donate to the third world. Chairman Warren Rorden started the project with the Rotary Club in 1998, and he states that we have collected 2,300 bikes in that time. Eleven Rotarians came to the collection today at the Board of Education Building on Elm Street, Westfield. Today we collected 50 bikes, including both children's and adults, 9 sewing machines and donations of \$850. The cash donations help with the shipping costs. These bikes are going to Honduras.

Every year, Americans purchase 50 million bikes and throw 20 million in the landfills. When we recycle them to the third world, several good things happen. Cultures which use bikes for transportation are much more productive than cultures where the people must walk everywhere.

The bikes are sold for a small amount to help cover shipping costs; bicycle shops need to be created to maintain the bikes, so the program creates jobs. Bikes do not create air pollution, they are green. The Americans get a tax deduction for the bike and the donation, and they get to clean out their garage. The Rotary Club looks good, the people in the third world benefit, and everyone wins.

The Rotary Club of Westfield has been doing service projects in town for 98 years. In June they planted 25 trees on Dudley Court. They also run the largest scholarship program in town, awarding more than \$100,000 per year, and another \$20,000 in Community Grants. The Rotary Club meets the first three Tuesdays of the month for lunch at 12:15 p.m., on the second floor of the Y. Guests are always welcome.



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“LIFELONG WESTFIELD” IS FOCUS OF SENIOR SERVICES EXPO, NOV 16

Lifelong Westfield, a new town initiative to attract and retain seniors, will be the focus of a Senior Services Expo on Friday, November 16, 2018 from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Community Room of the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 E. Broad Street. The event is free and a light breakfast will be served. Senior citizens, family members and caregivers are encouraged to attend.

The Senior Services Expo will promote local non-profit organizations and businesses that cater to the senior market, including transportation, fitness, counseling and more. Attendees will also have the opportunity to learn about Lifelong Westfield and to participate in a survey aimed at determining the needs of the senior community.

Lifelong Westfield is a new initiative of the Mayor’s Senior Advisory Council, a volunteer group that includes representatives of the Westfield Town Council, Westfield United Fund, Westfield Senior Citizens Housing, a licensed geriatrician, and other volunteers. The organization aims to help residents “age in place” by serving as a centralized clearinghouse for activities and services that help seniors and their caregivers. This is the second event hosted by the group following a launch breakfast in May.

For additional information or to RSVP for the Senior Expo and breakfast, please contact westfieldnjseiors@gmail.com.

For an online version of the survey, please visit westfieldnj.gov/lifelongsurvey.



(above) Lifelong Westfield will be the focus of a free breakfast for seniors and caregivers on Friday, November 16, from 9-11 am in the Community Room at 425 E. Broad Street. Mayor Brindle welcomed participants to a kickoff breakfast hosted by the Council in May.

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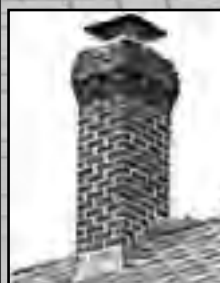
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(above) Westfield High School mathematics teacher Zorana Culjak was recognized by the Board of Education at its September 25 meeting as the recipient of the University of Chicago Outstanding Educator Award. Photo credit: Westfield Public Schools

WHS MATH TEACHER RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS UCHICAGO AWARD

Each year, the University of Chicago gives newly admitted students the opportunity to recognize the educators who have made a difference in their lives. Earlier this month, Westfield High School mathematics teacher Zorana Culjak learned that she had been nominated by a former student for the university's "Outstanding Educator Award."

"I'm speechless. I'm still problem-solving," said the math teacher when surprised by the announcement.

Culjak was recognized by the Board of Education at its September 25 meeting. Board President Gretchan Ohlig presented the teacher a congratulatory certificate along with the UChicago award itself which, in the university's words, "highlights the stories that show education's power to transform."

"I am very much honored and humbled to be standing here in front of you to receive this special award," Culjak said.

"Ms. Culjak strives to create a learning environment that inspires her students to learn and develop a passion for mathematics," says K-12 Supervisor of Mathematics Elizabeth Delasandro. "Her thoughtful lessons, enthusiasm and involvement in the high school community are just a few of the ways in which Ms. Culjak is devoted to her students."

"We congratulate Ms. Culjak in receiving such a special and prestigious award from the University of Chicago," adds Westfield High School principal Dr. Derrick Nelson. "To have her hard work recognized by her former students is a testament to the dedication she brings to WHS every day."

In nominating Ms. Culjak, her former student praised her as "a great teacher and an amazing person. I consider myself lucky to have had a teacher who cares about her students as much as you do."

Photos by Westfield Public Schools.



(above) Westfield Public School District K-12 Supervisor of Mathematics Elizabeth Delasandro and Westfield High School Principal Dr. Derrick Nelson congratulate WHS math teacher Zorana Culjak for receiving the University of Chicago Outstanding Educator Award. Photo credit: Westfield Public Schools

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AWARD WINNING SINGER-SONGWRITER JOINS STAFF OF ST. PAUL'S

Submitted by Nancy Hostler

St. Paul's Episcopal Church on East Broad Street recently welcomed singer-songwriter and guitarist John Francis Maher to its staff. Maher will serve as Assistant Rector of the church



alongside the Reverend Dr. Duncan Johnston. Maher will focus on outreach and missional engagement during his time at St. Paul's and will be ordained a priest later this year.

Maher began his religious journey and was ordained as a Deacon after a successful career in the music industry. Maher has performed in venues ranging from prisons, to pubs, to cathedrals. He performed upon invitation at the United Nations summit for the anniversary of its Millennial Goals toward the Eradication of Extreme Poverty and has received two national songwriting awards from the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers: 'Socially Conscious Songwriter of the Year' and 'Lyricist of the Year.' Additionally, Maher shared the stage in the US and Europe with numerous celebrity musicians such as Loretta Lynn, Kris Kristofferson, George Jones, Mavis Staples, Wilco, Suzanne Vega, Rickie Lee Jones, Steve

Earle, Indigo Girls, Sinead O'Connor, among others.

