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SHAMUS GARCIA IS TROOP 80'S 140TH EAGLE SCOUT

At this time Troop 80 is proud to announce the advancement of their 2014 senior Patrol Leader Shamus Garcia (pronounced Gar-shia) to the rank of Eagle Scout.

Since 1928 The First Presbyterian Church in Cranford's Troop 80 Boy Scouts has been turning out fine young men that have enhanced their own lives and the lives of all that encounter them. In these near 90 years 140 of these young men have reached the elusive rank of Eagle Scout. In order to reach the highest rank in scouting a young man must earn at least 21 merit badges representing crucial life skills, some to his choosing, others mandatory to the task. He must also complete a management/service project that will benefit his church, school or community. This project will test his ability to take on a job bigger than he has ever done before. He must plan it in advance, coordinate and bring together the human resources necessary, the supplies needed, and fund the effort. It will use all the training that a young man has received during his 12 years of scouting.

Shamus earned in total 33 merit badges, his favorite being wilderness survival. This badge requires the scout to spend a long night in the wilderness with just the clothes on his back and a few simple tools. He must build a shelter to protect himself from the elements and feed himself from the natural surroundings. This task of survival was the spark that ignited the fire of adventure in Shea's scouting career. From this he went forward to the highest adventures that scouting offers. At the tender age of 13 Shea joined a group of scouts in Westfield that he never met before to embark on a tropical adventure in the Florida Keys called Sea Base. A week long sailing and land excursion of high adventure that showed this young scout what Boy Scouting had to offer.

Shea's quest for high adventure developed more as his years in scouting progressed. In 2012 with a crew of 9 scouts and 3 adults Shamus headed west to Philmont Scouting Ranch in Cimarron, NM for a 10 day trek of the highest adventure level. Over 100 mile of hiking with 50 lb. backpacks, while climbing 2 mountains, reaching altitudes of over 11,000 feet. The following year he would take on the newest high adventure destination in scouting, The Jamboree at The Summit in West Virginia. He wrapped up his high adventure check list this summer when he returned as a senior scout with his Troop 80 brothers to Sea Base again in The Caribbean.

Roy Walton, Shea's scoutmaster through most of his scouting journey, said that Shea's natural leadership skills have made him a key member of the troop. Elected as Senior Patrol leader in 2013, Shamus was in charge of creating and implementing all scout meetings and activities for the year, a mammoth task for a 16 year old.



(above) Shamus and crew creating path.

Shamus chose the renovation of a historic memorial in Cranford's Hampton Park as his service/ management project. A boulder marking the site of Hampton Hall had fallen into disrepair and was severely overgrown. A Victorian age luxury residence hall or bed and breakfast once stood there for nearly 80 years. It was run by Fannie Bates. Said to be called the "mother of Cranford" for her role in creating the first sanitation department, school board and library in Cranford, these were only some of the accomplishments that this first female activist has to her credit. She also founded the VIA, Village Improvement Association which still exists today.

With his team of his brother scouts, friend and family members, Shamus cleared the overgrown brush and created a new gravel path. He added native plants and replaced the polished brass plate commemorating the presence of Hampton Hall. A total of 138 man hours over a 3 day period were dedicated.

Since reaching Eagle Scout status Shamus has aged out of scouting and has returned to join the troop as an assistant scoutmaster as was his plan from his younger days. The added perspective a young leader gives the troop is priceless.

As a Cranford High School senior, Shamus plans to attend an ROTC program at a major military academy and pursue a career in the armed forces. He particularly would like to be involved in Special Forces. His long term plans also include a career with The New Jersey State Police. Kathleen Murray, Shamus' Eagle coach says "anyone who knows Shamus Garcia would not doubt that he will be whatever he sets his mind to".

Shamus says he wants to live his life so that someone would want to read his Biography. It sounds like it's off to a good start.



Annual Veterans Day Breakfast at the Cranford Post

November 8th

Master Chief Ronald Herman, 204th Navy Veteran.

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AMERICAN REPERTORY BALLET TO PERFORM NUTCRACKER AT UNION COUNTY ARTS CENTER

American Repertory Ballet, New Jersey's top professional ballet company, will return to Rahway, NJ this year with two performances of Nutcracker at Union County Performing Arts Center. To further connect with the Rahway community, American Repertory Ballet recently held auditions for local Rahway children in grades K-2 to perform alongside its professional dancers in Nutcracker on Saturday, November 21 and Sunday, November 22 at 2:00pm.

On Saturday, October 3, 2015, twelve children auditioned for the role of the mice in ARB's Nutcracker. The mice take part in the famous battle scene in the ballet, where the main character Clara dreams that tiny mice in her living room grow giant and take on the army of toy soldiers and the Nutcracker prince.

The six children that were selected to perform as this year's Nutcracker Community Mice are: Madison Ferreira (1st Grade) and Elisha Mena (2nd Grade) from Franklin School, Raquelle Reinoso (K) from Madison School, Kyra Jones (K) and Evan Martin (2nd Grade) from Roosevelt School, and Anastasia Rachinsky (1st Grade) from St. John Vianney.

The mission of American Repertory Ballet (ARB) is "to bring the joy, beauty, artistry and discipline of classical and contemporary dance to New Jersey and nationwide audiences through public performances and to dance students through artistic and educational programs." This year's "Community Mice Initiative" aims at fulfilling this mission in an immersive way that will expose children to a professional environment and challenge them to achieve performance goals.

