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2026 STUDENT VISIONARIES OF THE YEAR CAMPAIGN

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Westfield High School is proud to announce that students Aidan Murphy and Alex Davlourous have been accepted as candidates in the Blood Cancer United (formerly The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society) 2026 Student Visionaries of the Year (SVOY) campaign.

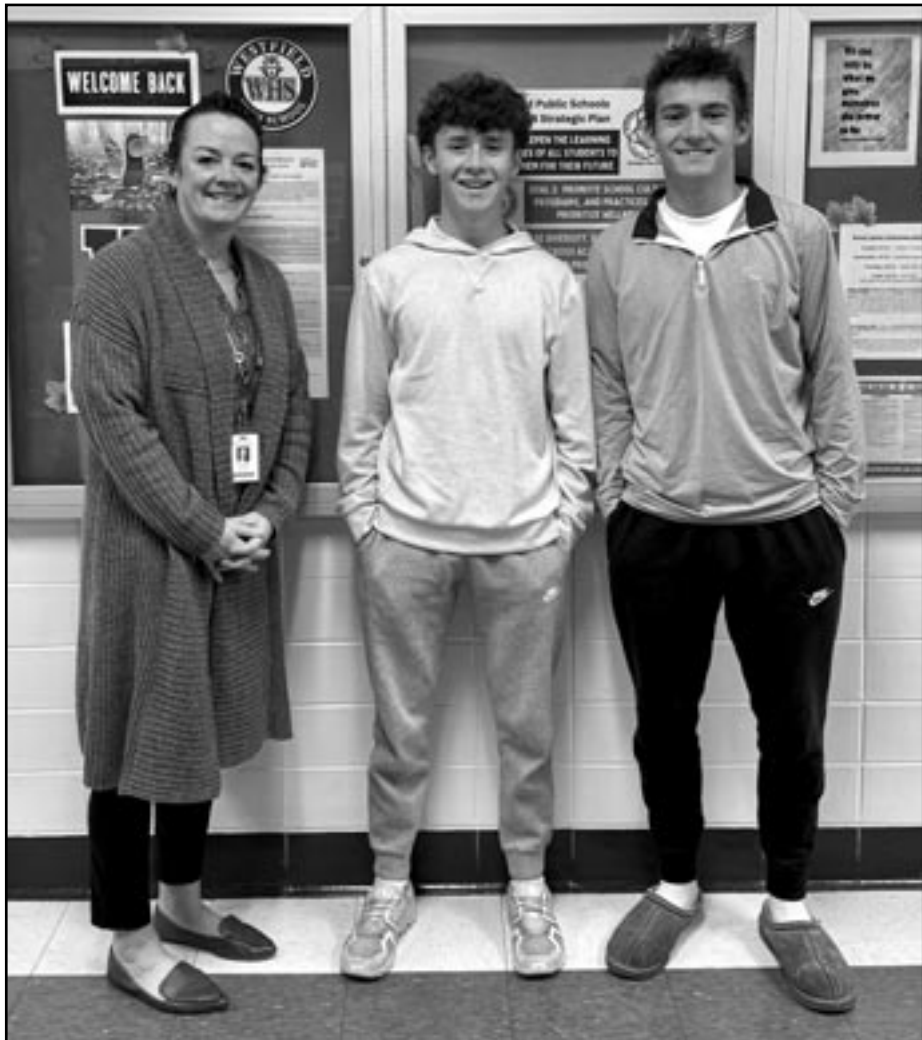
This prestigious national program recognizes exceptional student leaders who demonstrate a strong commitment to community service, leadership, and the fight to end blood cancers. Through this seven-week challenge, student teams across the country raise funds and awareness to support the Blood Cancer United mission: to find a cure for leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, and myeloma, and to improve the quality of life for patients and their families.

When asked what it means to be selected as candidates, Aiden shared, "It really means a lot because we can support the fight against cancer, and it's a big honor." Alex added, "It's a big honor. I have an uncle who battled non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, so it means a lot to be able to have an impact on someone's life."

