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## Union County budget proposal discussed

By Peter Fiorilla  
Staff Writer

A \$508 million budget for Union County was formally introduced by county manager Al Faella at a freeholder meeting on Thursday, Feb. 18, at the freeholders' headquarters in Elizabeth, and the proposal — if approved in the next several months — would be a 3.25 percent increase over last year's budget of \$492 million.

"Just as a reminder: this is not the final budget, but a starting point, which can be reviewed and amended as necessary by the fiscal committee and the freeholder board, before final adoption sometime later this spring," said Faella, as he outlined the highlights of the 2016 budget. "This year's executive budget is a demonstration of the county's continued economic growth, and the success of our sound management and budgeting practices, as validated by our most recent determination of a AA bond rating."

For residents across the county, the 2016 executive budget will increase the amount of taxes collected to \$346 million, up from the 2015 number of from \$335 million, which is a difference of 3.25 percent.

As proposed, that would be the largest tax increase for Union County since 2013, when the county tax bill went up 4.97 percent, but it's also comparable to 2014 and 2015, when taxes went up by 3 percent and 2.51 percent, respectively. Since 2001, in comparison, annual budgets in Union County have increased taxes by an average of 7.76 percent, making the past few years a low point.

One of the benefits of these reigned in budgets, Faella said at the meeting, is how they allow the county to keep a surplus handy, which supports the government's bond rating. The 2016 budget anticipates adding to the existing surplus by \$22.5 million.

"As our county financial position has improved over the past few years, we've continued to build surplus. Over the past year alone, we've boosted our surplus by 77 percent, from \$31 to \$55 million," said Faella. "This increase is vital in maintaining our bond rating, which is among the highest available."

The county has been able to support a relatively high bond rating, said Faella, during a time when there has been "fiscal turbulence in the state of New Jersey, which has

experienced a record 9 credit downgrades since 2009." Part of that is because of increased revenues, he added, and the success of several profitable agencies run by Union County.

Last year, a strong real estate market led to more than \$1 million in transfer fees going to the county; the Union County regional dispatch unit took in more than \$386,000 in revenue; the county's Parks Department garnered more than \$6.4 million in revenues — an increase of \$183,000, thanks to profits which Faella said were the result of a golfing initiative — and the Union County Emergency Medical Services group brought in more than \$1 million, an increase of 46.8 percent, year over year.

Other prominent sources of revenue listed in the budget included a \$35 million grant from the New Jersey Division of Economic Assistance, about \$4.5 million in open space debt service, and \$38 million in medical costs which will be assumed by the state, according to the 366-page budget, which is available on the county's website.

Funds from these sources, and others, are being funneled back into several major community health initiatives  
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## Linden ROTC helps students, community

By Peter Fiorilla  
Staff Writer

When a sign-up sheet for community service is posted in the The Academy, located right across the street from Linden High School, there isn't much time before it's been filled out by hundreds of high school-aged cadets, squad leaders and others who make up the district's Reserve Officers' Training Corps program.

There's almost always a waiting list for the members who want to help others through community service. The ROTC program has too many members, all of them students at Linden High School who opt into ROTC instead of gym, who want to spend their time making Linden a better place however they can, which is what the district envisioned when it ushered in the ROTC in 1986.

"When I was president of the board in 1986, when we started the ROTC, a lot of local public schools were putting in the programs," said Maryann Dorin, a retired member of the Linden Board of Education. "My first thought was 'I don't know,' it might cause friction with students. I went home — my husband George was in the United States army in World War II, he celebrated his 18th birthday in a P.O.W. camp — and I asked him what he thought. George looked at me and said, 'Maryann, give them a chance. I think that might be exactly what you need for the school system, putting some confidence and discipline in these kids. They'll be the ones who service the community.'"

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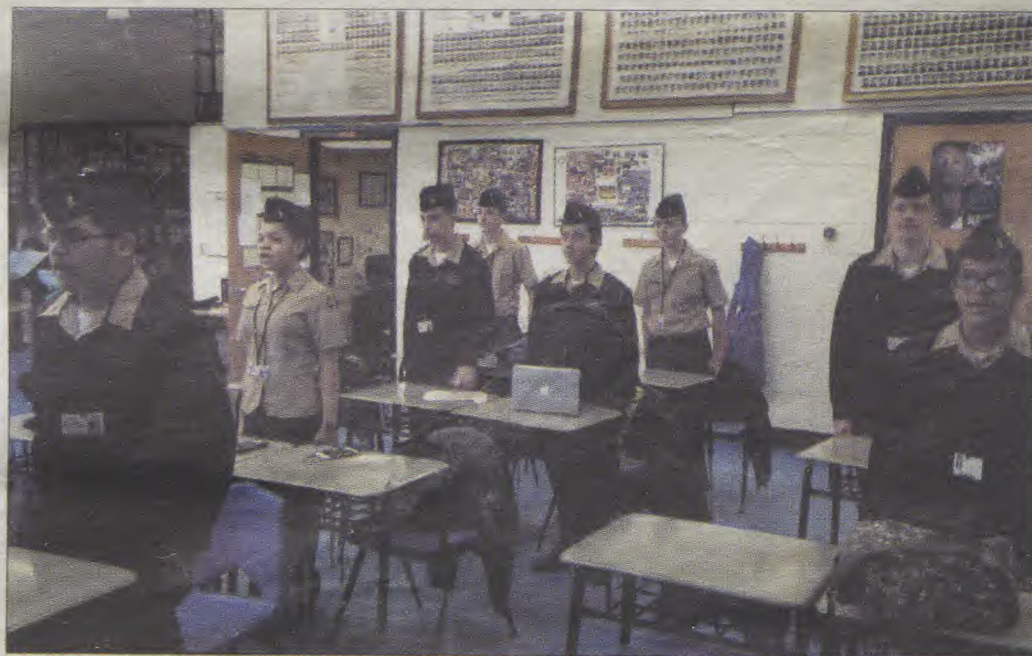


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Linden High School students in a ROTC class at The Academy. There are 400 kids in the ROTC program, out of about 1,700 at Linden High School.

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**ART SHOW** — Clark second-grader Jonah Bencivenga, with Valley Road School art teacher Michelle Matesic, points out his circle weaving Jan. 19 at the Whole Foods Market, Clark, where the school showcased student artwork. More than 40 pieces of artwork by students in kindergarten through fifth grade, ranging from paintings to collages and weavings, were on display.



**TO THE MOON** — Roosevelt School fifth-grader RJ Kluse took part in Rahway's gifted and talented student field trip to Buehler Challenger and Science Center in Paramus on Wednesday, Feb. 3. Fifth-graders took part in a simulated mission to the moon and worked in teams to monitor life support, conduct experiments and investigations, and implement navigation orders. Students used principles of science, mathematics and technology to complete their tasks.



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## Scotch Plains church to host refugees

By Peter Fiorilla  
Staff Writer

A church in Scotch Plains is planning to host one or two families of Syrian refugees this year, in an attempt to help them find a new home in Union County and escape the devastating conflict that's torn apart their home country.

The gesture continues a decades-long tradition at Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, which has hosted foreign families displaced by war since the congregation aided a Vietnamese family in the 1970s, according to a statement issued by the church.

Relationships with that family, says pastor Cynthia Cochran-Carney, are still strong today, and the church hopes to foster a similar connection with five to 10 of the 10,000 Syrians who are being admitted into the United States in 2016, a number decided last year by president Barack Obama's administration.

In order to decide how the church can become a host site, Cochran-Carney has formed a group called the Refugee Assistance Partners, in coordination with other faith leaders in the area, which regularly meets to make sure everything gets sorted out.

"The congregation really feels our calling comes from Jesus's words in Matthew 25. If people are hungry, need shelter and come from a place of conflict like Syria, we want to be part of a larger community effort to welcome them," said Cochran-Carney. "The local school district is on board with this and the mayor was at a recent meeting. People are very receptive and we are hopeful that in the next few months we will be organized, with Presbyterians and Episcopalians leading the way to bring families into our community."

Recent terrorist attacks, including the infamous Paris bombings Nov. 13, 2015, have made some political groups around the country wary of Syrian refugees, including some who believe the United

States shouldn't admit anyone from Syria — or that, if it does, government agencies should more strictly regularly who is let in.

In November, more than half of the country's governors — almost all of them Republicans — said they opposed letting Syrian refugees into their states, citing potential safety risks. One of the suspects believed to be involved in the Paris attacks, one of the most deadly acts of terrorism ever carried out on European soil, had entered Europe in a wave of Syrian refugees.

Leadership at Willow Grove Presbyterian Church is aware of those concerns, but Cochran-Carney doesn't believe terrorists are among the refugees being admitted into the country.

"Some people ask, 'How can you be sure you aren't harboring terrorists?' and the Church World Services director has explained the process of bringing refugees here," said Cochran-Carney. "Part of what they realize is that the people coming to New Jersey aren't the people we've seen on TV. These are people who have applied to come here as far back as a year ago."

The resettlement process is run by multiple, high-level agencies, including the Department of Homeland Security, and "by the time a family is approved and they have been vetted and have gone through multiple background checks," says Cochran-Carney. That even includes a background check from a non-government group called Church World Services, which set up shop in Jersey City last year to help Syrian refugees resettle in New Jersey.

"There are nine agencies that have been approved by the federal government through which refugees can come into our country. Refugees are subject to the strictest form of security screening before they are allowed to enter the U.S. with extensive background, security and health checks," said Cochran-Carney. "We are a smaller church of about 100 members but we are very committed to missions and believe we are called to be involved in this."

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# Fanwood woman opens Westfield sewing boutique

By Peter Fiorilla  
Staff Writer

Fanwood resident Megan Whitney is giving the craft of sewing a makeover with her modernized, urban sewing lounge in downtown Westfield, Urban Sewciety, where students from 7 to 19 are more likely to be stitching together emoji pillows than, say, aprons or kitchen towels.

People are often under the impression that sewing is dying out, Whitney says, but that belief isn't entirely accurate. There are plenty of people, especially young girls, who want to sew. They just don't know where to learn, or what they should make that relates to their own lives.

"I'm going for more of a modern take on sewing. I'm kind of the antithesis to the country quilt shop. I'm trying to make sewing appealing and modernized, something that applies more to young kids' lives," said Whitney. The typical items that kids make in sewing classes, adds Whitney, aren't going to win over many of them. "Kids can't get excited about that kind of stuff. They get excited about emoji pillows and clothing, and stuff like that.

That's why Whitney set up shop in Westfield, after eight years of sewing items and selling them on her virtual store on Etsy, a popular market for artisans. Six weeks before her first brick-and-mortar store's grand opening in November, Whitney saw the vacancy and decided to expand.

"I have three daughters, and I've stayed home with my children for 10 years. During those years when I stayed home, I got more into the hobby of sewing to have a creative outlet. I started an Etsy shop and I've had that for eight years, and I was really just looking to get my Etsy operation out of my own home, so I started looking for a space

that would meet my mind. I found this space in Westfield, and it's just a great studio, a great place for classes and creativity."

But the local interest in sewing has surprised Whitney, surpassing what she had expected, to the point where the business is more focused on classes than on selling finished products.

Whitney began by taking only girls 9 and up, but kids who were even younger — especially 7- and 8-year-olds — have expressed the most interest, and have also proven to be the most acute students, motivating Whitney to accept them in mother-daughter classes.

"I'm finding a ton of girls, and even their moms, who are interested in sewing. It's like all of our grandmothers, and their generation before them, all sewed, but somehow it didn't get passed down to, I would say, my generation," said Whitney, who's 40. "A lot of people sew. There are tons of people. If you would go on Pinterest, there are hundreds and hundreds of projects you can make. It's a huge industry, it's just that not everybody sews anymore."

The commercial space Whitney is renting out is relatively small, only about 500 square feet, but it offers more than enough space for young girls to come, sit and sew together, which isn't always possible in a small or crowded apartment.

It's why the idea of a modern "sewing lounge" is taking root in several cities, including a California-based sewing shop which Whitney was inspired by, and why Urban Sewciety is off to a flying start in its first three months in downtown Westfield.

"The sewing lounge idea is starting to pop up in urban areas. I think in San Francisco, and in the cities, more so because people may live in a small apartment, have a sewing machine and want to sew but not have the space to," said Whitney. "I feel like sewing is coming back."



Photo Courtesy of Urban Sewciety  
Nina Heim, 9, of Westfield, works on her emoji pillow during a sewing class for kids at Urban Sewciety Sewing Lounge and Boutique, at 66 Elm St. The store hosts sewing classes, teaches individual lessons and holds regular events. For information, visit [www.urbansewciety.com](http://www.urbansewciety.com).

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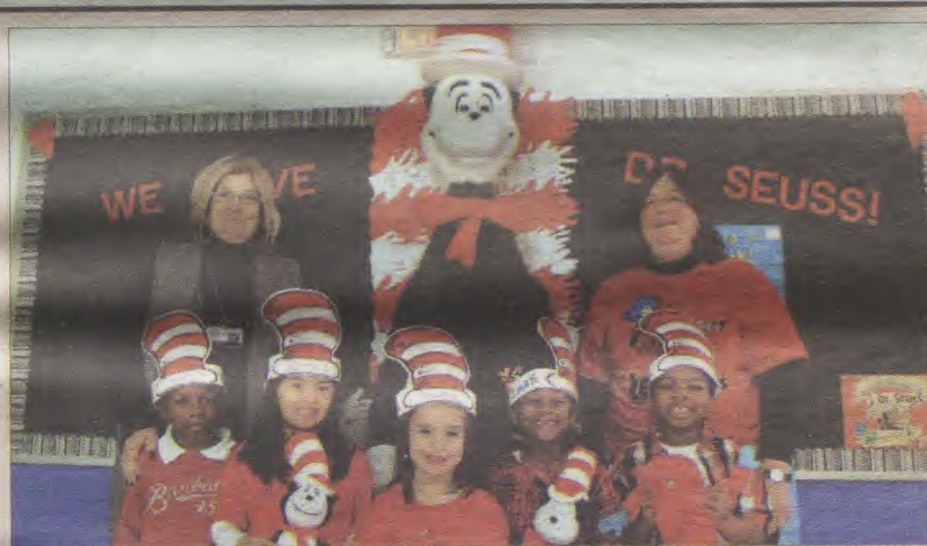
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**BLACK HISTORY POSTERS** — Students in Kara Frees-Spoganetz and Nancy Corradino's fourth grade class entered a Black History poster contest run by the city of Linden. Students chose a famous black American athlete to research. They then created posters with artwork and informational paragraphs to demonstrate what they learned about the athlete. Each student received recognition with a trophy and certificate. Students pictured from left to right are Joanne Lafortune, Jasdiezer Ayala Ruiz, Keyara Hollman, Angelo Charles, and Giana Anglin.



**CAT IN THE HAT** — Students at School No. 1 in Linden kick off Read Across America by reading Dr. Seuss books and meeting the NJEA Cat in the Hat during a special visit to the school on Feb. 11. Pictured are Principal Dona Preston, NJEA Cat in the Hat, teacher Karen Mulligan, Joshua Thornton, Jaydaliz Gomez, Sophia Sarro Agullo, Toren Williams and Claribel Abue. At the event students had an opportunity to share stories with the Cat.

# New budget will bolster Union County programs

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this year, which will bolster the parks and educational institutions which make "Union County's quality of life one of the most highly regarded in the nation," said Faella.

"With all of these exciting plans in place," said Faella, "I look forward to once again working with the Freeholder Board and our county employees in achieving another success year in 2016."

In order to discuss the proposed budget, the fiscal committee has scheduled three public hearings around Union County, all of which will be held at 5:30 p.m. One will be held at Galloping Hill Golf Course in Union, on March 7; another, on March 8, will take place at the Union County Vo-tech School in Scotch Plains; and there will be a final hearing at the Elizabeth Courthouse on Thursday, March 17.



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EQUAL OPPORTUNITY LENDER





Photo Courtesy of Linden NJROTC

At a Feb. 27 physical fitness competition at Passaic High School, the Linden High School Navy JROTC physical fitness female team won first place and the male team won third. From left, are Master Sgt. Paul Kozlowski, team coach; junior Brittany Bornstad, tied for the fastest mile at 6:19; Flora Micheludis, also tied for first in the mile run; team captain Ivana Nino, most push-ups, 65; and Patrick Zegadlo, holding the boys' third place trophy.



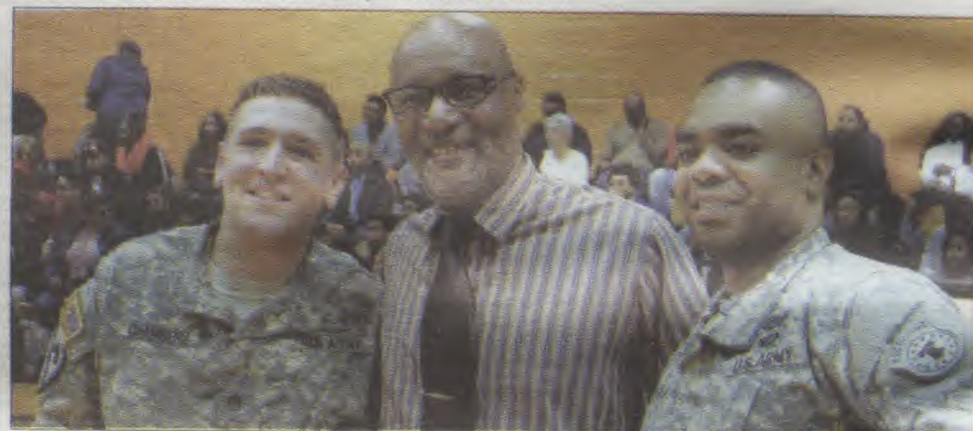
Photo Courtesy of Linden NJROTC

At a Linden High School basketball game Feb. 18, Cadet Commander Geraldine Salazar, a LHS senior and NJROTC cadet, was awarded the Hoops Hysteria Tour Student Athlete Award for displaying the seven core Army values. Salazar is the regimental operations officer.