"I'm thrilled that John Francis will be using his amazing gifts in the service of Westfield and St. Paul's," said Fr. Duncan. "He brings a passion for people and for God that will help many who don't have any connection with a church to discover a living spirituality."

Maher was one of the founding members of Broad Street Ministries in Philadelphia, a missional community at the crossroads of the arts, justice, and hospitality for the city's most marginalized individuals, where he was a music director for many years. The son of an Episcopal priest and an ordained minister, Maher received a Masters of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary in 2017 and a Masters of Sacred Theology from The General Theological Seminary in 2018. More information on him can be found on his website johnfrancisomara.com.

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11/9	1:30 pm	TGIF! Sully (movie)
11/12	2 & 6:30 am	Foreign Film-to be announced
11/14	7:00 pm	Raconteur Radio-Frankenstein
11/16	1:30 pm	TGIF! Into the Amazon (video)
11/17	2:00 pm	Stress Management w/K. Camden
11/27	2:00 pm	Make a Fabric Christmas Wreath
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11/7, 14, 21, 28	10:30 am	Zumba Fun (2-5 yrs with caregiver)
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EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT TO CREATE NEW HOME FOR TOWN BELL

Submitted by Sarah McGrail

A Westfield boy scout will be ringing the changes at Reeve House by building a new home for the town bell.

Alexander McGrail is to build a pedestal for the bell outside the home of Westfield Historical Society, on Mountain Avenue, as part of his Eagle Scout project.

Alexander, 17, explained: "The bell is currently parked at the side of the Historical Society house on a trailer, wrapped in a tarp, and comes out once a year for the Memorial Day parade."

The Westfield High School senior feels a particular connection to the bell because he was born in the UK in a town very close to Sheffield where the bell was created and his grandfather worked in the steel industry which built the bell.

He said: "I feel as though the bell is such an important part of our town's history that it

deserves a special home where it can be displayed."

The bell started life hanging in Prospect Street School from 1869 to 1921 where it served not only as the school bell but also as the town's fire bell.

It was rung to mark the armistice at the end of WWI before it was moved to the steeple of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Chapel where it remained until the congregation disbanded in 1985 and placed it in storage.

After it became the property of the Presbyterian Church of Westfield, it was donated to Westfield Historical Society who restored it, along with Westfield DPW, in time for Westfield Bicentennial in 1994.

Nancy Priest, President of Westfield Historical Society, said: "It will be wonderful to have the bell out where it will be visible and people will be able to come and learn the history

of it rather than it be under cover all year and then briefly go past in a parade when people don't really see it."

Architect and Historical Society volunteer Greg Blasi, of Vincentsen Blasi Architecture, has donated his services to design a pedestal for the bell which it is estimated will cost \$2,000 to build.

The first task will be to dig a foundation three feet deep and Alexander will be roping in fellow scouts from Troop 72, based at the Presbyterian Church, to help him with that.

He would be very grateful for any donations to help pay for the project. Donations must go through Boy Scout Troop 72 and anyone who is interested in helping should contact Committee Chair Rob Sheppard at info@troop72.wstfldnjscouts.org. Donation checks must be made payable to Troop 72 with Alexander M. Eagle Project in the memo line.



(above) Alexander McGrail is to build a pedestal for the bell outside the home of Westfield Historical Society, on Mountain Avenue, as part of his Eagle Scout project.



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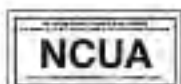
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LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES AROUND WESTFIELD

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Submitted by Marcy Lechner, Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library

"Take a Book, Return a Book" is a Little Free Library concept that is now at the South Side Train Station and three other locations around Westfield per the support of the Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library. You can pick out a book from one the Libraries and when done reading, pass it on to a friend, return it to the same or one of the other Little Free Libraries. You are also welcomed to leave books for others to take. This creates an easy exchange to share the experience of a great book. The idea of the Libraries is based on the Little Free Libraries organization, located in Hudson, Wisconsin, that promotes the establishment of book exchanges throughout the world.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library, in addition to the South Side Train Station, the other new installations of the Little Free Library can be found in Mindowaskin Park near the back of the Municipal Building parking lot, Tamaques Park between the tennis courts and the playground and the Walnut Street parking lot by the Elm Street Soccer Field. Monitored by the Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library, these libraries are initially stocked with books for all ages. As interest in the books varies so will the offerings in each Little Library. The Friends request books to be returned to one of these four libraries and not the Westfield Memorial Library. For further information or suggestions please contact the Friends at wmlnjfriends@gmail.com



(above) Mike Miller and Harriet Davidson of the Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library by the Little Free Library at the South Side Train Station.

PUMPKIN PATCH AT LINCOLN SCHOOL

The Lincoln School Pumpkin Patch is a treasured annual tradition organized by the Lincoln PTO with plenty of sunshine and lots of fun activities for the preschoolers and kindergartners on Oct. 12.



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WEEK OF RESPECT IN WESTFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Submitted by Mary Ann McGann

At Wilson School, Grade 3 teacher Lynn Kraus reads "Chrysanthemum" by Kevin Henkes, whose title character is teased about her name.

"Chrysanthemum wilted," Kraus says to her students. "I want you to think about whether respect is happening here."

The third graders later break into small group discussions after watching a short video that tracks an act of kindness from one person to the next in a community, just one of many lessons and activities across the Westfield Public School District as students and staff observed the Week of Respect.

In each of the district's 10 schools, the emphasis was on the meaning of respect and the ways students and staff show it. For example, Franklin School previewed the week with a codifferentlorful assembly focusing on the Six Pillars of Character and "The 7 Habits of Happy



(above) Dr. Paul Wichansky – who was born with cerebral palsy and hearing loss – talks about the transformative nature of kindness and the importance of positivity during a powerful presentation to students at Edison and Roosevelt Intermediate Schools. Photo Credit: Westfield Public Schools.