The North Jersey campaign will kick off on January 14, 2026, and culminate at the Grand Finale Celebration on March 7, 2026. Since its inception in 2014, the SVOY program has made a remarkable impact, fueling advances in blood cancer research, patient aid, and community outreach. Last year alone, 61 high school students across northern New Jersey raised more than \$2.5 million in support of this life-saving mission.

Aidan and Alex were selected based on their academic achievements, extracurricular involvement, community service, and leadership potential. Their selection from a highly competitive pool of applicants is a testament to their dedication, compassion, and outstanding discipline.

Representing Westfield High School, Aidan and Alex will run for the Student Visionary of the Year title in honor of a North Jersey pediatric blood cancer survivor who has shown extraordinary courage and resilience throughout their battle.



(above, l-r) WHS Principal Mary Asfendis,
Alex Davlourous and Aidan Murphy.

Photo by Westfield Public Schools

Westfield Public Schools commends Aidan and Alex for their commitment to making a difference and congratulates them on being part of this elite group of student leaders.

About the Westfield Public School District

The Westfield Public School District serves more than 6,000 students across 10 schools in the heart of Union County, New Jersey. Guided by a commitment to academic excellence, student well-being, and community partnership, the district provides rigorous instruction, inclusive programming, and a nurturing learning environment for all students. Through ongoing professional learning and continuous improvement, Westfield educators strive to ensure that every student is prepared for success in college, career, and life. The District Administrative Office is located at 302 Elm Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090. For more information, visit westfieldnj12.org.

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THE HISTORY OF BEER FEBRUARY 22ND

The Miller Cory House Museum will present Raise a Pint: The History of Beer without the Buzz, on February 22nd, 2026, 2-4 pm.

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The Miller Cory House Museum is located at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield, NJ. Call the museum at 908-232-1776 or email millercorymuseum@gmail.com for more information. Since 1968, the 501(c)(3) non-profit Miller Cory House Museum/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 more information on the Miller Cory House Museum/Westfield Historical Society and their events, millercoryhouse.com or westfieldhistoricalsociety.org and, like us on Facebook, and follow us on Instagram.



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MOBILE MEALS OF WESTFIELD ANNUAL APPEAL

Mobile Meals of Westfield's new President, Solange Bueno, continues the non-profit organization's annual appeal solicitation to raise capital from supporters and organization volunteers to help fund the food program for

those individuals unable to prepare or shop for food for themselves. Mobile Meals has served the communities of Clark, Cranford, Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Scotch Plains and Westfield in providing hot, affordable, prepared meals delivered to client residences since 1968. The non-profit receives no government funding and relies on contributions from donors and grants to sustain the cost of food and operations.

Mobile Meals of Westfield continues to seek donations from the community now. A \$55 donation will provide lunch and dinner for one person for one week. A \$220 donation provides lunch and dinner for 20 people. Donations in any amount are most sincerely appreciated.

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At Drew University, Madison, NJ • Saturday, March 21, 2026 • 4:00 PM

Pegasus: The Orchestra will perform at Drew University on Saturday, March 21 at 4:00 PM for the TheraYouth Foundation’s Third Annual Concert fundraiser. Held at the Dorothy Young Center for the Arts, the concert will unite world-class professional musicians with local student performers to raise critical funds for TheraYouth’s mission to provide needed physical, occupational, and speech therapy services to disadvantaged children who cannot otherwise access care.

Pegasus: The Orchestra pairs artistic excellence with social impact. Pianist, conductor and composer Karén Hakobyan founded the group in 2017 as a nonprofit dedicated to supporting exceptional musical talent, and to bringing world-class performances to underserved communities. True to its namesake, the ensemble empowers its musicians to soar artistically. Pegasus functions as a collective of artist leaders, resulting in performances that run the range of vibrant, driven orchestral performances alternating with intimate and chamber-like expression. The New York Concert Review calls Pegasus “a truly first-rate ensemble” and a “can’t miss” group, urging audiences to “get your tickets right away before they sell out.”