Photo Courtesy of Linden NJROTC

At a Linden High School basketball game, Feb. 18, the Army and Linden honored Sgt. 1st Class Derrick Potts, above, a LHS history teacher, and Maj. Kevin Thurston, at right, a Vice Principal at LHS. These veterans were thanked for their service and for being outstanding role models to the youth of Linden.



# ROTC has strong presence in Linden

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There were only about 100 kids involved in the program in its infancy, when Dorin and the Board of Education approved adding the ROTC to Linden's curriculum, but that's a figure which has been bumped up to about 400 students in recent years.

There are a lot of reasons for the increasing popularity of the program, which nearly a quarter of the students at Linden High School are opting into this semester, but among the leading reasons is the lasting impact it's had on people.

Years after they've left the ROTC, former students — parents, or older siblings and friends — encourage their younger relatives to join, says Commander Boyd Decker, one of five instructors with the ROTC.

"A lot of kids, their parents were in the program, their cousins were. Linden is a very tight community with a lot of families who have been in the program for a long

time, so I think it's just gained momentum as a lot of parents, and a lot of kids, want to help ROTC and keep up the legacy," said Decker. After more than 20 years of service in the U.S. Navy, Decker became the commander with the Linden ROTC last fall. "They find it a safe, fun place to go, where they can go hang out. I'm in a position where I'm still new to it, and I'm awe of it."

The students "hang out" early and often: The military-like commands, drill exercises and orderly marches can be heard coming from The Academy as early as 6 a.m., when some of the students show up — voluntarily — to practice with each other, and as late as 6 p.m.

There are plenty of ROTC groups within driving distance of Linden, but the district's program is the third-largest in the state, and the students take initiative by organizing everything by themselves.

They embrace the added responsibilities,

civic and otherwise.

"This wouldn't be in my comfort zone. I wanted to get out of it," said freshman Love Desrosie, who joined the ROTC in the fall. "Like when I had to lead — you have to lead a squad — and I'm more of a shy person. This was definitely out of my comfort zone."

Some of the students say the military undertones made them a little unsure of what ROTC would be like, when they were freshmen like Desrosie.

But only about 10 to 15 percent of ROTC members go on to join the military, said Decker. For the rest of the students, ROTC is about gaining a sense of discipline they might not get in gym.

"I joined mainly because my brother was in it," said Jeremiah Acosta, who, as the youngest cadet in the program, cut a cake with a sword on Veterans Day, with the most senior veteran in attendance. "It's helped me become a more serious person. I'm a little

more responsible. It definitely helped me focus on my studies, and as long as I'm focused on my studies, I'm good."

For those who do intend on joining a the military, like junior Kyle Grunder, the ROTC offers benefits to that end, as well: The history and knowledge students learn in ROTC gives them a rank boost if they join a branch of the military, especially the U.S. Navy, where Linden students can immediately join as Seaman — effectively skipping a few months of initial work.

"Because you're in ROTC, it does give you a benefit. You start out at a higher rank, skip a few months of work," said Grunder, who intends on joining the coast guard after he graduates high school. "At first, I thought, 'a bunch of people screaming at me, I don't want that.' But I learned the ropes, I thought, 'this is pretty cool, this is better than gym.' I don't get all of this knowledge and these leadership roles in gym."

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**Roselle officials respond to basketball altercation**

Roselle public school officials have issued the following announcement in regard to a basketball altercation that recently took place at a game.

Roselle Public Schools Superintendent Kevin West announced that his administration has taken several critical steps in providing essential social and emotional supports to students and families affected by a Feb. 9 on-court girls' basketball altercation between Roselle's Abraham Clark High School and Newark's American History High School that left six Roselle student-athletes injured.

Additionally, he announced, Roselle Public Schools is working collaboratively with Newark Public Schools to examine the details of the incident and to establish safeguards and checkpoints to prevent similar incidents from occurring in the future.

"Following this incident, we embarked on an extensive fact-finding and investigative process and we have determined that Roselle players should receive no disciplinary action for what transpired at American History High," West said. "We are pleased with the level of collaboration with Newark Schools Superintendent Christopher Cerf and with members of his administration as we determine exactly what happened that night because, as superintendent, my No. 1 priority is to ensure the safety of our students."

Standard procedure calls for the host district to provide security, West said, adding that any on-court altercation must be addressed "instantly, as students can suffer severe injuries in just a matter of seconds."

West also said, "The brevity of the incident is irrelevant because the damage can be done so quickly."

Roselle's Abraham Clark High School's girls' basketball season was cut short because of the injuries, coach Antoine Patterson said.

"Our student-athletes are so resilient and they are doing remarkably well, but this season has met an unfortunate — and preventable — end," he said.

Roselle Athletic Director John Schmid said, "We look to our host districts to provide the safety and security that was clearly lacking. Moving forward, we look forward to working with Newark Public Schools and all of our host districts to ensure a safe environment. However, American History High School will be eliminated from our schedule."

Abraham Clark High School Principal Rashon Mickens said the Roselle school district is providing guidance and crisis intervention for students and families affected by the incident. The effort is a collaboration between the Abraham Clark High School guidance department and Trinitas Regional Medical Center in Elizabeth.

"We have been providing daily counseling and we have been meeting regularly with our girls' basketball team to discuss the incident as we move forward," Mickens said, adding that each player affected will follow a crisis intervention plan to address specific needs.

Upon West's request, Newark Superintendent Cerf agreed to host Roselle school officials to discuss and to jointly review surveillance video of the incident. The Feb.

19 meeting determined several facts:

- The incident followed a defensive foul by an American History High player.

- An American History High player initiated the altercation by throwing a punch at the Roselle player.

- Four American History High student spectators and one additional student spectator from another Newark school were the primary aggressors as the altercation spread.

- The incident lasted approximately 1 minute, 25 seconds. A security guard entered the court approximately 1 minute into the altercation, with minimal impact.

Newark Public Schools has cancelled American History High's girls' basketball team's season and the team will be placed on a one-year probation for 2016-2017 season with the elimination of the team as the next step should another incident occur.

Additionally, the Newark players involved have been suspended from school and Newark Public Schools will also put the players on probation for other sports in which they participate, West said.

The Newark players involved have written letters of apologies to the injured Roselle students and their families and have offered to work on a joint project in the future. West said specifics of the project have yet to be determined.

In the meantime, West thanked Cerf and the Newark Public Schools for being accountable and for working to establish necessary measures to prevent similar instances from occurring in the future. He also thanked Roselle officials and coaches as well as the students and families affected.

**ROSELLE NEWS****Join schools for Autism  
Awareness Walk**

Join the Roselle Public School community for the 4th annual Autism Awareness Walk on Saturday, April 30, at Leonard V. Moore Middle School, 720 Locust St., Roselle.

Registration and complimentary breakfast will begin at 8:30 a.m., and the walk kicks off at 9 a.m., rain or shine. After the walk, join the community for performances, games and music. For more information about the walk, contact LaTia Pope at [lpope@roselleschools.org](mailto:lpope@roselleschools.org).

Proceeds will benefit the Parents of Autistic Children Foundation. To donate directly to P.O.A.C., visit [www.poacwalk.org/roselle](http://www.poacwalk.org/roselle).

**Come out to 'What Kids  
Need to Succeed'**

On Wednesday, March 9, at 6 p.m., the Roselle Family Success Center and Prevention Links will host the 'What Kids Need to Succeed' workshop at the Roselle Public Library, 104 West 4th Ave. Residents are encouraged to come out to learn about keeping children safe.

For more information, visit [www.boroughofroselle.com](http://www.boroughofroselle.com).

**Roselle seeks authors  
for fall book expo**

The 3rd annual Independent Authors Book Expo will be held Oct. 15 inside the Abraham Clark High School Gym, 122 East 6th Ave., from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

IABX was created to promote independently published books and spotlight independent authors, editors and publishers. The Expo offers the opportunity for talented individuals to showcase their work locally, nationally and internationally. Many of Roselle's independent authors have been a part of this event in the past. To register for the Expo, visit the borough website to fill out the application; sponsorship opportunities are available for local businesses to support this event.

For more information, visit [www.boroughofroselle.com](http://www.boroughofroselle.com).

**Summer Fun Camp 2016  
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Employment applications for the 2016 Roselle Summer Fun Camp are available through May 30. Inquire with the Recreation Department, 210 Chestnut St., by

calling 908-259-3036. Applicants must be at least 16 years old; no applications will be accepted after May 30.

**Roselle 'Focus on the  
Families' huge success**

Roselle Public Schools, the Borough of Roselle, the County of Union and United Way of Greater Union County hosted "Focus on the Families" on Feb. 17, at Abraham Clark High School in Roselle. The event served as a communitywide conversation about changing odds for children and families in Roselle.

"Our residents need to know the resources available to them and we as a community need to take every opportunity to listen, learn, and understand what families need in order to successfully raise their children," Roselle Mayor Christine Dansereau said in a press release.

Union County Freeholder Vice Chairman Sergio Granados discussed the importance of forging partnerships between area stakeholders in order to address family needs. "You have our full support in making sure that full services will be provided for Roselle residents in every way possible."

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## HILLSIDE NEWS

### Hillside Public Library hosts many programs

The Hillside Public Library offers a number of services. The library is located at 1409 Liberty Ave., Hillside. For information, call 973-923-4413.

- The library is accepting book and DVD donations for its April book sale. Donations must be in excellent or gently used condition only. No encyclopedias, textbooks or magazines will be accepted. Drop off donations during regular library hours no later than Friday, April 8; the sale will be held from April 13 through 16.

- A Dr. Seuss Celebration will be Wednesday, March 3, at 4 p.m. Children of all ages are welcome for games, stories and light refreshments.

- After school movies show at 4 p.m. All ages are welcome and kids can bring a snack.

March 4: "Goosebumps," rated PG is 1 hour and 43 minutes; March 11: "Inside Out," rated PG, is 1 hour and 42 minutes; March 18, "Hotel Transylvania 2," rated PG, is 1 hour 29 minutes.

- Acting For Film and TV for Kids ages 5 to 18 is a two-part program that takes place Wednesdays, March 9 and 16, from 4 to 6 p.m. There will be lessons as well as skill- and confidence-

building activities taught by Laymah Cisco, an actress, teacher and director. Participants may rehearse in front of a camera and see themselves onscreen. Registration and parental permission to video record participants is required. Must register for both dates and space is limited.

- Teen Tech Week Contest is March 7 to 12. Identify the older technology in the Zisman Room display case to win a Kindle Fire. Participants must be Hillside residents ages 9 to 16 and complete a contest form inside the library.

- Pajama Storytime: Mondays, March 7, 14, 21 and 28 for ages 3 and older may come to the library in pajamas with a favorite stuffed animal to hear stories.

- The library offers a resume service to help job-seekers' resumes reflect all their talents and achievements. The library will edit it, improve its appearance, show patrons how to attach it and post it online. To schedule an appointment for a resume review or help with a new one, call 973-923-4413, or visit the library. This service is free to Hillside residents.

- The library has recently partnered with Driving-Tests.org, an organization dedicated to driver safety and education, to offer free DMV practice tests to library

patrons, starting this month. The new service includes free tests, written specifically based on the state DMV materials; the site is designed to help new drivers study state manuals and take practice tests based on the real DMV written exams.

The program will work as an outreach for teens, those with disabilities, those who participate in the library's programs for seniors and must take a renewal exam, and patrons at every other stage of life. The program includes manuals and practice tests for automobile, commercial driver and motorcycle licenses.

For more information on the Hillside Public Library, visit [www.hillsidepl.org](http://www.hillsidepl.org), and for information on the new DrivingTests.org partner site, visit [www.hillsidepl.driving-tests.org](http://www.hillsidepl.driving-tests.org).

- Chess Classes: Saturdays, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Children of all ages can attend this chess class to learn, play or brush up on chess skills.

- Adult Computer Classes @HPL: Interested in learning how to use the Internet, Microsoft Word or create an email account? Sign up for a computer class. Preference is given to Hillside residents. For more information, contact Library Director Kassundra Miller at 973-923-4413 or [kmiller@hillsidepl.org](mailto:kmiller@hillsidepl.org).

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## OPINION

# Recognize women today

### EDITORIAL

March is National Women's History Month, an annual celebration that highlights the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society. National Women's History Month traces its roots to International Women's Day, which was first observed as Women's Day on Feb. 28, 1909, in New York. Organized by the Socialist Party of America in remembrance of the 1908 strike by International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union to improve workers' wages, working conditions and hours, it led to the creation of International Women's Day in several countries in Europe during the next decade, the goal now being a women's right to vote and be elected to office. Although many strikes, marches and protests happened on various days throughout the years since its formation, March 8, on which International Women's Day came to be celebrated worldwide, has no significance itself.

In 1978, the school district of Sonoma, Calif., participated in Women's History Week, an event designed around the week of March 8. Support grew quickly and, by February 1980, President Jimmy Carter declared the week of March 8, 1980, as National Women's History Week. Recognizing that, for too long, women had been the unsung heroes whose contributions often went unnoticed, nationwide support continued. In 1981, a Joint Congressional Resolution proclaimed Women's History Week. Support continued for several years in Congress and, in 1987, March was designated as Women's History Month.

Since then, a theme has been selected each year for Women's History Month. The theme for 2016 is "Working to form a more perfect union: Honoring women in public service and govern-

ment." Sixteen women were selected by the National Women's History Project who represent this goal. Each of these women made numerous accomplishments, not only for women, but for our nation as a whole, and deserve to the respect and accolades they have garnered.

Unfortunately, for all of their accomplishments, too often, women are still treated as second-class citizens. Although women make up almost 50 percent of the workforce, only 9 percent are chief executive officers in Fortune 500 companies. Women comprise 11 percent of the national experts on Sunday morning political talk shows and only 6 to 7 percent of the repeat guests. Women direct only 5 to 7 percent of major Hollywood films. And yet women constitute 70 percent of the world's poor. Further, women are the majority of the 800,000 to nearly 4 million people trafficked — bought and sold as property — internationally every year.

Women have accomplished so much and the 16 people highlighted this year by the National Women's History Project deserve to be researched further by everyone, not just women. Study their accomplishments and be amazed, but remember, it's only been in the past century that the achievements of women were even committed to paper, other than as a cursory reference. They deserve much better than that. Use National Women's History Month as a jumping off point to begin giving our forebears the respect and adulation they so rightly deserve and start recognizing the accomplishments of today's women today.

## Paddling popularity leads to water trails

### THE STATE WE'RE IN

BY MICHELE S. BYERS

Long before there were beaten footpaths and roads, people traveled by water. Native Americans and early settlers used New Jersey's network of rivers, streams and creeks to travel from place to place. Over time, villages, farms and industry sprang up.

The waterways became more than transportation corridors: They were destinations in their own right.

Henry David Thoreau may have been the first American writer to document what we now call eco-tourism. In his 1864 book "The Maine Woods," he describes using ancient Native American canoe routes "for inspiration and our own true recreation."

Today, mapped paddling routes with designated public access points are called "water trails." And with the ever-increasing popularity of kayaking, canoeing and stand-up paddling, water

trails are more important than ever in our recreational landscape.

New Jersey has designated water trails on the Delaware River, the South Branch of the Raritan River, the Egg Harbor River, the Maurice River and the Hackensack River, among others.

If a group of paddlers in Burlington County is successful, the Rancocas Creek could become New Jersey's first nationally designated water trail, giving a huge boost to its eco-tourism potential. The only other national water trails in the Northeast are the Bronx River Blueway and the Hudson River Greenway, both in New York.

Earlier this year, a steering committee formed by John Anderson of West-

ampton and other paddling enthusiasts petitioned the National Park Service for an official designation for the creek, which flows through the Pine Barrens westward to the Delaware River.

As they see it, the National Water Trail designation would enhance efforts to preserve the natural beauty, wildlife and heritage of the Rancocas Creek, provide more opportunities for paddlers, and elevate the economic well-being of communities along the creek.

"People like water," said Anderson, an avid kayaker who paddles the Rancocas Creek year 'round. "People like to be near the water, and get out on the water."

Anderson said the Rancocas Creek has most of the attributes the National Park Service is looking for in a water trail. It's got boat landings in protected areas, existing parkland and multi-use

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Poverty needs to be addressed

To the Editor:

The Thursday, Feb. 25, Union County LocalSource editorial, "Christie needs to fix budget problems now," noted that Legal Services of New Jersey found 2.8 million adults and 800,000 children lived in poverty in N.J. In 2014.

This is extremely disturbing because Legal services previously reported that in 2010 there were 885,000 adults and 300,000 children living in poverty. More than a 200 percent increase in only four years.

The 2010 census for New Jersey showed an increase in the population of South American immigrants into New Jersey during the past decade. The lack of decent paying jobs for the arriving immigrants and their need for more government assistance is an additional burden on state resources that must be addressed by our state government.

More affordable housing, possibly a higher minimum wage will help in reducing the number living in poverty but obviously will not cure the problem. It is a serious problem with no quick fixes but should be the most important topics for our governor and legislature to address. Obviously, without addressing this problem and coming up with solutions, it will only result in the number of families in the poverty population to increase annually.

Bob Barrett  
Clark

### Apple's civic responsibility

To the Editor:

Apple's refusing to decrypt the phone used by domestic terrorists who slaughtered innocent American lives is reprehensible.

