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EXPLORING REVOLUTIONARY-ERA HOMES

A Special America250 Event Featuring Historian Robert Wendel

In celebration of America's 250th anniversary, the Westfield Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) will present "Where Liberty Lived," an illustrated talk spotlighting Westfield's Revolutionary-era homes by former Town Historian Robert Wendel on Thursday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 E. Broad Street. This event is free and open to the public; history buffs, students and old house lovers are encouraged to attend.

Through vivid storytelling and historical analysis, Wendel will demonstrate how these simple farmhouses and meeting places became silent witnesses to the Revolutionary War, inspiring curiosity and appreciation for our shared history. While the Miller-Cory House (c. 1740) is the oldest and best

preserved, nine of Westfield's original 18th century homes remaining standing. Using these and other recently demolished homes as evidence, Wendel will recount the soldiers and settlers who played a vital role in the founding of the West Fields of Elizabethtown and the nation's war for independence.

"Westfield's Revolutionary-era homes are a living legacy of the people and events that shaped our earliest decades," said Mr. Wendel. "These historic sites provide a tangible link to our shared past and are a tremendous source of civic pride, especially as we prepare to celebrate the freedoms for which their owners fought."

Along with the presentation, a selection of related objects from the collection of the Westfield Historical Society will be on display, including an early needlework sampler and a facsimile of a broadside used to recruit soldiers in the war for independence.

Established in 1984 by municipal ordinance, Westfield's Historic Preservation Commission is charged with preserving historical sites and structures while promoting an appreciation for these landmarks as an essential element of the town's unique character. For more information, please visit westfieldnj.gov/historicpreservation



(above) America250 logo contest choice was by local artist Jenn Wilner.

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(above) The Benjamin-Pierson House (c. 1755) at 1481 E. Broad Street.



(above) Historian Robert Wendel

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formally thanking them for their support throughout the year.

Westfield BSA Troop 73 welcomes members of all faiths to share in scouting's adventures, which are led by our scouts with the assistance of the adult leaders. Our Scouts camp most months, and follow the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. For more information contact Steve McCabe, 908-962-0624.



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SPRING OPEN HOUSE EVENT - APRIL 12TH



(above) Join us at the Miller-Cory House Museum for our Spring Open House. Hope to see you there!

Courtesy Photo

The Miller Cory House Museum

Step into the past and experience the charm of our beautifully preserved c.1740 farmhouse during this special Open House event!

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Guided Tours: Explore the fully furnished historic farmhouse with our knowledgeable docents who will share fascinating stories of life in the 18th century.
- Open Hearth Cooking: Watch as our talented cooks prepare traditional recipes over the open hearth, showcasing culinary techniques from a bygone era.
- Family Fun in the Maker Space: Enjoy self-guided, hands-on activities perfect for kids and families to spark creativity and curiosity.
- Scenic Grounds: Stroll through our picturesque grounds and take in the beauty of this historic site

Admission: \$5 for ages 13 and older, \$4 for ages 3-12, Free for children 2 and under

No reservations are needed—just bring your curiosity and love for history! Whether you're a history enthusiast or looking for a fun family outing, this event is the perfect way to connect with the past. We can't wait to welcome you!

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, like us on Facebook, and follow us on Instagram.

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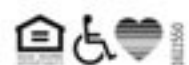
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The New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra (NJIO) invites the public to a free concert celebrating music that inspires national pride on Sunday, May 3rd at 3pm at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church in Plainfield, NJ.

NJIO's three orchestras (Prelude, Intermezzo, and Symphony) will present music by Mozart, Grieg, Vaughn Williams, and more, culminating in Sibelius's Symphony no.2.

NJIO concerts provide a relaxed concert atmosphere: no dress code, assigned seating, ticketing, or shushing. To ensure all audience members feel comfortable, NJIO offers a Concert Comfort Station in the concert lobby where attendees can borrow additional cushions, fidget toys, coloring pages and crayons, and large print program books.

This concert is the final performance for NJIO's 2025-2026 season. Information on NJIO's summer education programs is available now at www.njio.org/summer and an announcement about the 2026-2027 concert season will be available in July.

This free concert is made possible by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, and our season sponsors: the Frank and Lydia Bergen Foundation, the Plainfield Foundation, The Henry S. and Agnes M.