As a composer-arranger, Director Hakobyan frequently crafts orchestral works to showcase

the unique musicality of the ensemble’s artists, as in this concert which Hakobyan specifically wrote for this performance.

The Chatham High School Chamber Choir, directed by Kenneth Bryson, will perform the Interlude. This ensemble has performed at venues including the White House, the National Anthem at Citi Field to open a Mets game, the Empire State Building, and the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, and appreciated for their musical excellence.

The proceeds from this concert will support the TheraYouth Foundation, whose mission is to ensure that children are never denied critical physical, occupational, or speech therapy simply because their families cannot afford it. TheraYouth serves disadvantaged youth with treatable conditions, helping them gain strength, communication, and independence. Funded entirely through donations and fundraisers, every dollar raised supports life-changing therapy sessions for children who might otherwise go without the care they need to thrive.

“Every child deserves the chance to reach their full potential,” said TheraYouth founder, Dr. Irina Marcoff, DPT. “This concert not only raises vital funds but brings the community together around the belief that early, high-quality therapy can change the course of a child’s life.”

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America’s 250th birthday was the theme of the chapter’s entry in the Somerset County Park Commission’s Festival of Trees in December and

the chapter’s 130th Anniversary Luncheon and Winter Meeting in January.

“It is a great time to be a member of DAR and participate in this historic celebration,” said Regent Nancy Stoll. “There will be events hosted by the DAR state and national societies.”

The mission of the DAR is to foster patriotism, historical preservation, support education and community service. In 2025, DAR members

logged 7.4 million service hours.

Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter is based in Green Brook and serves areas of Somerset, Middlesex and Union counties. Any woman, 18 or over, who can prove descent from a person who aided the cause of independence, is eligible to join. If you need assistance tracing your genealogy, DAR can help. Contact the chapter at ESCchapterDAR@gmail.com.



(above) DAR members with their America 250 entry in the Festival of Trees. The DAR tree featured profiles of members’ patriot ancestors. Courtesy Photo

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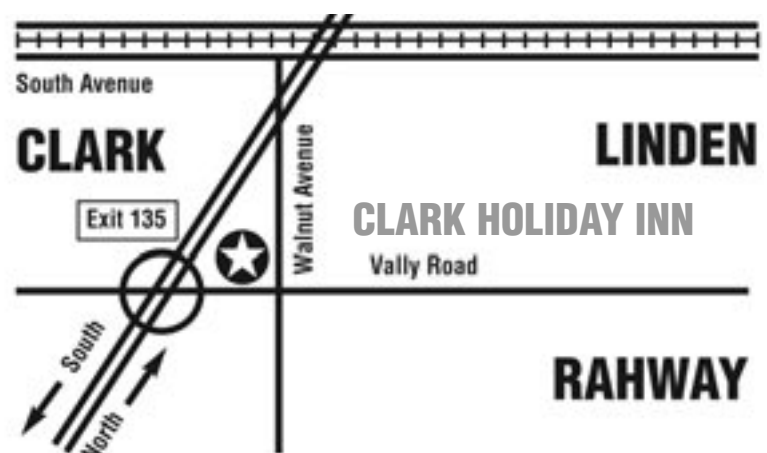
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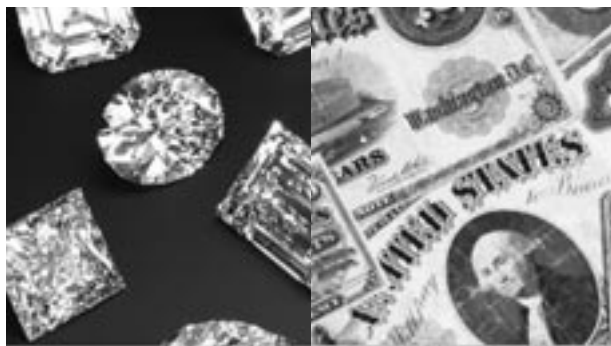
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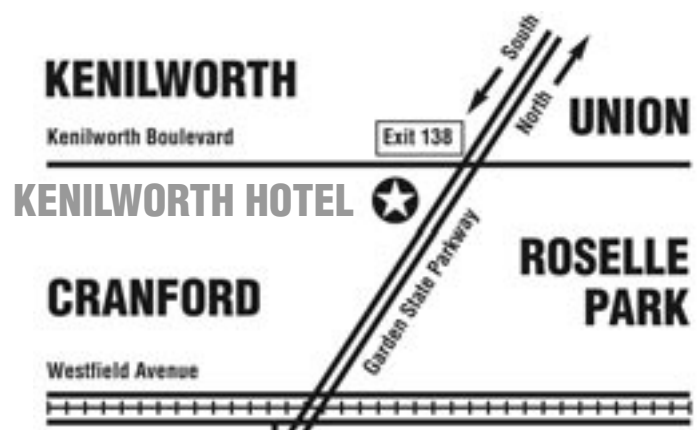
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With supportive care and time to heal, this "Sharpie" as we call them, made great progress and was moved to an outside flight cage on 12/28/25. After proving strong, steady flight and good awareness, the hawk was successfully released back to the wild on 1/2/2026.

