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On Friday January 29th, Lincoln School Kindergartners were on their best behavior, but not just because of their usual desire to listen to their teachers. On this special day, the school gymnasium was packed with some of the most important people in their lives, all gathered to celebrate Lincoln School's own Grandparent & Special Person's Day. Following a warm welcome from Principal Audrey Zavetz, the students entertained their guests with three beautiful songs: A Bushel and a Peck, A Song for Grandparents Day, and Hot Chocolate. The grandparents and special guests were then asked to join in for a second round of Hot Chocolate replete with hand motions by all, Thanks to the encouragement of Music Teacher Christine Toullos, the students were thrilled to hear the song being shared amidst the crowd. The childrens' special guests then followed them to their classrooms where they enjoyed a glimpse of a day in the life of a Lincoln Kindergartner and many shared special projects. Despite the full day, rumor has it many left the building still singing! Lincoln School music teacher Christine Toullos was equally enthused, commenting that she was "so proud of all our kindergarteners up on stage; they put on such a great performance for all our grandparents and special people!"



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The Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce networking meetings are hosted by local businesses. On February 19th the host was Eye Care & Surgery Center on Springfield Avenue, Westfield. Vine Ripe Markets on North Avenue, Westfield hosted on March 1st.

Attendees got the opportunity to introduce themselves and network with other Westfield Chamber members. Anyone interested in attending the next event or finding out about being a host can call (908) 233-3021.

(right, l-r) Gene Jannotti, Executive Director – Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Joel Confino, Dr. Ivan Jacobs and Dr. Milton Kahn – Eye Care and Surgery Center.



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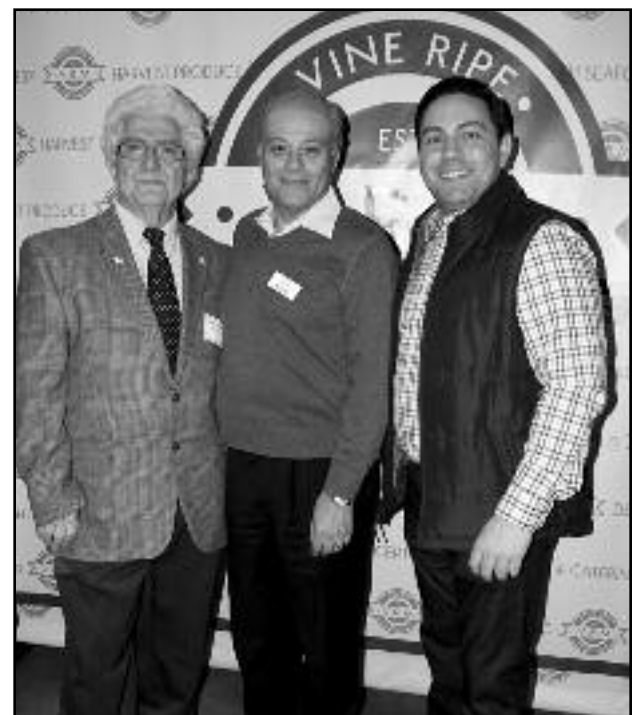
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(above, l-r) Garwood Mayor Charles Lombardo, Chamber Executive Director Gene Jannotti, and Vine Ripe partner Frank Bruno.

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Ray Bailey was an athlete for Westfield High School and an outstanding baseball player for the American Legion Team in the late 1950s when he was tragically killed. Since the 1960s, the Martin Wallberg American Legion Post 3 in Westfield has given the Ray Bailey Award with

honor to its recipients.

On December 10th, 2015 at the Westfield High School Football Awards Dinner, Chris Verano was awarded the Ray Bailey Award as the Senior Varsity Football player with the highest grade point average.



(above) Commander Allan Betau and Post Adjutant Jack Ford shown with the recipient of the Ray Bailey Award, Chris Verano and his parents Mike and Michelle Verano.