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EVENT DETAILS:

NJIO's Spring Concert: "The National Spirit"
Sunday, May 3rd, 2026 at 3pm
Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church
716 Watchung Ave, Plainfield, NJ 07060
Admission: Free, no tickets required

NJIO is committed to ensuring that its programs and concerts are accessible. For more information regarding the concert or to inquire about patron services, please contact NJIO at info@njio.org, or visit NJIO's website www.njio.org

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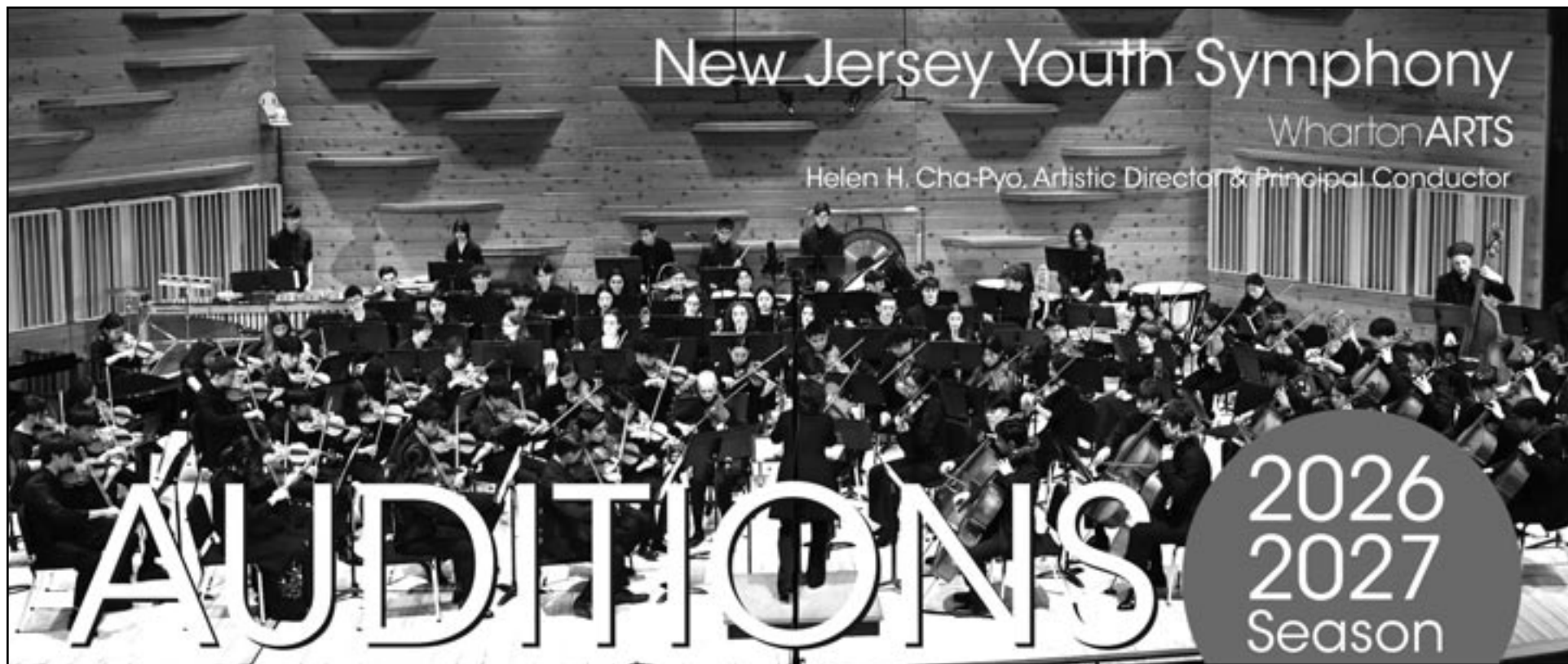
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NJ FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA TO PERFORM ONE THOUSAND AND ONE NIGHTS

The New Jersey Festival Orchestra brings its season to a close with One Thousand and One Nights, an evening shaped by storytelling, imagination, and the vivid orchestral palette of two beloved works. Performances will take place on Saturday, May 30, at 7:00 pm at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, and Sunday, May 31, at 2:30 pm at the Sieminski Theater in Basking Ridge.

The program pairs the elegance of Joaquín

Rodrigo with the sweeping narrative of Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, inviting audiences into a world where music and myth intertwine. At its center is internationally acclaimed Slovak guitarist Karol Samuelčík, whose appearance is presented in collaboration with the Slovak American Cultural Center.