"We are thrilled to bring this opportunity to the children of Rahway," says Lisa Beth Vettoso, Director of Educational and Community Programming. "Rahway is an incredibly supportive and artistic community, and the 'Community Mice Initiative' offers local children not only an exciting performance opportunity, but also a wonderful, immersive learning experience with role models in the arts."

Rahway Community Mice rehearsals begin Saturday, October 10, 2015.

In a continuing effort to reach all types of audiences, ARB will also offer its first Sensory Friendly performance of Nutcracker on Sunday, November 22 at 1:00pm at UCPAC.

Eden Autism Services is pleased to partner with the American Repertory Ballet in its efforts to make the thrill of professional ballet and live dance accessible for individuals with autism.

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CRANFORD DAR WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution welcomed three new members at their October meeting.

Downingtown, Pa, Valerie Shafer of Scotch Plains, NJ and Cathy Sienicki of Kinnelon, NJ. The chapter currently has 64 members from many Union County towns and surrounding states.

The chapter charter was issued on March 7,

The Crane's Ford Chapter of the National 1944 by the National Society of DAR. Crane's Ford took its name from a ford in the Rahway River where light horsemen stood guard while General George Washington's Army was Joining our chapter were Helen Donovan of encamped at Morristown. For membership, women must prove lineage back to the American Revolution.

> We invite women who are interested in membership to visit www.DAR.org and to contact the Crane's Ford chapter at patushkat@aol.com to obtain more information.



Valerie Shafer, Helen Donovan and Chapter Regent Mary Leonard (missing Cathy Sienicki)



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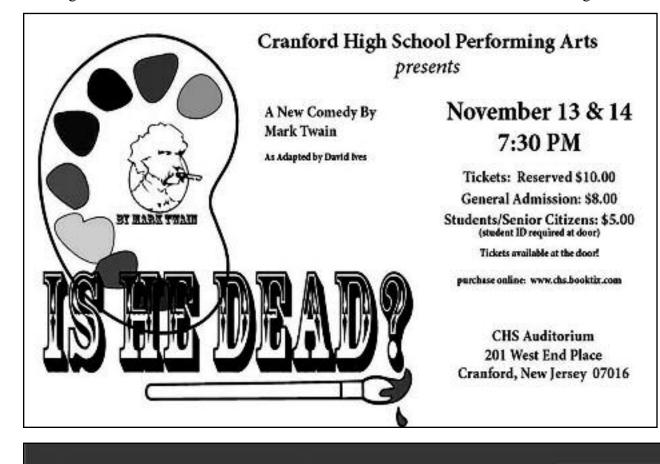


HS PERFORMING ARTS ANNOUNCES PRODUCTION OF "IS HE DEAD?"

Cranford High School Performing Arts is proud to announce its Fall Theater Production of Mark Twain's hilarious comedy "Is He Dead?" will be staged on Friday November 13 and Saturday November 14 at 7:30PM. Senior citizens are invited to attend for no charge, the dress rehearsal on Thursday, November 12 at 7:30 PM. Tickets are available from www.chs.booktix.com. Online ticket prices are reserved seats for \$10.00. Tickets at the door are available at \$8.00 for General Admission, \$5.00 for students and senior citizens. Tickets are always available at the door, box office opens each night at 6:30PM.

The story revolves around the famous French painter, Jean-Francois Millet who is in love with Marie Leroux but in debt to a villainous picturedealer, Bastien Andre. Andre forecloses on Millet, threatening debtor's prison unless Marie marries him. Millet realizes that the only way he can pay his debts and keep Marie from marrying Andre is to die, as it is only dead painters who achieve fame and fortune. Millet fakes his death and prospers, all while passing himself off as his own sister, the Widow Tillou. Now a rich "widow," he must find a way to get out of a dress, return to life, and marry Marie.

Featured in the Cranford High School

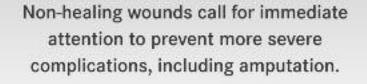


production will be: Tyler McMahon as Jean-Francois Millet, Dylan Randazzo as Bastien Andre, Hale Jaeger as Papa Leroux, Lilian Rebelo as Marie Leroux, Elyssa Loughlin as Cecile Leroux, James Lynch as Chicago, Charlie Bernstein as Dutchy, Brenden Scalea as O'Shaughnessy, Kelsey Kilpatrick as Madame Bathilde, Sarah Parlapiano as Madame Caron, Kelly McMahon as Madame Thorpe, Haley Baranowski as Claudette Riviere, Simeon Granda as Charlie, Cristina Marcotrigiano as The Queen of France, Maggie Manhardt as The Princess of Istanbul, Noah Wohlsen as The Sultan of Turkey, Niamh O'Donovan as The Baroness of Romania and Samantha Gordon as The Empress of Russia.

Mark Twain wrote Is He Dead? In 1898 as he emerged from one of the darkest periods of his life. A crippling bankruptcy had forced Twain to give up his home in the U.S. and embark on a world-wide lecture tour to payback his creditors, and while he was abroad in 1896, his youngest daughter died. One would be surprised if Twain had wondered whether he'd ever manage to laugh again. But by 1898, Twain had come out of the gloom that had enveloped him and found himself ready to transform death and debt into the raw material for a hilarious, over-the-top comedy. Written while living in Vienna, the play was never produced due to a combination of bad timing, bad luck, and, perhaps the irreverence of placing one of France's greatest painters at the center of a zany, crossed-dressed farce all conspired to foil Twain's plans. Upon Twain's death in 1910 the play found its way into the archive's until uncovered by Twain scholar, Shelley Fisher Fisken in 2002 and adapted for Broadway in 2007 by David Ives.