Using their excuse that Apple is protecting the integrity of the company and protecting customer privacy is ludicrous. You tell me where is there privacy today in social media, whether it be Facebook, twitter, etc., etc.

Let's get to the fact and the fact is if that phone was used in any way in the commission of this horrific act, the phone is evidentiary and the refusal of Apple corporation with a legal order is impeding a lawful investigation.

Looking at the human side of the loss of these innocent people, I believe not one of us would object that Apple, under this special circumstance, decrypt a suspect's phone. With the decryption complete, it could possibly save countless American lives. Isn't that paramount?

Walter Sosnosky  
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# Saving a tax point

Give Gretchen Hickey some applause. The 10th Ward Councilwoman in Linden chairs the city's negotiation committee. In the dismal world of budget crunching, along with her staff she has racked up impressive savings in dealing with the city's supervisory unions.

Linden's workers mostly live in the city. Still, Hickey, who gave up a chunk of her own vacation time to attend the negotiation sessions, spoke about the need for compromise in tough times. Taxpayers face the reality that Union County is near the top in terms of property taxes in the state, and the state leads the nation.

Hickey zeroed in on a rise in the co-pay on medicines. The result is an estimated saving of \$120,000 to the city. She also carved out a direct dollar increase — as opposed to a percentage increase — which resulted in long term savings.

Along with grinding out budget savings, Hickey brought a long-term approach to the delivery of services. She succeeded in gaining a commitment that all workers involved will attempt to get a commercial driver's license from the state, thus improving overall efficiency and

## LEFT OUT

BY FRANK CAPECE

the value of the individual worker.

If there is an injustice, it is the challenge the local officials face against the budget deluge, compliments of Trenton. Assembly Republican and minority leader Jon Bramnick, from Westfield, said last week, "I'd like to give everyone in the state of New Jersey everything. Just tell me where you get the money."

Maybe a bit flippant of a conclusion. The 2 percent budget cap pressures on local officials like Hickey means hands-on budget wrenching time for the next few months. In our heavily taxed state, it may be just holding back the tide.

State Treasury officials released some pretty eye-opening numbers last week. New Jersey currently faces \$153.5 billion in outstanding debt obligations. The bookkeeping types report the growth in unfunded pension liabilities,

unfunded medical benefits for state retirees and the most dangerous is the state's broke transportation trust fund.

One economist said that sooner or later we have to deal with "an inherently unfair system based on an outdated concept that property is a more accurate measure of economic status than is income."

But, back to Linden, where Hickey's next assignment is to negotiate with some fire and police unions. An independent estimate is that the Linden effort may yield a tax point saving to the city. We can give a thumbs up to what Hickey calls "direct contact" negotiations.

The problem remains when the bookkeeper types remind us that New Jersey's borrowing ability, or general obligation bonds, have been downgraded nine times. A second punch to the gut was a report from the national tax foundation, that ranked New Jersey as the worst in the nation for the business tax climate.

Yes, the speeches coming out of Trenton spur false optimism. But local officials like Hickey, at least, are dealing with the reality of grinding out some savings.

# The finicky descendants of *Begonia rex*

Many people over the years have quoted Oscar Wilde's famous aphorism characterizing marriage as "the triumph of hope over experience." My husband, David, and I defied Oscar Wilde and hope always won out. The same cannot be said of my experiences with fancy leaf begonias, which have been bitter.

A few years ago, I wrote about the newish fancy-leaf begonias bred to be used outdoors as stars of the shade garden. I haven't yet grown them that way. Maybe if I did so, I could improve my dismal track record. Instead, I have always raised them indoors and the results have been decline and death. Now my daughter has bought a new one. It is gorgeous, with its swirl of silver and bronzy purple leaves. The total effect looks like rich damask. Since every plant that my daughter buys ends up in my sphere of responsibility, I fear that its glory days will soon be in the past.

Still, I owe it a good effort, so I will go back over the cultural requirements to see where I may have failed and how I can amend my sorry horticultural ways.

If you are going to form a lasting relationship with a houseplant, it's a good idea to know something about it. "Rex," "fancy leaf" and "painted leaf" are only aliases for a plant whose real name is *Begonia x rex cultorum*. All rexes, as they are known to

## THE GARDENER'S APPRENTICE

BY ELISABETH GINSBURG

their friends and admirers, are descended from *Begonia rex*, a species native to the Assam state in northeast India. Assam is well known for tea and silk, but if *Begonia rex* is an indication, Assam should also be known as a cradle of beautiful plants.

According to the invaluable Hortus Third, species rexes feature leaves that are "ovate, waxy-margined, wrinkled, rich metallic-green with 1-inch-wide zone of silvery-gray above, reddish underneath." Over the course of many decades, *Begonia rex* has been crossed with a host of other species, with the objective of creating relatively compact plants with beautifully colored and patterned leaves. All that breeding has produced some spectacular specimens, like Tie Dye, a flashy piece of work with pointy-edged, silvery-green leaves swirled in red and curled like snail shells. Tie Dye also produces flowers, but I am not sure anyone notices.

"Rex" of course, means "king" and like many kings, these flamboyant begonias need to be cosseted indoors. I am not the best plant cosseter, so this may account for my history of *Begonia* failure.

To start with, rexes like high humidity and very bright, indirect light. If I want a better rex result, I should situate the pot on a bed of pebbles and water that is replenished regularly and mist it often. It is ironic that a plant that prefers to be surrounded by moisture-laden air should also thrive best when only watered when the top of the soil seems dry to the touch, but Rexes are susceptible to rot, so in addition to sparing the superfluous water, I should also repot the newcomer in a potting medium leavened with sand, fine gravel or some other drainage-promoting material.

Like me, the rex begonia becomes sluggish in the winter and may even enter dormancy, dropping most or all of its leaves. This is the point at which many people consign their rexes to the compost pile in favor of some lovely, insouciant African violet. If you resist that urge, however, refrain from fertilizing and water sparingly until spring, the begonia may surprise you and begin new growth. When this happy event occurs, water a little more regularly and start fertilizing every two weeks with a balanced houseplant fertilizer diluted to one-quarter strength. Pinching the tips of young shoots will result in a fuller plant.

Despite the fussiness, rexes have a large following because they are foliage super-

stars. Ring of Fire features silvery green leaves and darker green veins accented with red leaf edges and blotches. Black Beauty boasts leaves of such an intense purple that they are almost black, ringed by a splotchy cream border. Ruffled edges complete the picture. Another "black"-leafed variety, the delectable-sounding Boston Cherries 'n' Chocolate, sports the same dark leaves accented with pink and white spots. The beauty of rexes is that if you fall in love with them they are not terribly expensive.

I am committed to trying again with this newest rex in the hopes that knowledge will augment hope and eventually triumph over experience. If you want to jump into the rex begonia pool, try Taylor Greenhouses, 9228 Mathews Road, Portland NY 14769, [www.taylorgreenhouses.com](http://www.taylorgreenhouses.com). Logees is also a good source. Find them at 141 North Street, Danielson, CT 06239, 888-330-8038, [www.logees.com](http://www.logees.com). Free print catalog.

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# Water trails continue to attract attention

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recreation areas along the creek, and educational and cultural heritage opportunities.

Water quality is good, thanks to the plethora of preserved lands protecting the streams in the headwaters. A rich variety of wildlife habitats supports rare and internationally important species. The landscape is surprisingly diverse, with inspirational and breathtaking views.

The Rancocas Creek watershed is one of the state's largest, covering 360 square miles. The North Branch flows about 30 miles, from its headwaters in the pitch pine lowlands of the Pine Barrens in western Ocean County to the main stem in Hainesport. It's a well-established paddling

destination, with the Burlington County park system maintaining a 14-mile canoe trail with access points in Pemberton, historic Smithville and Mount Holly.

The South Branch flows for about 22 miles to the main stem, and the Southwest Branch is about 18 miles long. The three branches join the creek's main stem, a wide, tidal waterway used by motorized boats as well as canoes and kayaks.

The steering committee formed a nonprofit called Rancocas Pathways, which is currently gathering the documentation required by the National Park Service.

Let's hope they succeed with the National Water Trail designation. The Rancocas Creek Watershed is a splendid region, and a higher profile among paddling enthusiasts

would benefit New Jersey.

To learn more about national water trails, visit the National Park Service webpage at [www.nps.gov/water-trails](http://www.nps.gov/water-trails). For more about the efforts to get the Rancocas Creek designated, go to [www.rcnwt.com/national-water-trail](http://www.rcnwt.com/national-water-trail).

And for more information about preserving New Jersey's land and natural resources, visit the New Jersey Conservation Foundation website at [www.njconservation.org](http://www.njconservation.org) or contact me at [info@njconservation.org](mailto:info@njconservation.org).

**Michele S. Byers is the executive director of the New Jersey Conservation Foundation.**

## ELIZABETH NEWS

### Entertainment center and restaurant to open

Johnny Marines and Edwin Gomez plan to open Barcode and Crust Pizzeria at 429 North Broad St. in Elizabeth in the spring.

Barcode will feature a full-service bar, air hockey, pool tables, PlayStations and a mini indoor bowling alley. The menu will offer late night meal options, including hot dogs and a variety of burgers. Crust Pizzeria will be open until 5 a.m. on weekends and will deliver.

"Barcode will be one-of-a-kind in New Jersey, converging the latest in the restaurant and entertainment industry," said Marines. "Our goal is to reach everyone — from north to south — by creating a unique experience where people can eat, chill and play."

Barcode's back patio will feature a beach-themed bar, large screens, and a sand volleyball court for tournaments.

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## CRANFORD NEWS

### St. Patrick's Day musical event will be held March 16

The Friends of the Cranford Public Library will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a traditional Irish music session featuring McDermott's Handy on Wednesday, March 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave. McDermott's Handy is the husband-and-wife duo of Dennis Gormley and Kathy DeAngelo. DeAngelo sings, plays Irish harp, fiddle and banjo, bodhran and mandolin. Gormley sings, plays guitar, flute, tin whistle, bouzouki and mandolin. Admission to the program is free and all are welcome.

### Register for spring break sewing class for kids

Cranford Recreation & Parks Department announces a new spring break mini sewing camp for kids of all levels from March 28 to April 1, at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave., Cranford. Children ages 6 to 8 attend from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and children ages 9 to 13 attend from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

All tools, supplies, fabrics and sewing machines are included in the fee. Registration is for Cranford residents only and is open now at the community center. For additional information, contact the center at 908-709-7283 or sawyersewing.ms@gmail.com.

### Cranford Public Library exhibit features senior art

Works by members of the Cranford Recreation Department's senior painting and drawing class will be on display in the Cranford Public Library through end of March.

The art class meets in the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave., Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon. New members are always welcome. For more information about the class, contact Lori Donnelly at 908-709-7283.

### Mobile printing offered at Cranford Public Library

The Cranford Public Library now offers a mobile printing service. Print to a Cranford Public Library printer from anywhere and pick the job up at the library's reference desk any time the library is open. Visit [printer.net/cpl/walnutavenue](http://printer.net/cpl/walnutavenue) to print from a computer. To print from a mobile device, download the free PrinterOn app. Print jobs may also be emailed to [cpl-walnutavenue-bw@printspots.com](mailto:cpl-walnutavenue-bw@printspots.com) for black-and-white printing or [cpl-walnutavenue-color@printspots.com](mailto:cpl-walnutavenue-color@printspots.com) for color printing. For questions about the service, call the library at 908-709-7272 and ask for the reference desk, or email the library at [library@cranfordnj.org](mailto:library@cranfordnj.org).

### Rotary Club of Cranford is offering scholarships

Cranford students heading to college or vocational school in the fall can now apply for a Rotary Club of Cranford Scholarship. Cranford residents who will graduate from Cranford High School or any other area high school in 2016 are eligible for one of the five scholarships. Awards are based on the student's record of volunteer service and community involvement, regardless of financial need.

Details on the scholarships are available at the Guidance Office at local high schools, or by writing to Rotary Club of Cranford Scholarships, PO Box 384, Cranford, NJ, 07016, or by emailing [loseskeys@aol.com](mailto:loseskeys@aol.com). The deadline for applications is April 1.

### Lifeguard course to be held at pool and fitness center

The Cranford Pool & Fitness Center, 401 Centennial Ave. in Cranford, offers a lifeguard course beginning in April. Candidates must be at least 15 years old and pass a skills evaluation to take the class. This pretest will be Monday, April 11, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Bring a swimsuit and towel for the skills evaluation and for every class. The class meets Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m. The class dates are as follows: April 12, 14, 19, 21, 26 and 28; and May 3 and 5.

For more information, contact Anne Dolan at [a-dolan@cranfordnj.org](mailto:a-dolan@cranfordnj.org) or 908-709-7262.

### Cranford Recreation chess program registration open

The Cranford Recreation & Parks Department announces Schoolhouse Chess for children in grades one to six. Learn rules, strategies and tactics and take home a magnetic chess board and strategy guides to continue the fun at home. Classes are held Mondays, from April 4 to May 23, from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave. in Cranford. Register online at <https://register.communitypass.net/cranford> or in person at the community center. For more information, call 908-709-7283.

### FOL will offer library information science scholarship

The Friends of the Cranford Public Library offer the \$1,000 Gerard Paradiso Scholarship to a Cranford resident currently pursuing or intending to pursue a graduate degree in library information science. The award is not based on need; the candidate must furnish proof of acceptance to an accredited university, a letter of reference, and an essay. Applications will be available at the Cranford Public Library reference desk beginning March 1. Completed applications should be returned to The Friends of the Cranford Public Library, P.O. Box 400, Cranford, NJ 07016. The deadline to apply is May 2.

## UNION NEWS

### 'Into the Woods Jr.' will be performed at Burnet MS

Burnet Middle School in Union will present "Into the Woods Jr.," on Friday, Mar. 4, and Saturday, Mar. 5, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 6, at 2 p.m.

"Into the Woods Jr." features Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack, and the Witch in a retelling of classic Brothers Grimm fables.

### Union Library events for adults at Vauxhall branch

The Adult Department of the Vauxhall Branch Library has scheduled several programs during the month of March.

- Tai Chi is for mature adults; Tuesdays, March 8, 15, 22, and 29, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Space is limited and sign-up is required.

- "Women Do Business Differently" is Monday, March 14, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This free workshop is designed to empower women to build sustainable businesses for themselves and their families.

- The Hilton Readers Book Discussion Group will meet Monday, March 28, from 6 to 7:45 p.m. to discuss "The Girl on the Train" by Paula Hawkins. Bring dinner; a beverage and dessert are provided. Contact the Vauxhall Branch Library Circulation Desk for help obtaining a copy of the book. All are welcome to attend. No registration required.

### Vauxhall Branch Library will host children's events

The Children's Department of the Vauxhall Branch Library has scheduled several programs during the month of March.

- Girls STEM Academy takes place every first Saturday, concluding June 4, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tween and teen girls will be introduced to nontraditional career paths in science, technology, engineering and media. For more information or to register a girl, call 908-851-5451. Registration is required.

- Preschool Story and Craft: "The Lorax" is for children ages 3 to 5 and their parents/guardians are invited to attend on Tuesday, March 8, at 11 to 11:45 a.m. Sign-up is required.

- On Wednesday, March 9, from 7 to 7:30 p.m., children 8 years old and younger and their parents/guardians are invited to "Bedtime Story Time and Craft." Children are encouraged to dress in their pajamas and cuddle their favorite stuffed animal as we get you ready for sweet slumber. No registration required.

- Tween Make it @ your Library presents "Black Glue Salt Leaves Craft" on Thursday, March 10, from at 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Children ages 9 to 12 are welcome to come and make a craft. Sign-up is required.

- Jenkins Outreach for Youth presents "Club Teen: College Bound Series" for high school students and their parents or guardians on Wednesday, March 16, from 6

to 7 p.m. Sign-up is required.

- On Saturday March 19, from 3 to 4 p.m., children in grades two and three can take part in "S.T.E.A.M: Building a Galaxy with Code," which introduces and demystifies computer programming or coding. No previous coding experience is needed; students will use software from code.org to learn to program droids and create a Star Wars game in a galaxy far away. This workshop is sponsored by the Glen Rock High School National Science Honor Society. Sign up required.

- Bingo will take place Tuesday, March 22, at 11 to 11:45 a.m. This program is for children ages 3 to 5 and their parents or guardians. Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, and sign-up is required.

- "Hotel Transylvania 2" will be shown Thursday, March 24, from 3 to 5:15 p.m. Sign-up is required.

### Bereavement group to be held at church

The Bereavement Ministry of Holy Spirit Church in Union offers support group sessions eight consecutive Wednesdays beginning March 30, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Drexler Hall, across from McCracken Funeral Home on Suburban Road.

For information, call the parish office at 908-687-3327 or contact Cora Galano, the Bereavement Ministry Coordinator at 908-883-1307.

### Union YM-YWHA announces several March events

The YM-YWHA of Union, 501 Green Lane offers several programs in March.

- Wednesday, March 9, there will be an Atlantic City trip. Participants will enjoy a coach ride to Resorts Hotel on the boardwalk and receive game money and a brown bag bagel snack. The bus leaves the Y by 8:30 a.m. sharp and returns before 6 p.m. To reserve and for more information and cost, contact Carole or David Newman at 908-964-7211.

- Thursday, March 10, from 9:30 to 3:30, AARP 55 Alive Safe Drive Class. Reservations required; cost is \$20, and \$15 for Y members.

- Sunday, March 13, at 12:15 p.m., a Purim carnival will be held with a puppet show, petting zoo, clowns, games, face painting, food, with a costume parade at 2 p.m.