Samuelčík takes the stage in Rodrigo's *Fantasia para un gentilhombre*, a work that draws from Spanish baroque dances and unfolds

with graceful lyricism and rhythmic vitality. The guitar's voice, at once intimate and radiant, moves fluidly between courtly refinement and expressive brilliance.

A seasoned international performer, Samuelčík has appeared across Europe, Asia, and the Americas, with engagements at venues including London's Purcell Room and Shenzhen Concert Hall. A prizewinner of numerous competitions and a professor at the Academy of Music and Performing Arts in Bratislava, he is equally recognized for his scholarship, including a landmark publication on guitar technique in 2022.

The program culminates in Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade*, a work long associated with the fantastical tales of *One Thousand and One Nights*. Though the composer ultimately removed explicit programmatic titles, the music retains its narrative spirit; waves swell and recede, melodies shimmer and twist, and the orchestra becomes a storyteller in its own right. Echoes of distant voyages, whispered secrets, and unfolding drama emerge through richly layered textures and luminous orchestration.

Together, these works form a fitting close to the season: a journey that moves from the refined intimacy of the guitar to the expansive storytelling power of the full orchestra.

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ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT - APRIL 10TH

Westfield Community Concert Band

The Westfield Community Concert band will present its annual Spring Concert on Friday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m. at Edison Intermediate School, 800 Rahway Avenue in Westfield. Dr. Thomas Connors, conductor and music director of the band, has prepared a program entitled "A Celebration of Spring" which is highlighted by classical and contemporary selections for wind band.

The program will feature the band's performance of the complete Symphonic Songs for Band, written by Robert Russell Bennett for wind band. Composed in 1958, this selection is in three movements, each depicting a traditional song form from America's past: Serenade, Spiritual and Celebration.

The program will also feature the music of Charles Gounod, a renowned French composer of

operas, with a performance of Ballet Music from "Faust". This 1859 composition includes the ballet music from the popular grand opera, Faust. This challenging selection has been performed by leading orchestras worldwide. The band performs a wind band arrangement in five parts,

each representing a different style of music and dance.

The band also performs Cartoon, by Paul Hart. This 1991 composition is one of the most brilliant original concert band works of recent years and features the lively music reminiscent of the "classic" American cartoon. The band will conclude its program with a performance of Celebration by contemporary composer, Philip Sparke. This 1992 selection was originally commissioned by the Tokyo Kosei Wind Orchestra and is widely performed for wind band contests.

The band, in its 114th concert season, will also be presenting its annual Summer Concert Series on Thursdays, June 25, July 2, July 19 and July 16 in Westfield's Mindowaskin Park.

Experienced area musicians may inquire about joining the band by contacting Barry Rosenberg, band president, at 908-337-9073 or by email at info@westfieldcommunityband.com. The band rehearses each Wednesday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the community room located in the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, and performs throughout the year.

The band is sponsored in part by the Westfield Recreation Department, Linda Johnson, Program Manager. The band's concerts are made possible by funds from the Union County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs, a partner of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.



(above) The Westfield Community Concert Band, under the direction of Dr. Thomas Connors, Music Director, will present its annual Spring Concert on Friday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m. at Edison Intermediate School, 800 Rahway Avenue, Westfield. Admission is free.

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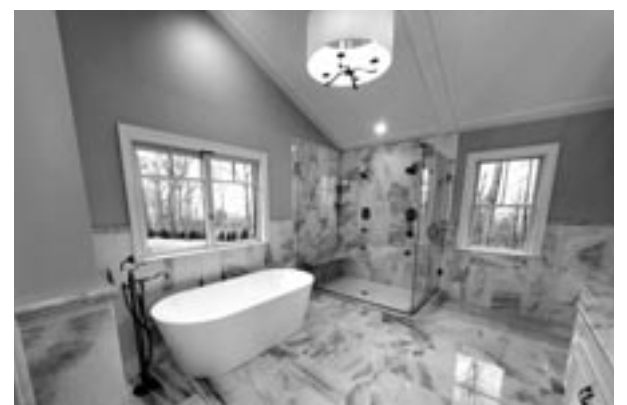
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Westfield Memorial Library is calling on community members to help shape the future of library services by participating in a survey as part of the library's strategic planning process.