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ROTARY'S GREAT NIGHT OF IMPROV

It was a great night of improv comedy featuring McDonald & Carney on October 24 when the duo, who have appeared in Atlantic City and New York, performed at a fund-raiser sponsored by the Rotary Club of Cranford. The audience alternately chuckled, laughed and roared over the creative skits based on people's suggestions about a tour of the Guinness Brewery in Dublin, a couple on their first date at a funeral and a love letter in Russian. "It was a great show and a great audience" said Joe Carney, Chair of Cranford Rotary's Community Service Committee. "You need a good group of people for this kind of comedy to work, and we had it tonight. And it was for a great cause."

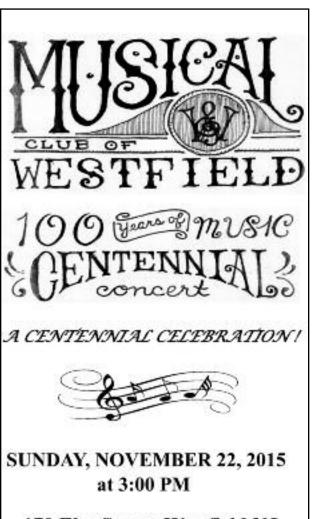
Proceeds from the event will benefit the Cranford Rotary Education Fund which supports Rotary's scholarships, annual "RU Smarter Than A Cranford/Garwood 5th Grader" and the "Cranford Academic Bowl" for high school students.

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 7:45am 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.

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Calling all three to six year old boys and girls! Get ready to learn some Irish dance steps at Shea-Jennings Irish Dance Studio, 102 North Avenue, between Magic Grill and Roma Pizza, starting in January, 2016. Join our new, exciting "Little Shamrocks" class on Friday mornings at 10:00 until 10:45, or Friday afternoons at 1:00 until 1:45, January 15th until March 11th, and enjoy our weekly sessions that will be a nurturing combination of stretching, Irish dancing, singing, playing games, and doing crafts in a dance studio environment.

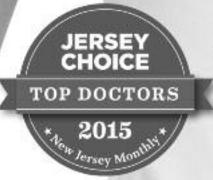
Founded in 1989 by Deirdre Shea, Shea-Jennings is happy to announce a new dance opportunity for our youngest students. Shea and partner, John Jennings, the 1988 Irish Dancing World Champion and current adjudicator (ADCRG) for the Irish Dance Commission, join talents with Noelle Zielenbach Maher, an All Ireland dancer, an Oireachtas competitor, and World Champion finisher. They are TCRG certified instructors with An Coimisiun le Rinci Gaelacha Irish Dance Commission and are experienced teachers in the art of traditional Irish dance---beginner to champion.

Along with accomplished assistants, the Shea-Jennings staff and students participate in feiseanna, in civic and local parades and events, have performed at Radio City Music Hall, Carnegie Hall, Epcot Center, Paper Mill Playhouse, The State Theatre, Union County Arts Center, Count Basie Theatre, PNC Bank Arts Center, New Jersey Performing Arts Center, have appeared on "America's Got Talent," and they continue to perform annually with the Grammy-Award-Winning Irish Chieftains. The dancers have won top five honors at The World Championships and four regional 1st Place titles. They are particularly busy in the month of March performing at Roselle Catholic High School, Kilkenny House, and Darby Road!

The Shea-Jennings School offers competitive classes, as well as classes for students who want to learn and love to dance. Several class times are available throughout the week, and private lessons can be arranged. Irish dance celebrations, including weddings and birthday parties, at your venue, or at the studio, are available upon request. Email: info@sheajennings.com, visit their Facebook page - Shea-Jennings School of Irish Dance, or call Deirdre at 908-451-9182. "Little Shamrocks" class will run for forty five minutes per session in a lively, positive environment with a certified, professional teacher. A parent or guardian must be in attendance, or arrangements can be made to take turns. The fee for "Little Shamrocks" class, eight sessions, is \$100.00.

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KACEY WALESKI RECEIVES HER GOLD AWARD

Troop 40408 has recently received her Gold Award. This is the highest honor a Girl Scout can receive. Only 5.4% of eligible Girl Scouts successfully earn the Gold Award.

Kacey began scouting in Kindergarten as a Daisy and has continued to be part of the scouts. She is a Senior at Cranford High School. She is a member of P.R.I.D.E., Rotary Club and National



(above, l-r) She worked closely with Mr. Deacon the Vice Principal of Orange Ave School and Detective Nazzaro, the School Resource Officer

Kacey Waleski from Cranford Girl Scout Honors Society as well as President of Student immensely. It will provide First Responders the Council, Editor of the Yearbook and Captain of the CHS Varsity Volleyball Team. These clubs, along with Girl Scouts, keep her involved in the community. Her high involvement in the school made it easy for her to pick a Gold Award Project.

Kacey attended Orange Avenue School from third to eighth grade and thought OAS would be great for her project. The project began when Kacey met with former Principal Michelle Vella and current Vice Principle Kevin Deacon to discuss the details of the project. After receiving approval, Kacey reached out to Detective Matthew Nazzaro from the Cranford Police Department to assist and to be her advisor for this project. Detective Nazzaro is the Cranford Schools Resource Officer. He stated "I first met Kacey last school year when she brought this initiative to my attention. Kacey's dedication in taking her idea and transforming the plan into a fully adopted project was unwavering this past year."