(above) Franklin School kicks off the Week of Respect with a colorful assembly focusing on the Six Pillars of Character and "The 7 Habits of Happy Kids" by Sean Covey. Photo Credit: Westfield Public Schools.

Kids" by Sean Covey. Each student donned a tee shirt (in red, orange, yellow, green, blue or purple, depending on grade level) with one of the six pillars written on the back – Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship.

Kindergartners in Joellen Surace's class listened to "Have You Filled a Bucket Today: A Guide to Daily Happiness For Kids" by Carol McCloud. The book's central theme focuses on an invisible bucket we all carry and the chances we are given to fill someone else's bucket with kindness and respect. The youngsters filled the kindergarten bucket with kind thoughts "so that we all feel safe and respected," said Mrs. Surace. They wrapped up the lesson singing and dancing to "Try a Little Kindness" from Sesame Street.

Tamaques 2nd graders explored empathy with the use of a shoebox, a pencil and some crayons. "Empathy means you put yourself in someone else's shoes," said school counselor Marybeth Herits. "You really try to understand how they are feeling." Using different colors for different

emotions, the students illustrated how a hypothetical child who is struggling with math might be feeling.

Intermediate students at Edison and Roosevelt were treated to a powerful presentation as Dr. Paul Wichansky – who was born with cerebral palsy and hearing loss – talked about the transformative nature of kindness and the importance of positivity.

"Respect is something we practice daily in Westfield Public Schools. So we called this week the "Week of Extra Respect," says Superintendent Dr. Margaret Dolan. "I am thankful that we have so many caring teachers, administrators and other staff who model respectful behavior every day and who routinely incorporate lessons focusing on empathy, responsibility, fairness, and other characteristics that enforce the district's mission 'to educate all students to reach their highest potential as productive, well-balanced and responsible citizens who respect individual differences and diversity in an ever changing world.'"

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WESTFIELD SERVICE LEAGUE OPENS SHOPS, GIVES BACK TO COMMUNITY

The Westfield Service League's Consignment and Thrift shops have reopened for business for the 2018-19 calendar year.

"We are bursting at the seams with merchandise thanks to our generous donors and committed consignors," said League President Kim Taylor. "In addition to finding great deals, our customers help given back to our community."

A welcome new addition this year: the shops are now able to process credit card payments; previously only cash and checks were accepted.

"There are myriad ways you can help us with our mission of 'putting used goods to good works'," Taylor said. "If you're in the process of moving or downsizing, for example, please keep us in mind for all of those items you longer have use for. Have brand new items that you've never used hanging in your closet? Consign them with us. And, of course, we're always looking to grow our membership."

Due to limited space, the shops do not accept furniture or large-scale donations. A list of acceptable items for each of the shops may be found at thewestfieldserviceleague.org/shops.

With the exception of a few paid staff, The League Thrift and Consignment shops are run by volunteers who sort and stock merchandise, maintain all operations, and determine grant recipients. In addition, League members volunteer at Holy Trinity's Food Pantry and Mobile Meals of Westfield (located at the First

Baptist Church).

Each year, proceeds from the sales of new and gently used clothing, household, and other items help the League donate tens of thousands of dollars to non-profit organizations in Westfield and greater Union County. Although most awards are considerably smaller, The League donated \$10,000 to the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad last summer. To date, it has awarded more than \$2.8 million in grants.

Those interested in shopping, consigning, donating, volunteering or applying for a grant can find out more by visiting thewestfieldserviceleague.org. The shops, which are open Tuesday through Saturday, are located at 114 Elmer Street (the blue house behind Starbucks).



(above) The Westfield Service League's Consignment and Thrift shops are located at 114 Elmer Street, Westfield, NJ (the blue house behind Starbucks).



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WESTFIELD POLICE VEHICLES SPORT SPECIAL DECAL

Submitted by Mary Ann McGann

The Westfield men and women in blue are displaying a Blue Devil decal on their police vehicles after Acting Chief of Police Christopher Battiloro recently struck a friendly bargain with Sandra Mamary, supervisor of athletics at Westfield High School.

"I've known Sandy since her earliest days as Westfield High School's first athletic trainer," Battiloro says. "I told her that if WHS won a third consecutive football state championship, I would put a commemorative logo on all of the Westfield Police Department's vehicles to recognize that very significant accomplishment."

The football team won its 3rd championship last fall, finishing the season with a 37-0 winning streak. And this fall, as promised, more than 20 police vehicles now sport the Blue Devil decal in grayscale to match existing graphics. On the department's breast cancer awareness vehicle, the decal appears in pink.

"This is an example of the school district as a priority in the community," Mamary says. "We all work together with the same goals as we support our 'Tradition of Excellence.'"

"I want to thank Chief Battiloro and Ms. Mamary for this inspiring initiative," adds Superintendent of Schools Margaret Dolan. "The

Blue Devil decal on the rear windshields of police vehicles will serve as a reminder of the important partnership between our school district, our police department, and our town."

Battiloro says the Blue Devil decal also will serve to recognize all of Westfield High School's athletic teams and student athletes.

"We have one of the best athletic programs in New Jersey high school sports and I wanted the logo to be inclusive of all sports teams and athletes at the high school," he says. "I want it to be known that the Westfield Police Department supports our student athletes and recognizes their accomplishments, both on and off the field."

(right) Westfield police vehicles display Blue Devil decals in support of Westfield High School student-athletes.



Photos by Westfield Public Schools



(above) Westfield Police and school officials join together to display Blue Devil decals on more than 20 police vehicles, in support of student-athletes. Picture (l-r) are Westfield High School Asst. Principal James DeSarno, School Resource Officer Ricardo Johnson, Officer Timothy Donovan, Detective Sergeant Nicole Stivale, Detective Lieutenant Jason Carter, WHS School Resource Officer Elizabeth Savnik, Officer William Kleeman, WHS Principal Derrick Nelson, Superintendent Dr. Margaret Dolan, WHS Athletic Director Sandra Mamary, Acting Chief of Police Christopher Battiloro, Officer Fortunato Riga and Officer Joseph Habeiche.

