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## THE HISTORIC HANSON HOUSE IS ENHANCED BY CRANFORD'S NEWEST EAGLE SCOUT JOHN ROSS

Cranford's Hanson Park's natural and historic charm was given new life with the recent Eagle Scout project by Eagle Scout John Ross of The First Presbyterian Church's Boy Scout Troop 80.

After achieving the rank of Life Scout and completing 21 merit badges, representing crucial life skills, a young man must prove his ability to plan implement and fund a community service project, of a grand scale, that serves his church or community. The selection of this project is carefully scrutinized by the controlling Patriots Path Council.

With the help of Kathleen Murray, John's Eagle coach and president of The Hanson Park Conservancy, John selected for his project the renovation of the detached garage at Hanson house on Springfield Avenue which is an historical landmark. The Hanson House had been recently painted and repaired, the garage was not. The project focused on replacing rotten wood and painting the structure to match the grand home. The windows were totally rotten and were replaced creatively by artistic renderings of charming windows hand painted by Cranford High School student Elizabeth Spiegel. This was truly the finishing touch to a wonderful project.

Achieving the rank of Eagle Scout is an enormous feat completed by less than 5 of 100 boys that start the journey as 1st graders. John enters the fraternity of thousands of fine men that live their lives guided by the Boy Scout Oath, Law, Outdoor Code of Conduct and following the Scout Motto "Be Prepared for Life". John is the 139th Eagle Scout from



(above l-r) Standing in front of the Hanson House detached garage in its "before" state, are Eagle Scout John Ross, Charlie Boan, Zach and A.J. Kornberger.

Troop 80 since its inception in 1928.

John was assisted by his fellow scouts from Troop 80. Zach & A.J. Kornberger, Charlie Boan, Anthony Paradiso, Charles Harder, Will Harder, Brendan Aszklar, Roy Walton, Will Sassi, Liam Usinowics, Logan DesRoche, Mark & James Lynch, Sam & Matt Capone, Mike, John & Robert Scheurer as well as scout leaders Kathleen Murray, Jim Parlapiano and Scout Master Roy Walton.

## CRANFORD POLICE TO HOST 6TH SESSION OF CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

The Cranford Police Department will be holding the 6th session of the Citizen Police Academy beginning in September 2015. The Citizen Police Academy is part of the ongoing effort by the Cranford Police Department to work together with the community and to develop lasting relationships with the citizens of Cranford.

Applicants must be at least 21 years of age and either live or work in Cranford. Academy students will receive interactive classroom lectures and hands-on demonstrations encompassing many aspects of law enforcement operations. Past topics have included emergency response, computer crimes, narcotic enforcement, traffic stops, and juvenile laws.

Classes are two hours in duration and have been tentatively scheduled to meet Wednesday evenings beginning on September 23rd and ending on November 4th.

To download an application, please visit the Cranford Police Department website at [cranford.com/police/](http://cranford.com/police/) and look under the forms tab.

Applications must be received by September 8, 2015 at 3:00pm. Instructions on how to submit the application are on the form.

For more information please contact  
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## CRANFORD POLICE TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The Cranford Police Department will be participating in the 32nd Annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 4th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Patrolman Robert F. Hand Plaza and on the front lawn of the Cranford Police Department headquarters. This free nationwide event, developed by the National Association of Town Watch, began in 1984 as an effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie and to send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods were organized and fighting back against crime. The event provides an excellent opportunity for residents to interact with members of the Cranford Police Department in an informal setting. Residents and visitors may also obtain information about the Department's many youth, educational, safety and public awareness programs.

Numerous police and emergency vehicles will be on display, including a marked police patrol car, a zodiac jet powered rescue boat, a police motorcycle, emergency services unit utility vehicles and equipment from the Union County Office of Emergency Management and New Jersey Transit Police Department. Public Safety personnel will be on hand to answer questions or demonstrate equipment.

A DJ, face painter, and magician will be on site to provide entertainment for children and adults, and AAA and other organizations will be handing out literature and giveaways. In addition, the Satori Academy of Cranford and

Hands of Life Martial Arts of Garwood will be conducting free demonstrations. New this year, there will be skateboard skills demonstrations and Walgreens will be on hand to administer flu shots. A demonstration schedule is below.