The project developed to focus on the safety of OAS students, Faculty and Staff. Two numbered cards were placed in each room of the building, the cards corresponding with the room numbers. One card was placed above the doorway while the other was placed in the window facing outside. These cards are meant to help students locate the specific classroom from the safety of inside the classroom as well as First Responders being able to identify the classrooms from the outside.

When Mr. Deacon was asked how he felt the project would benefit Orange Avenue School he replied "This project supports the school

ability to identify rooms quickly and it allows teachers to communicate their location in an emergency situation." Mr. Deacon also stated "This concept should be implemented in all schools because it helps support safety."

With the help of Detective Nazzaro and Mr. Deacon, the project was able to begin. Kacey started with locating the best paper and adhesives to use on the walls and windows. She was able to print out, laminate, and cut every card to a uniformed style. Trials were run to determine which adhesive worked best with the classroom walls. The trial and errors were fixed and redeveloped to ensure the success of the project. After applying all the cards to each classroom, the project was officially complete.

Kacey hopes this idea will spread to other schools within the district as well as other communities. Safety is a priority within a school and helping prevent accidents during an emergency would be a huge benefit to schools. Detective Nazzaro mentioned "This project is particularly important to First Responders. Kacey's initiative to label Orange Avenue School will aid First Responders during emergency responses".

Kacey would like the thank her family, Detective Nazzaro, Mr. Deacon, the Orange Avenue School faculty and staff, her Troop Leaders, fellow scouts, and friends for all of their support during her Gold Award Project. She would like to thank Toshiba for all the paper donations as well as the Cranford UPS store for lamination and Staples for their lamination donations.





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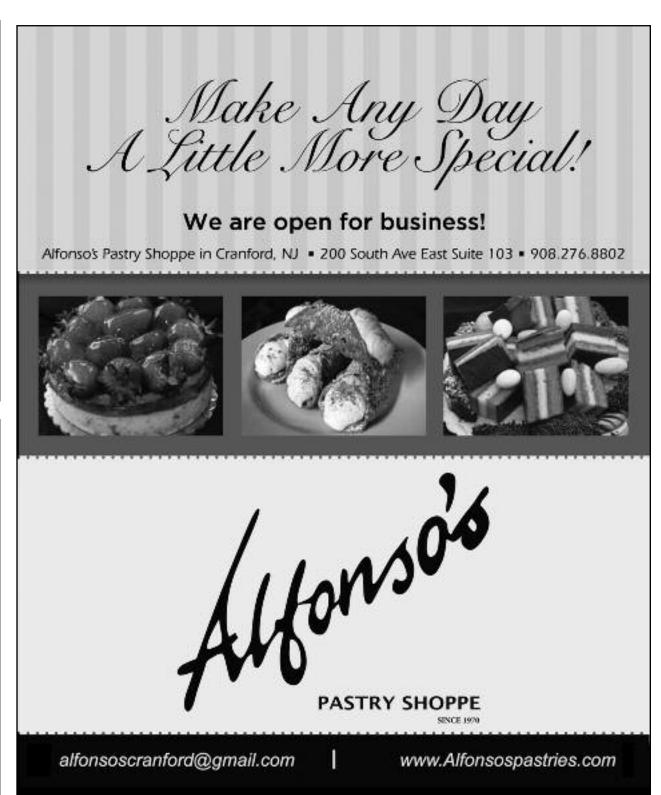
Amateur Astronomers, Inc. (AAI), with its home at the William Miller Sperry Observatory on the Cranford campus of Union County College (1033 Springfield Ave, Cranford, 07016), since 1967, is one of the largest amateur astronomy clubs in the U.S. Sperry Observatory holds two of the largest telescopes available to the public in the Northeast. The East Dome of the observatory holds a 10-inch F/15 refractor built by AAI members and donated to the college in 1972. The West Dome holds 24-inch F/11 Cassegrain reflector purchased and owned by AAI and installed in 1974. AAI holds a Qualified Observers course for members only where they learn to operate the 24-inch and 10inch telescopes. Members can also learn astrophotography and telescope making.

Open free to the public every Friday evening from 7:30-10:30 pm in all weather (although the domes will be closed in inclement weather), AAI hosts a public Astronomy talk at 8:30 pm. Earlier programs for younger audiences, such as scout groups and school children, must be scheduled in advance by emailing info@asterism.org. These programs are tailored

to the particular group and consist of such topics as the Constellations, the Solar System, and how to use binoculars and star wheels. The public is invited to look through the huge 10-inch and 24inch dome telescopes, as well as members' telescopes set up outside the observatory. Admission is always free and there is plenty of free parking! In addition, AAI also holds Star Parties and safe solar observing at Trailside Nature & Science Center, in Mountainside, and at Sandy Hook State Park.

From September through May, on the third Friday of the month, AAI holds the monthly membership meeting in the Nomehegan building on the UCC campus. These meetings are also free and open to the public. Each month AAI holds a professional guest speaker from prominent universities, such as Columbia, Rutgers and Princeton, from NASA, and astronomers from around the world.

Please visit the AAI website at www.asterism.org for more information or contact AAI at the following address: Amateur Astronomers, Inc., Box 111, Garwood, NJ 07027-0111



CRANFORD NATIVE, THE LATE REV. ROBERT J. CORMIER HONORED

On June 13th, 2015, the Honorable Newark City Councilman Anibal Ramos and Project Live Residents, Staff and Board of Trustees gathered together to honor the Rev. Robert J Cormier by naming a Newark City Street and the

administrative Office building of Project Live, Inc. in his memory. Mrs. Camille Cormier, Fr. Cormier's Mother, and Carolin Zamorski, his Sister and other family members and friends were in attendance.