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The Pipes of Christmas will celebrate its twentieth anniversary season with performances in New York and New Jersey this December. The holiday favorite opens on Saturday, December 15 at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, located at 921 Madison Avenue (at 73rd Street) for a 2PM performance. The concert moves across the Hudson River on Sunday, December 16 to Central Presbyterian Church located at 70 Maple Street in Summit, NJ with performances at 2 and 7PM.

For those weary of the ceaseless stream of secular seasonal music from department stores to TV, the Pipes of Christmas offers a spiritual and traditional take on the season that connects concertgoers to the holiday in a fresh, meaningful way. The show features tunes such as O Come, O Come Emmanuel, Joy to the World, and Amazing Grace, all performed live on pipes and drums, harp and fiddle, and organ and brass. Not only does the performance define Christmas cheer, but also it inspires those of Celtic descent to retrace and reconnect to their ancestry.

The concert presents the music of Christmas accompanied by readings taken from the Celtic literature of Scotland, Ireland, and Wales. Featured performers include James Robinson and Andrew Weir from the film "Braveheart," Gaelic Mod champion harpist Jennifer Port of Golspie, Scotland, guitarist Steve Gibb from Inverness, Scotland, Glenfiddich Scottish Fiddle Champion, Calum Pasqua, piper Ben Power from Broadway's "Come From Away," and the Pipe Major Kevin Ray Blandford Memorial Pipe Band from Redlands, CA.

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School in New Jersey.

Proceeds also support the Society's sponsorship of the US National Scottish Harp Championship, the Gaelic Literature Competition at the Royal National Mod and an annual academic research prize at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, Scotland's Gaelic college on the Isle of Skye.

Named one of New York City's "Top Ten" holiday events, the concert is made possible by a generous gift from the Grand Summit Hotel in Summit, NJ.

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The concert is also producing a special commemorative program book capturing this special anniversary. Information on salute ads can be found on the concert website.

For additional information, visit www.pipesofchristmas.com. Regular updates will also be posted on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ThePipesofChristmas and Twitter at @PipesofXmas.

ABOUT "THE PIPES OF CHRISTMAS"

Since making its debut in 1999, The Pipes of Christmas has played to standing room only audiences. Now a cherished holiday event, the concert provides audiences with a stirring and reverent celebration of the Christmas season and the Celtic spirit. Audience-goers return year after year to experience the program, many reporting that the Pipes of Christmas has become part of their family's annual Christmas tradition.

The concert has been lavished with critical acclaim. In his review for Classical New Jersey Magazine, Paul Somers wrote, "The whole evening was constructed to introduce gem after gem and still have a finale which raised the roof.

In short, it was like a well constructed fireworks show on the Glorious Fourth. The Westfield Leader described the concert as "a unique sound of power and glory nowhere else to be found."



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FCC RETURNS FROM SUMMER MISSION TRIP TO NORTH CAROLINA

Submitted by Chris Schifando

‘Whom Shall I Send?’ is a verse from the book of Isaiah that at its core is about serving others. It’s a belief that members of First Congregational Church (FCC) of Westfield embodied during this year’s Summer Mission Trip to Johns River Valley Camp, an outdoor ministry site of the United Church of Christ etched into the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Collettsville, North Carolina. Johns River Valley Camp offered an ideal setting in which the FCC youth and adults could team together to address poverty and environmental issues.

After arriving at JRVC, twenty-four youth and fifteen adult and college age chaperones partnered with Habitat Restore to beautify a local Habitat for Humanity location by weeding, mulching and planting flowers; F.A.R.M Cafe (Feed All Regardless of Means), a “pay what you can” restaurant; participated in river clean up on the Johns and New Rivers, involving canoeing down river to pick up litter along the banks; helped at a local shelter sorting and loading a clothing distribution truck; built handicap ramps so that two families were no longer housebound; and engaged in painting kitchens and home

repair.

There was no cell service and limited Wi-Fi at the camp, which truly enhanced a sense of community. In the evenings, the group would reflect on the day’s activities and work to understand the profound ways both they and those they served made a difference in one another’s life. This was epitomized by Earl Baise, a master carpenter from the camp who worked with the FCC group throughout the week. Rev. Joy Mounts, Associate Minister of FCC, spoke of Blaise this way: “When you worked with Earl, you felt his kindness, his goodness and the way that he truly cared about each project - no matter how large or small.”

In their free time, the FCC group visited the town of Boone for river tubing, shopping and a family style dinner at the Dan’l Boone Inn. At the camp they also played football in the rain, had a camp fire, and battled it out with a game of Ultimate Chicken led by the camp staff.

The FCC contingent was led by Senior Minister Rev. Dr. Mark Boyea, and Associate Minister Rev. Joy Mounts. Chaperones included Harry Ahlin, Bridget Andersen, Cindy Boyea, Nancy and Laurel Elkin, Geoff Marino, Heidi

Hylan, Ani Hsu Obrock, Joe Regan, Denise Schifando, Deb Volz and Merry Wisler. Student representatives included Grace Ahlin, Sophia Andersen, Erin and Grace Bailey, Jeremy and Michael Bonnell (Junior Chaperone), Grace Endy, Kelton and Thompson Estabrook, Nattie Fountain Jardim, Daniel Gunchar, Joey and Tommy Larmore, Natalie and Rae Mikula, Mason Marino, Margot Motyczka, Elizabeth Rehwinkel, Flannery and Giavanna Schifando, Jacob and Kevin Snyder-Mounts, Joseph Touris and Zach Volz.

