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#### **PTC GIFTED EDUCATION HOLDS STEAM NIGHT**

Westfield Public Schools

Whether genotyping, robotics, printmaking, coding, or suturing (using a banana skin), there was plenty of hands-on learning at a recent STEAM Night held for students in grades K-8 and sponsored by the Westfield Parent Teacher Council (PTC) Gifted Education Committee.

Teachers, parents, high school students, local businesses and organizations were among the 16 presenters who provided a diverse array of demonstrations related to science, technology, engineering, the arts, and mathematics, including "Banana Surgery," "Stupendous Solubility," and "Explorations in AI," along with "Meet the Robot" presented by members of the Westfield High School Robotics Club.

"STEAM Night is the perfect example of how we can extend the curriculum beyond the classroom walls. Through purposeful collective efforts like this, we not only broaden horizons but also cultivate an environment where innovation and creativity thrive," says Enrique Pincay, Supervisor of Gifted and Talented, Multilingual Learners, and World Language. "STEAM Night stands as a testament to the power of synergy, demonstrating that by pooling our resources and expertise, we can inspire the next generation of thinkers, creators, and problem-solvers to reach new heights of excellence."

The interactive nature of the well-attended event at Wilson Elementary School on April 29 captivated participants, fostering a love for learning and exploration.

"STEAM Night not only enriched the students' understanding of STEAM concepts but also inspired them to pursue further exploration and discovery in these areas," says Kate Cuccaro who, with fellow parents Ronit Anspach, Deborah Pan Dorner, and Erika Remache, organized STEAM Night. "Overall, the event was a testament to the



(above) Members of the Westfield High School Robotics Team demonstrate the science and mathematics behind robotics during STEAM Night.

Photos courtesy of PTC Gifted Education Committee

power of hands-on learning and community engagement in nurturing the talents and interests of young learners. Thank you to all who helped to make this event such a huge success."



(above, l-r) A STEAM Night participant learns basic surgical skills, including suturing using a banana skin; enjoy a diverse array of hands-on activities and collaborating on a hands-on project.

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#### **THE GARDEN CLUB OF WESTFIELD PARTICIPATES IN BRIGHTWOOD PARK DAY**

Brightwood Park Day, May 4, along with the Friends of Brightwood Park and the Green Team. Members helped to distribute native plants from the club's plant giveaway as well as assisting the

The Garden Club of Westfield participated in Green Team in distributing native plants that were purchased. They also helped to plant wildflowers and showed children how to plant seeds in pots made from newspaper. It was a fun and educational day for all who attended.

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## **GRANTS AWARDED TO 41 LOCAL NONPROFITS**

#### Westfield Service League

The Westfield Service League (WSL) membership voted to approve \$90,482 in grants to 41 civic and service organizations serving the residents of Westfield and Union County. The funds are raised from the thrift and consignment shops that the WSL runs in Westfield and donations from the community.

"I'm thrilled that because of the devotion of our shoppers, consignors and donors and the wonderful work of our staff and volunteers, we were able to award the largest amount in several years to local nonprofit organizations," said Grants Committee Chair Sylvia A. Martinez. "It is always rewarding to fund tried and true nonprofit and service organizations doing good work in our communities, as well as new organizations, all vetted by our dedicated grants committee members. Not only do customers of our shops help the planet, they help so many people in our community."

This year's grant recipients included organizations helping children with cancer and their families, seniors with Alzheimer's, after school and summer programs for underserved children, arts organizations, a suicide prevention hotline, and other important community services. A full list of the organizations is below.

"We are grateful for the ongoing support of the WSL Thrift & Consignment Shop customers and the more than 175 volunteers who work tirelessly in our shops processing the clothing that is donated or consigned, maintaining our house where the shops are housed, vetting the organizations which receive funding and all of the other activities that go into running our organization," said Gigi Tilocca, Co-Chair of the Grants Committee.

Each year the 11-member Grants Committee vets the organizations. Vetting includes a meeting with a representative of the organization, usually on site, and a review of the organization's financial statements and their application. The committee then meets to discuss each organization and makes its recommendations to the full membership for approval.

"We want to thank all of the members of the committee for their hard work in making sure that the money we raise goes to the best possible programs in deserving organizations," said Susan McClelland and Karen Salemme, Co-Presidents of the WSL.

Grants were given to nine new organizations this year, including Josephine's Place which provides workshops to teach women how to start home-based businesses, Trinitas Foundation to provide lymphedema products to patients undergoing treatment for breast cancer, and Valerie's Soup Kitchen to help them provide

meals for the homeless. For a complete list of the organizations that received funding, please visit the WSL at thewestfieldserviceleague.org.