(above) Friends and family hold street sign.

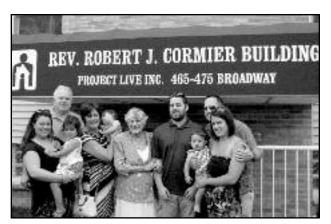


The Rev. Robert J Cormier or Fr. Bob as he was affectionately called was the Board President of Project Live, Inc. for twenty-four years. Project Live, Inc. is a nonprofit agency that provides housing with supportive services to persons with a mental illness in the City of Newark and other municipalities in Essex County. In addition to naming a building after him, the Board of Directors started a scholarship fund for any Project Live staff who wishes to pursue an advanced degree or professional credentials.

Fr. Bob spent many years of his priestly ministry at Our Lady of Good Counsel and St. Rose of Lima parishes in Newark where he served the Hispanic Community. Councilman Ramos recalled with gratitude that Fr. Bob was his counselor and mentor in grammar school and high school. When the request was made to him name a street after Fr. Bob, Councilman Ramos immediately consented.

Project Live Board President and the Executive Director spoke of Fr. Bob's passion to help those who are often forgotten and marginalized by society especially those who are afflicted with a mental illness and those who are homeless. They pledged to carry on Fr. Bob's legacy of love, compassion and service.

Fr. Bob was born and raised in Cranford, NJ and he was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on June 6, 1982. He died in a tragic accident on Mt. Hood, Oregon on May 13. 2014.



THE CRANFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY WILL BE HAVING TWO HOLIDAY DISPLAYS:

THANKSGIVING DAY DISPLAY

Sunday, November 22, 2015 2:00-4:00pm Stop by the Crane-Phillips House Museum to see our Thanksgiving Day Display. Find out what was served at a traditional Victorian Thanksgiving dinner.

CHRISTMAS DAY DISPLAY

Sunday, December 20, 2015 2:00-4:00pm Stop by the Crane-Phillips House Museum to see it all dressed up in Holiday Splendor. Step back in time to see how a Victorian home was

decorated during the Holidays.

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BOY SCOUT CHRISTMAS WREATH

Cranford's Boy Scout Troop 80 will kick off its annual Christmas decoration fund raiser Thanksgiving weekend.

Starting Saturday, November 21st

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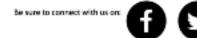


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OVERLOOK MEDICAL CENTER AND INVESTORS BANK TEAM UP WITH LIVINGSTON AVENUE SCHOOL AND PROJECT FIT AMERICA

School tooktheir honored role as the Union County host and model school for Project Fit America (PFA), a national public charity dedicated to getting kids fit since 1990.

"We are excited to be chosen as the first school in Union County to pilot this program. We are looking forward to our partnership with PFA and the health and fitness benefits that it brings to all of our students. Receiving this grant for our physical education curriculum means that our students can gain additional experiences as they work toward a healthy, active lifestyle. Physical education prepares children to be physically and mentally active, fit and healthy...for life!

Through the support of Overlook Medical Center in Morristown, Investors Bank in Cranford, our Parent-Teacher Organization, Cranford Board of Education and staff, we are able to bring this opportunity to our community, " said Filipe Luis, Principal.

Since 1980 childhood obesity has tripled according to the U.S. Surgeon General's Report. In answer to this alarming epidemic, PFA provides an action-based solution that works. PFA creates and donates fully funded fitness programs to schools that bring new opportunities for children to be active, fit and healthy. "The students love the program and teachers report a noticeable increase in their eagerness to

On Oct 14 at 1:30pm, Livingston Avenue participate. This is not your average gym class. The activities are both fun and intense," stated Kim Berg, PFA Instructor.

Programming includes state-of-the-art fitness equipment specifically designed to address the deficit areas where children fail fitness tests; indoor fitness equipment; a dynamic curriculum with games, activities and challenges for kids with the PFA outdoor & indoor equipment. The program also teaches character development, sportsmanship, teamwork and leadership skills.

The academic emphasis is to create "physically educated" children and to empower them to take personal responsibility of their health with enthusiasm. PFA also provides support to the schools for two years along with on-site training with the PE teacher, Ms. Whitney Younghans.

Research shows that physical education not only is important for a child's physical development, but also helps children read and learn math. Physically active children are better learners.

Quality Fitness in Education has a direct impact not only a child's health but their academic success," said Stacey Cook, Executive Director, "We are extremely proud of Overlook Medical Center for their commitment to bring this program to the community and for their dedication to improving the health and wellness of children."









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CRANFORD BAND "SPLITTREE" TO RELEASE 2ND ALBUM

Local Cranford band Splittree, made up of Cranford High graduates, are set to release their sophomore album, Asleep Behind the Wheel on November 17th. The group, comprised of Tom Stoke (18), John Anclien (19) and Kean MacLelland (19), and Alex Codella (19) will release the album through Mozu Records, an independent label based in New Haven, CT. The new album marks the second full-length release from the band in 2015, and is the follow up to their debut album Mind Tricks, which was released March 3rd of this year.

"The response to Mind Tricks was overwhelming," says guitarist Alex Codella. "Once we saw the growth from the first album, we wanted to get back into the studio. Two albums in one year may seem like a lot, but the songs on Mind Tricks weren't brand new material if fans had followed us for a while. Every song on Asleep Behind the Wheel is brand new just for this album."