The library is developing a new strategic plan to guide services, programs and priorities for the

next few years. Community input is essential to ensuring the library meets the evolving needs of residents of all ages and backgrounds.

The survey is available at bit.ly/westfieldlibrarysurvey and will be open through Sunday, April 19.

51ST ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE

Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library

The Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library are excited to announce our 51st annual Used Book Sale coming this Spring. We hope you will join us either by donating books, shopping or helping us to host the sale.

Last year, we had over 25,000 books donated by local residents to offer our customers. With that kind of variety, there will be something for everyone. We will have books for infants, children, teens and adults; fiction and nonfiction; hardcovers and paperbacks; best-selling authors, classics, cookbooks, history, art, science, science fiction, biographies, sports, gardening, self-help and more. Plus, our prices are too low to pass up. Most books will range from \$.50 to \$3.00.

Book donations can be dropped off on tables next to the library book drop boxes in the library parking lot. We can only accept books in good condition. We cannot accept textbooks, magazines, VHS tapes, encyclopedias, travel books before 2020 torn or damaged books, as we will not be able to use them. Donation Days are Wednesday, April 22 - 10 am - 2 pm; Thursday, April 23 - 10 am - 2 pm; Friday, April 24 - 10 am

- Noon; Saturday, April 25 - 10 am - 1 pm.

Sale Days will be Wednesday, April 29- 5 pm - 7 pm - Members Only Preview; Thursday, April 30 - 10 am - 7 pm Teacher's Discount Day; Friday, May 1 - 10 am - 4 pm Teacher's Discount Day; Saturday, May 2 - 10 am - 4 pm - Half Price Day; Sunday, May 3 - 1 pm - 3pm - Bag Dag (buy a bag for \$10 and fill it up with books!). The sale will be held in the Meeting Room at the Westfield Memorial Library, located at 550 East Broad Street, Westfield.

To keep the sale schedule with you on the go, please stop by the circulation desk for a bookmark. This year we are offering four unique designs created by local Westfield children. All proceeds support library programs such as Museum Passes, Saturday morning Children's programs, the Native Seed Library, Little Free Libraries, Books on Wheels, the Hale Speaker Series, scholarships for library studies students, Lucky Day Books, and more. We hope to see you there! To learn more visit FWMLNJ.ORG, like us on Facebook at Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library or follow us on Instagram at [friendswmlibrarynj](https://www.instagram.com/friendswmlibrarynj).



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FIDDLER ON THE ROOF COMING IN MAY

The final production of the 107th season at CDC Theatre in Cranford will be the wonderful musical Fiddler On The Roof. The multi-award-winning tale of Tevye the Dairyman and his family's struggles in a changing Russia is a true musical theatre "tradition."

Premiering on Broadway in 1964, it became one of the longest-running shows of its time. Featuring memorable songs like "Tradition," "If I Were A Rich Man" and "Sunrise, Sunset," this beloved work explores the universal human struggles of tradition and change, family love, generational conflict and displacement and migration. Using strong cultural storytelling to blend serious social issues with music and humor, Fiddler on the Roof is a poignant exploration of family, community, and the enduring human spirit in the face of adversity.

Director Emma Taylor Schwartz, a Cranford native, shared "This is my fifth production of Fiddler, and I only love it more and more each time. You could call me a superfan. What a gorgeous show that is both classic and contemporary, with nuance in every scene. It is a non-traditional love story, one that features romantic love, but also love of culture, love of community, love of family and love of identity. I've always resonated with the story and find that anyone of any background can find something to relate to. You don't have to be Jewish to connect with it on a deep level. If you have or had a parent, a child, a family, or a community,

you'll relate to these characters."

Continuing a new program at CDC Theatre, the final performance on May 17th will feature a talented quartet of ASL interpreters. ASL interpreters in theatre do more than translate dialogue; they bring the emotional and artistic essence of a performance to Deaf audiences, making live theatre a truly inclusive experience. While making the performance accessible to Deaf and hearing-impaired audiences they are also performers in their own right, contributing artistically to the performance and we are pleased to welcome them back to CDC Theatre.

The show will run from May 1st through the 17th with 8pm curtains on Fridays and Saturdays and 2pm matinees on Saturday the 9th and Sundays May 10th and 17th.