This is the eleventh consecutive Summer Mission Trip for First Congregational Church. Here in the Westfield area, FCC is involved with local community outreach efforts such as working with the Elizabeth Coalition for the Homeless, Bridges Outreach, and WaySharers, a social outreach program for young adults with developmental disabilities. First Congregational Church, a member of the United Church of Christ, is located at 125 Elmer Street in Westfield. For additional information on FCC, including youth and outreach opportunities, please contact 908-233-2494 or visit their website at fccofwestfield.org.

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(above) Members of First Congregational Church (FCC) of Westfield during their mission trip to North Carolina.

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Proceeds from the tour support the club's operations and its numerous service projects for veterans, mobile meals, and the Jardine Academy in Cranford (operated by the Cerebral Palsy League), and the maintenance of several community sites around Westfield. The club also makes donations to local schools, libraries, arboretums and land trusts.

Tickets are \$35 in advance \$40 at the door day of show. Tickets will be available at: Baron's Drug Store, 243 East Broad Street, Westfield and Williams Nursery, 524 Springfield Avenue, Westfield. Or by Mail: Make checks payable to "Rake and Hoe Garden Club" and mail with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Carolynn Pulliam, 648 Arlington Avenue, Westfield, NJ 07090-2104. Information about the club and "Deck the Halls" can be found on the club's website, (rakeandhoe.org) or Facebook page.

THE FOUR HOUSES ON THE TOUR ARE:

641 ELM STREET: Magnolia Christmas" is the theme of the decorations for this lovely home. This enchanting Victorian house was completely renovated, including a 1,500 square foot addition in 2016. Anyone passing by this house will notice the unique moldings, charming windows, and large front porch. The craftsmanship seen on the exterior of the house continues throughout the interior.

Magnolia leaves will adorn the outside lamppost. As you enter the house, be sure to notice the magnolia angel ornaments on the Christmas tree in the formal living room, as well as the use of magnolia leaves as placemats in the dining room. The cozy living room features a Nutcracker and a Santa Claus collection, as well as a tree decorated with teal and apricot paint-ball ornaments.

The mudroom focuses on the family's three large dogs, with a tree decorated with dog biscuits and apple-cinnamon ornaments. Whimsical dog wreaths adorn the closet doors and dog floral arrangements recline on the bench. As you exit this charming home, Swedish gnomes stand guard in the back yard!

531 BRADFORD AVENUE: "Woodland Tidings" is the theme for this house. Built in 1928, this 4-bedroom, 3-bath home is of a cottage-style Tudor Revival design. Typical of this style is the mix of brick and (fish-scale) shingles on the facade. The house features an unusual beveled glass porthole window in the front door and an elegant stained-glass window featuring a central fleur-de-lis in the den.

Pots brimming with greens and gilded pinecones hug the front steps. Inside the house, vines, greens and ribbon adorn the staircase and in the living room the mantel features an asymmetrical design of burgundy amaryllis, greens, berries, and candles. The elegant woodland theme flows throughout the house. While in the den, handmade stockings stuffed with flowers are hung with care and in the family room, winterberry, handmade birds, handcrafted birdhouses and gilded balls grace the tree.

540 HIGHLAND AVENUE: "From Farm to City Christmas" is the theme of this bright and cheery home, a theme that reflects the origins of the homeowner who grew up on a Midwestern farm. Built between 1910 and 1915, as a center hall Colonial. The addition of a front porch by the current owner in 2004 has given the home more of a farm-house style. A second addition in 2008 created a spacious library and family room. The striking windows in the library are original to the home, having been

removed from the home's former sun room and reinstalled in the new space. The pantry doors were originally the exterior doors of a neighbor's home.

As guests approach the house, they are greeted along the walkway by metallic farm animals decked out for the holidays in sprigs of greenery. The large Christmas tree in the family room is decorated with hand stitched farm animals, while in the kitchen a homemade gingerbread farmhouse sits on the island. The focal point of the dining room is the table with its unique runner fashioned from burlap, greens and flowers and napkins folded in the shape of miniature Christmas trees. A more sophisticated tone is struck in the living room where topiaries flank the fireplace and white and gold ornaments sparkle on a tabletop tree, providing just enough "city" glitz for the city aspect of our "Farm to City" home.

1 STANLEY OVAL: The theme "Family Holiday Homestead" was inspired by the history of this delightful home. This turn of the century 4-bedroom colonial home was built in 1911. Multi-colored terracotta tile, leaded stained-glass windows, and hardwood floors are found throughout this home. In 2012, the kitchen was renovated, and a family room was added. Gracing the front of the home is a wide pillared porch with a terra cotta floor and a portico on the side. In keeping with the original roof, a new wood shingle roof recently replaced the old one. The home was originally lit by gas light before electricity was installed.

The spacious front porch will enchant you with charming and winsome décor. It's easy to imagine family gatherings in the kitchen and family room, in contrast with the sophistication of the formal dining and living rooms. Look for the gingerbread carousel in the kitchen. Children's toys abound on the welcoming wreath, nutcrackers march up the stairs and hand-crafted ornaments made from toys bedeck the Christmas trees. A whimsical toy truck ablaze with holiday blooms adorns the family room. This home will bring back childhood holiday memories and the warmth of simpler times.



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FREE CONCERT OFFERED BY THE MUSICAL CLUB OF WESTFIELD

The public is invited to attend a free concert given by The Musical Club of Westfield on November 14, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. This is only one in year-long series of events sponsored by the Musical Club and will be held at the First Baptist Church of Westfield located at 170 Elm Street in Westfield, NJ.

The concert will open with a piece entitled Wildflowers by composer Eric Ewazen. A composition for trio, it will feature Jenny Cline, playing flute and piccolo, clarinetist Kevin Dayton and pianist Helen Rybe.

The program will continue with cellist Doug Hardin and pianist Beverly Shea who will perform Cello Concerto in B minor, Op.104, B.191, by composer Antonin Dvořák and Carnival of the Animals by composer Camille Saint-Saëns.

Pianist Helen Ryba will close the program with Piano Sonata in A minor, D 537 by Franz Schubert.