The band, who write original, alternative and rock music spent June through August recording the new, 12-song album, Asleep Behind the Wheel, and worked with industry professionals for the mastering, production and distribution. "For example, we had the opportunity to have a great producer and friend, Stefano Bonzi, from LA based BonziRecording, work on vocals for this record," says Tom Stoke.

This is the band's first album to be released through the Mozu Records, whom the band signed with on October 16. Mozu Records will also re-release the band's debut album.





"Chelsea (Stay Tuned)," an upbeat song with a mix of clean and overdriven guitars, but a softer sound for the group, will be the first single from the new record, which the band will release on November 3rd.

"This record is interesting because it shows the progression of our sound which has developed even over a few months," drummer John Anclien adds. "We have some hard rock songs, which are newer to our style, but still keep the Mind Tricks flair in a lot of the other tunes."

"We now have two albums and numerous other songs that we haven't recorded under our belt," says singer and guitarist Kean MacLelland. "Our next step is to support this album and our debut by touring, just playing as many shows as possible, radio spins, and any means of promotion. We are fortunate now because we have a distribution deal and management backing. We have come along way in just a few months."

The upcoming album once again features guitarist Alex Codella, this time as a full-time member, and also appearances by Luke Langone of Nothing Personal. This will also be the last album to include Tom Stoke as a member, as he announced his departure in last September. Over 300 hours had been put into recording, mixing, and mastering.

Recording took place at Studio 108 in Cranford, NJ.

More info at Facebook: facebook.com/SplittreeBand or Twitter: @SplittreeBand

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S NOVEMBER EVENTS

The Cranford Chamber has announced its upcoming holiday events for November, which include a full day of activities on November 27th, beginning at 11:00 a.m. with the Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors & Ambassadors decorating our Holiday Tree located in Mayor's Park on the corner of Springfield and N. Union Avenues. Afternoon events will begin at 1:00 p.m. with a Face Painter, Moon Walk, and Horse Drawn Wagon rides which will be located in Parking Lot #7 on Miln Street. These events will run until 4:00 p.m.

At 4:00 p.m. the Celebration Singers will perform on the stage located by the Holiday Tree on N. Union and Springfield Avenues, followed by the High School Madrigals and the Brass Ensemble at 5:00 p.m. Santa's will arrive for the

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The program runs Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 am until 2:30 pm. The next session begins January 5, 2016. For more information, please call us at (908) 353-1045, Ext 8, or email Projectreadyprg@yahoo.com.

If you are interested in participating in this class, join us for our Information and Sign up session on December 1, 2015 at 1pm (118 Division St. Elizabeth, NJ). Seats are limited –Student selection by lottery.

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The Cranford Chamber has announced its lighting of the township holiday tree at 6:00 p.m. escorted by the Cranford Fire Department.

The Chamber will be available to take photos of the children with Santa for a price of \$3.00 and each child will receive a candy cane from Santa. In addition, each family will receive a "Small Business Saturday" canvas bag filled with information and valuable coupons from our many local businesses in Cranford.

Santa's mailbox will be inside the Post Office from November 25th to December 18th. Santa letters must have a return address, as Santa replies to each letter received.

The Cranford Chamber of Commerce is proud to present these many exciting events for our residents in Cranford and we wish everyone a very Happy Holiday!



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CRANFORD NATIVE, GARGILES INDUCTION TO RIT HALL OF FAME



Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) is proud to announce that Michael Gargiles, a Cranford native, has been inducted into the 2015 Sports Hall of Fame class.

Michael was an NCAA All- American, New York Conference Champion and a current record holder in track for RIT.

Michael also skated center on the ice hockey team, playing on four NCAA playoff teams and capturing two ECAC championships along with an All-Star selection. Living in Cranford, NJ with his wife Milena, Michael isa VP of MasterCard Worldwide. The Gargiles Family is very proud and wishing Michael a huge Congratulations!



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NEWS FROM THE THEATER PROJECT

The Theater Project will present a staged reading of The Real Lives of Imaginary People, a new work by Luigi Jannuzzi, on Saturday, November 14, at 2:00 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center. The Community Center is located at 220 Walnut Avenue.

The Real Lives of Imaginary People is made up of ten comedic one-acts and four monologues and is set in Imaginary Place, where all the fairy tale people live . . . and trespass (Jack), use dangerous substances (Alice), violate endangered species laws (Red Riding), and harass each other (W. E. Witch). From the Mad Hatter to the Big Bad Wolf, from the Gingerbread People to Tinker Bell, the truth is revealed.

Mr. Jannuzzi won the 1986 Goshen College Playwriting Peace Prize for The Barbarians Are Coming. He was awarded New Jersey State

Council of the Arts fellowships for A Bench at the Edge in 1987 and Night of the Foolish Moon in 1999. He won the Samuel French One-Act Competition for "The Appointment" in 1995 and for "With or Without You" in 1996. The Theater Project is an acclaimed, New Jersey-based professional theater group and the winner of two New Jersey Tony Awards.

Following the reading, the audience will have the opportunity to discuss the work with the author. Admission is free and all are welcome. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Cranford Public Library.

For more info, contact: John Malar, Director, Cranford Public Library: 908-709-7281; j-malar@cranfordnj.org or Mark Spina, Director, The Theater Project: 908-809-8865; markanthonyspina@aol.com

PICTURING AMERICA PRESENTATION AT CRANFORD COLLEGE WOMEN'S CLUB

The Newark Museum Speakers Bureau is scheduled to present "Picturing America" at the November meeting of the Cranford College Women's Club on Monday, November 9, 2015 at the Cranford Presbyterian Church on Springfield Avenue in Cranford. "Picturing America" is one of the finest and most comprehensive American art collections in the United States. The Newark Museum is New Jersey's largest museum and offers eighty galleries of inspiration and exploration.