For the 7th year in a row, a blood drive will also be held during National Night Out. This year the drive is being held in recognition of the men and women of the Cranford Police Department, Cranford Fire Department and our Emergency Medical Services.

As in the past, members of the Cranford PBA Local #52 will be on hand to provide refreshments to all in attendance.

Cranford Police Chief James Wozniak believes the National Night Out program provides an excellent chance for residents to meet with officers and other public safety personnel. "One of our most important jobs is maintaining a strong relationship with the community we serve," he stated. "This event, on a local scale, helps us build a bond with our residents that is based on trust and understanding." Chief Wozniak noted that Cranford's National Night Out event is being coordinated by Detective Kelly Rieder. Detective Rieder can be reached at 908-709-7344.

National Night Out Demonstration Schedule:  
 6:00pm Skateboard Demonstration;  
 6:30pm Satori Academy Demonstration;  
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Whether you own an old home or a brand new one, there are a number of things that can fall short of requirements during a home inspection. If not identified and dealt with, any of these 11 items could cost you dearly in terms of repair. That's why it's critical that you read this report before you list your home. If you wait until the building inspector flags these issues for you, you will almost certainly experience costly delays in the close of your home sale or, worse, turn prospective buyers away altogether. In most cases, you can make a reasonable pre-inspection yourself if you know what you're looking for, and knowing what you're looking for can help you prevent little problems from growing into costly and unmanageable ones.

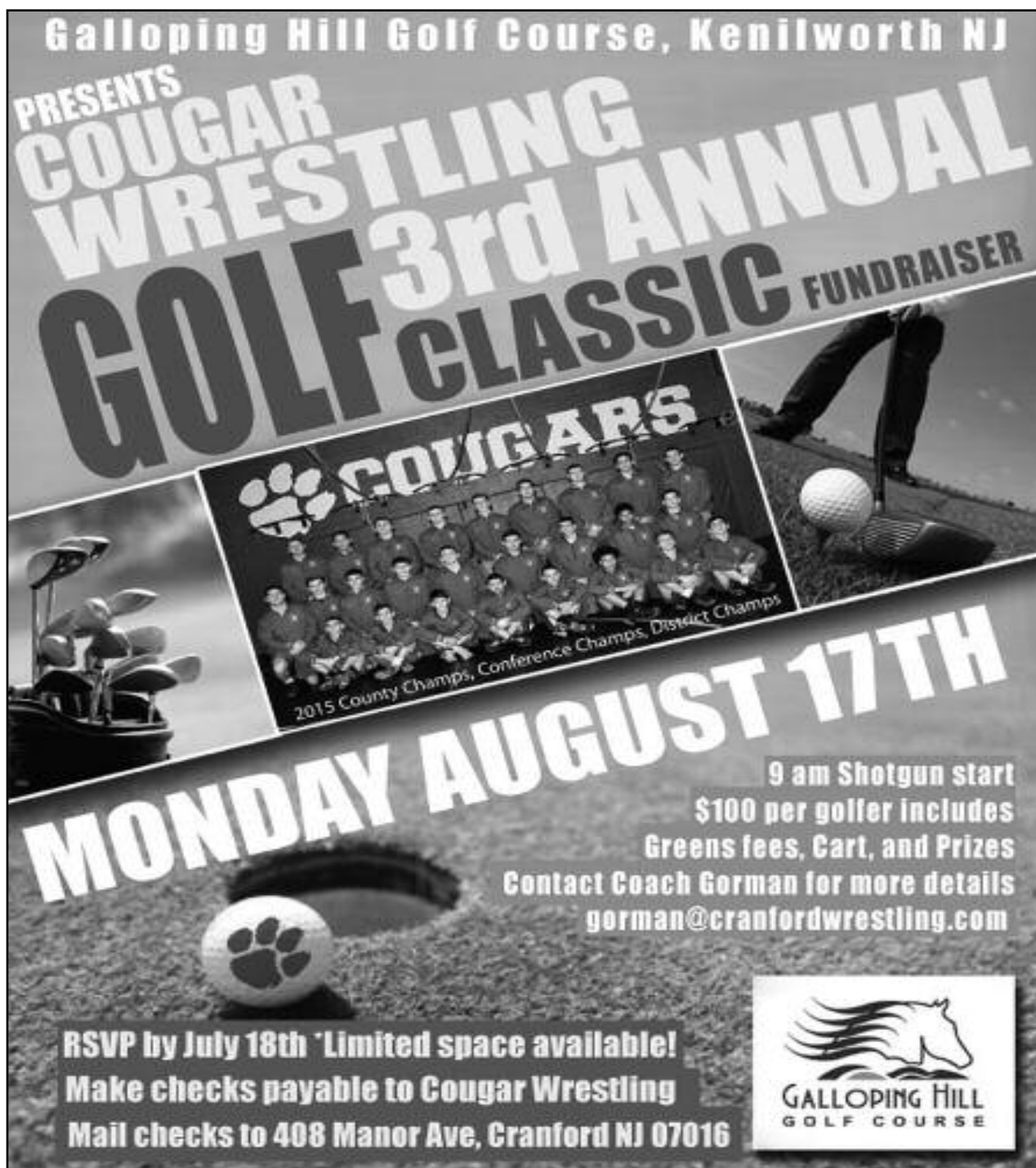
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At the June 11 meeting of the Rotary Club of Cranford, Rotary Scholarship Committee Chair Steve Lieberman introduced the recipients of the 2015 Rotary Scholarships. In presenting the scholarships to graduating seniors, Mr. Lieberman said "This was a very difficult year with so many excellent students applying for scholarships, but after reviewing numerous applications and interviewing many students, we are pleased to be recognizing the best of the best".