The company will be led by Larry Brustofski as Tevye and Elle Michaeli as his wife Golde. Their older daughters will be played by Gabrielle Traub (Tzeitel), Katherine Hope Stelma (Hodel), and Nina Randazzo (Chava). Mark Zebro Jr is Lazar Wolf, Bill Geltzeiler, Max Koplal and James Hahn will portray Motel, Perchik and Fyedka. Lori Travers and Rachel Love, Fruma Sarah and Grandma Tzeitel with Gloria Schnure taking the part of Yente.

Visit cdctheatre.org for more details and ticket information. These performances are made possible by funds from the Union County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs, a partner of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.



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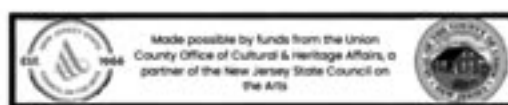


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BOXING NIGHT RAISES \$63,500 TO BENEFIT COLLEGE CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

CMC of Westfield

The College Men's Club of Westfield (CMC) hosted its 23rd annual "Friday Night at the Fights" fundraiser to benefit the CMC Scholarship Fund. On Friday, February 6th, 2026, a sold-out crowd of more than 250 attendees assembled at the Kenilworth Veterans Center to watch 11 amateur bouts and one development contest refereed by officials of the New Jersey Association of USA Boxing.

The evening generated gross proceeds of more than \$63,500 benefiting the club's scholarship fund. Proceed were generated from event ticket



(above) A USA Boxing refereed bout at the CMC's 2026 Boxing Night Fundraiser.

Photo by David Germond

sales, a 50/50 raffle, a live auction of New York Ranger tickets, and sponsorships by two local businesses.

CMC President Dave Germond stated that "we were once again energized by watching these talented young athletes demonstrate their skill and training for such a worthy cause as expanding access to higher education." Germond further commented that "the CMC is extremely grateful to our Platinum Sponsor, Ray Catena Mercedes Benz of Union and our Gold Sponsor, Vine Republic, for their generous support of this annual event, the CMC's largest fundraiser."

The evening showcased 11 action-packed bouts spanning the 105-pound to 165-pound weight classes. Boxers assembled at the Kenilworth VFW representing gyms from across the Tri-State Area, including Ike & Randy's of Paterson, Park Elite Boxing of Roselle Park, among several others.

The College Men's Club of Westfield was established in 1922 and for over a century has helped hundreds of Westfield young men by providing college tuition assistance and funding standardized test preparatory courses. Since its founding, the CMC has raised and distributed over \$1.5 million in higher education assistance to young men of the Westfield community to attend over 130 institutions of higher learning. In 2025, the CMC awarded a total of \$85,050 in multi-year scholarships and one-time grants.

Scholarship applications are currently available online at the CMC's website and are evaluated by a committee of CMC Trustees in the late Spring. This year's application deadline is May 1, 2025. Funds for scholarships are generated from fund-raising events like the annual Boxing Night, donations, membership dues, endowment investment income and legacy bequests.

YOUTH FISHING DERBY - APRIL 11

The Newark Bait and Fly Casting Club's Annual Youth Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2026 at Echo Lake Park in Westfield, NJ. The event is free for children under 16, and \$10 for adults who wish to participate. Monies from this derby is used for stocking in 2027 and adult prizes. Sign up will start at 6:30 a.m. and will end around 2 p.m. Prizes will be awarded at 1 p.m. to all children present. Grand prizes and Adult prizes will be awarded at our June meeting. Sign up can be in-person at the lake, on line at nbfcc.org.

Newark Bait and Fly Casting Club was founded in 1907 and is one of the oldest clubs in the nation. As a 501(c)3 we provide outings to support veterans, adults and children as well as people with disabilities which focus on environmental education, fishing knowledge and practice. We are always looking for new members, donations and volunteers if anyone would like to get involved. Our monthly meetings are held at the Kenilworth VFW, located at 33 S. 21st. Street, Kenilworth, NJ, On



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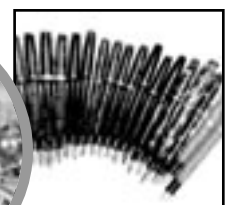
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DANIEL BERARDI WINS 100TH MATCH



GIRLS SWIM TEAM

The Westfield High School Girls Swim Team won the Union County Championship for the first time since 2023. Jane Kavanagh is the county champion in the 100 free and 100 back. Several swimmers will be competing at the NJSIAA Meet of Champions in March.