The "Picturing America" presentation highlights the work of American artists who interpreted the people, culture, and tenor of their times, from the United States' original colonial portraits and folk artthrough the Hudson River Landscape period of thenineteenth century to today's contemporary works.

Legendary artists whose works are to be surveyed in this program include Frederick Edwin Church, John Singer Sargent, Joseph Stella, Georgia O'Keeffe, and Andy Warhol. More than sixty pieces of art will be examined during this presentation which also includessculpture, decorative objects, and furniture from the various periods.

The Speakers Bureau is a project of the Newark Museum Volunteer Organization. Its goal is to bring the Museum's world-class art collection to local communities.

The meeting will begin at 7 PM with refreshments followed by the "Picturing America" program. The meeting is open to anyone interested in attending.

The College Women's Club meets the second Monday of the month and membership is open to allwomen who have a degree from a four year college or university. Any woman interested in becoming a member may contact President Arline McCloskey at 908-276-9298.



CPD PRESENTING SOCIAL MEDIA AND INTERNET SAFETY PROGRAM

On November 10, 2015, the Cranford Police Department will be presenting a social media and Internet safety program for middle- and highschool parents. The 90 minute program will begin at 7:00pm at the Cranford Community Center, located at 220 Walnut Avenue.

The presentation, dubbed "Be the Seatbelt" in reference to parents providing safety measures as children navigate the information superhighway, will be coordinated by Detective Sergeant Gerard Quinn. Sergeant Quinn is a 24 year veteran Cranford police officer with over 15 years of experience conducting and supervising criminal investigations involving technology, social media, and the Internet. He was a founding member of the Union County High Tech Task Force and is a Cybercrime Investigations instructor at the John H. Stamler Police Academy. Sgt. Quinn has conducted numerous technology crime awareness programs both in Cranford and neighboring communities.

common social media applications available to

children and adolescents, such as Instagram, Vine, SnapChat, Ask.fm, and others. It will also address the positive uses for technology and discuss the potential pitfalls faced by children without a concept of the public and permanent nature of the Internet. After comparing the current technological expansion to the past development of cable television, video games and video cassette recorders, the presentation will conclude with tools parents can use to expand their knowledge and understanding of online socialization and connected devices.

"Technology is always changing and progressing," stated Sgt. Ouinn. "As

Cranford Police Chief James Wozniak believes the program will help make Cranford a safer place. "No one is better positioned than parents when it comes to positively influencing our community's children," he said, "and any time we get a chance to expand their toolbox and help them make our community safer, we will always be on board with that."

The material presented in the "Be the Seatbelt" program is aimed at adults only. Children will not be allowed at the presentation.



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THE CRANFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Cranford Public Library has some wonderful programs scheduled for November. The Friends of the Library are sponsoring an 8-week session of Yoga Story Time. The program mixes poses, games, storytelling, art and music to teach children to release the sillies and find

the calm. We'll be using props--like balls, scarves, pinwheels, and pom-poms--to build strength, flexibility, and self-confidence through play! Join us for this very special story time, led by Lisa Ferraro, on Monday mornings at 10:15 from November 2-December 21. Registration is required, call or stop by the Children's

Department to reserve a spot.

NOVEMBER EVENTS Babies and Toddlers are invited to join us for

New Art Classes

Thursday November 12 at 10:15 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. for our toddler and preschool-aged friends. We'll be learning all about Henri Matisse and creating our own Matisse-inspired masterpieces at "Meet Art!" Children ages 4-6 are welcome to join us,

in the Library's Raddin Room. Registration is required and space is limited.

Music & Movement Story Time

Saturday, November 14th at 10:15 a.m. in the Library's Raddin Room. This short, lively story time is packed with songs and is perfect for children ages 3-24 months. Registration is not required, just drop in!

Toddlers will love "Petit Picasso," Thursday, November 19 at 10:15 a.m. a morning of art created especially for 2-3-year-olds. We'll be creating process based art, which encourages creativity while providing developmentally appropriate

art experiences for our toddler friends. This approach allows children to relax and express themselves freely, while improving their small motor skills. Registration is required and space is limited. Admission to all programs is free and all Cranford



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THE MUSIC OF BILLIE HOLIDAY, NOV. 9TH

The Friends of the Cranford Public Library are pleased to sponsor "An Evening with Lady Day," featuring the music of Billie Holiday as interpreted by vocalist Rhonda Denét and the Silver Fox Trio. The program will take place on Monday, November 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Avenue. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Ms. Denét is a New York City based jazz/soul vocalist. Since 2007 she has been building her full-time career in music, performing regularly with her band, the Bad Cats, as the lead vocalist of the Kazz Music Orchestra, and with several other regional projects. This marks Ms. Denét's fourth appearance at the Cranford Community Center, where she has also presented programs featuring the music of Ella Fitzgerald and Frank Sinatra, music from the Great American Songbook, and the music of Motown. For more information about Ms. Denét, visit her Web site at rhondadenet.com.

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LIBRARY ADDS TWO MORE MUSEUMS TO MUSEUM PASS

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GIRL SCOUTS ANNOUNCE LISA DURANT AS NEW SERVICE UNIT MANAGER

The Girl Scouts of Cranford has announced lifelong resident, Lisa Durant, as its new Service Unit Manager. Durant will provide leadership and management of the Girl Scouting program for the Cranford Service Unit and continue to foster the deep rooted scouting traditions that are already present within the community.