The Cranford High School students selected to receive Rotary Scholarships based on their involvement in their school and in the community are Louis Cappucci, Kaitlyn Carroll, Jennifer Schneider, and Julia Wilson. Brendan Kane received the Rotary Leadership Scholarship.

Louis, who will be attending Holy Cross University majoring in economics or Italian, represented all of the students when he said that he has benefitted from his service as much as he gave. Kaitlyn, who collected equipment for children in a Newark gym where she played volleyball, will attend Loyola University Maryland to major in speech pathology. Jennifer will major in economics at Syracuse University and has worked to raise awareness of veterans' issues as well as obtained tablets for use by the vets in the Veterans Memorial Home in Edison. Julia, who will attend DeSales University, volunteers with the Cranford First Aid Squad and coaches a Special Olympics swim team.

Brendan was awarded Rotary's Leadership Award, and will be attending Seton Hall

University in a five-year MBA program, majoring in sports management and marketing. His many leadership activities included spearheading the Cranford High School Buzzoff in which students shaved their heads to raise funds for cancer research, and collecting spare change from fellow-students at lunch, raising

over \$1000 for Relay for Life.

Scholarship awardees, each of whom will receive \$3,000 towards their college education. The scholarships are underwritten by the Cranford Rotary Scholarship Foundation, with funds collected from the annual Cranford Rotary Golf tournament.



(above l-r) Louis Cappucci, Jennifer Schneider, Brendan Kane, Julia Wilson, Kaitlyn Carroll, and Steve Lieberman, Chair of the Rotary Scholarship Committee.

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## CRANFORD ROTARY INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

The Rotary Club of Cranford installed new leaders and recognized one of their members for outstanding service at a dinner held on June 17.

Maureen Strazdon was installed as the 93rd President of the Rotary Club of Cranford by Incoming Rotary District 7510 Lieutenant Governor Bob Zeglarski. Her term began on July 1 and will last for one year. She succeeds Mickey O'Brien who served as President in 2014-15. "I look forward to working with the other members of Cranford Rotary on projects that exemplify "Service Above Self", the Rotary motto. We have several ideas outlined, especially in the area of education which has always been of special interest to the Club" she said.

Maureen has lived in Cranford for over 30 years, and has been a Rotarian since 2012, serving as President-elect last year. She has served on various boards and volunteered with several non-profits in New York while working there. Locally she is active in historical preservation, chairing the Cranford Township Historic Preservation Advisory Board since 2008.