There will be a reception with light refreshments immediately after the concert where audience members will have the opportunity to meet the performers.

The Musical Club of Westfield is a non-profit organization whose mission is to foster and encourage good music, provide performance opportunities for local musicians and support young musicians from Union county with college scholarships.

It also sponsors the Junior Musical Club for students in grades 8 to 12 from the surrounding communities. Additional information about the club can be found by visiting musicalclubofwestfield.org.

CALLING ALL WESTFIELD HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI

In an effort to further its outreach to alumni, the Westfield Public School District invites and encourages graduates of Westfield High School to visit the new Alumni Outreach section of the district website to enter contact information in an electronic directory.

The registration form for the Alumni Directory can be found at www.westfieldnj12.org under the "District Information" drop down menu. The information provided will not be posted publicly. The district will explore in the future whether a searchable alumni database is feasible.

Additionally, the Westfield Public School District plans to publish an electronic newsletter to help alumni engage and connect with each other and with the school district. Please send news of upcoming events (i.e. reunions), personal milestones (i.e. births, marriage, new job), and stories of interest (i.e. tell us what you've been doing since graduation, whether personally or professionally or just plain fun) to Mary Ann McGann, Coordinator of School/Community Relations, at mmcgann@westfieldnj12.org or (908) 789-4463.

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WESTFIELD HIGH BOYS HOCKEY SUPPORTS YMCA 5K

Submitted by Cheryl Park

The Westfield High School Boys Hockey Team's mission statement this year is 'Live for Hockey, Love for Community' and the team lived up to that mission over the weekend.

The boys volunteered at the YMCA Run for Everyone on Sunday, September 16, 2018, which hosted competitors from across New Jersey who ran, walked and rolled across the finish line.

In sum, 600 people registered to run in the 5K, more than 50 participated in the kids run and around 150 people volunteered at the Run for Everyone.

"It was really nice to see our team come together and give back to our community. The Westfield High School hockey program is trying to be more than just a varsity sport," said CJ Duffy, a senior and the varsity hockey team captain.

"Off the ice, we are trying to give back to a town that has given us so much and volunteering

to help this great cause was very rewarding for all of us."

Greg Hatzisavvas, senior director of member wellness and engagement at the Westfield Area YMCA thanked the boys for their support.

"We are very grateful for the boys time and support of the special needs community and the Westfield Area YMCA," Hatzisavvas said. "It is great to see so many young men giving back to others in their community."

The Westfield hockey team provided more than 20 volunteers on race day, stationed at posts throughout the course to guide race participants.

The team also coordinated the kids' run, which kicked off the festivities, guided runners, distributed water, handling runner completions and handed out ribbons for a celebration after the race.

The YMCA Run for Everyone proceeds help support the Dragonfly Program, which offers physical, recreational and social programs for

young adults with special needs as well as the Inclusion Camp for those with special needs entering grades K-6.

This year's proceeds will also go towards launching a new young adult program that works toward independence by developing basic life skills.

"It was really a rewarding experience to volunteer at the 5K because it allowed our team to give back while providing a great bonding opportunity," said Brendan Kotiga, a sophomore who has played on the team for two years.

Owen Carolan, a freshman and new member to the team said, "It was an amazing experience to help out at the run and inspiring to see all of the competitors and their passion for competition regardless of their disabilities."

CJ Duffy, Alex Park and Trevor Tanella led volunteer logistics for the team. Race day volunteers included Kyle Azzaretto, Joey Brogan, Shane Carlin, Owen Carolan, CJ Duffy, Ben Fishman, Liam Hiltwein, Tommy Hughes, John Humiston, Brendan Kotiga, Dan McDonald, Matt Moran, Michael O'Donnell, Tim O'Donnell, Alex Park, Timmy Rosa, Michael Rossin, Tyler Shabinaw, Jack Sumas and Trevor Tanella.



(above) The Westfield High School Boys Hockey Team volunteered at the YMCA Run for Everyone, fulfilling the team's mission to 'Live for Hockey, Love for Community.'

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For school age children there is a variety of After School Enrichment programs which include: Sewing & Fashion Design (grades 2-12), Jr. Bakers & Slime-ology (grades K-5), Dining Etiquette & Social Etiquette (ages 6-10), and NEW our Cartooning/Drawing class! Cartooning will be for ages 6-12 on Tuesdays 5-6 p.m. There is an array for everyone to choose from. Most classes are scheduled to start in November or December. For our Preschool age participants (ages 3-5) we offer Multi Sports & Soccer classes (and Parent & Me Sports classes for ages 2-3) on Saturday and Sunday mornings. These sports classes are held indoors at the Recreation Department and have a limited number of spots. Session 1 runs November through December and Session 2 runs January through March.

If your looking for something fun for the kids to do this December holiday break, there will be

a Super Hero Engineering with LEGO mini camp on December 26-28. Participants will power up their engineering skills with TEKologies and over 100,000 pieces of LEGOs. They will apply real-world concepts through engineer-designed projects. Two levels are offered; morning for ages 5-7 and a master class for ages 8-12 in the afternoon.

It's not too early to sign up for Spring sports and soccer camps & classes! Our US Sports Institute Instructors offer programs for ages 2 to 14. Our classes range from soccer and multi-sports to speed & agility training and footwork classes for older children. There is a program for every age!

The Recreation Department has started to offer CPR/AED & First Aid certification classes as well as Babysitters Training classes. Call the Department or visit the web site for more information.

"Be Active" with one of the programs offered through the Recreation Department this fall and winter. For additional information, please visit our website: westfieldnj.gov/recreation to view "The Rec Room" program brochure or register for a program online at register.communitypass.net/westfield.

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.

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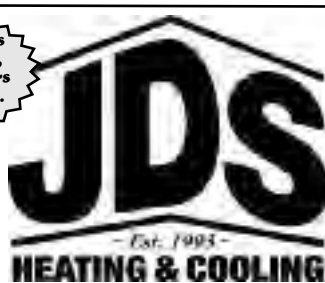
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The show is set for Friday, November 30, 2018 at the theatre at Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains. All tickets are \$10 for general admission in advance - \$15 at the door, and are available at ShiningStars.booktix.com.