Sharp-shinned Hawks are incredibly fast and agile forest hunters, built to weave through dense trees while chasing small birds. That same speed and focus, however, can make them especially vulnerable to window strikes when reflective glass looks like open sky or habitat.

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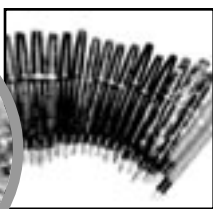
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In February, we will have four speakers:

FEBRUARY 3RD, MATTHEW LIBERA

Professor of Materials Science and Engineering at Stevens Institute of Technology, will tell us how to make a better hip implant. Biomedical implants such as hip and knee prostheses have had a huge impact on human health and have improved the quality of life for millions of patients. However, in addition to their wonderful healing properties, these, and other tissue-contacting biomedical devices (e.g., catheters, tissue-expanders, pacemakers, etc.) can also catalyze infection. Infection rates vary from about 1-5% but can be as high as 50% depending on the nature of the device. Device-associated infection can be a life-changing complication which currently has no cure. Professor Libera will give an overview of tissue-contacting implants using hips as a prime example and then describe the infection problem as well as ongoing efforts to prevent, detect, and cure these infections.

FEBRUARY 10TH, NANCY ORI

Nancy Ori will discuss ‘Nature as the Inspiration of Art’. Nancy has been an internationally respected photographer for over 35 years and a video producer for Ciba-Geigy and Novartis, and is owner of New Jersey Media Center, LLC in Berkeley Heights, NJ. Nancy studied with Ansel Adams and was a teaching assistant for many years with the Ansel Adams Workshop in California. In 1994 she established the NJ Photography Forum, a group of professional and serious amateur photographers. Nancy will share her personal interpretation of the landscape and architecture, demonstrating how she uses photographs to transform natural and man-made settings. Her images, which reveal a love of light, shadow, and form, become powerful documents that express the land's vulnerability and endurance.



FEBRUARY 17TH, STEVE NISBERG

We will learn about the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF). Our speaker will be Steve Nisberg, a human resource specialist. Steve will give us insight into this global Non-Governmental Organization and share its history, the work that it does around the world to stabilize the climate, strengthen the ability of people and nature to thrive and support people's health through eight key areas of focus.

FEBRUARY 24TH, KEN CAVANAGH

We'll delve into AI – artificial intelligence. Our speaker will be Ken Cavanagh, former faculty member, cyber security, Fordham University. Ken will review the various elements of AI and how they affect our daily experiences, including debunking common misconceptions and highlighting ways AI is used today, such as virtual assistants, healthcare, and daily assistance.