BOYS SWIM TEAM

The Westfield High School Boys Swim Team won the Union County Championship for the fifth consecutive year. Dylan Lagrimas, James Sletteland, Spencer Grauch and James Kavanagh won the 400 free relay to clinch the county championship. Several swimmers will be competing at the NJSIAA Meet of Champions in March.

BOYS WINTER TRACK AND FIELD

The Westfield High School Boys Winter Track and Field team are the 2026 North 2 Group 4 Sectional Champions. The sectional championship meet was held on February 8th in Toms River. This is the the fifth consecutive sectional title for the Blue Devils and ties the Blue Devils for the second most consecutive titles in New Jersey history.

BOYS ICE HOCKEY

The Westfield High School Boys Ice Hockey team is having a very successful season. On December 31st, they defeated Randolph High School 3-1 to win the King of the Hill tournament at the Navesink County Club. On January 23rd, the Blue Devils won their third consecutive county championship by defeating Governor Livingston 7-3. The Blue Devils are the second seed in the NJSIAA Public-South State Tournament, and will play their state championship games through early March.

SENIOR WRESTLER, DANIEL BERARDI

Congratulations to Westfield High School Senior Wrestler, Daniel Berardi, on his 100th career win. Daniel won his 100th career match during the Wrestling Quad at Westfield High School on January 31st. Congratulations to Daniel!

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Flintlocks BSA, Inc.

Studies show that generous people live longer; and that frequent social interaction is important for longevity. Combine them and what do you get? The Flintlocks! On Thursday, February 19, 2026 they celebrated birthdays of two of their members Joe Schott at 104, and George Van Dyke, 90. Another member who is 95 was too shy. Generosity, social interaction, staying active, and doing some good in the world, help with longevity.

The Flintlocks are volunteers who get together every week to have fun and provide manpower to support Scouting. They are not associated with firearms. The name comes from an old device which is still useful, implying that they are old guys who are still useful. They maintain 3 scout camps and two scout shops, have built new buildings, repair older ones, and provide volunteer manpower for scouting activities. By keeping the camps in good shape, it enables the youth to have good experiences with outdoor activities.

The Flintlocks celebrated their 38th year anniversary of service this year. They provide approximately 6,000 hours of volunteer skilled labor at the camps and council activities every year. The Flintlocks BSA, Inc. is a 501c3 consisting of 28 retired scouters who support the Patriot's Path Council (PPC) of Scouting America, (formerly Boy Scouts of America). The PPC serves 11,800 scouts in over 300 scouting

units in five counties of northern New Jersey.

The Boy Scouts of America changed their name to Scouting America to reflect the fact that they opened membership to all youth in 2019. There are over 176,000 females in the program, and 8,000 young women have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout to date. The purpose of including girls was to include entire families in the program. The Scouting program focuses on developing good citizens, ethical conduct, learning useful skills and hobbies, exploring careers, and making lifelong friends. The website for the Patriots' Path Council is ppcbsa.org.

Cub Scouts consist of all girl Packs or all boy Packs which include children in kindergarten through 5th grade. Scouts consist of all girl Troops or all boy Troops from 5th grade through age 18. Three additional programs are coed, and go from age 14 up to age 21: Sea Scouts – which focus on learning to run ships; Explorers- which focus on specific careers; and Venture Crew - which go on high adventure trips. To find a scout unit near you, go to the website beascout.org.

The Flintlocks meet every Thursday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Camp Winnebago, 102 Timberbrook Road, Rockaway, NJ. Guests are always welcome.

Their Facebook page show photos of their activities. Google "Flintlocks88". If interested, contact Secretary Dr. Michael Hart drmhart@yahoo.com.

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(above) The Flintlocks volunteer group recently celebrated two birthdays: Joe Schott sitting behind the cake is 104, and George Van Dyke sitting next to him (with beard), is 90 years old. The Flintlocks range in age from 63 to 104, with the average age 75. Guests are always welcome.

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42ND ANNUAL QUILT SHOW - APRIL 11

Harvest Quilters of Central NJ will present their 42nd annual Quilt Show on Saturday, April 11, 2026. Sharing the Quilts 42 will be held at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, 1961 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, NJ from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$3 for children under twelve.