"We are extremely excited to present our first-ever Christmas show," said Shining Stars Network's Founder and the show's Co-Director Sally Curci. "We've been thinking about doing this for several years, and adding this event to our very successful "Evening of Shining Stars" talent show will give our expanding cast another chance to shine on stage. It will be a great way to start the holiday season."

"We are incredibly grateful and excited that we

are able to have a Christmas show this year," added Co-Director Nicole Greene. "All of the performers cannot wait to perform once again. We really are a family, and we can't wait to start the holiday season with our show."

In their 7th year, Shining Stars Network (SSN) has produced a yearly spring talent show called "An Evening of Shining Stars" which has grown into one of the area's must-see events. This past May, over 1,000 audience members watched the "stars" light up the stage at the historic Union County Performing Arts Center in Rahway. The Shining Stars are set to return to UCPAC for their 8th annual show on Friday, May 3, 2019.

"As excited as we are about our upcoming holiday show and our new relationship with Union Catholic, we are also thrilled that we will be back at the Union County Performing Arts Center for our "Evening of Shining Stars" extravaganza," noted Shining Stars Network President Mike Curci. "That was a night we will

never forget and our talented cast and incredible volunteers are looking forward to creating more great memories for everyone in our next two shows."

The shows are produced and presented by Shining Stars Network, a registered 501(c)3 non profit organization that shines the light on the special needs community through the performing arts.

Also, make plans to join the Shining Stars cast members for a pancake breakfast on Saturday, November 10th at the Clark Recreation Center, 430 Westfield Ave., Clark, N.J. from 8:00 a.m. until 11 a.m. Pancakes, sausage, coffee, tea, orange juice and hot chocolate will be served, and the cast will be performing songs throughout the morning. Get autographs and have your photo taken with the stars. Tickets are just \$8 per person and \$25 for a family of four.

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ABBA's hits tell the hilarious story of a young woman's search for her birth father. This sunny and funny tale unfolds on a Greek island paradise. On the eve of her wedding, a daughter's quest to discover the identity of her father brings three men from her mother's past back to the island they last visited 20 years ago.

The story-telling magic of ABBA's timeless songs propels this enchanting tale of love, laughter and friendship, creating an unforgettable show. A large cast, non-stop laughs and explosive dance numbers combine to make Mamma Mia! a guaranteed smash hit for any theatre. A mother. A daughter. Three possible dads. And a trip down the aisle you'll never forget!

Please prepare 16-32-bars in the style of the show or any 70s disco era song and bring sheet music in the appropriate key. An accompanist will be provided. Rehearsals will start Dec. 10 with performances running from Feb. 15 to March 2, 2019. Additional details can be found by visiting cdctheatre.org.

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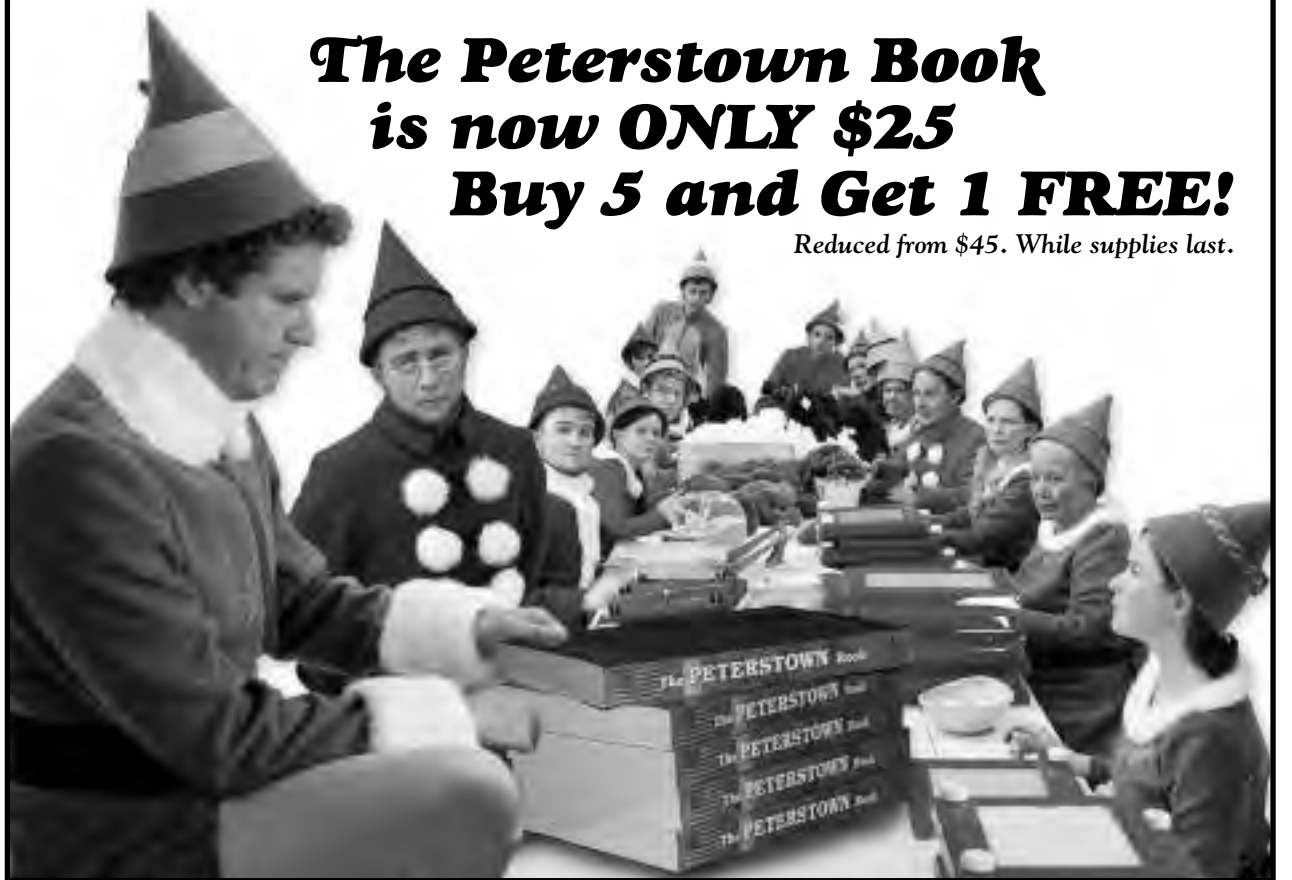
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speakers and a presentation of wreaths. Immediately following the service of acknowledgement and recognition to all our veterans, the American Legion Post 3, located at 1003 North Avenue West in Westfield, will be hosting a light luncheon that is open to all. Please plan on attending both events, as it is a day to celebrate and recognize the efforts our veterans have made in defending the rights and freedoms that we cherish and live with daily. We should all be proud of and take this time to thank those who have served and are presently serving our country. Please consider joining us.