(above, l-r) Matthew Libera, Nancy Ori, Steve Nisberg, and Ken Cavanagh

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VOLUNTEER FACILITATORS JOIN COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY

Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss

The staff at Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss are so excited to welcome 10 wonderful new volunteers to the Imagine community! This group recently spent 3 full days or 24 hours sharing stories of loss and giving and receiving support. During their training, these new volunteers also learned about the Companionship Model for grief support created by Dr. Alan Wolfelt and practiced in Imagine's support groups. The idea is that we're not going to be able to fix anyone's grief, but we can walk alongside them as companions on their grief journey. We can create opportunities for story sharing, connection, and support, which is what Imagine's volunteer facilitators do night after night in Imagine's support groups.

Many who have attended Imagine's trainings have shared that they use the skills gained during the training in their everyday lives as they support and connect with others. One volunteer shared this about her training experience: "This training gave me skills that I didn't even know I needed. What I gained from taking part in this facilitator training will assist me in every relationship I have. I've already learned how to be a better listener to my children, to my husband, and to my friends...this training was life-changing!"

The staff at Imagine are so pleased to welcome these compassionate new volunteers to their incredible community of facilitators that's now over 140 strong! Imagine couldn't possibly support the hundreds of participants who take

part in their support groups each year without their volunteer facilitators...they are truly the heart of Imagine.

If you are inspired by this work, please visit imagineenj.org to learn more about joining the Imagine family.

Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss is a 501c3 that offers training and education on loss and grief to the community and free year-round grief support groups for children ages 3-18 and

young adults 19-30 who are coping with a loss due to death. Concurrently, support groups are available for the parents and caregivers of the children in the groups and offered in English and Spanish. Imagine has centers in Newark and Mountainside and offers virtual groups as well. For more information, please contact Imagine at 908-264-3100 or info@imagineenj.org or visit our website at imagineenj.org.



(above, l-r) Imagine's latest Facilitator Training class members Back Row: Justin Mitchell, Jennifer Moshier, Susan Gray, Josie Gray, John Karuitha, Fabio Taliercio. Front Row: Lindsay Sherman, Imagine's MSW Intern, Lucy Makin, Caroline Shelby and Silquia Patel

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Data from the U.S. Small Business Administration has shown that small business owners with an established mentor have twice the success rate – 70 percent versus 35 percent – as those who do not have a mentor.

In conjunction with National Military Appreciation Month in May, SCORE, a national nonprofit organization that assists small businesses, has developed specific resources for use by its 10,000 mentors nationally in mentoring veterans.

The SCORE Veterans Small Business Resource Guide features veterans-specific resources to offer insight on developing a business plan, securing funding, starting a business, buying an existing business, buying a franchise, connecting with one of SCORE's volunteer mentors, and gaining a better understanding of business through webinars and



(above) Since 1964, SCORE has helped more than 17 million entrepreneurs start, grow or successfully exit a business. SCORE's 10,000 volunteers provide free, expert mentoring, resources and education in all 50 U.S. states and territories. Visit SCORE at score.org.

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workshops.

"Volunteering at SCORE is my way of showing appreciation to those who helped and guided me during my career while sharing my background and experience to help entrepreneurs succeed," said SCORE Mid-Atlantic Regional Vice President Ed Coleman. "While I enjoy working with all SCORE clients, as a U.S. Army veteran, I particularly enjoy working with veterans to translate their military experience into entrepreneurship. Helping clients realize their

dreams is very gratifying and the essence of the SCORE mission."

SCORE Central Jersey Chapter Chair Nancy Verduin said mentors continually expand their knowledge base to better assist veterans on their entrepreneurial journey.

"Military transitioning from active duty have different needs than civilians in terms of starting a business," said Verduin. "It's wonderful to have veterans' resources at our volunteers' fingertips to aid in mentoring our service men and women."