At 10:30 a.m., Katherine Evans will present "My Journey - Stitching Together an International Community of Quilters." Evans' talk will cover her years living in Brazil, Costa Rica and Mexico from 2007 to 2025. She'll highlight her outreach to local women who together developed sewing and design skills creating one-of-a-kind group quilts, many of which will be on display.

Wendy Sheridan of Rahway will be recognized as 2026's Featured Quilter.

Sheridan is an award-winning multidisciplinary artist whose work spans fiber, watercolor, ink, and acrylics. With a lifetime of experience in fabric and fiber arts, she has created quilts, housewares, and costumes, serving as costume mistress for the Union County Academy for the Performing Arts from 2008-2012.

Her fiber art installation "What We Did This Summer," in collaboration with Lauren Reidy, has been on display at the New Jersey Transit Rahway station in the fall/winter of 2025-2026. "I love bold color, an explosion of color shows up in all my art forms," said Sheridan, a retired electrical engineer and technical writer.

Local charities will benefit from drawings for a traditional queen-sized quilt with a modern flair, gift cards and craft themed gift baskets.

In addition to viewing a full array of modern, traditional, art and wall-hanging quilts, attendees can participate in viewer's choice awards, kid's crafting table and vendor sales area.

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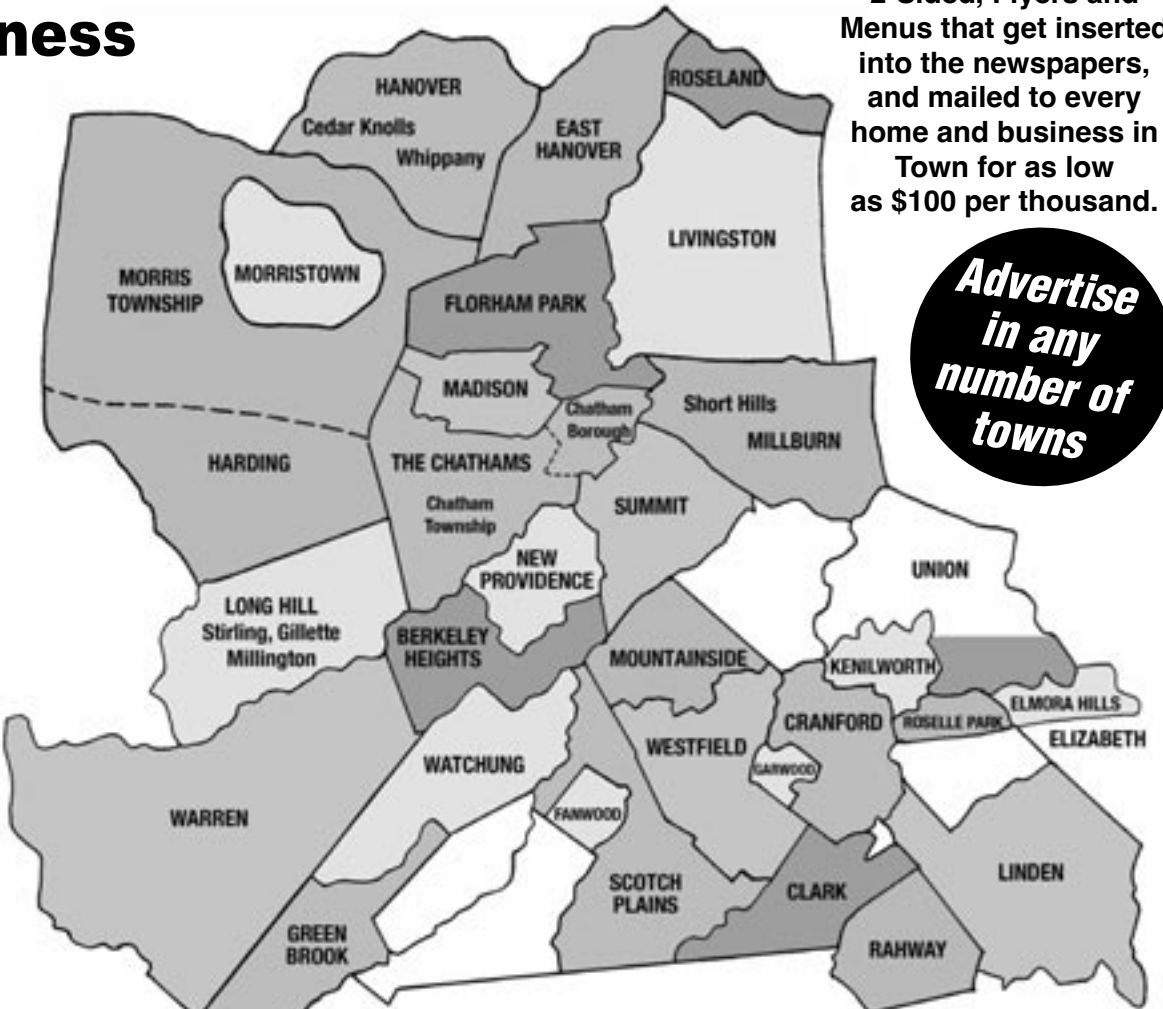
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SCHOOL DISTRICT COMPLETES LOSS AND GRIEF SPECIALIST TRAININGS

Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss

As school districts across New Jersey prepare to meet new state mandates for grief education, the Westfield School District is taking a proactive and pioneering lead. Through a multi-phase partnership with Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss, Westfield's School Counselors and Student Assistance Counselors (SACs) recently completed an intensive professional development series, including Imagine's 101, 201, 301, and Loss and Grief Specialist Trainings.

This initiative, made possible by the generous support of the Bogaert Grant from the Westfield Foundation, equips the district's counseling staff with the specialized skills required to facilitate peer support groups in Westfield's schools. Once these grief support groups begin, Imagine's clinical staff will provide ongoing supervision and professional support to ensure a sustainable and safe environment for grieving students.

The collaboration carries significant local history. Imagine first opened its doors in Westfield in 2012, offering support groups at the First United Methodist Church before moving to

its current Mountainside Center in 2017.

"Bringing this training back to Westfield feels incredibly meaningful," said Veronica C. Ortiz, LPC, Imagine's Training and Education Director. "We began this journey years ago by training district administrators, including Superintendent Dr. Raymond Gonzalez. Now, working alongside Matt Bolton, Assistant Superintendent, and Falynn Balassone, K-12 Director of Counseling, we are turning that vision into a reality for Westfield students."

The Westfield Foundation has been instrumental in bridging the gap between community needs and school resources. "Since Imagine first opened its doors in Westfield, The Westfield Foundation has been proud to stand alongside them as a committed community partner, helping ensure that no child grieves alone," said Katie Curran Darcy, Executive Director of the Westfield Foundation. "This Bogaert Grant investment in our students reflects our mission to foster positive change and our vision of a compassionate community."

This training initiative is particularly timely

following the passage of the New Jersey Grief Bill (S3330), which requires NJ schools to provide grief education to students in grades 8-12. Through the grant, the program will eventually expand beyond counselors to include physical education and health teachers, as well as workshops for parents and caregivers.

"Westfield is not just meeting a state requirement; they are building a culture of empathy," noted Ortiz. "By investing in their skills and knowledge, the district is ensuring that when a student is grieving, they are met with a staff that is grief informed, compassionate, and ready to listen."

For more information on Imagine's Training and Education Program, please contact Veronica C. Ortiz at veronica@imagineinj.org or visit www.imagineinj.org.

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@imagineinj.org or visit our website at imagineinj.org.

MOBILE MEALS 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.

For anyone interested in donating to Mobile Meals of Westfield, please call 908-233-6146, or visit mobilemealsofwestfield.org/donate, or scan this QR code.



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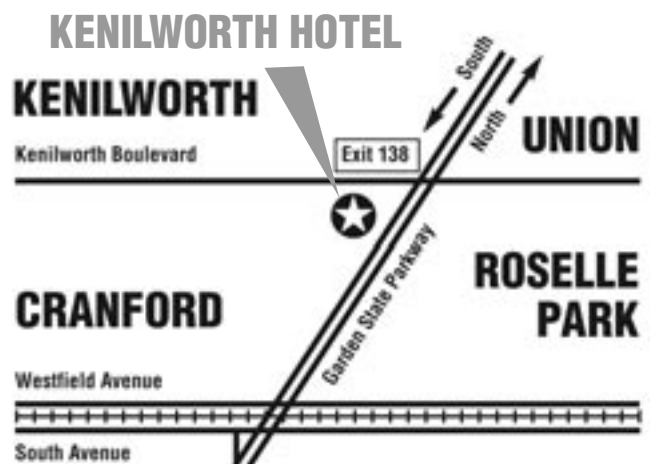
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