For more information or to make a reservation for either program, call 908-289-8112.

- Sunday, March 20 at 11:30 a.m., Bagel & A Movie, "Welcome to Kutchers." Reservations required; cost is \$7pp, and \$5 for Y members.

- Thursday, March 24 at 10:30 a.m., Purim Megillah Reading and Seudah at 11:30 a.m. There is no fee for the reading; the event costs \$36 per family, and \$25 for Y members. Reservations for the Seudah are required.

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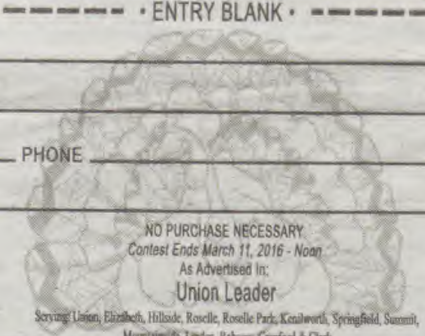
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**TEACHER OF THE YEAR VISIT** — New Jersey Teacher of the Year Chelsea Collins visited the Kenilworth School District on Feb. 16. Collins was the featured speaker at the district's in-service professional development day. Collins, is a sixth-grade language arts teacher at Woodstown Middle School in Salem County. Janice Marsili, Brearley art teacher and Union County Teacher of the Year, organized the visit. From left are: Kenilworth Board of Education Supervisor Tabitha Bradley, Collins, Superintendent Thomas Tragni, Marsili and BOE Supervisor Lauren Bound.



**GO GREEN** — Students at the Frank K. Hehnly School in Clark wear green to show their support and to increase awareness for Duchenne's Muscular Dystrophy, a genetic disorder that one of Hehnly's students suffers from. Hehnly School raised more than \$800, which will be donated to the Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy, an organization whose mission is to end DMD through research and legislation. The monies were raised by fellow students, who each donated \$1 to join in a green paper link chain to line the Hehnly hallways to show support for their fellow classmate. In addition, the Parent Teacher Association at Hehnly School donated the proceeds of their recent pretzel sale to the fundraiser. To find out more about DMD, go to [endDuchenne.org](http://endDuchenne.org).

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### Tuesday Night Movies at the Kenilworth library

The Kenilworth Public Library celebrates classic film this month with a film series. The following films are scheduled to start at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays:

- March 1, "Shane";
- March 8, "The Maltese Falcon";
- March 22, "Forbidden Planet";
- March 29, "Invasion of the Body Snatchers"; and
- April 12, "Rear Window."

For information, contact Michael Maziekien at maz@lmxac.org or 908-276-2451 to stay updated on the details of this and other events. The Kenilworth Public Library is located at 548 Boulevard in Kenilworth. Visit [www.kenilworthlibrary.org](http://www.kenilworthlibrary.org) to learn about services, events, newsletters and other library information.

### NJ Makers Day comes to library on March 19

On Saturday, March 19, between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. residents are invited to take part in NJ Makers Day with hands-on stations and live demonstrations celebrating the many aspects of maker culture. Last year's demonstrations included 3D printing, robotics, spinning and weavings, circuitry, and more.

NJ Makers Day is designed as a statewide event that celebrates, promotes and introduces maker culture and values associated with making, tinkering and STEM-based learning.

Communities are invited to share hands-on programming opportunities, demonstrations and displays, and the expertise of the individuals and organiza-

tions that make, create, and develop right in their own backyards.

Contact Michael Maziekien at maz@lmxac.org or (908) 276-2451 to stay updated on the details of this and other events; learn more about NJ Makers Day at [www.njmakersday.org](http://www.njmakersday.org).

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### Yarnies unite at library

The Kenilworth Public Library offers a new monthly fiber crafts program in the library the last Thursday of each month, from 6 to 7:45 p.m.; upcoming dates are March 31, April 28 and May 26. Crafting experience is not required; this is for those who enjoy the fiber arts, or want to learn more about them.

For information, contact Kathleen Czarnecki at [kathcarn@lmxac.org](mailto:kathcarn@lmxac.org) or 908-276-2451 or visit [www.kenilworthlibrary.org](http://www.kenilworthlibrary.org). The Kenilworth Public Library is located at 548 Boulevard in Kenilworth.

### Upcoming play part of Bard on the Boulevard series

The Hudson Shakespeare Company presents "Almost, Maine" on Monday, April 4, at 7 p.m. The romantic comedy by playwright John Cariani opens the library's annual Bard on the Boulevard series, which will continue through the summer.

For additional information, contact Michael Maziekien at maz@lmxac.org or 908-276-2451. The Kenilworth Public Library is located at 548 Boulevard in Kenilworth.

## SPRINGFIELD NEWS

### Springfield Public Library to host several events

The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. in Springfield, will host several upcoming events. For additional information, call the Library at 973-376-4930 or visit [www.sfplnj.org](http://www.sfplnj.org).

• The Springfield Free Public Library's Really Good Book Discussion Group meets Thursday, March 3, at 7 p.m. to discuss "Burnt Bread and Chutney: A Memoir of an Indian Jewish Childhood," by Carmit Delman. Discussions take place in the Staff Room with refreshments served. New members are welcome. To reserve a copy of the book call 973-376-4930, ext. 228, or email [questions@sfplnj.org](mailto:questions@sfplnj.org).

• Chair yoga will be March 4 and 18, at 12:30 p.m. Each session will include guided relaxation, breathwork, seated stretching and standing poses.

• Springfield Free Public Library will host "A Springtime Romance" concert, at 2 p.m., Sunday, March 6. Pop songs will be performed by members of the New Jersey Music Society. Vocalist Meredith Buchholtz will be joined by Maxine Alstrom on piano and Jessica Davy on clarinet. For more information, visit [www.springfieldpubliclibrary.com](http://www.springfieldpubliclibrary.com) or the library's Facebook page.

• Carol Simon Levin presents a lecture

at the Springfield Free Public Library on Monday, March 7, from 7 to 8 p.m., about the woman behind the completion of the Brooklyn Bridge building project.

• The Memoir Group will meet March 10 and 24, at 10 a.m., facilitated by Zella R.P. Geltman.

• Lunchtime Film Series, Monday, March 14, at 1 p.m. to watch "Rushmore" and Monday, March 28, at 1 p.m. to watch "The Grand Budapest Hotel."

• Thursday, March 17, at 10 a.m. The Great Books Discussion Group will discuss "On Tragedy" by Aristotle.

• The International Film Festival meets Thursday, March 17, at 1 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. to watch "Testament of Youth."

• The library offers free computer lessons on selected mornings, by appointment. Sign up for an individual half-hour lesson on basic computer skills. Stop by the Reference Desk or call 973-376-4930.

• Monday evenings at 7 p.m. is Scrabble Night. Bring a friend or meet new opponents.

• Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. is Chess for adults.

• Monday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m., come in for free assistance with Nooks, Kindles, Androids, iPads, and iPhones. Learn how to borrow free eBooks and audiobooks with a library card. No appointment necessary.

## Louis, Goncalves honored at Linden HS

Annabell Louis was recently selected as Linden High School's 2015-2016 Educational Services Professional of the Year. Louis is a graduate of Rutgers and Kean universities, and has completed coursework at New York University, and is currently pursuing post-master's studies in Educational Administration through the NJEXCEL program.

Louis began her work in the district in 2008, as a social worker at Linden School No. 2. Since 2011, she has served in the same capacity at the LHS, where she conducts weekly individual and group therapeutic counseling sessions for special education and general education students; serves as a liaison between families and the school to positively promote collaborative processes in educational planning for students; provides consultation services to school personnel and parents regarding strategies for helping students cope with personal and social concerns, and serves as chairperson of the Peer Mediation Program and the club advisor for the Gay-Straight Alliance. Louis is also active in other LHS programs and events, such as Red Ribbon Week, Violence Prevention Week, Student of the Month, Pep Rally, Homecoming,

Back to School Night, and the Special Coordinators of Professional Enrichment Team.

Monica Goncalves was recently selected as Linden High School's 2015-2016 Teacher of the Year. A graduate of the College of Saint Elizabeth and Kean University, Goncalves has completed coursework in educational administration and supervision and currently chairs the department LHS Social Studies Department.

Goncalves began her work at LHS in 2002, where she teaches history. She has served for several years as a cooperating teacher to Kean University student teachers, contributing to the development of future teachers. She has also worked as the coordinator of a Bias & Prejudice Reduction Program at LHS, which resulted in her winning the Unity Achievement Award, presented by the Union County Human Relations Commission in 2013. Goncalves is also active at LHS as the advisor for the National Honor Society, Law Day coordinator, mock election coordinator, Graduation Committee member, Middle States Committee member, and member of the Special Coordinators of Professional Enrichment Team.




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Annabell Louis, LHS Professional of the Year.



Monica Goncalves, LHS Teacher of the Year.




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# Linden driver charged in fatal hit-and-run

A Linden man has been arrested and charged in connection with a fatal hit-and-run accident that took place during the weekend on the New Jersey Turnpike in Elizabeth, acting Union County Prosecutor Grace H. Park and New Jersey State Police Superintendent Rick Fuentes jointly announced Monday, Feb. 28.

William Espinal-Mejia, 35, is charged with a single count of second-degree leav-

ing the scene of a fatal accident. He turned himself in to authorities Monday evening, when bail was set at \$100,000.

The victim in the case has been identified as 25-year-old Vincent Harrison, of Valley Stream, N.Y., a New York City Police Department officer who was not on duty at the time of his death.

It was approximately 3 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 28, when state troopers responded to a report of a crash that occurred in the

southbound outer lanes of the Turnpike near mile marker 102.5 in Elizabeth, according to the investigation. Harrison was found at that location and pronounced dead at the scene.

The investigation revealed that Harrison was involved in an accident with another vehicle and reportedly exited his vehicle and engaged in an exchange of words with the other driver. Police stated that information provided to law

enforcement has led investigators to believe that Harrison had his weapon drawn immediately prior to being struck by a third vehicle, allegedly being operated by Espinal-Mejia, who stopped briefly but then left the scene before troopers arrived. The incident remains under investigation.

These criminal charges are mere accusations. All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

# Man sentenced for stealing from Elizabeth employers

A Berkeley Heights man has been sentenced to six years in state prison for stealing more than \$4 million from his Elizabeth-based employer during the course of nearly a decade, acting Union County Prosecutor Grace H. Park announced Friday.

Albert Thomson, 54, was sentenced Friday before state Superior Court Judge

Frederic McDaniel.

Thomson was arrested in March 2014 following a prolonged Elizabeth Police Department investigation that ultimately revealed a pattern of theft from New England Motor Freight, a large trucking company, and two related companies, Eastern Freightways Inc. and Carrier Industries Inc., according to Union

County Assistant Prosecutor Robert Vanderstreet, who prosecuted the case. Part of Thomson's duties had previously involved registering many of the companies' thousands of vehicles in the various states where they operate, Vanderstreet explained.

Yet at various times, from 2005 through 2013, Thomson would put in reg-

istration requests for vehicles that had already been registered, then pocket or spend the checks cut by his employers to cover the costs. Thomson ultimately used the misappropriated funds to purchase a Mercedes-Benz, to rent a residence at the Jersey Shore, to provide himself with a personal trainer, and to pay credit-card bills, among other things.

# Linden Fire Department responds to fire at White Castle

At approximately 11 a.m. Feb. 26, the Linden Fire Department responded to a fire at the White Castle located on the 2000 Block of East Edgar Road. Upon arrival, fire crews found a fire in the fryer area of the kitchen and that workers and patrons had evacuated the building. The

engine companies quickly took control of the fire, containing it to that one area of the kitchen, while the ladder company was able to do a primary search to ensure that no one was in the building.

"Due to the quick response we were able to extinguish and

contain the fire to one small area," said Linden Fire Deputy Chief William Hasko. "However, there was considerable damage and the restaurant will remain closed at this time."

There were no reported injuries and the fire is under investigation.

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# Woman arrested for receiving stolen property

## Clark

• On Feb. 17, in the vicinity of Westfield Avenue, police arrested Mercedes Damiano, 50, of North Caldwell, for receiving stolen property. She was subsequently released pending a court date. Officer Sergio D'Andrea was the arresting officer.

• Feb. 19: In the vicinity of 1219 Westfield Ave., police arrested Ernesto Febles, 26, of Carteret, for possession of a controlled dangerous substance. He was subsequently released on his own recognizance pending a court date. Officer Miguel Acabou was the arresting officer.

• Feb. 19: At headquarters, police arrested Denise Kulberda, 44, of Edison, for theft. She was subsequently released on her own recognizance pending a court date. Detective Alex Yanes was the arresting officer.

• Feb. 20: At 76 Central Ave., police arrested Scott Ivory, 35, of Westfield, for robbery. Bail was set at \$50,000, and he was subsequently transported to the Union County Jail. Detective Alex Yanes was the arresting officer.

## Cranford

• On Feb. 27, at 8:22 p.m., Lashon Matthews, 37, of Irvington, and Corey Spears, 37, Irvington were arrested following a traffic stop. Their 2006 Honda was stopped on Myrtle Street for erratic driving. Following an investigation at the scene, patrolman Federici allegedly located suspected heroin on the person of the driver, Spears. Additionally, the passenger, Matthews allegedly was found to be in possession of more than 40 wax-paper folds of suspected heroin, 24 vials of suspected crack cocaine, more than 10 bags of suspected marijuana, and packaging materials. Both men were placed under arrest, transported to headquarters for processing, and released pending appearances in Superior Court. Spears was also cited for failure to maintain a traffic lane, delaying traffic, and open alcohol container in a vehicle.

Matthews was charged with possession of heroin with intent to distribute; possession of cocaine with intent to distribute; possession of marijuana with intent to distribute; possession of a controlled dangerous substance with intent to distribute in a school zone; possession of heroin; possession of cocaine; possession of marijuana,

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less than 50 grams; and possession of paraphernalia.

Spears was charged with possession of heroin; and possession of paraphernalia

• Feb. 18, 11:20 p.m. Andrew Pettigrew, 31, of East Orange was arrested for possession of marijuana, less than 50 grams.

The 2004 Toyota was stopped on Raritan Road for a traffic-light violation. Following an investigation at the scene, patrolman Gregory Federici allegedly located suspected marijuana on the person of the driver, Pettigrew. He was arrested, processed and released pending a Municipal Court appearance. Pettigrew was also cited for failure to observe a traffic signal.

• Feb. 19, 12:57 p.m. Richard Gonzalez, 23, Newark, was arrested by: patrolman Robert Jordan for possession of marijuana, less than 50 grams; and possession of paraphernalia.

Police were notified of a suspicious white van parked in the driveway of an unoccupied residence. While investigating, Jordan allegedly located suspected marijuana in the possession of the front seat passenger, Gonzalez. He was arrested, processed and released pending an appearance in Municipal Court.

• Feb. 19, 6:49 p.m. on the Garden State Parkway southbound entrance No. 137. Karen Bottone, 30, of Edison, and Julio Aponte, 42, Edison, were arrested by patrolman Daniel Donnerstag and charged with possession of heroin.

A 2008 Kia was stopped by the officer for erratic driving and a cracked taillight. Following an investigation at the scene, Donnerstag allegedly located suspected heroin and paraphernalia. Both the driver, Bottone, and passenger, Aponte, were arrested, processed and released pending appearances in Superior Court. Bottone was also cited for careless driving and maintenance of lamps. Aponte was processed and posted bail on an outstanding traffic warrant from East Brunswick.

• Feb. 21, 11:30 a.m. Elix DeJesus, 18, of Elizabeth, and two juvenile males, both 17, of Elizabeth, were arrested by patrolman Sean Holcomb and charged with possession of marijuana, less than 50 grams; and possession of paraphernalia.

Their 1997 Honda was stopped on East North Avenue for a window-tint violation. Following an investigation at the scene, Holcomb located suspected marijuana inside the vehicle. All three occupants were arrested and processed. DeJesus was released pending a Municipal Court appearance. The juveniles were released to parents pending Family Court proceedings.

• Feb. 21, 4:33 p.m. Johnny Rosado, 28, of Newark, Del., was arrested by patrolman Matthew Siessel and charged with possession of marijuana, less than 50 grams; and possession of paraphernalia

The 2007 Audi was stopped after Siessel allegedly observed a possible narcotics transaction involving the vehicle occupants. Following an investigation at the scene, Siessel allegedly located suspected loose marijuana, suspected marijuana cigarettes, and various narcotics paraphernalia. The driver of the vehicle was placed under arrest, processed at headquarters, and released pending a Municipal Court appearance.

• Feb. 23, 8:56 p.m. Patrolman Gregory Federici arrested Lionel Finklea, 19, of Newark, and charged him with possession of marijuana, less than 50 grams; and possession of paraphernalia

The 2008 Chevrolet was stopped for a passenger-seatbelt violation on Raritan Road. Following an investigation at the scene, suspected marijuana was allegedly located in the possession of the front-seat passenger, Finklea. He was arrested, processed and released pending an appearance in Municipal Court. Finklea was also cited for failure to wear a seatbelt. The driver, a 24-year-old female from Irvington, was not cited and was released from the scene.

## Roselle Park

• On Feb. 19, at approximately 4:43 p.m., patrolman Richard Gaylord conducted a pedestrian stop with a male after receiving reports of an intoxicated suspicious male in the area. The pedestrian, Louis Belviso, 38, from Roselle Park, was allegedly found to be in possession of a controlled dangerous substances — heroin, suboxone, clonazepam, methadone, oxycodone. He was arrested and charged with five counts of possession of CDS. He was ultimately lodged into the Union County

Jail on \$25,000 bail.