Veterans account for about 10 percent of SCORE's client base. Veterans own 10 percent of small businesses and 14 percent of franchises. Since franchisors have a defined plan of what the business should entail, veterans represent the perfect franchisee given their ability to effectively execute plans as intended.

Nationally, veterans own nearly 2 million businesses, employing more than 5 million Americans, and generating more than \$1 trillion in annual income. Of those, 40 percent of veteran-owned businesses generate more than \$500,000 in annual revenue.

To learn more about SCORE, request a mentor or volunteer to be one, visit score.org.

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JASMIN MORIN AND HER SONS, ALEXANDER AND FRANCIS GRADUATE FROM CIVIL AIR PATROL GROUND SEARCH & RESCUE SCHOOL

Curtiss-Wright Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol

During summer break 2025, Livingston resident Jasmin Morin and her sons, Alexander and Francis, graduated from the 2025 New Jersey Ground Search and Rescue (GSAR) School operated by Civil Air Patrol's New Jersey Wing. The Morins, who have resided in Livingston for the past five years, are all members of the local Curtiss-Wright Composite Squadron. They were among the 24 graduates of the summer GSAR School hosted on Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst from August 9 to August 16, 2025.

Cadet Chief Master Sergeant Francis Morin (16) is a junior, while his brother Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Alexander Morin (14) is a freshman. First Lieutenant Jasmin Morin is a 25-year employee of the Federal Reserve System.

A cornerstone of the Civil Air Patrol's emergency services mission, the weeklong GSAR immersion training helped CAP members earn qualifications for Ground Team Member 3, Ground Team Member 2, and Urban Direction Finding. The Morin family and other students completed online prerequisites before attending in-person classroom sessions and field exercises, culminating in a two-day, overnight field training exercise. Emergency services readiness ensures CAP members are ready to support communities in need after a natural disaster or other community emergency.

"GSAR school is where our future ground team specialists take their first big step," said Col. Amy Myzie, commander of the New Jersey Wing. "The training here combines field readiness with real-world mission skills, ensuring our teams are prepared to assist whenever and wherever we're needed."

Over the past four decades, New Jersey Wing GSAR School has become one of Civil Air Patrol's premier emergency services schools, producing mission-qualified graduates who support search and rescue, disaster relief, and homeland security missions.

A FAMILY COMMITMENT

The Morins have been active members of Curtiss-Wright Composite Squadron (Fairfield, NJ) since 2023. Jasmin Morin serves as the squadron's Cyber Education Officer, where she leads teenage members through national competitions and other activities designed to spark interest and foster career paths in the cybersecurity industry. She is also the Assistant Deputy Commander of Cadets and works closely with the unit's roster of 54 teenage members.

In addition to executing their squadron duty positions, the two Morin brothers recently completed leadership training at New Jersey Wing's Non-Commissioned Officer Cadet Academy and in the Advanced Cadet Squadron at New Jersey Wing's Basic Encampment, a one-week immersion program focused on teamwork, personal growth, cybersecurity, and aerospace. The cadets also attended a one-week Civil Air Patrol Engineering Technology program held at Middle Tennessee State University (Tennessee).

"The Morin family's commitment to the missions of CAP is a great example of the enthusiasm we seek to ignite in all our members," said Lt. Col Carol McCloud, the commander of the Curtiss-Wright Squadron. "A family's relationship with CAP usually begins with a teen's interest in aviation or rocketry, and quite often it blossoms into a family's expression of community service. Parents and teens end up working side by side and independently on the

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CURTISS-WRIGHT COMPOSITE SQUADRON

The Curtiss-Wright Composite Squadron is a local unit of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) that has 54 cadets and 25 adult members.

The squadron meets on Tuesday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the American Red Cross Northern New Jersey Headquarters, 209 Fairfield Road, Fairfield, NJ.

More about the CAP Curtiss-Wright Composite Squadron is here: nj073.cap.gov/

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(Above) Livingston resident Jasmin Morin and her sons, Alexander and Francis

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