The WSL shop is located at 114 Elmer Street in Westfield and is open Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information about donations or volunteering, call 908-233-2530 for the Thrift Shop or 908-232-1223 for the Consignment Shop.

Visit our website at thewestfieldserviceleague.org and follow us on Facebook and Instagram for notice of sales and special items.



(above, l-r) Westfield Service League Members, Front row: Karen Salemme and Sylvia Martinez; Back row Carole Peyton, Susan McClelland, Janice Fusaro and Kathy S

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## **URGENT NEED FOR VOLUNTEER ADVOCATES FOR FOSTER YOUTH**

Information sessions to be held in June in Clark and Elizabeth

Five-year-old Jennifer is diagnosed with autism and almost completely nonverbal. Due to excessive violence in the family home, a concerned neighbor called for help and, after investigation, Jennifer was placed in foster care. The two phrases Jennifer can say graphically depict violence witnessed at home and confirm trauma she's endured. Since entering care and being enrolled in school, it's evident Jennifer has also experienced educational neglect. At age three, she was entitled to an Individualized Education Plan from the Department of Education to provide such intervention services as in-home speech and behavioral therapies, both helpful for future enrollment in a half-day educational program. Unfortunately, Jennifer's parents neglected to utilize these services and she is now more than two years behind her peers.

Jennifer is one of more than 500 children removed from home in Passaic and Union counties each year due to abuse and neglect. Currently, there is an urgent need for advocates to serve Union County children, as there are more than 250 children in the foster care system, with just 72 children being served. These children are separated from all they've ever known: parents, siblings, friends, teachers, and their belongings. For Jennifer, the road ahead is long, and she needs a caring, consistent adult in her corner to protect her best interests while in foster care.

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That's where Child Focus comes in. Specifically, its Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program.

Said Executive Director Erica Fischer-Kaslander, "We are committed to recruiting, screening, and training advocates for every child in Union County who needs one, just as we've done in Passaic County. It is difficult to overstate the difference a CASA volunteer can make in the life of a child removed from home through no fault of their own, often due to abuse or neglect." She added, "Children with volunteer advocates are more likely to have needed services ordered on their behalf, spend less time in the foster system, and experience significantly better outcomes than those who go without. Becoming a CASA volunteer requires a significant time commitment and training, but volunteers often find the work as life-changing for themselves as it is for the children they help."

CASA volunteers are trained on the ins and outs of advocating for child-victims and fully supported by CASA staff. No special background in child welfare is necessary; successful CASA volunteers are dedicated community members with varied life experiences who believe abuse and neglect are non-negotiable. CASA volunteers visit the children, make unbiased observations, interview others in the child's life, and make

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The first step to training is to attend an information session. Choose from Thursday, June 6 at 5:30 p.m., and Thursday, June 27 at 5:30 p.m., at the Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Avenue in Clark; Monday, June 10 at noon, at the Child Focus office at 1143 East Jersey Street, 2nd Floor, Elizabeth, NJ 07201; or Wednesday, June 5 at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 12 at noon, or Monday, June 17 at 5:30 p.m. at the Wayne Child Focus office, 415 Hamburg Turnpike, Suite D2. Register now at casapassaicunion.org/infosession.

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As a result of this experience, Judy learned an important life lesson that she wants to pass along to the next generations -- "it's important to remember that even in extremely evil times, there are good people who will come to the aid of those who need help".

After the war, Judy lived in an orphanage in France run by Rescue Children, an organization that ran orphanages throughout Europe for Jewish children whose parents couldn't be found. While there, Judy met one of the founders of Rescue Children, Maurice Enright, who ultimately adopted Judy and brought her to America where they settled in Elizabeth, NJ. After growing up in Elizabeth, Judy and her husband, Ken, moved to Westfield where they have lived for the past 53 years. Judy and Ken raised two wonderful daughters in Westfield, one of whom still lives here.

Judy began her career as a secondary teacher in Woodbridge, then transitioned to being a fulltime mom and active local volunteer. She served as the president of the Edison Middle School PTO, was active in the Newcomers Club and was a member of various committees at Temple Emanu-El. After her daughters grew older, she returned to the work force as a Realtor with Burgdorff Real Estate for 10 years. Then Judy received her master's degree in educational counseling and spent 25 years working for a non-profit agency that provided vocational services for disabled adults.

Judy's memories of Westfield include the wonderful block parties on her street, spending summer days with her family at Memorial Pool, holiday concerts at the Presbyterian Church and all her daughters' sporting events.