• Feb. 21: At approximately 1:50 a.m., officers responded to Dunkin Donuts at 47 W. Westfield Ave. on an activated burglar alarm. Upon arrival, officers discovered the front-door windows to be shattered and it appeared that entry was gained. Further investigation revealed that someone had entered the front door, removed cash from the registers, and entered the office where additional cash was removed before the person fled out the side door. It was also discovered that the video surveillance unit was removed in the process of the burglary. Total proceeds were approximately \$3,000 in cash. The incident is under investigation. Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact the Roselle Park Police Department 908-245-2300.

• Feb. 24: At approximately 5:45 a.m., officers responded to Woodside Avenue and the Woodside Garden Apartment Complex on a report of a theft of a work van. It was discovered that the van was stolen sometime between 3 and 4 a.m. that same morning. The incident is under investigation. Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact the Roselle Park Police Department at 908-245-2300.

## Linden

• On Feb. 28, at 5:47 p.m. a 28-year-old Newark woman was walking in the parking lot of Advance Auto Parts, 1158 E. St. George Ave., when she was approached by a group of young men. One of the men exchanged words with her and allegedly pulled out a handgun and fired a round in her direction, missing her.

The group then fled from the parking lot and the woman got in her car and followed them to the 1100 block of Middlesex Street where they further dispersed. When the police arrived, they were directed to a suspiciously parked vehicle with no occupants, a 2007 Honda, which was blocking a driveway and had the windows open. The officers searched the vehicle, but did not locate any weapons before towing the car from the scene.

The investigation into the incident is ongoing by detectives. Any information can be forwarded to Detective Matt Damatta at 908-474-8538. All calls will be held strictly confidential.

# NJDA celebrates National Nutrition Month

The New Jersey Dietetic Association invites residents to celebrate National Nutrition Month with a cooking demonstration Thursday March 10, from 6 to 7 p.m., at Williams-Sonoma 127 Central Ave. in Westfield. This year, the NJDA has partnered with several Williams-Sonoma retailers throughout New Jersey for healthy cooking demonstrations to promote the theme of "Savor the Flavor of Eating Right."

With a greater focus on nutrition towards prevention of chronic diseases, NJDA is hosting several events showcasing opportunities to kickstart a healthy lifestyle. National Nutrition Month was created by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics to occur annually in March, focusing attention on the importance of making informed food choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits.

The recent release of the 2015 dietary guidelines puts greater attention on healthy eating through a variety of nutritious foods and mindfulness of portion sizes. Eating patterns are being supported in all settings, including home, work and school. Physical activity remains an important component for health, and NJDA continues to support the recommendations put forth by these guidelines.

### CLARK NEWS

#### AARP Clark chapter 3733 to meet Friday, March 11

The Clark AARP Chapter 3733 will hold its next meeting Friday, March 11, at the Brewer Center, 430 Westfield Ave. in Clark. A social hour starts at noon with coffee, donuts and socializing. The official meeting starts at 1 p.m. Isabella Tizzi from the Santander Bank in Clark will discuss general banking at this meeting.

All who hold membership in the National AARP are invited to join this local chapter.







### LINDEN NEWS

#### Insurance clinic to be held at Linden Public Library

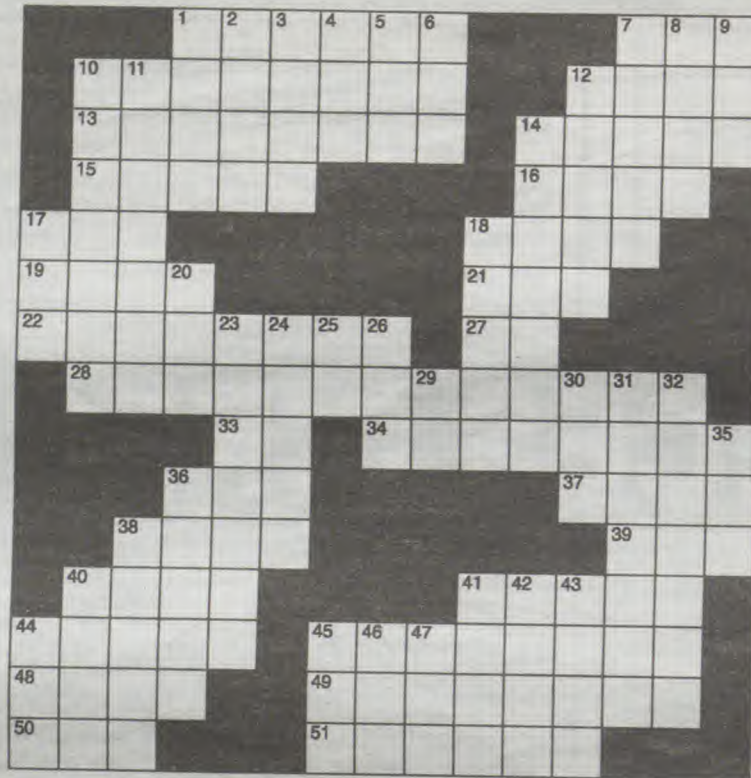
Come to the Linden Library for an Insurance Clinic Workshop on Wednesday, March 16, from 1 to 2 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. The seminar will be led by June Lazaro of Primerica. The library is located at 31 E. Henry St., Linden.

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7. Cash machine
10. Removed from attendance
12. Old World buffalo
13. Spread by dividing
14. Herd of unsheared sheep
15. Main arterial vessel
16. Carbamide
17. In the style of
18. Leafstalk angle
19. Physiques
21. Command right
22. Gratuitous
27. Printed display
28. Dexter inspector
33. "Hammer Time's" initials
34. Making one ashamed
36. Hill (Celtic)
37. Expletive
38. Surface
39. Atomic weight
40. Swiss river
41. Publicists
44. Hollow cylinders
45. Most hirsute
48. Wading bird
49. Not in residence
50. According to
51. Property injury

### CLUES DOWN

1. Russian Emperor (var. sp.)
2. Take hold of
3. South American Indian
4. Commune in northern France
5. "Run to Him" singer Bobby
6. Doctor of Education
7. Celestial intermediary
8. Roman garment
9. More (Spanish)
10. Ear shell
11. Diversify
12. A lofty nest
14. Dinner jackets
17. \_\_\_ Dhabi, U.A.E. capital
18. Small terrestrial lizard
20. Unhappy
23. Takes off
24. Mollusk shell lining
25. Socialist Debs' initials
26. Arrived extinct
29. Atomic #37
30. 17th Greek letter
31. Blue eyed cat
32. Alliance between nations
35. Headquarters
36. Container weight adjustments
38. Chadic language Bura-\_\_\_
40. Tributary of the Seine
41. Length x width
42. A small dent
43. Distribute
44. A gratuity
45. Possessed
46. Overgarment
47. A doctrine

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You will move into a moment where forward advances, which reflect your commitment to a certain mission or passion or principle, are ready for you to make 'em.

### TAURUS, April 21 to May 21

Don't fear the standoff, as it's practically useful to know as much as about the opposing side's motives and maneuvers as possible, though there's no reason to purposely get nasty.

### GEMINI, May 22 to June 21

Think long and hard this week about what you think is right, you probably need to brace yourself for a fair degree of protracted conflict.

### CANCER, June 22 to July 22

You won't be able to make up your own mind as reassuringly, in terms of deciding to press on towards one overarching premise or another, until you've gotten every relevant factor on the table.

### LEO, July 23 to Aug. 23

Any recent attitudinal approaches based on supposedly 'making things easier' by being overly accommodating to others will soon give way to the inevitable next-chapter

### VIRGO, Aug. 24 to Sept. 22

For you to handle all the business related to growing into your latest-and-greatest rendition of self, you can't help but disappoint, disconcert, or dumbfound those who are unduly attached to that now-outdated former version.

### LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

Don't downplay or hurry through any suddenly-palpable conflicts even if you haven't yet figured out how to make it happen.

### SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 22

This is a time for you to come out of hiding—and to begin putting your brilliance on fuller display. Before that, though, spend this week reviewing all that's happened so far this year.

### SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 23 to Dec. 21

You're almost certain to find that the moves you next make will require additional effort or revision later and/or that you'll find your attentions unexpectedly hijacked to another suddenly-pressing item sometime along the way

### CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 20

You'll be especially susceptible to others' inconsistencies, unpredictabilities, and whims. You'll discover qualities in them which perhaps you hadn't known about prior.

### AQUARIUS, Jan. 21 to Feb. 18

If you haven't yet openly laid out your agenda, spoken your intentions aloud, and/or jockeyed for your desired position, you've got one more fateful workweek ahead to do just that.

### PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20

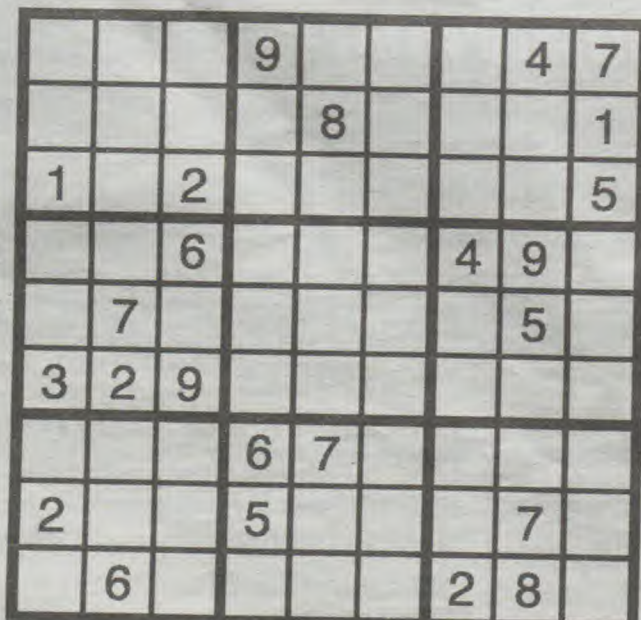
Think of your week ahead as a rich harvest of illuminating information, directly applicable to any judgment-calls you're just about due to go on public record with.

## SUDOKU

### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

ANSWERS APPEAR IN  
OUR CLASSIFIEDS SECTION



Level: Intermediate

## SUMMIT NEWS

### Summit Old Guard to discuss senior living

Brian Lawrence, president and CEO of Fellowship Senior Living will discuss "Trends and Options in the Senior Living Industry" at the meeting of the Old Guard of Summit on Tuesday, March 8, at the New Providence Municipal Center, 360 Elkwood Ave., New Providence. A coffee hour starts at 9:15 a.m., followed by a 10 a.m. business meeting; the speaker begins at 10:30 a.m.

Lawrence will lay out some of the options available to seniors and discuss what to expect from the senior living industry.

All active men age 50 and older are invited to attend the Old Guard's regular Tuesday morning meetings. A coffee hour starts at 9:15 a.m., followed by a 10 a.m. business meeting and a speaker. Old Guard members participate in sports, bridge, hikes, trips, plays, concerts and other cultural events. Call Jim Hewitt at 908-233-5507 for more information or visit [www.summitoldguard.org](http://www.summitoldguard.org).

### Summit PD will host identity theft workshop

On Thursday, March 10, at 7 p.m., The Summit Police Department will offer a free seminar inside Council Chambers at City

Hall on important strategies and tactics in protecting personal identities. The seminar will include a showcase of current phone scams and Internet frauds and expose the criminal methods used to trick unassuming victims.

All members of the Summit community and surrounding areas are encouraged to attend the workshop in order to work together to help protect their families and neighbors from falling victim to identity theft and technology based fraud. The workshop will also be broadcast live on Home Towne TV, which is Comcast Channel 36 or FiOS Channel 33.

For more information about the workshop, please visit [www.cityofsummit.org](http://www.cityofsummit.org) or call the Department's Community Policing Unit at 908-598-2170.

### SRCC mini Republican convention to be held

The 2016 Summit Republican City Committee Mini-Convention has been scheduled for March 23, at 7 p.m. at Christ Church, 561 Springfield Ave, Summit.

The rules of the convention and the list of all eligible voters will be made available one week in advance. To be considered a candidate for Summit Common Council in Ward 1 or Ward 2, forward a letter of intent to the chairperson by March 7.

## IN MEMORIAM

- ANDERSON – Constance L., of Summit; Feb. 22. Teacher, grandmother.
- AREZZI – Margaret, formerly of Union; Feb. 14. Real estate agent, mother.
- BROWN – Peggy A., formerly of Hillside; Feb. 20. Great-grandmother.
- COWEN – Irene E., of Kenilworth; Feb. 15. Purchasing agent. Granddaughter.
- DZEMA – Michael Jr., of Clark; Feb. 23. WWII Army vet, great-grandfather.
- GILES – Beatrice Frazier, of Springfield; Feb. 22. Grandmother.
- HANLON – Claire M., formerly of Union; Feb. 16. Great-grandmother.
- HARRIS – Oliver, of Hillside; Feb. 18.
- HAYNESWORTH-COX – Annie L., of Union; Feb. 17. Administrator, mother.
- KELMARTIN – June V., of Clark; Feb. 20. WWII U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps.
- LYONS – Hattie, of Rahway; Feb. 19.
- MACHRONE – Phyllis, formerly of Garwood, Cranford; Feb. 19. Grandmother.
- MCDUFFIE – Willie L., formerly of Hillside; Feb. 12. Father.
- MELLO – Elizabeth J., of Clark; Feb. 22. Administrative assistant, grandmother.
- MOORE – Anna Beloni, formerly of Linden; Feb. 21. Great-grandmother.
- ODOM – Billy Gene, of Union, formerly of Linden; Feb. 15. U.S. Army vet.
- RYAN – Helen K., of Roselle Park; Feb. 22. Former mayor, great-grandmother.
- SETTE – Gene J., of Clark; Feb. 23. Administrator at I.B.E.W. Grandfather.
- SHIELDS – Lena P. "Lee," of Kenilworth; Feb. 20. Great-grandmother.
- STELLA – Josephine R., formerly of Union; Feb. 19. Mother, sister, niece.
- TELFER – Marie Jane, of Union; Feb. 16. Grandmother.
- TERRY – Anna P., formerly of Hillside; Feb. 13. Deaconess, grandmother.
- TITTLE – William H., of Mountainside; Feb. 13. WWII U.S. Army Air Corps vet.
- VREELAND – Robert M., formerly of Union; Feb. 18. U.S. Marine Corps vet.
- WHITE-LEWIS – Susan, of Hillside; Feb. 18. Administrative assistant, mother.
- ZANFINI – Stella Rita, of West Orange, formerly Orange; Feb. 23. Nurse's aide.

*In Memoriam is a weekly feature compiled by the news staff from various sources. We also provide the opportunity for families and funeral directors to publish a more extensive, special notice about their loved one called an obituary. These notices are published on our website immediately and then in the next edition of this newspaper. To place a paid obituary send an email to [obits@thelocalsource.com](mailto:obits@thelocalsource.com) or fax to 908-688-0401. Family and friends' submissions must include sender's name, address, phone and the name of the funeral home. Call 908-686-7850 for assistance.*



I hope you enjoy this very simple and yet very enjoyable dish.

### Simple Quinoa with Mushrooms and Kale

#### Ingredients

- 3 cups cooked quinoa
- 4 cups chopped kale, washed, dried and stems discarded
- 1 lb. mushrooms, washed and chopped
- 2 Tbs. butter
- 1 tsp. truffle oil — can get at most supermarkets and Trader Joe's; it's usually olive oil infused with truffle oil
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper

#### Steps

- In a large frying pan over medium heat, heat up the butter.
- When the butter is melted, add in the mushrooms and saute until the water evaporates.
- Add in the quinoa, the kale and stir.
- Drizzle in the truffle oil, salt and pepper and serve hot.
- Feel free to add chopped almonds, pine nuts and currants, too, for a little texture.

*Alma Schneider, a licensed clinical social worker and cooking coach, provides individual sessions, corporate presentations and group workshops helping individuals overcome their practical and psychological obstacles to cooking. Alma has appeared on the Today Show, TV Land and has presented at the TEDx Talks. She has also been featured in Family Circle Magazine and numerous other publications. A cookbook is in the works! For more information, contact her at [alma@takebackthekitchen.com](mailto:alma@takebackthekitchen.com) or visit her website at [www.takebackthekitchen.com](http://www.takebackthekitchen.com).*

## What's Going On?

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*What's Going On* is a paid directory of events for non-profit organizations. It is PRE-PAID and costs only \$20.00 for 2 weeks in Essex or Union County and just \$30.00 for both counties. Your notice must be in our office by 12:00pm on Monday for publication the following Thursday. Office is located at 1291 Stuyvesant Avenue, Union, NJ 07083.

You can e-mail us at: [class@thelocalsource.com](mailto:class@thelocalsource.com)

## VOLUNTEERING



**VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR** — The first Clark Volunteer of the Year Award was presented recently to residents Lenny and Dawn Greico by Recreation Director Ralph Bernardo, who said, 'This fine couple has gone above and beyond volunteering and donating their services to the recreation department and township.' From left are Mayor Sal Bonaccorso, Lenny Greico, Dawn Greico and Bernardo.

## 'March for Meals' initiative

Sage Eldercare will be participating in the national 2016 "March For Meals" campaign, organized by Meals on Wheels America for the 14th consecutive year. March For Meals is a national campaign held annually during the month of March, initiated and sponsored by Meals on Wheels America to raise awareness of the struggles faced by our aging neighbors and to encourage action on the part of local communities.

In addition to local elected officials, police and fire chiefs, and town administrators, Sage Eldercare is encouraging local civic groups, business owners, and religious leaders to spend an hour and a half of their time to deliver meals to local seniors.