Maureen retired in 2010 from AIG, a large financial services company in New York, having spent 25 years in various posts with the company,

the most recent as Head of Marketing and Communications for AIG's non-US commercial insurance entities. She holds an MBA from Drexel University, an MLS from Rutgers University, a BA from Douglass College, and the CLU designation from The American College.

Other Cranford Rotary officers for 2015-16 installed at the dinner are Joseph Starkey, President-Elect and Secretary; Gene Matics, Treasurer; and Michael O'Brien, Immediate Past-President. Board members are Bruce Bergen, Joseph Carney, David DelVecchio, Richard Feder, Barbara Ginsberg, Jamie Miller and Kathy Willis.

The Paul Harris Fellow award was presented to Walter Feligi for his outstanding service to the community. His wife and daughter were on hand as he thanked the Club for the award.

The Rotary Club of Cranford was established in 1923 and provides diverse programs that support education, and other community services. Past beneficiaries of Rotary support include Cranford Schools and Scholarship Recipients, Cranford First Aid Squad, Cranford Family Care, Cranford Cerebral Palsy League, Cranford United Way, Cranford Historical Society, Cranford PAL and the Rotary International Foundation. The Cranford Rotary Club meets Thursday morning at 7:45 am at the Cranford Community Center. Any business or professional, active or retired, is cordially invited to attend our meeting. For additional information, please contact Membership Chair Rich Feder at 908- 500-4318. Highlights our recent activities can be found on our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/CranfordRotary>.



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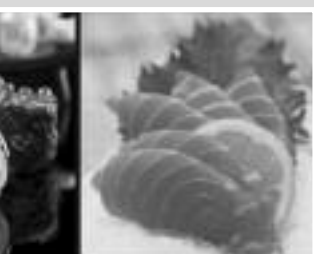
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Linens - New or Excellent Condition - crib sheets, towels, blankets, etc.

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Troop 80 of The First Presbyterian Church has chosen Camp Rodney as its primary summer camp for over 10 years. The beautiful

Chesapeake Bay is the backdrop to all the activities of the week. Each scout works on 4 merit badges, choosing from: environmental science, rifle shooting, shot gun, jet skiing, water skiing, photography, archery, nature, lifesaving, swimming, physical fitness, sailing, motor boating, climbing, oceanography, wilderness survival, canoeing, kayaking, pioneering, orienteering, pottery, cooking, radio,

electricity, golf, camping, and astronomy.

The highlight of the week for many is the mile-long bay hike through the waters of the Chesapeake at dawn. Dozens of mature bald eagles put on a show for the wide eyed scouts as they walk in chest deep water along the coast of Camp Rodney. The week ends with a blue crab boil where many scouts experience their first crustacean feast.



(above, standing, l-r) Kevin McCarthy, Charlie Harder, Jarred Wilson, Alex Kudron, Will Kennedy, John Santulli, Tom Usinowicz, Liam Usinowicz, Will Harder, Andrew Noesner, Matt Fernandez, Garrett Kennedy, Shane Waleski, Michael Scheurer, Derek Thorn, Roy Walton, John Scheurer, Peter Marino, Tim Garcia, Dan Iossi, Will Sassi, Robert Scheurer, Frank Caldwell, Max Bursack, Todd Sweeney, Nathaniel Zaidel, Jonathan Sassi, Pastor Chris Kyle, and Don Sweeney. (sitting) Brownsea first year scouts Patrick O'Shea, Anthony Bottino, Jackson Larrabee, Mark Zaidel, Jaime Kyle, Justin Bursack, Dan Silva. Named after the island where the first Boy Scout summer camp was held in England over 100 years ago. Not pictured: Pranav Kondagunta, Alex Witmore and Connor Tuite.

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## RESIDENTS EARN DIPLOMAS FROM TRINITAS SCHOOL OF NURSING

A class of 46 completed the co-operative nursing program offered through Trinitas School of Nursing and Union County College (UCC) this spring. The graduates now hold nursing diplomas and Associate in Science degrees granted at graduation. Exercises held recently at the UCC campus in Cranford. Four men were among the graduates who hail from Cape May,

Essex, Middlesex, Monmouth and Union Counties, as well as the Bronx, Brooklyn and Staten Island, New York.