Judy's advice to current residents is to take advantage of all the wonderful things that Westfield offers and to make your own memories in town.

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"We are extremely delighted to bring live music – and now dance – to Greenwood Gardens, thanks to the generous support of returning sponsor Stone Mountain Properties, the Short Hills-based property management company, and the Birney family," said Abby O'Neill, Executive Director.

"Sponsoring Music and Dance in the Garden at Greenwood is very meaningful to our company and to our family, as the series is dedicated to my late mother, Leeshan Birney, who founded Stone Mountain Properties in 1981, and my late sister, Mayling Birney, who was a professor at the London School of Economics and Political Science. They both loved and appreciated nature and the arts, so this is a way to appropriately

honor them," said Ceyan Birney, who now leads Stone Mountain Properties here in Short Hills, New Jersey.

On July 19, the Vanessa Perea Quintet takes the stage with a lead singer whose style embodies the tradition of the jazz masters. For the final concert on September 20, lovers of classical music will be swept away by Lyrica Chamber Music's Twelfth Night Ensemble's program of baroque music.

The dance performance featuring Lori Bellilove & The Isadora Duncan Dance Company on September 6 will enthrall attendees on the Main Lawn with a performance that pays homage to the troupe's free spirit namesake who is credited with inventing Modern Dance.

For all performances, the gates will open at 5:30 p.m., when visitors are invited to stroll through the garden before the concert begins at 6:30 p.m. Complimentary wine and cheese will be served starting at 6:00 p.m. on the West Terrace.

Tickets to all three events must be purchased in advance and are available at greenwoodgardens.org. **ABOUT GREENWOOD GARDENS** 

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## **WESTFIELD HIGH SCHOOL NAMES AWARD-WINNING EDUCATORS**

#### Westfield Public Schools

Four teachers have been honored by the Westfield High School community with awards of excellence. WHS principal Mary Asfendis announced the award winners during morning announcements on May 6th, 2024.

Music teacher and orchestra director Craig Stanton is the recipient of the 2024 Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award, established to annually recognize a tenured teacher who, through both excellence in teaching in the classroom and a demonstrated commitment to intellectual pursuits beyond the classroom, serves as a model and inspiration to the WHS community to strive towards excellence.

Mr. Stanton "goes above and beyond with helping his students remain active and provides opportunities to progress our skills," writes one student nominator. Other student nominators note that Mr. Stanton is "an outstanding influence" who "carefully meets the needs and character of a high level teacher" and who "provides a positive and highly creative atmosphere in the classroom."

The 2024 recipient of the Jeffery Family Above and Beyond Award is social studies teacher Gregory Bowers. Students were asked to nominate a tenured teacher who has made a difference in their life as a student, or who they witnessed making a difference in the life of another student.

One student nominator noted that Mr. Bowers "is a kind, generous, and selfless human being. Not only did he make the classroom welcoming and fun, but he made me feel like I had a safe place to go if I needed to talk. There is not one day where I don't get a 'hello' or a wave from him in the hallway and it truly makes my day better."

Language Arts/Journalism teacher Shawn McDonald received the 36th Annual WHS Parent-Teacher-Student Organization (PTSO) Teacher of the Year Award, for which parents and students nominate a teacher who communicates enthusiasm, is encouraging, motivating, and is a good role model.

Nominators note that Ms. McDonald "has the unique ability to make every student feel like her only student. She manages countless classes and yet, when you speak to her, she focuses all of her attention on addressing your comments and helping in any way she can. She pitches solutions but somehow finds the balance between not entirely telling you what to do and, instead, gently guiding you to conclude yourself. She gets to know everyone and then starts to know them more than they know themselves."

For the Robert and Linda Foose Memorial Award, students were asked to nominate someone who, through both excellence in teaching in the classroom and a demonstrated commitment to intellectual pursuits beyond the classroom, is a role model and an inspiration to the WHS community. Language Arts teacher John Cheddar is the 2024 recipient of this award, which is named for a former principal and teacher.

"He is, by far, the best teacher I've ever had," writes one nominator. "He shows up every day, ready to give it 100% and constantly pushes us to be the best scholars we can be. He is truly dedicated to our educational growth."

All four award recipients will be honored by the Westfield Board of Education at a public meeting on Tuesday, May 21. "Throughout the school year, we take great pleasure in acknowledging the numerous accomplishments of our students and staff," says Superintendent Dr. Raymond González. "These accolades from the WHS school community hold special significance because they are bestowed by students and parents who appreciate these four outstanding educators."