Marianne Kranz, SAGE Eldercare director of volunteers and support services, emphasizes that approximately 15 times per year, the organization has to turn to the police to do welfare checks on

clients who don't respond, and about five times a year, a SAGE volunteer needs to call 9-1-1 because they have found a client in need of immediate professional or medical assistance.

"Without the support of local, county, and state officials, we cannot do our job of making sure these residents receive a warm meal and friendly visit, which is often the only human contact they have for the entire day," Kranz said.

Sage's Meals on Wheels, established in 1966 and celebrating its 50th anniversary, is the oldest program in New Jersey. In 2015 volunteers delivered more than 44,000 meals to more than 230 people in Union, Essex and Morris counties.

For more information about the Meals on Wheels program, contact Marianne Kranz at 908-273-5554 or email [mkranz@sageeldercare.org](mailto:mkranz@sageeldercare.org). For more information about SAGE Eldercare, call 908-273-5550 or visit [www.sageeldercare.org](http://www.sageeldercare.org).



# SCHOOLS & CAMPS



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## RAHWAY NEWS

### Rahway Prevention Coalition helps prevent and study substance abuse

Mayor Samson D. Steinman and the Rahway City Council announce the second year of the Rahway Prevention Coalition; Rahway was selected to receive the Drug-Free Communities Support Grant through the Office of National Drug Control Policy in 2014. This federal program provides funding to

community-based coalitions organized to prevent youth substance use. Join the Rahway Prevention Coalition at the Rahway Public Library on Thursday, March 3, from 7 to 8 p.m. to participate in the shaping of this year's initiatives.

"Rahway's commitment to forming this coalition is a reflection of the strong collaborations already in place with our school district and community organizations," said Mayor Steinman. "This grant is allowing us to

expand those relationships as we continue to build a healthy, positive environment for our youth."

The philosophy behind the DFC Program is that local drug problems require local solutions. Recent evaluation data indicates that where DFC dollars are invested, youth substance use is reduced. This launch will explore new data received through a local survey and explore the steps being taken with this information in mind.



# SCHOOLS & CAMPS

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## AROUND THE TOWNS



**SWINGING WITH SINATRA** — Clark UNICO held a 'Swinging with Sinatra' night recently to raise money for a monument in the front of Town Hall to honor fallen female veterans of all wars. The event included dinner and a show with Sinatra impersonator Jess Posa. From left at the event are: Jo Calandra, Henry Varriano, Vera and George Abruzzo, Anthony Benceivenga, Bob Tart, National UNICO President Anne Walko, Frank Sinatra, Clark UNICO President Ralph Bernardo.



**RECOGNIZED FOR SERVING** — From left, Kean University Director of Alumni Relations Stella Maher, Kean University Alumni Association President Edward A. Esposito, and Kean University Vice President, Institutional Advancement and President of the Kean University Foundation Carla S. Willis. Esposito, Class of '69, '72 M.A., received the Council for Advancement and Support of Education District II's Robert L. Payton Award for Voluntary Service. The Payton Award is given annually to an individual who demonstrates leadership in advancement programs, furtherance of the philanthropic tradition and public articulation of needs, goals and issues in education. Esposito was honored for his extraordinary volunteer service to Kean's alumni organization over the past 45 years. A resident of Linden, Esposito has been a member of the Kean University Alumni Association board since 1970. He became president in 2005, after having served as treasurer from 1972-2005. As president of the Alumni Association Board, he also serves as ex-officio for the Kean Foundation Board. CASE District II is a regional organization of advancement professionals in the areas of alumni relations, communication and philanthropy.



**MONSTER EXCHANGE** — A Clark third-grader shows off his monster during Valley Road School's 'Monster Exchange,' a collaboration with third-graders at Essex Town School in Vermont. The exchange was designed to encourage the development of reading and writing skills while integrating technology into the classroom curriculum, with each classroom utilizing a digital drawing tool application to design an original monster. Using monsters as a vehicle, students exchange written descriptions, and recreate their partner's monster without ever looking at the drawings. Teacher Nicole Czarnecki created a Google site for the collaboration process and students then met their partners and exchanged their original monster drawings via video chat. The project promotes the use of language skills, such as adjectives, explicit sentences, and ordering of thought processes to challenge students artistically and cognitively.



**THOMAS EDISON** — In commemoration of Thomas Edison's birthday on Feb. 11, students in Madeline Kropoth's kindergarten class at Franklin School in Rahway learned about his inventions and heard an early phonograph first-hand. From left, are: McKyle Etienne, Carlisle Colclough, Justin Williams and Sofia DaSilva.



## Clark memorial for women vets planned

With the sponsorship and help of Clark American Legion Post 328 and Clark UNICO, Clark resident and Korean War veteran William Caruso is raising funds for Clark's first Women's War Veterans Memorial.

Wounded during the Korean war, Caruso knows firsthand how imperative service women were to his recovery, saying recently, "I was in the navy hospital and each of the naval nurses treated me with such compassion."

Caruso aims to fill a blank space in front of Town

Hall with a Women's War Veterans Memorial. While the memorial's design is not yet complete, Caruso said it will be an image of a woman in uniform saluting the flag, along with a statement thanking the women who have served in the military. Caruso plans to unveil the memorial at the end of April and hopes to have women veterans present for the ceremony along with top officials.

To donate to the Women's War Veterans Memorial, contact Clark UNICO at 732-396-9699.

## Girls' Leadership Institute open house

The Girls' Leadership Institute will hold an open house Tuesday, March 8, from 7 to 8 p.m. in Atwood Hall in the Middle School on the Kent Place campus at 42 Norwood Ave. in Summit. This event is for families interested in the program. Past participants will

be in attendance to share their experiences with prospective girls, while program staff and counselors will be available to answer questions.

GLI at Kent Place is part of the school's ongoing commitment to being a community resource on

women's issues and education. Limited need-based scholarships are available. For more information, contact GLI directors Holly Doyle or Erin Hennessy via email at leadership@kentplace.org, or call 908-273-0900, ext. 303, and visit www.kentplace.org/gli.

## UC Historical Society to hold meeting

The Union County Historical Society will hold its March meeting Sunday, March 6, at 2 p.m. at the Hanson House, 38 Springfield Ave., Cranford.

Rich Rosenthal will discuss "The Precedents of the President," specifically the challenges George

Washington faced in establishing a new system of government to function for the new nation and endure under his successors.

Rosenthal, a noted area historian is president of the North Jersey Civil War Roundtable in Morristown and a founding member of

the North Jersey Revolutionary War Roundtable, also in Morristown.

All are welcome, and light refreshments will be served following the meeting.

## Roots rockers will perform at UCPAC

Roots rockers Brad Cole and Abbie Gardner share a double-bill of Americana music on Friday, March 4, at 8 p.m. in The Fazioli Room at Union County Performing Arts Center's Hamilton Stage, 360 Hamilton St.

Cole's songs address the ups and downs of the human condition with wit and raw insight. He has shared the stage with a range of artists such as Chris Stapleton, Shovels and Rope, Ingrid Michaelson, Dave Davies, Ari Hest, Dan Navarro, Ellis Paul and Will Kim-

brough. Cole has just finished recording his fourth full-length record, entitled "Lay It Down," which is due to be released in April 2016. "Lay It Down" was recorded in East Nashville, Tenn., with producer Joe McMahan and a veteran cast of musicians. Currently based in New York City, Cole tours extensively with his band and as a solo acoustic performer.

Gardner has been touring with Americana darlings Red Molly for the past 11 years on stages in Denver, Denmark, Australia and

Austin. Gardner's first full-length recording, "My Craziest Dream," 2004, is an album of jazz standards featuring her father on piano. Her CDs include "Honey on My Grave," 2006, "Bad Nights/Better Days," 2008, with Anthony da Costa, and "Hope," 2011, which features dobro, lap steel and National bottleneck slide guitars.

Tickets for the concert can be purchased by calling the UCPAC box office at 732-499-8226 or visiting www.ucpac.org.



Photo courtesy of Linden School No. 1

**SAND EXPLORATION** — On Feb. 11, fourth-graders from School No. 1 participated in the Sand Labs provided by the NJ Sea Grant Consortium. During this program, presented by Rose Higgins and Al Avizius, students learned where sand comes from, created a sand wheel with local sand and sand from all over the world, then observed it under microscopes.

## 'Tribute' performing in Westfield

This month the Westfield Community Players present "Tribute," a dramatic-comedy by Bernard Slade that has received both a Tony and Drama Desk Award.

Performances are March 5, 12, 18 and 19 at 8 p.m., and March 13,

at 2 p.m. at 1000 North Avenue West in Westfield.

Tickets may be reserved at the box office by calling 908-232-1221 or online at [http://www.westfield-communityplayers.org/WCP\\_Tribute\\_tickets.html](http://www.westfield-communityplayers.org/WCP_Tribute_tickets.html)

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### PLAINFIELD

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
CHANCERY DIVISION  
UNION COUNTY  
DOCKET NO F-044905-14

#### NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: WILLIE DREWERY; and JANE DOE, WIFE OF WILLIE DREWERY SAID NAME JANE DOE BEING FICTITIOUS.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon HOWARD D. LIPSTEIN, ESQ., plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 535 Morris Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081, an Answer to the Complaint filed in a Civil Action, in which FWDSL & ASSOCIATES L.P. is the plaintiff and WILLIE DREWERY, and JANE DOE, WIFE OF WILLIE DREWERY SAID NAME JANE DOE BEING FICTITIOUS, is a defendant, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County and bearing Docket No. F-044905-14 within thirty-five (35) days after March 3, 2016, exclusive of such date.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

If you fail to answer or appear in accordance with Rule 4:4-6, Judgment by Default may be rendered against you for relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and Proof of Service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex, CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure.

You are further advised that if you are unable to obtain an attorney you may communicate with the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of Venue and that if you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the County of Venue. The telephone number of such agencies are as follows: Lawyers Referral Service (908)353-4715 Legal Services Office (908)354-4340.

THE ACTION has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing the following tax sale certificate:

A certain tax certificate 12-084, made by Maria Glavan, Collector of Taxes for the taxing district of the City of Plainfield, sold to FWDSL & ASSOCIATES L.P. This covers real estate located in the CITY OF PLAINFIELD, County of Union, State of New Jersey, known as BLOCK 236, LOT

### PUBLIC NOTICE

05, as shown on the Tax Assessment Map and Tax Map duplicate of the CITY OF PLAINFIELD, and concerns premises commonly known as 112-14 Liberty Street, Plainfield, New Jersey.

YOU, WILLIE DREWERY, are made party defendants to the above foreclosure action because you are the owners of a property which is the subject of the above-entitled action.

YOU, JANE DOE, WIFE OF WILLIE DREWERY SAID NAME JANE DOE BEING FICTITIOUS; are made party defendants to the above foreclosure action because you are the fictitious spouse of the owners of a property which is the subject of the above-entitled action.  
DATED: March 3, 2016

MICHELLE M. SMITH  
Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey  
U36372 WCN March 3, 2016 (\$36.75)

#### UNION COUNTY

#### Public Notice

Under the terms of the "Open Public Meetings Act P.L. 1975, C. 231, please be advised that the Fiscal Affairs Committee of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will be hosting

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Special Meetings on the 2016 Budget on the following dates:

Monday, March 7, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at the Galloping Hill Golf Course Clubhouse, 3 Golf Drive, Kenilworth, NJ, 07033; and

Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at the UC Vocational-Technical Schools, Administration Building Board Room, 1776 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076; and

Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at the UC Administration Building, 6th Floor, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, NJ 07207.

These meetings of the Fiscal Affairs Committee are not Regular Meetings of the Board of Chosen Freeholders. No action will be taken. Members of the public are invited to attend, though there will not be a public comment portion. All times and dates are subject to change without notice.

James E. Pelletiere, RMC  
Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders  
U36408 WCN March 3, 2016 (\$17.15)

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### UNION COUNTY

**SCHEDULE OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE UNION COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY FOR THE PERIOD OF MARCH 2016 THROUGH THE AUTHORITY'S REORGANIZATION MEETING IN FEBRUARY 2017**

In accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act," P.L. 1975, c.231, the following schedule of Regular Public Meetings of the Union County Utilities Authority was approved at the annual reorganization meeting of the Authority on Wednesday February 10, 2016. The Authority gives public notice that it may act as a body, by taking official action, at any of the following meetings.

Wednesday, March 16, 2016  
Wednesday, April 20, 2016  
Wednesday, May 20, 2016  
Wednesday, June 15, 2016  
Wednesday, July 20, 2016  
Wednesday, August 17, 2016  
Wednesday, September 21, 2016  
Wednesday, October 19, 2016

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PUBLIC NOTICE

through publication. Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$264,496.63\*\*\*Two Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Six and 63/100\*\*\* Attorney: POWERS KIRN - COUNSELORS 728 MARNE HWY P.O. BOX 848 - SUITE 200 MOORESTOWN NJ 08057 (856)802-1000 Sheriff: Joseph Cryan

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-16000362 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F01252814 County: Union Plaintiff: WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. VS Defendant: JOSE ARGUETA, SILVIA ARGUETA Sale Date: 03/23/2016

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

ELIZABETH CITY - TAXES - QTR4 holds a claim for taxes due and/or other municipal utilities such as water and/or sewer in the amount of \$3,923.91 as of 10/16/2015. The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice through publication.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$482,874.24\*\*\*Four Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Four and 24/100\*\*\* Attorney: POWERS KIRN - COUNSELORS 728 MARNE HWY P.O. BOX 848 - SUITE 200 MOORESTOWN NJ 08057 (856)802-1000 Sheriff: Joseph Cryan

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-16000376 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F00485713 County: Union Plaintiff: U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION VS Defendant: CESAR ROJAS, MRS. ROJAS, WIFE OF CESAR ROJAS, ROSA NELIDA ROJAS Sale Date: 03/23/2016

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PUBLIC NOTICE

STREET & STREET NO: 1348 Fremont Place TAX BLOCK AND LOT: BLOCK: 11 LOT: 359 DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 100.00' x 38.00' NEAREST CROSS STREET: Cross Avenue SUPERIOR INTERESTS (if any): Liberty Water holds a claim for taxes due and/or other municipal utilities such as water and/or sewer in the amount of \$19.91 as of 11/16/2015

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$518,712.18\*\*\*Five Hundred Eighteen Thousand Seven Hundred Twelve and 18/100\*\*\* Attorney: POWERS KIRN - COUNSELORS 728 MARNE HWY P.O. BOX 848 - SUITE 200 MOORESTOWN NJ 08057 (856)802-1000 Sheriff: Joseph Cryan

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-16000383 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F01645812 County: Union Plaintiff: WELLS FARGO BANK N.A. VS Defendant: HELENA FRANCO, HIS/HER HEIRS, DEVISEES, AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, AND HIS, HER, THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE, AND INTEREST; MAURICE H. COWEN, M.D.; Sale Date: 03/23/2016

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$271,099.17\*\*\*Two Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Ninety-Nine and 17/100\*\*\* Attorney: PLUESE, BECKER & SALTZMAN, LLC 20000 HORIZON WAY SUITE 900 MOUNT LAUREL NJ 08054 (856)813-1700 Sheriff: Joseph Cryan

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-16000384 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F03170609 County: Union Plaintiff: BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. VS Defendant: JOSE ARGUETA, ISABEL M. ARGUETA Sale Date: 03/23/2016

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bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales. MUNICIPALITY: Elizabeth COUNTY: UNION STATE OF N.J. STREET & STREET NO: 225-227 Fulton Street TAX BLOCK AND LOT: BLOCK: 2 LOT: 513 DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 37.50' x 100.00' NEAREST CROSS STREET: Second Street SUPERIOR INTERESTS (if any): ELIZABETH CITY- TAXES - QTR 4 holds a claim for taxes due and/or other municipal utilities such as water and/or sewer in the amount of \$774.74 as of 11/10/2015

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$482,736.28\*\*\* Four Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Six and 28/100\*\*\* Attorney: POWERS KIRN - COUNSELORS 728 MARNE HWY P.O. BOX 848 - SUITE 200 MOORESTOWN NJ 08057 (856)802-1000 Sheriff: Joseph Cryan

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ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-16000424 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F00140915 County: Union Plaintiff: PNC BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION VS Defendant: ASTON MCFARLANE, JR. AND MRS. ASTON MCFARLANE, JR., HIS WIFE; VIVIAN ROLAND-MCFARLANE Sale Date: 03/30/2016

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$328,251.13\*\*\*Three Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-One and 13/100\*\*\* Attorney: FRANK J. MARTONE, P.C. 1455 BROAD STREET BLOOMFIELD NJ 07003 Sheriff: Joseph Cryan

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-16000481 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F01161414 County: Union Plaintiff: GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC VS Defendant: PETER LINCOLN JEBODH AND MERCEDES JEBODH, HUSBAND AND WIFE Sale Date: 03/30/2016

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-16000480 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F01102413 County: Union Plaintiff: WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR PRIMESTAR-H FUND I TRUST VS Defendant: GRETA FABARA; MORTGAGE

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TION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$231,817.86\*\*\*Two Hundred Thirty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Seventeen and 86/100\*\*\* Attorney: PLUESE, BECKER & SALTZMAN, LLC 20000 HORIZON WAY SUITE 900 MOUNT LAUREL NJ 08054 (856)813-1700 Sheriff: Joseph Cryan

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-16000483 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F00206313 County: Union Plaintiff: CITIBANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR BEAR STERNS ALT-A TRUST PASS THROUGH 2007-3 VS Defendant: MARIA C. LIZARAZO; LOLLOBRIGIDA SANTILLAN; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEM, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR WALL STREET FINANCIAL CORPORATION Sale Date: 03/30/2016