The following Cranford residents graduated: Beth M. Grutzmacher, Ana Pereira, Marygrace Risko, and Rose Russ.

Trinitas School of Nursing currently holds full continuing accreditation from The National

League for Nursing (NLN) Accrediting Commission, Inc. through Fall 2020. The NLN's Board of Commissioners' extended accreditation is based on the School's designation as an NLN Center of Excellence; the length of employment of the faculty, all of whom hold certification as Certified Nurse Educators (CNE); the School's fostering of excellence among students with English as a second language; the School's nurturing environment for student support that encourages success among the entire student body, and the excellent relationships among the Trinitas Regional Medical Center nursing staff, clinical unit managers, faculty and students.



(above) Cranford residents Beth M. Grutzmacher, Ana Pereira, Marygrace Risko, and Rose Russ were among the graduating class of Trinitas School of Nursing. Photo by Trinitas School of Nursing

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## TRY-OUTS FOR GATEWAY FAMILY YMCA 2015-2016 RAPIDS SWIM TEAM

The Gateway Family YMCA is thrilled to announce upcoming try-outs for our 2015-2016 Rapids swim team! After a very successful 2014-2015 season, the team is looking to grow even more! Our diverse team currently encompasses 62 swimmers from fifteen towns in both Union and Middlesex counties!

The competitive swim season runs from September through March; with dual meets starting in October, and Championship meets starting in February. Our team will swim against other YMCA's in the Northern New Jersey Swim League. Swim meets are held on Saturdays at The Gateway Family YMCA Rahway Branch, or at the site of the competing YMCA. This year we are happy to announce that we will be adding additional swim meets to enhance our swimmers' development.

The Rahway Branch will be holding a Summer Stroke Clinic from August 3rd through August 19th, 2015 that focuses on stroke techniques, endurance, starts and turns, and other essential skills. The clinic will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:00- 8:00PM. The Summer

Stroke Clinic is a great way to get your swimmer ready for the upcoming season!

Tryouts for the upcoming season will be held at 6:00PM on the dates below:

**Ages 8 & Under: August 25, 2015**  
25 yards Freestyle and 25 yards backstroke

**9/10 year olds: August 25, 2015**  
50 yards Freestyle and 50 yards backstroke

**11/12 year olds: August 26, 2015**  
100 yard Freestyle and 100 IM  
(25 yards of each stroke)

**Ages 13 & Over: August 26, 2015**  
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If a swimmer cannot make the dates above please call Jaimie Hinshelwood at 732-388-0057 to schedule a make-up appointment.

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Submitted by James W. Horne, Jr. President/CEO, United Way, Greater Union County

The implementation of the Affordable Care Act has allowed more people to have access to healthcare although, sadly, there is a great number who are still uninsured. These are moderate to low-income working-class people who cannot afford their prescription medication, either because they have no insurance or their medication is not covered under their insurance.

For a growing senior-citizen population, the same applies. It was reported in NJ.com that 52 percent of chronically ill people who are uninsured skip taking their medication and forgo it altogether, because they can't afford it.

Certainly, having access to affordable prescription medication is vital to the health and well-being of individuals and communities. For this reason, FamilyWize® Community Service Partnership in conjunction with United Way of Greater Union County, have teamed up to insure the best quality of life for Union County residents, by making prescription medication affordable.

"United Way and FamilyWize share a vision and dedication to improving the health, education and financial stability of the individual and communities that will define the next generation," said Stacey Stewart, U.S. President, United Way Worldwide. "Our continued partnership with FamilyWize allows us to generate greater momentum to tackle these issues

head-on and create a meaningful impact for consumers across the country."

The FamilyWize prescription drug card, to date, has saved nearly 12,000 Union County residents in their communities, \$90,298.24. Since the inception of FamilyWize and UWGUC partnership in 2007, the overall savings county-wide has been \$1,107,866.

Clearly, one of the primary objectives of UWGUC and FamilyWize partnering was to alleviate the financial stress families' face and to help communities live happier and healthier. We want to encourage families, insured and uninsured, to access the FamilyWize prescription drug card and see the savings for themselves. The cards are available at United Way of Greater Union County in Elizabeth, Family Success Centers in Linden and Roselle, Elizabeth at the Jefferson Park Ministries Family Success Center, Proceed Multicultural Family Success Center in Elizabeth, Plainfield Board of Education Family Success Center and Hillside Family Success Center. Coming soon two additional centers will open in Union and Rahway.