(above) Language arts teacher John Cheddar, social studies teacher Gregory Bowers, music teacher Craig Stanton, and language arts/journalism teacher Shawn McDonald were honored by the Westfield High School community with awards of excellence. Pictured here with WHS principal Mary Asfendis (left). Photo by Westfield Public Schools





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## **GARWOOD ROCKS ANNUAL FESTIVAL – JUNE 2**

On Sunday, June 2nd from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Garwood celebrates its 10th Anniversary of its 'Garwood Rocks' Festival, sponsored by Vermella at Garwood Station. The evet is organized by the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce [GWACC] and draws over 5,000 people from all surrounding counties and towns in New Jersey. Admission to the festival is free of charge.

"With the 10th Anniversary of Garwood Rocks this year, we have been planning an even more special event than in years' past - especially with our continued partnership with Vermella at Garwood Station" said Lew Kimble, Executive Director of the GWACC. "All residents from Garwood and the surrounding towns will be able to experience what the whole community has to offer - and after 10 years - it demonstrates our commitment to the region and the success of the event."

#### **ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:**

Center Street will be opened at 11 a.m. with food vendors and trucks lined up along the street, offering everything from classic carnival fare and much more.



The main stage at Center and Willow will over 150 cars. feature performances from a variety of musical acts from local bands to bigger and more wellknown artists including 4 Flight Rock, Marie & the Blue Rats and Mirrors on the Moon.

The Beer and Wine Garden, sponsored by the Crossroads, will provide adult beverages throughout the event.

Families with young children will be drawn to the kid's area at the Westfield Y location, between Locust Avenue and Beech, where there will be inflatable bounce houses and a carnival ride.

Classic car show which is expected to draw

Merchandise and artist vendors of all kinds will also be displaying their wares for purchase.

Several non-profit organizations will also be on display.

For more information about Vermella at Garwood Station's residential rentals, visit www.vermellanj.com.

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## **ELKS RECEIVE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**

Summit Elks Lodge #1246 was honored by the Summit Area YMCA on April 25th with the Y's "Community Partnership 2024 Award." Over 200 people gathered over dinner at The Primavera Regency in Stirling to celebrate. Among several areas highlighted is the Elks' Partnership with the "Y" for Special Needs Children and their collaboration for The Special Children's Prom on May 30th.

BECOME A MEMBER IN THE SUMMIT ELKS -

To be eligible for membership in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, you must be a citizen of the United States over the age of 21 who believes in God. The Summit Elks Lodge #1246 has close to 3,000 members, they predominantly come from these communities: Summit, Berkeley Heights, The Chathams, Millburn - Short Hills, New Providence & Westfield. For more information visit summitelks1246.org.



(above, l-r) Summit Elks Trustees Mike Helmer, PER, Rich Callaghan, Summit "Y" President Paul Kieltyka, Exalted Ruler Fred Honold, Elks Special Children Committee Co-Chairs Mary Twill and Roger Hughes, past Committee Chair Ted Scallon and Elks Trustee Rick Wolffe, PER.

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#### ELKS ASSEMBLE 200 BACKPACKS FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

Elks members from across NJ recently gathered at the NJ Elks Veterans Annex in Stirling to assemble 200 backpacks which will be distributed to homeless veterans at Stand Down events in Newark, Atlantic City, and other locations throughout the state. These backpacks help to provide comfort to homeless veterans, offering them a sense of support and care during challenging times.

The backpacks contain clothing, food, personal hygiene, and other care items, including many of the 4,000 pairs of socks and undergarments that were collected and donated to the Elks through the Middlesex Borough Police sock drive for New Jersey veterans.

The NJ Elks Veterans Annex also serves as a warehouse for Welcome Home kits consisting

Elks members from across NJ recently of furniture and other household items that a formerly homeless veteran would need when moving into their new housing. It is featured in the Youtube video "Givers of Hope".

Elks pledge "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them." Every night, as many as 40,000 veterans sleep on the streets. In partnership with the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Elks National Veterans Service Commission has pledged to help end veteran homelessness and ensure that all veterans have the safe, stable homes they deserve.

Please email njelksnvsc@gmail.com to learn more about what NJ State Elks are doing to help veterans and visit Elks.org for more information about the Elks, including how to become a member.