FREE SCHOOL EVENTS PASS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

The Westfield Public School District is once again providing a senior citizens' "Golden Pass" to Westfield residents 65 years and older to attend many school-sponsored events for free. The pass will provide free admission to events that normally collect entrance fees such as Westfield High School musicals, matinee performances of plays and certain concerts. The pass also will be accepted at Westfield High School athletic events with the exception of those organized by the

county and NJSIAA.

Westfield residents 65 years and older can obtain the Golden Pass, about the size of a credit card, in the Business Office of the Westfield Board of Education, located in Room 101 on the first floor of 302 Elm Street. A list of popular scheduled events in the school calendar also will be provided.

For more information on the program, please call 908-789-4414 or 908-789-4463.

FREE FILM SCREENING NOV 6 FOR MARK WAHLBERG'S 'INSTANT FAMILY'

Complimentary tickets are available for a private screening Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018 of Mark Wahlberg's upcoming movie Instant Family. Set for official nationwide release Nov. 16, the film shares the story of Pete and Ellie who, in the hopes of starting a family, turn to the foster system. When they decide to adopt three siblings, including a rebellious 15-year-old girl, the couple soon learns the ins, outs, joys and frustrations of parenthood.

Presented by the Social Status Co., the screening begins at 7 p.m. at Westfield's New Vision Rialto Theatre. To secure up to four complimentary tickets, log on to eventbrite.com/e/instant-family-westfield-nj-preview-screening-tickets-51088082831. Tickets are first-come, first-served and attendees must arrive 30-45 minutes prior to the screening to claim their seats.

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Union County is among several area organizations partnering with the Social Status Co. to be on hand to provide information on their work for local children and teens in the

foster system, and how the community can get involved. The event is in association with Paramount Pictures and WIT PR, and also includes A Birthday Wish and Special Angels Adoption.

CASA of Union County recruits, trains, supervises and supports community volunteers to advocate for abused, neglected and abandoned children placed in foster homes or residential facilities. There are approximately 500 Union County children, from birth to age 21, in foster care, and the nonprofit advocates for just over half these youth. Volunteers are sworn in by a judge and given court-ordered access to a child and report findings to the judge, working to ensure the youth's best interests remain a priority while working toward establishing a safe, stable and permanent home for each child.

For details on training to become a CASA volunteer or getting involved in other ways, contact Courtney at cgreen@casaoofunioncounty.org or (908) 293-8136.

AN UPDATE ON CURRENT TRENDS IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

On Tuesday, November 27, 2018 from 7:30 – 9 p.m., Dr. James McCreath, Vice President of Behavioral Health and Psychiatry at Trinitas Regional Medical Center will speak at the NAMI Union County, an affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, November Public Meeting. Some of the subjects that Dr. McCreath will report on will focus on new behavioral health

initiatives both locally and statewide as well as new trends in medication. Bring your questions and concerns and join the discussion. Learn about the support and education that NAMI can offer. RWJ Rahway Fitness and Wellness Center, 2120 Lamberts Mill Rd., Scotch Plains.

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The night will benefit Bonds of Courage and the Family Readiness Groups of the 1st Squadron 102nd Cavalry Regiment, 50th Brigade Combat Team of the New Jersey National Guard.

Bonds of Courage is an all volunteer organization that serves to support our troops, veterans, and their families. Their programs include: resources and referrals, care packages for deployed troops, and a military assistance fund for emergency financial assistance in times of need (utility assistance, food cards, etc).

The Family Readiness Groups assist the Commanders in maintaining readiness for service members and families by promoting self-sufficiency, resiliency, and stability. Funds raised will support their primary missions: the shipping of care packages, supporting soldier and family morale enhancement activities and for military assistance.

Tickets are \$50 per person, \$40 for seniors and veterans. Tickets include \$60 in gaming chips for the casino, buffet dinner, beer and wine, and music.

Business owners, please join the community and consider a donation of product, service, program ad, or sponsorship to our event. Please contact Christine Bradley, (703)-407-0203, chrisb@bondsofcourage.org.

For ticket sales and further information, please go to bondsofcourage.org

FREE RABIES CLINIC

The Borough of Fanwood will be holding its annual rabies clinic on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at La Grande Park in Fanwood. Both Dogs and Cats are welcome. There is no registration required for this clinic. It is open to all neighboring municipalities.

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Any questions concerning the performances can be directed to our email at celebrationsingersnewjersey@gmail.com or to

our landline at 908-552-4656.

The Celebration Singers are multi-generational ambassadors of song drawing music from a breadth of genres and cultures. The Choir's commitment to artistic excellence and its engaging and dynamic style provide its diverse singers and audiences with a compelling musical experience. The Choir lends support through music and participates in the cultural life of the community.

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