Inquiries can be made by calling United Way of Greater Union County offices at 908-353-7171 or visit one of the Family Success Centers.

The list of centers is located at this link with a click to phone numbers and address for each center: [uwguc.org/family-success-centers-0](http://uwguc.org/family-success-centers-0)

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Grades K-6 Monday-Friday August 10-14  
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### LACROSSE CAMP

Registration for an August session of Cranford's LAX Academy Lacrosse Camp is now open.

The camp is great for all levels of play. There will be an energetic atmosphere that the campers will feed off of. They will be taught throwing, catching, shooting and scooping up ground balls. Mini games will be done as well as daily contests. Instruction is given by the CHS Coaches and CHS players. Don't miss this great chance for your child to learn the game of lacrosse.

The camp is for boys & girls in grades K-4. It meets Mon-Thurs., Aug. 10th-13th, 9am-12pm, at Cranford's Sherman Field. The cost is \$105.

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### BASKETBALL CLINIC

For the novice or seasoned player, the basketball clinic is the perfect place a child can come out to have fun and to learn better basketball. Students will participate in drills, competitions, and earn awards. The Clinic is held at the Cranford Community Center and costs \$55.00.

The Clinic is offered as follows:  
Monday-Friday, August 10-August 14,  
Ages 7-10 from 9:00am-10:30am, and  
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### PLAYGROUND CAMP

Cranford Recreation and Park Department invites all Cranford children from 1st - 7th Grade to join their annual Summer Playground Program.

Camp runs takes place at the following Cranford Parks - Lincoln Park, Mohawk Park, Brookside Place School, and Orange Avenue School, with a morning session from 9:00 am - 11:45 am, and an afternoon session from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm.

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(above) Cranford resident Clarisse Kant was recently awarded first prize in the drawing category in the Union County Seniors Art Competition for her work “Nude on a Pillow.”

SENIOR PAINTING AND DRAWING CLASS

Members of the Cranford Senior Painting and Drawing Class entered their art work in the Union County Senior Art Exhibit. Clarisa Kent won first place for her entry. Carol Iverson won third place and Huang Ruey-Ruey received an honorable mention.

Other participants in the exhibit were James Colangelo, Cecilia Fonseca, Marcia Haller, Maki Parsons, Gerald Phillips, Mildred Lubas and Rosalie Saltzman.

The Senior Art Class is held in the Cranford Community Center every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Classes will resume September 1st. New members are welcomed.

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The circus included exciting acts of skill and

daring. There were funny clowns, acrobats, jugglers, aerial artists and more. Outside the Big Top everyone enjoyed pony rides, gigantic slides and a bouncy moonwalk. The Chamber would like to thank the Zerbini Family Circus for another successful event.



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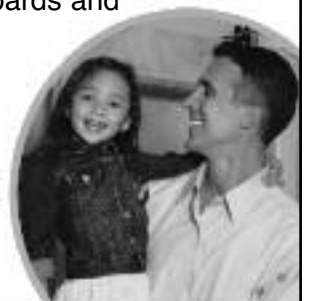
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# COLLEGE WOMENS CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

*Submitted by College Women's Club.*

The College Women's Club of Cranford awarded more than \$10,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors at its annual awards banquet on Tuesday, June 9 at the Westwood in Garwood. The chairperson for the banquet was Margaret Truche'. Arline McCloskey is club President.

The College Club awarded scholarships to Austin Brogan, Bonnie Caldwell, Christopher Didzbalis, Olivia Dineen, and Ryan Shupp. The award for the highest ranking senior girl was presented to Anna May Fitch. The Tribute award was presented to Sarah Delico.

Christopher Didzbalis is a graduate of the Union County Academy of Allied Health Sciences in Scotch Plains. All of the other recipients are graduates of Cranford High School.