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#### **BUILDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR HOMELESS VETERANS**

Westfield Rotary Club

During a recent Rotary Club meeting, Joe Mindak updated the club on the progress of the American Legion Hall on North Ave in Westfield. Joe started the "Foundation for Sustainable Veteran Housing", a 501c3 for the purpose of building affordable housing for homeless veterans. The total project will cost \$8.5 million. The Town of Westfield contributed \$500,000 which it was holding for affordable housing. Joe is applying for government grants of \$7 million, and is doing fundraising for the \$1 million balance. The Legion Hall could raise \$1 million by taking out a mortgage on their property. Joe's goal is to put affordable housing for homeless veterans in every one of the 21 counties in New Jersey. The building will have a 3,000 square foot banquet hall, 22 apartments for veterans, and improved office space and bar areas. Each Veteran applicant will need to be sober and honorably discharged. They will pay rent based on a percentage of their income. The program will work with other nonprofits and government agencies to provide counselling, career services, and other wrap around services.

Major projects for the Rotary Club include helping homeless veterans, collecting used bicycles to send to the developing world, helping to feed the local food insecure, building a medical clinic in Nigeria, and eradicating Polio worldwide. Rotary has also given many community grants over the years, and plans to give away \$35,000 this year. Since 1967, Westfield Rotary has awarded \$3.5 million in scholarships to 1,800 students. All Westfield students, regardless of where they attend high school, can apply for scholarships by obtaining an application through the WHS guidance department or by contacting the club directly.

The Rotary Club of Westfield meets the first three Tuesdays of each month for lunch at noon, at Limani Seafood Grill on North Ave. Guests are always welcome. For information check out the website westfieldrotary.com or contact club secretary Dr. D. Michael Hart by email at drmhart@yahoo.com.



(above) Speaker Joe Mindak, Westfield Rotary Club President Barbara Frantz, Esq. Courtesy photo



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This year's academy will be held August 5-9, and is open to Westfield residents entering grades 9-12. In addition to fitness exercises, there will be classroom instruction, basic first aid instruction, and CPR certification. The curriculum will include special guest speakers and demonstrations from various other law enforcement and public safety agencies. Applications for this program can be found at wpdnj.org/youthacademy, and are due by June 5.

#### PROJECT **HEALTHY BONES**

The Health Department is seeking peer leaders for Project Healthy Bones, a 24-week program for older adults with or at risk for osteoporosis. Following a two-day training session, Peer Leaders will run local workshops in teams of two for Project Healthy Bones attendees, using an easy-to-follow manual. The next training dates are now being planned for June. For additional information, or to register for a training session, please contact Amy Lewis, Health Educator, at alewis@westfieldnj.gov or 908-789-4070 ext. 4080.

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## **BRIAN PICCOLO AWARD**

The Greater Westfield Chapter of UNICO National recently presented Westfield High School seniors Peter Del Re and Kate Giglio the Brian Piccolo Award for 2024.

The award is given to high school athletes in pursuit of higher education and who demonstrate qualities similar to Brian Piccolo such as courage, friendship, loyalty, teamwork, dedication, humor and anti-bias. Applicants must be graduating high school athletes with both academic and athletic achievements.

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(above) Peter Del Re & Kate Giglio received the Greater Westfield, NJ Chapter of UNICO Brian Piccolo Award for 2024.



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The Church of the Assumption's annual St. Anthony Italian Feast returns for its 24th year! The Feast will feature rides, games, live entertainment, homemade cooking, food vendors, a beer and wine garden, and a SUPER 50/50 drawn Sunday night at 9 p.m.

The Feast, located on the Church grounds at 113 Coolidge Place, Roselle Park, NJ,

begins on Thursday, June 6 and runs through Sunday, June 9.

Feast hours: Thu 6-10 p.m., Fri 6-10 p.m., Sat 5-10 p.m. and Sun 5-10 p.m. On Sat, June 8, there will be a 4 p.m. mass

honoring St. Anthony, followed by a procession through Roselle Park beginning at 4:45 p.m.

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Thursday, June 6, Pay-One-Price unlimited ride wristbands will be sold at the Feast for \$30. Visit the Church of the Assumption website at

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Musical entertainment: Thu, June 6: Valencia School of Music/ Paper Statues, 8 to 10 p.m. Fri, June 7: 2/5ths Crazy, 7 to 10 p.m. Sa, June 8: Diamonds in Jupiter, 7 to 10 p.m. Sun, June 9: DJ playing traditional Italian music from 5:30 -7 p.m. Other performances at the Feast: Thu, June 6: 6 p.m. – Roselle Park H.S. Band, Fusion Dance, Planet Dance Sat, June 8: 5:30 p.m. – Susie Karlik Dance Sensation, Akido Schools of NJ

Sun, June 9: 5 p.m. – Sabre Guild, 730, Maplewood Glee Club

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