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$667,759.54\*\*\*Six Hundred Sixty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Nine and 54/100\*\*\* Attorney: PLUESE, BECKER & SALTZMAN, LLC 20000 HORIZON WAY SUITE 900 MOUNT LAUREL NJ 08054 (856)813-1700 Sheriff: Joseph Cryan

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$683,415.65\*\*\*Six Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Fifteen and 65/100\*\*\* Attorney: PLUESE, BECKER & SALTZMAN, LLC 20000 HORIZON WAY SUITE 900 MOUNT LAUREL NJ 08054 (856)813-1700 Sheriff: Joseph Cryan

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-16000490 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F01102413 County: Union Plaintiff: NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC VS Defendant: NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-16000197 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F04906809 County: Union Plaintiff: NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC VS

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ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEM, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR WILMINGTON FINANCE, INC. Sale Date: 03/30/2016 Writ of Execution: 11/13/2015 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$763,146.76\*\*\*Seven Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand One Hundred Forty-Six and 76/100\*\*\* Attorney: PLUESE, BECKER & SALTZMAN, LLC 20000 HORIZON WAY SUITE 900 MOUNT LAUREL NJ 08054 (856)813-1700 Sheriff: Joseph Cryan

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ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-16000503 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F02623914 County: Union Plaintiff: GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC VS Defendant: PIERRE LOUIS; MARIE LOUIS; TD BANK N.A.; Sale Date: 03/30/2016

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$385,869.82\*\*\*Three Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Nine and 82/100\*\*\* Attorney: PLUESE, BECKER & SALTZMAN, LLC 20000 HORIZON WAY SUITE 900 MOUNT LAUREL NJ 08054 (856)813-1700 Sheriff: Joseph Cryan

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-16000197 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F04906809 County: Union Plaintiff: NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC VS























**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$358,683.02\*\*\*Three Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Three and 02/100\*\*\*

Attorney:  
FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, PC  
7 CENTURY DRIVE  
SUITE 201  
PARSIPPANY NJ 07054  
(973) 538-4700

Sheriff: Joseph Cryan  
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office  
Total Upset: \$437,135.95\*\*\*Four Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Five and 95/100\*\*\*  
February 18, 25, March 3, 10, 2016  
U35343 EAG (\$154.84)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

State of New Jersey  
PROPERTY TO BE SOLD IS LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, COUNTY OF UNION AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 7 WEST END PLACE, CRANFORD, NJ 07016  
TAX LOT #: 75 IN BLOCK #: 162  
DIMENSIONS (APPROX.): 125 FEET WIDE BY 16 FEET LONG  
NEAREST CROSS STREET: DIVISION AVENUE (AKA GALLOWS HILL ROAD)

\*\*\*THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION\*\*\*  
DATE: 11/16/15 BY: ASHLEY L. BAELZ  
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$178,009.35\*\*\*One Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Nine and 35/100\*\*\*

Attorney:  
KNUCKLES KOMOSINSKI & ELLIOTT LLP  
50 TICE BOULEVARD  
SUITE 183  
WOODCLIFF LAKE, NJ 07677  
201-391-0370  
Sheriff: Joseph Cryan  
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office  
Total Upset: \$188,084.92\*\*\*One Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand Eighty-Four and 92/100\*\*\*

February 18, 25, March 3, 10, 2016  
U35412 EAG (\$113.68)

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**CLARK**  
**2016 Municipal Budget**  
**of the Township of Clark, County of Union**  
**for the calendar year 2016**  
**Revenue and Appropriation Summaries**

Summary of Revenues		2016	Anticipated	2015
1. Surplus		1,600,000.00		2,150,000.00
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues		3,738,818.43		3,775,441.51
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes		430,000.00		460,000.00
4. a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes		15,514,919.00		15,014,382.50
b) Addition to Local District School Tax		-		-
c) Minimum Library Tax		826,014.00		788,588.50
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget		16,340,933.00		15,802,971.00
Total General Revenues		22,109,751.43		22,188,412.51

Summary of Appropriations		2016 Budget	Final 2015 Budget
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages		7,982,895.00	7,832,020.00
Other Expenses		10,276,785.43	10,381,077.51
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations		-	-
3. Capital Improvements		45,000.00	100,000.00
4. Debt Service (Include for School Purposes)		3,005,071.00	3,000,315.00
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes		800,000.00	875,000.00
Total General Appropriations		22,109,751.43	22,188,412.51
Total Number of Employees		85	85

**CRANFORD**

SHERIFF'S SALE  
Sheriff's File Number: CH-16000210  
Division: CHANCERY  
Docket Number: F02589512  
County: Union  
Plaintiff: WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.  
VS

Defendant: JOYCE E. ELLIS; ANDREW GLENN ELLIS; MIDLAND FUNDING LLC; RED BANK VETERINARY HOSP PC  
Sale Date: 03/16/2016  
Writ of Execution: 04/16/2015

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The property to be sold is located in the Township of Clark, in the County of Union and the

**GARWOOD**

LEGAL NOTICE  
TAKE NOTICE THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF GARWOOD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY WILL HOLD BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETINGS ON THURSDAY, MARCH 10 AND MARCH 17, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M., IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 403 SOUTH AVENUE, GARWOOD, NJ. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING IS TO DISCUSS THE 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET. ACTION MAY BE TAKEN.

CHRISTINA M. ARIEMMA, RMC  
BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK  
BOROUGH OF GARWOOD  
U36382 EAG March 3, 2016 (\$10.29)

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**SPRINGFIELD**

Explanation: This Ordinance amends Section 35-14 of Township's Land Use Ordinance entitled, "Schedule of Zoning Limitations", by amending the maximum percentages of impervious lot coverage in all zones in the Township.

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD  
ORDINANCE NO. 2016-07

BE IT ORDAINED by The Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the Land Use Ordinance of the Township of Springfield, 2003, is hereby amended as follows:

**SECTION I - AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 35-14 SCHEDULE OF ZONING LIMITATIONS**

The schedule of zoning limitations as set forth in Article V - District Regulations at section 35-14 Schedule of Zoning Limitations is hereby modified to reduce Maximum Lot coverage in each Township zone as follows:

Zone	Maximum Impervious Coverage
S-120	26% 22.5%
S-75	30% 27%
S-60	40% 36%
M-R	60% 45%
O	76% 67.5%
NC	80% 72%
GC	90% 81%
HC	70% 63%
I-20	80% 72%
I-40	80% 72%

**SECTION II - RATIFICATION**

Except as expressly modified herein, all other provisions and terms of the Land Use Ordinance of the Township of Springfield, 2003, shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION III - SEVERABILITY**

In case any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order or judgment shall not effect or invalidate the remainder of any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance, and to this end, the provisions of each section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

**SECTION IV - REPEAL**

Any ordinance or portion of any ordinance which is inconsistent with the modifications of this ordinance is repealed to the extent of its inconsistency.

**SECTION V - EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

Linda M. Donnelly, does hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced for first reading at the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, New Jersey, held on Tuesday, February 23, 2016, and that said Ordinance shall be submitted for consideration and final passage at a regular meeting of said Township Committee to be held on March 22, 2016, Springfield Municipal Building at 7 p.m., at which time and place any person or persons interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance. Copy is posted on the bulletin board in the office of the Township Clerk.

Linda M. Donnelly, RMC  
Township Clerk

**2016 Dedicated Sewer Utility Budget**

Summary of Revenues		2016	Anticipated	2015
1. Surplus		536,073.00		193,563.88
2. Miscellaneous Revenues		2,400,000.00		2,800,000.12
3. Deficit (General Budget)		-		-
Total Revenues		2,936,073.00		2,993,564.00

Summary of Appropriations		2016 Budget	Final 2015 Budget
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages		309,006.00	302,947.00
Other Expenses		2,602,067.00	2,665,617.00
2. Capital Improvements		25,000.00	25,000.00
3. Debt Service		-	-
4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations		-	-
5. Surplus (General Budget)		-	-
Total General Appropriations		2,936,073.00	2,993,564.00
Total Number of Employees		0	0

**2016 Dedicated Swim-Pool Utility Budget**

Summary of Revenues		2016	Anticipated	2015
1. Surplus		23,100.00		17,052.00
2. Miscellaneous Revenues		326,900.00		323,200.00
3. Deficit (General Budget)		-		-
Total Revenues		350,000.00		340,252.00

Summary of Appropriations		2016 Budget	Final 2015 Budget
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages		110,000.00	104,000.00
Other Expenses		156,019.00	142,600.00
2. Capital Improvements		20,000.00	30,000.00
3. Debt Service		51,181.00	50,852.00
4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations		12,800.00	12,800.00
5. Surplus (General Budget)		-	-
Total General Appropriations		350,000.00	340,252.00
Total Number of Employees (Part Time)		40	40

**Balance of Outstanding Debt**

	General
Interest	483,135
Principal	5,542,000
Outstanding Balance	6,025,135

Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the Township Council of the Township of Clark, County of Union on February 16, 2016.

A hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at the Council Chambers, 315 Westfield Ave. on March 21, 2016 at 7:30 o'clock (P.M.) at which time and place objections to the Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2016 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Copies of the budget are available on the Townships website (www.ourclark.com) or in the office of Township Clerk at Town Hall 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey, (732) 388-3669, during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



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curse is? Name that person! Why does  
the Bible mention Noah also came out of  
the ground that the Lord has put under a  
curse? Read Genesis 5:28-29 Catholic  
version, these verses explain what Noah  
name means, "When Lamech was one  
hundred and eighty-two years old, he  
begot a son and named him Noah, saying,  
Out of the very ground that the Lord has  
put under a curse this one..." This one is  
Noah and you said Adam was the only  
person who came out of the ground, How  
can that be?

Jesus says a Shepherd is coming to this  
earth to hear His voice, to guide and gather  
the flock into one, Read John 10:16.  
These verses says, "I have other sheep  
that do not belong to this fold, I must lead,  
too, and they shall hear my voice, there  
shall be one flock then, one shepherd."  
God can do all things, so it is easy for God  
to bring back Adam to be the Shepherd  
and wisdom tells us you do not want to

## LOCAL JOB SEARCH

### PERSONALS

hire out the Shepherds Job. But again,  
maybe the Shepherd job should go to  
Noah, The flock is his!

In the first paragraph of this letter, the first  
part of Noahs name was explained that he  
came out of the ground, so how can Adam  
and Noah both come out of the ground?  
The reason why the Bible says they both  
came out of the ground is because they  
are one! God put Adam back on this earth  
in Noahs time, You see Adam was on the  
ark during the flood and called him Noah.  
Noahs name means he came out of the  
ground and you said Adam was the only  
person to come out of the ground!

The second part of Noahs name means  
this in Genesis 5:29, "...This one shall  
bring us relief from the work and toil of our  
hands." Noahs name means Adam, The  
one formed out of the ground, Noahs  
name means relief, relief from the work  
and toil of this earth

Your final relief is when Jesus returns with  
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you to take you home. Your home is heav-  
en. (owes an additional \$65.86)

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## SPORTS



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## Cranford girls' basketball fills hoop with 10 3-pointers

### Key for 3rd seed in halting RC for county title

By JR Parachini  
Sports Editor

UNION - Cranford, a team known for winning big games because of the way the Cougars thrive defensively, found out that filling the hoop can also lead to mighty success.

Cranford wasted no time setting up and taking long-range shots to its liking. When they go in, it opens up the game in a positive way and allows a team to attack in different ways.

When they don't go in, often one-shot possessions can lead to a team falling behind.

Not only were Cranford's shots immediately going in, but because of the success the Cougars had hitting 3s, it allowed for everyone on the court to get involved.

As a result it was a true team effort that lifted third-seeded Cranford past fourth-seeded Roselle

The Cranford girls' basketball team - sparked the outstanding play of senior Cerys MacLelland (No. 33) - captured its second Union County Tournament championship and first in 10 years. Cranford defeated Roselle Catholic 71-63 in Sunday's title game at Kean University. MacLelland was one of three Cranford players to score in double-digits, netting 17 points.

Catholic 71-63 in Sunday afternoon's 41st annual girls' basketball Union County Tournament championship game at Kean University's Harwood Arena.

Cranford limited Dayton to 34 points, Summit to 44 and then New Providence - after losing twice to the Pioneers - to 39 in its first three UCT victories. You can say that this one was captured with the offense leading the way.

Just 6-18 overall and 0-10 in the Union County Conference's Watchung Division a year ago, Cranford captured its second UCT title and first since 2006.

Roselle Catholic, which was upset as the top seed in the semifinals last year after a 21-1 start, fell for the first time in six tries in the final.

Also, just like 2006, Cranford won the junior varsity and varsity UCTs.

See COUGARS, Page 45

#### UNION COUNTY CONFERENCE BOYS' BASKETBALL STANDINGS AS OF MONDAY, FEB. 29:

##### WATCHUNG DIVISION (5 schools)

- 1-Patrick School (6-1) - *clinched tie for title*
- 2-Roselle Catholic (6-2)
- 3-Linden (5-3)
- 4-Plainfield (2-6)
- 5-Elizabeth (0-7)

##### MOUNTAIN DIVISION (5 schools)

- 1-Westfield (6-2)
- 2-Union Catholic (5-3)
- St. Mary's, Elizabeth (5-3)
- 4-Union (4-4)
- 5-Scotch Plains (0-8)

##### VALLEY DIVISION (6 schools)

- 1-Rahway (9-1) - *champion*
- 2-Summit (7-3)
- 3-Cranford (5-5)
- 4-Roselle (3-7)
- Gov. Livingston (3-7)
- Hillside (3-7)

##### SKY DIVISION (6 schools)

- 1-Johnson (7-2)
- Oratory Prep (7-2)
- 3-Dayton (5-4)
- New Providence (5-4)
- 5-Brearley (1-5)
- 6-Roselle Park (1-9)

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#### UNION COUNTY CONFERENCE GIRLS' BASKETBALL STANDINGS AS OF MONDAY, FEB. 29:

##### WATCHUNG DIVISION (6 schools)

- 1-Patrick School (7-2) - *clinched tie for title*
- 2-New Providence (7-3)
- 3-Roselle Catholic (6-4)
- 4-Cranford (4-5)
- 5-Union (3-7)
- 6-Westfield (1-7)

##### MOUNTAIN DIVISION (6 schools)

- 1-Summit (8-2) - *champion*
- 2-Scotch Plains (7-3)
- Johnson (7-3)
- 4-Gov. Livingston (6-4)
- 5-Linden (2-8)
- 6-Plainfield (0-10)

##### VALLEY DIVISION (6 schools)

- 1-Rahway (8-2) - *champion*  
(swept Oak Knoll)
- 2-Oak Knoll (8-2)
- 3-Union Catholic (6-4)
- 4-Dayton (5-5)
- 5-Elizabeth (3-7)
- 6-Hillside (0-10)

##### SKY DIVISION (6 schools)

- 1-St. Mary's, Elizabeth (8-0) - *champion*
- 2-Kent Place (8-2)
- 3-Brearley (5-4)
- 4-Benedictine (4-5)
- 5-Roselle Park (2-8)
- 6-Roselle (0-8)

## SPORTS



Photos courtesy of Gene Nann

Above, Cranford freshman Lauren Williamson (No. 10) goes up for a rebound in Sunday's UCT championship game at Kean vs. Roselle Catholic. Below, the Cougars begin to celebrate their first county title in 10 years and second overall. See girls' UCT scoreboard on Page 47.



## Cougars score long-range behind cast of sharpshooters

(Continued from Page 44)

Cranford's top-seeded JV team downed seventh-seeded Roselle Catholic 49-25 in Sunday's title contest at Kean.

Cranford improved to 15-8 with its third straight win and also went 3-0 against Roselle Catholic this year, including two Watchung Division wins.

Cranford stormed out to a 9-0 lead after freshman Lauren Williamson sandwiched 3-point baskets around one made by sophomore Camryn Wilchens.

Cranford made five of its first six 3-pointers and eight-of-13 in the first half. The Cougars finished with 10, total.

Wilchens led all scorers with 23 points, including four 3-pointers. Williamson was next for Cranford with 18 points, including five 3-pointers all in the first half. Senior guard Cerys MacLelland also produced a solid game, finishing with 17 points.

"We were switching screens and getting rebounds and then good looks," MacLelland said. "Roselle Catholic is very good and very well-coached, so we knew we had to pressure them on defense."

Roselle Catholic, which came back from a 20-9 deficit in the first quarter when it went on a 13-0 run bridging the first and second quarters, made four 3-pointers. Three of them were put in by senior Kamille Jacobs, who finished with 13 points.

The Lions had four players score in double digits, with freshman center Taniyah Hanner leading the way with 15. Unfortunately for RC, Hanner fouled out with 7:09 to go.

Sophomore Tyara McQueen scored 14 points and junior Jennifer McClave 12 for the Lions, who had one very short-lived lead of one point at 24-23 midway through the second quarter.

After Cranford scored its first 20 points in just 5:14, the Cougars did not score again until the 5:29 mark of the second quarter.

"We couldn't rely all the time on our outside shot," MacLelland said. "We had to work the give-and-go and find the open player. It was very exciting how we were able to do that."

Williamson's fourth 3-pointer - this one from the left side - gave Cranford its third lead and the advantage for good at 26-24.

All but two of the game's points - a basket by Roselle Catholic reserve Ariel White in the second half - were scored by the game's starters.

Cranford led by seven at the half at 35-28, which included a very late inside basket by MacLelland following a steal by Williamson.