Austin Brogan will pursue a degree in engineering at the Rochester Institute of Technology. While at Cranford High Austin was a member of the National Honor Society, an AP Scholar with honors, a member of the NJ State Science League, and recipient of the Union County Performing Arts Award. He was a member of the varsity cross country and track and field teams. As a member of the NJ Science League, Austin participated in statewide competitions in biology, chemistry, and physics. He was a volunteer for Imagine, a center for coping with loss. He was a member of the Peer Leadership Group as well as a Youth Ministry team leader for the St. Michael's-St. Theresa's youth group.

Bonnie Caldwell will be attending Tufts University to study engineering. Bonnie was a member of the National Honor Society, the National Latin Honor Society, the National High School Mathematics Honor Society, and received a certificate of Honorable Merit, Maxima Cum Laude from the National Latin Exam. She was the winner of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution annual history essay contest, placing first in Union County, New Jersey, and the eastern division of the United States. She was a varsity member of the softball and track and field teams. She received the Girl Scouts USA Gold Award, the highest award a girl scout can attain. Bonnie's community service included "Sandy Saturdays" assisting Jersey shore communities devastated by hurricane Sandy, the "Sunny Community Garden" which Bonnie developed to teach children the importance of good nutrition and health. Bonnie was also the chairperson of "Blanket Bonanza" where volunteers made no-sew fleece blankets for those in need. She coordinated events, purchased supplies, made and donated more than 200 blankets.

Medicine will be the field of studies Christopher Didzbalis will pursue at the University of Virginia. He was a member of the National Honor Society, a four year member of Health Occupation Students of America, a NJ Department of Health certified EMT and a volunteer with the Cranford First Aid Squad. Christopher was a member of the JV and varsity boys soccer teams and tennis team. He was an Allied Health representative and survivor room chair in the student movement against cancer,



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Relay for Life, organizing meals for cancer survivors. He was on the High Honor Roll all four years of high school, Student of the Month, a member of the Spanish Honor Society, and a Relay for Life guest speaker on both the state and regional levels.

Olivia Dineen was a member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society, and an AP Scholar with honors and distinction, as well as a four year participant in Cranford High School's University Program. She plans to attend Rutgers University to study medicine. She was a volunteer at Trinitas Hospital in the pathology lab and was one of ten students selected to participate in the Trinitas Regional Medical Center Medical Mentoring Program. Olivia was a member of the Science Academy, a tutoring coordinator for Cranford High School Teen Tutors and a member of the YMCA Model United Nations. She was also a four-year member of the Cranford High School Marching and Concert bands and served as brass section leader.

Ryan Shupp plans to study engineering at Penn State University. Ryan was a member of the Cranford High School University Program for all four years at CHS. He was a member of the National Honor Society, the Math Honor Society and the German Honor Society. He was awarded the George Washington University Engineering Medal and the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth Award with high honors. Ryan was a finalist in the New Jersey Scholars program, an AP Scholar with distinction, and a New Jersey Stars Program qualifier. He was the captain and Athlete of the Week for the varsity lacrosse team as well as the captain of the varsity hockey team and a member of the Cranford Hockey Club.

Ryan was a volunteer coach for LAXKids, teaching first and second graders how to play lacrosse. He was a Relay for Life team captain and organized fund raisers for the American Cancer Society.

The Tribute Award recipient is Sarah Delico. This award is presented to a senior who has been nominated by a faculty member for her dedication to service. Sarah has been involved in clubs that work with special needs children including autism and cerebral palsy. She has worked with the Shining Star program where members work with individual children, the Quilting Club which makes "Blankets of Love" that are donated to children with cancer, and the Teacher Cadet Program which provides a college level student teaching experience. Her nominating teacher cited her personal qualities of altruism, humanism, dedication, dependability, kindness and compassion for others without judgement. Sarah will be attending Stockton College as an education major.

The award for the highest ranking senior girl in the Cranford high school graduating class was presented to Anna May Fitch who will be attending Williams College.

The College Women's Club of Cranford has a number of fundraisers during the year including the Annual Community Calendar sale in September and a garage sale in April. All money raised is used to fund the scholarships awarded annually to Cranford seniors.

The club meets on the second Monday of the month, October through May at the First Presbyterian Church on Springfield Avenue in Cranford at 7 PM. Refreshments are served followed by a guest speaker. All meetings are open to the public.