As Service Unit Manager, Ms. Durant will provide meeting opportunities for leaders and service unit members to network and exchange ideas. She will also

be responsible for finding ways for Cranford Girl Scouts to become more involved in global scouting opportunities that expand beyond the local community.

"I'm excited to take on this role and to work with team members and leaders to find new ways to empower girls to become leaders themselves," said Durant. "I hope to do my best in making a difference, even if it is only a small but positive one."

A Girl Scout for over 23 years, Lisa was introduced to scouting in second grade and continued the Girl Scout program through High School where she was named a First Class Girl Scout (the highest Girl Scout Award prior to it being renamed the Gold Award). She continued her involvement in the Girl Scouting community as an adult, including the past 8 years as a leader. She currently works at St. Michael's Church in Religious Education, a position she has held for the past 7 years.

Before being named the Cranford Service Unit Manager, Lisa served on the local organization's Service Unit team for 5 years and was the Catholic Religious Awards Coordinator. She earned the Elizabeth Ann Seton Award in 2014 for her work with the girls achieving their religious awards. She was also presented the



the prestigious Dedicated Leader pin in 2015 after being nominated by her peers and troop members.

Appreciation Pin in 2014 and

Ms. Durant is married with four children, all involved in scouting. Her eldest and only son is currently attending Seton Hall University and was a boy scout, while her three daughters are all currently enrolled in the Cranford School system and involved in Girl Scouting – one achieving her Gold Award this past Spring; another currently completing her Gold Award;

and the third is beginning her Silver Award.

Girl Scouts is the world's preeminent organization dedicated solely to girls - all girls where, in an accepting and nurturing environment, girls build character and skills for success in the real world. In partnership with committed adult volunteers, girls develop qualities that will serve them all their lives.

For over 100 years, its membership has been unified towards the achievement of the Girl Scout mission: "To build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place."

The Girl Scouts of Cranford boasts 1,068 Girl Scout Members in 70 troops and Juliette's making it one of the largest non-profit organizations in town. The Cranford Service Unit is a part of the Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey (GSHNJ) Council which is part of the Girl Scouts of the USA.

If your family is interested in learning more about local Girl Scouts or to find out more information on the Girls Scouts of Cranford, please visit www.cranfordgirlscouts.com.

GSHNJ serves over 25,000 girls, ages 5-17 and 11, 000 adult members in the counties of Hudson, Essex, Union, Somerset, Hunterdon, southern Warren and parts of Middlesex.





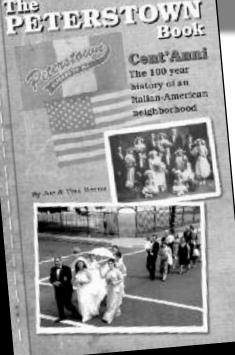


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VFW ANNOUNCES VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST!

Cranford VFW Post #335's Commander Jay Boxwell has announced their annual Veterans day breakfast at the Cranford Post. The day of the event this year will be November 8th at 10 am. Boxwell was proud to announce that this year's keynote speaker will be Ronald Herman, Command Master Chief of Naval Weapons Station Earle. Master Chief Herman has been in the United States Navy for over 20 years as a submariner.

"This breakfast is a staple of our programs here at the post" Boxwell said. The breakfast is one of the largest events the post does to support all veterans in the community. Boxwell stated " on

this day we honor ALL veterans who served our great county". The breakfast is open to all; you do not need to be a member of the post or a veteran. The breakfast is being provided by the Cranford Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary. There is no cost for this breakfast. Just come and enjoy a nice breakfast, hear a current veteran reflect on his military service and just honor our veterans. We look forward to seeing you on November 8th at 10am.

Additional information on the Veterans Day Breakfast can be gotten by calling the VFW at 908-276-9730 or emailing njvfwpowmia@gmail.com

ROTARY DICTIONARY DISTRIBUTION

Cranford Rotarians fanned out Thursday morning Oct. 1 to distribute dictionaries to every third grader in Cranford. For the 14thyear in a row, members of Cranford Rotary distributed almost 400 dictionaries to 3rd graders at Cranford public schools, St Michaels and Garwood Lincoln School. The Cranford Rotary Club participates in the nationwide project sponsored in part by Rotary International that provides personal dictionaries to 3rdgrade students throughout the United States. The dictionaries lead to better reading, speech, and writing, and the young people like meeting adults in their community who care enough about them to purchase them and come to their school to present them personally.

The students were very appreciative and excited that the books are their own to keep forever. They also contain the Rotary motto on the inside cover. Many students started reading them right away and in the past, the books have also been used by some teachers in their curriculum. One of Cranford Rotary's focuses is education. In addition to the dictionary distribution the Rotary also conducts "Are You Smarter than a Cranford/Garwood 5th Grader" as well as other educational events. They also support the Rotary Interact Club in the high school and give out scholarships to high school seniors who are continuing their education each year.

The Rotary Club of Cranford was established in 1923 and serves the Cranford community through service projects, sponsorships and scholarships. Over \$250,000 in scholarship funds have been awarded over the last twenty years. Recent beneficiaries of other Rotary support include Cranford Family Care, Cranford First Aid Squad, Cranford PAL, Cerebral Palsy Leagueand the Rotary International Foundation. The Cranford Rotary Club meets every 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.





Rotarian Vince Spada distributing dictionaries.