"We were very motivated," MacLelland said. "We wanted this very bad. The seniors wanted to go out on top."

Cranford's biggest lead in the game was 14 at 57-43 late in the third. Roselle Catholic closed the period on a 5-0 run to make the score 57-48 going into the final eight minutes.

One of two free throws made by Jacobs pulled the Lions to within three at 61-58 with 2:50 to go. However, that was as close as RC would get.

Cranford senior center Isabella Speer put in a shot after grabbing a big offensive rebound and then after another free throw by Jacobs, Cranford answered with a free throw from Wilchens and an inside basket by Williamson - her first point - in the second half - to go up 66-58.

MacLelland then made two big free throws, followed by two more by senior guard Lyndsay Pace. At 70-59 Cranford with less than 30 seconds to go, it was clear the Cougars had clinched their first UCT title in exactly a decade.

Cranford has now won nine more games than last year, with the state tournament still to go.

"We worked very hard in the summer and the hard work paid off," MacLelland said. "I'm super proud of everyone."

Present Cranford head coach Jackie Dyer led Cranford's JV team to the 2006 title, while the UCT championship varsity team that season was guided by Brian Chapman.

Cranford's present JV coach, James Brennan, has now led the Cougars to county championships twice, the first time in 2013. Like Cranford beating Roselle Catholic three times in three tries this year, Cranford's 2013 JV team defeated Governor Livingston three times in three tries, including in the county final when the Cougars came back to win 34-30 at Kean. Pace and MacLelland were freshmen on that Cranford county championship JV squad.

When Dyer led Cranford's JV team to the county championship in 2006 it was also against GL.

Now in her ninth season as the head coach at Cranford, Dyer is 1-1 in UCT finals. Her 2012 Cranford squad lost to GL in the final at Kean. Then the next season, Cranford won at GL in the 2013 North 2, Group 3 championship game.

Dyer also led Cranford to the 2010 North 2, Group 3 championship.

This year's squad has rebounded in a big way from a rare under-.500 season a year ago.

"We graduated a lot of players and it took some time," Dyer said.

Dyer is a 2001 Union Catholic graduate who played on UC's last UCT title team her senior season. She has now won a UCT title as a player and head coach.

### 41st ANNUAL UCT GIRLS' FINAL

4-R. Catholic (16-8) 18 10 20 15 - 63  
3-Cranford (15-8) 20 15 22 14 - 71

### ROSELLE CATHOLIC LIONS (63):

5-Kamille Jacobs, senior, 2-2-3-13  
23-Jennifer McClave, junior, 6-0-0-12  
31-Anajah Williams, senior, 3-0-1-7  
3-Tyara McQueen, sophomore, 3-2-2-14  
25-Taniyah Hanner, freshman, 6-0-3-15  
20-Ariel White, sophomore, 1-0-0-2  
44-Jennisa Encarnacion, freshman, 0-0-0-0

Starters: Jacobs, Williams, McClave, McQueen, Hanner.

Totals: 21-4-9-63.

### CRANFORD COUGARS (71):

10-Lauren Williamson, freshman, 1-5-1-18  
13-Lyndsay Pace, senior, 1-1-2-7  
33-Cerys MacLelland, senior, 7-0-3-17  
32-Camryn Wilchens, sophomore, 5-4-1-23  
24-Isabella Speer, senior, 2-0-2-6  
15-Julia Schork, senior, 0-0-0-0

Starters: MacLelland, Pace, Speer, Wilchens, Williamson.  
Totals: 16-10-9-71.

## SPORTS

# Union senior Brown grabs his first R3 championship

## Cappello and Gazaway garner their second

By JR Parachini  
Sports Editor

Union standout senior wrestler David Brown experienced what it was like to make it to the NJSIAA Tournament last year and grapple with opponents from the other end of the state that he probably never heard of before.

Brown lost both of his state tourney matches last year, but still produced a solid 33-13 record that included a second-place finish in District 10, a third-place showing in Region 3 and Brown also became Union's first wrestler to reach the states in 10 years.

This time Brown enters Atlantic City as one of the state's eight region heavyweight champions after capturing his first Region 3 title in his own gym this past weekend.

Brown also won District 10 for the first time and has surpassed last year's win total, with a record at the moment of 36-5.

Brown, the fourth seed on the bottom side of the heavyweight bracket for this weekend's 83rd annual NJSIAA Tournament at Atlantic City's Boardwalk Hall, will face the same wrestler who ended his season a year ago, fifth-seeded Keith Swartley of Cinnaminson.

Brown and Swartley will clash in Friday night's pre-quarterfinals. Last year, after Brown lost his first match by pin to Calen West of Delran in 3:21, Brown fell to Swartley by pin in 1:41 the following day in the first round of the wrestlebacks.

"David has shown improvement and he now knows the Atlantic City atmosphere and how it operates," Union head coach Dino DeBellonia said. "The kid from Cinnaminson, we know his techniques and we will try to build off that and try to turn the tables."

Brown is Union's first Region 3 champion since senior Mike Lodato won the heavyweight crown in 2001. Brown, as the second seed, first pinned seventh-seeded Antoine Pugh of Linden in 5:49 in the quarterfinals and then edged third-seeded Kevin Doran of Cranford 1-0 in the semifinals. Doran also advanced to the NJSIAA Tournament after placing third.

Brown then defeated fourth-seeded Michael Kellstrom of Chatham 7-4 in the final. It was the third time the two clashed this season, with Kellstrom winning in the regular season and then Brown in the District 10 final where Brown was the second seed and Kellstrom the top seed. Brown won the D10 matchup 4-1 on a tie-breaker. He lost to Kellstrom 3-2 on Jan. 9.

"After winning District 10 David's confidence level went up," DeBellonia said. "He took Region 3 one match at a time and wrestled smart. We'll do the same thing this weekend, taking it one match at a time."

Union County had two other Region 3 champions, including seniors Niko Cappello of Cranford at 182 and undefeated Tyler Gazaway of New Providence at 145.

Cappello and Gazaway won their second and second straight Region 3 championships. Cappello, one of eight Cranford wrestlers to advance to this week-

end's NJSIAA Tournament, repeated as the 182 champion. Gazaway won at 138 a year ago.

Cappello was also one of four Union County wrestlers to earn a medal in last year's NJSIAA Tournament. At 182, Cappello placed seventh and finished a fine junior campaign at 35-5.

Union County has not had a state champion the past four (2012-2015) seasons and only one — Christian Barber of Westfield at 152 in 2011 — six of the past seven (2009-2015).

Gazaway enters this weekend's season-ending competition with a 39-0 record. He is also his school's all-time winningest wrestler with 137 life-time victories over four seasons.

Cappello and Gazaway are also two of five Union County wrestlers who reached 100 career wins this season. The other three are Dayton student Saverio Salcfas who wrestles for Brearley's team, Chris Gural of Roselle Park and Kyle Gregorio of Johnson.

The NJSIAA Tournament at Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City commences Friday night with preliminaries first at 5 p.m., followed by the pre-quarterfinals.

Competition continues Saturday with Session 1 including Wrestleback Round No. 1 at 10 a.m., followed by the quarterfinals and Wrestleback Round No. 2.

Saturday's Session 2 includes the semifinals and Wrestleback Round No. 3 at 5 p.m., followed by Wrestleback Round No. 4.

Competition concludes Sunday with Session 1 including Wrestleback Round No. 5 at 10 a.m. and the consolation finals to follow.

Sunday's Session 2 has awards and presentations to start at 2:30 p.m. and a Parade of Medalists scheduled for 2:50 p.m.

The finals are scheduled to commence at 3 p.m.

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### TEAM-BY-TEAM BREAKDOWN OF UNION COUNTY WRESTLERS IN STATES:

#### CRANFORD (8)

**First:** Niko Cappello, 182.

**Second:** Anthony Capece, 113; Chris Scorese,

132; Vince Concina 145; Alex Esposito, 220.

**Third:** Tom DiGiovanni, 120; Mike Nigro, 138; Kevin Doran, HWT.

#### NEW PROVIDENCE (1)

**First:** Tyler Gazaway, 145.

#### UNION (1)

**First:** David Brown, HWT.

#### GOV. LIVINGSTON (1)

**Second:** Nicholas Mele, 120.

#### WESTFIELD (1)

**Second:** Jarek Gozdieski, 160

#### ROSELLE PARK (1)

**Third:** Chris Gural, 106

#### SCOTCH PLAINS (1)

**Third:** Sam Wustefeld, 170

#### BREARLEY (1)

**Third:** Saverio Salcfas, 195

### 15 WRESTLERS FROM UNION COUNTY SCHOOLS WHO WILL BE COMPETING IN THE NJSIAA TOURNAMENT:

#### 106:

Preliminaries - Top side of the bracket

Chris Gural, Roselle Park, vs. 2-Dante Minnino, Gateway

#### 113:

Preliminaries - Bottom side of the bracket

7-Anthony Capece, Cranford, vs. Victor Lopez, West Orange

#### 120:

Preliminaries - Top side of the bracket

Tom DiGiovanni, Cranford, vs. 8-Ian Tolotti, Dumont  
7-Nicholas Mele, Gov. Livingston, vs. Jordan Robinson, Garfield

#### 132:

Preliminaries - Bottom side of the bracket

3-Chris Scorese, Cranford, vs. Matt Kolonia, Delaware Valley

#### 138:

Preliminaries - Bottom side of the bracket

Mike Nigro, Cranford, vs. 4-Benjamin Brismin, Pascack Hills

#### 145:

Pre-quarterfinals - Top side of the bracket

3-Tyler Gazaway, New Providence, vs. 6-Brian Meyer, Phillipsburg

Preliminaries - Bottom side of the bracket

5-Vince Concina, Cranford, vs. Timothy Suter, Buena

#### 160:

Preliminaries - Top side of the bracket

7-Jarek Gozdieski, Westfield, vs. Derek Ciavarrro, North Hunterdon

#### 170:

Preliminaries - Bottom side of the bracket

Sam Wustefeld, Scotch Plains, vs. 4-Shane Sosinsky, Northern Highlands

#### 182:

Pre-quarterfinals - Bottom side of the bracket

2-Niko Cappello, Cranford, vs. 7-Christopher Stout, Hamilton

West/Jake Brown, Pope John winner

#### 195:

Preliminaries - Bottom side of the bracket

Saverio Salcfas, Brearley, vs. 1-Joseph McKenzie, Wall

#### 220:

Preliminaries - Top side of the bracket

8-Alex Esposito, Cranford, vs. Todd Eckert, Roxbury

#### HWT:

Pre-quarterfinals - Bottom side of the bracket

4-David Brown, Union, vs. 5-Keith Swartley, Cinnaminson

Preliminaries - Top side of the bracket

Kevin Doran, Cranford, vs. 2-William Oxley, Christian Brothers

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**NJSIAA TOURNAMENT:** At Boardwalk Hall, Atlantic City

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 4:

Preliminaries, 5 p.m. / Pre-quarterfinals to follow

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 5:

##### SESSION 1

Wrestleback No. 1, 10 a.m. / Quarterfinals, Wrestleback No. 2 to follow

##### SESSION 2

Semifinals, Wrestleback No. 3, 5 p.m. / Wrestleback No. 4 to follow

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 6:

##### SESSION 1

Wrestleback No. 5, 10 a.m. / Consolation finals to follow

##### SESSION 2

Awards, presentations, parade, 2:30 p.m. / Finals, 3 p.m.

## SPORTS

**80th BOYS' BASKETBALL  
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TOURNAMENT****SEEDS:**

- 1-The Patrick School
- 2-Roselle Catholic
- 3-Linden
- 4-Union Catholic
- 5-Westfield
- 6-St. Mary's, Elizabeth
- 7-Union
- 8-Plainfield
- 9-Rahway
- 10-Summit
- 11-Cranford
- 12-Roselle
- 13-Elizabeth
- 14-Johnson
- 15-Hillside
- 16-Oratory Prep
- 17-Gov. Livingston
- 18-New Providence
- 19-Scotch Plains
- 20-Dayton
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**Saturday, Feb. 13**  
Plainfield 78, Gov. Livingston 42  
Union 73, New Providence 31  
Cranford 60, Johnson 50  
Summit 65, Hillside 51  
Rahway 51, Oratory Prep 44  
Westfield 73, Dayton 51  
**Tuesday, Feb. 16**  
St. Mary's 78, Scotch Plains 51

**SECOND ROUND:**

**Tuesday, Feb. 16**  
Plainfield 70, Rahway 67  
**Wednesday, Feb. 17**  
Westfield 73, Roselle 50  
St. Mary's 59, Cranford 49  
Union 62, Summit 55

**QUARTERFINALS:**

**Saturday, Feb. 20**  
**At Roselle Catholic**  
Union Catholic 54, Westfield 47  
Patrick School 92, Plainfield 56  
**At Johnson**  
Linden 47, St. Mary's 43  
Roselle Catholic 71, Union 41

**SEMIFINALS:**

**Wednesday, Feb. 24**  
**At Kean University**  
Roselle Catholic 56, Linden 46  
Patrick School 66, Union Catholic 58

**FINALS:**

**Saturday, Feb. 27**  
**At Kean University**  
**JV:** Union 79, Roselle Catholic 53  
**Varsity:** Patrick 58, RC 54 (2OT)



Photo courtesy of Roselle Catholic

## RC boys', sparked by Bullock, came oh so close in UCT final

By JR Parachini  
Sports Editor

UNION — One of these years Roselle Catholic is finally going to win the Union County Tournament championship.

When the three-time defending Non-Public B state champions do so, it will be that much sweeter after another really tough loss in the final.

Down by two, Roselle Catholic had one last opportunity to tie the game or even take the lead in the final 20 seconds, but a shot in the lane by Leondre Washington was blocked by Nick Richards.

Roselle Catholic argued goaltending, which if called would have tied the game.

The Patrick School gained possession and two more Bryce Aiken free throws clinched what — after a not-so-memorable first three quarters — turned out to be quite a thrilling 58-54 double-overtime victory for the top-seeded Celtics over the second-seeded Lions.

Last Saturday night's 80th annual boys' basketball Union County Tournament championship game at Kean University's Harwood Arena only reached the 50s because the game went to two overtimes. Because of sloppy, not-so-well finishing by both teams, the score was in the 30s after 32 minutes of regulation play.

Roselle Catholic senior Matt Bullock scored 11 points — including the 1,000th of his career — in a 66-44 victory against Westfield on Feb. 7 in The Lions' Den. Bullock, a four-year-starter for the RC Lions scored his 1,000th point in the opening minute of the second half. Here Bullock is surrounded by his family after reaching the scoring milestone. From left are Isiah Bullock, Matt Bullock, Charlies Newborn and Caroline Newborn.

The game was tied at 18-18 at intermission and at 36-36 at the end of four quarters.

If an MVP was to be selected it could have easily gone to Roselle Catholic senior Matt Bullock. His performance, which included a game-high 19 points, 14 rebounds and numerous huge baskets to keep the Lions alive, was one of the grittiest and most determined in UCT title-game history.

The Patrick School was sparked by the play of senior guard Jordan Walker, who led his team with 14 points, 10 of them coming in the overtime periods.

The Patrick School (20-5) won its 19th title — second-most to Elizabeth's 21 — and 17th since 1993. The Celtics have appeared in 22 of the last 24 finals.

Roselle Catholic, which also fell in last year's final to Linden 60-56, is now 0-4 in the championship game and 0-3 since 2012.

Roselle Catholic, which fell to 18-7, could meet The Patrick School for a fourth time this year in the Non-Public, South B playoffs.

The teams split Union County Conference-Watchung Division games.

\* More of this game story and complete scoring agate can be found at [www.unionnewsdaily.com](http://www.unionnewsdaily.com).

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- 1-The Patrick School
- 2-New Providence
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- 4-Roselle Catholic
- 5-Union
- 6-Summit
- 7-Gov. Livingston
- 8-Westfield
- 9-St. Mary's, Elizabeth
- 10-Scotch Plains
- 11-Johnson
- 12-Rahway
- 13-Oak Knoll
- 14-Dayton
- 15-Union Catholic
- 16-Elizabeth
- 17-Linden
- 18-Kent Place
- 19-Hillside
- 20-Plainfield

**PRELIMINARY ROUND:**

**Friday, Feb. 12**  
Dayton 59, Hillside 46  
Oak Knoll 37, Plainfield 24  
**Saturday, Feb. 13**  
Elizabeth 74, Linden 50  
Union Catholic 46, Kent Place 27

**FIRST ROUND:**

**Tuesday, Feb. 16**  
Westfield 56, St. Mary's 41  
Patrick School 74, Elizabeth 39  
Union 41, Rahway 40  
Roselle Catholic 56, Oak Knoll 33  
Gov. Livingston 54, Scotch Plains 37  
New Prov. 43, Union Catholic 32  
Summit 57, Johnson 42  
Cranford 59, Dayton 34

**QUARTERFINALS:**

**Friday, Feb. 19**  
**At Johnson**  
Roselle Catholic 44, Union 36  
Patrick School 60, Westfield 54  
**At Rahway**  
Cranford 55, Summit 44  
New Providence 43, GL 23

**SEMIFINALS:**

**Thursday, Feb. 25**  
**At Rahway**  
Cranford 50, New Providence 39  
R. Catholic 47, Patrick School 34

**FINALS:**

**Sunday, Feb. 28**  
**At Kean University**  
**Junior varsity:**  
Cranford 49, Roselle Catholic 25  
**Varsity:**  
Cranford 71, Roselle Catholic 63

**NOTES:** Cranford's varsity and junior varsity teams also won UCT championships in the same season in 2008. The JV squad also won the title in 2013.



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