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The Cranford Public Library has instituted new overdue fine rates effective Saturday, August 1.

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Regarding the increases, Cranford Public Library Director John Malar noted, "We had always felt that our fines were low compared to most libraries, and our recent survey of other

public libraries in the county confirmed that we were definitely on the low side. The new fine levels are more in keeping with what is typical across the county. I think that, despite the increase, they are still reasonable. Fines are important to the library because they form a large part of our book budget. Income from fines is used solely to purchase books and other materials for use by the public. And, in case it is any comfort to our patrons, a recent upgrade to our system now automatically renews materials, so there is less chance of them becoming overdue in the first place."

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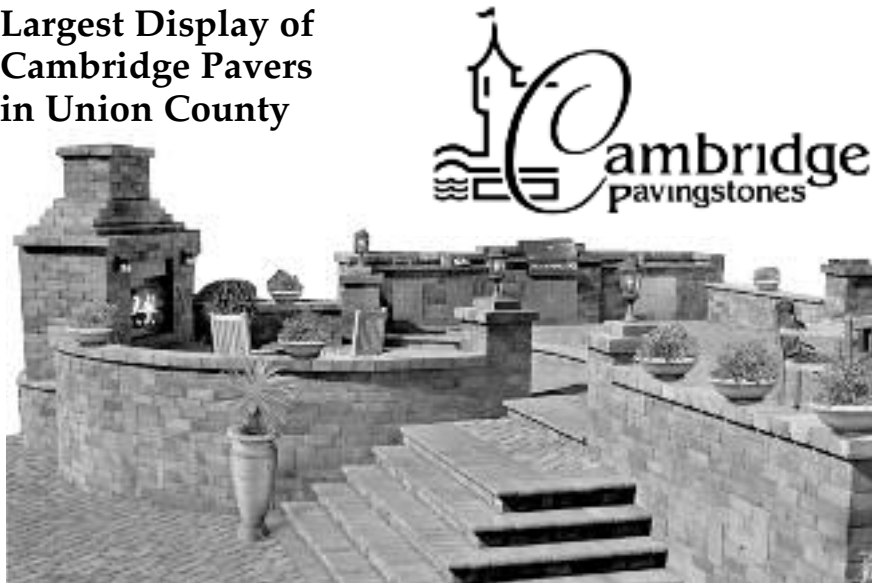
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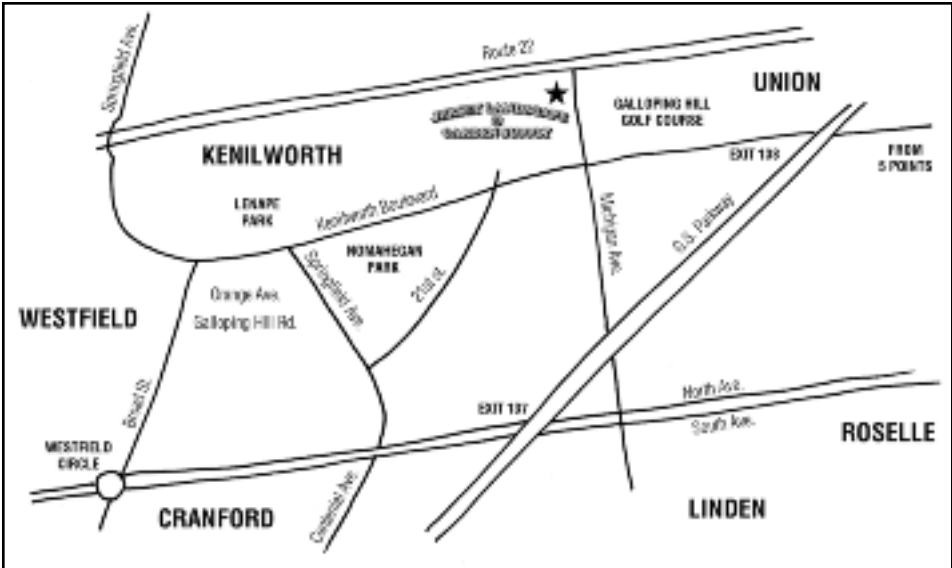
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