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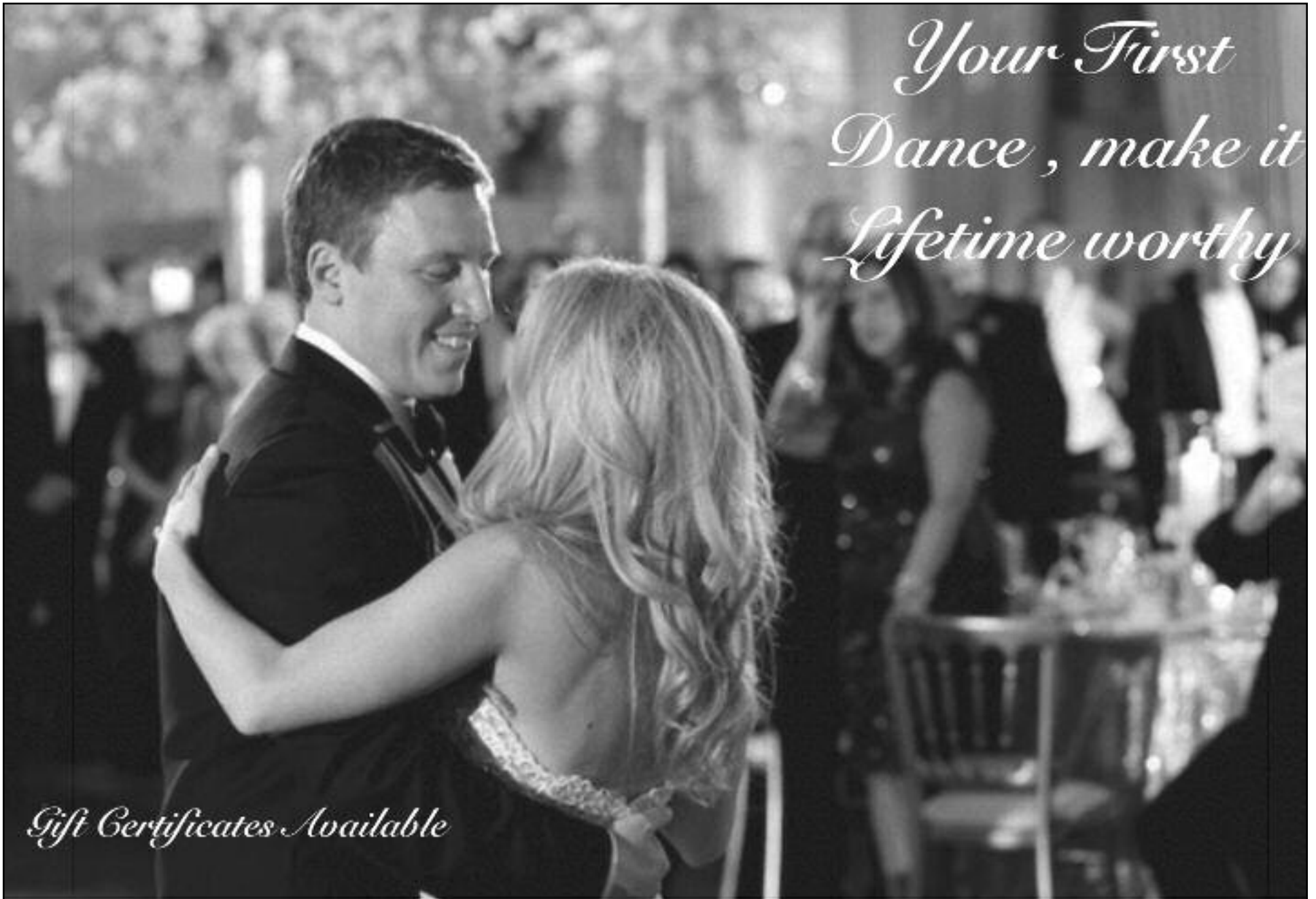
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MOUNT SAINT MARY ACADEMY'S HOPE CLUB COLLECTS CEREAL BOXES FOR AID NEEDY FAMILIES SERVED BY STAR FISH FOOD PANTRY

Members of the HOPE (Helping Other People Everywhere) Club at Mount Saint Mary Academy (MSMA) in Watchung recognized the importance of aiding local families in need by collecting 325 boxes of cereal, which will be distributed by volunteers at the Star Fish Food Pantry in Plainfield.

The drive was held from January 25 to February 22, with donations given to Star Fish on the afternoon of February 22.

Donna Toryak, MSMA's director of admissions and the moderator of HOPE, said, "Many young students and adults will be able to start their day with a healthy breakfast thanks to these donations."

The outreach effort, which was entitled "Cereal Super Bowl," was one of many carried out during the year by the club, which boasts approximately 25 members.

Ms. Toryak added that the club has also collected paper products to benefit Project Paul in Keansburg in the fall, and prepares sandwiches for the Salvation Army in Plainfield.

Members of HOPE also play bingo on campus with the retired Sisters of Mercy and create greeting cards for them for Christmas and Valentine's Day.

A future goal for the club is to organize a "diaper drive" to benefit a local food pantry.

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independent school which provides an exemplary college preparatory education for young women in grades 9 through 12. Founded in 1908 as a sponsored work of the Sisters of Mercy, the Mount remains committed to challenging each student to develop her fullest potential in a Christian atmosphere of love and caring.



(above, l-r) Three members of the HOPE (Helping Other People Everywhere) club at Mount Saint Mary Academy in Watchung are pictured with some of the donated cereal boxes that will be distributed by Star Fish Food Pantry in Plainfield.: Caroline Hendrix, a freshman from Westfield, Katie Butler, a sophomore from Warren, and Fiona Hadley, a freshman from Florham Park.

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(above, back, l-r) the Westfield singers include Laura Surace, Kylinn Kraemer, Olivia McElheny, Max Wasilewski, and Noah Bram; (front, l-r) Alison Brown, Charlotte Fountain-Jardim, Lauren Singer, Abby Rothenberg, Joey Maldonado, and Lauren Brumfield. John Brzozowski is their Vocal Music Teacher at Westfield High School.

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IMAGINE SUSTAINABILITY AND NEW SPACE CAMPAIGN

Over 60 guests and volunteers turned out Thursday evening February 11th, despite the frigid cold, for the Public Kickoff of Imagine's Campaign for Sustainability and New Space, a \$3.5 Million 3 year campaign. The event was held at 1154 Rt. 22 West in Mountainside one of the possible new locations for Imagine's future dedicated space of its own.

In attendance were Marilyn and Lou Stiglitz who have made a three-year pledge to Imagine in memory of their daughter Susan Lang who died of leukemia at age 14. "I feel it is a wonderful place for young people to express themselves. It gives them a place to belong and to heal after losing a loved one in their family," said Mrs. Stiglitz about her pledge of support. "In my own case in losing my daughter, it would have been wonderful to have a safe haven for my son to have friends with whom he could relate some of his feelings of loss."

"We are so grateful to the Stiglitz for their extraordinary gift and pledge of support. The Opening Circle Room at Imagine will be named after Susan Lang. This is one of the most sacred spaces at Imagine and is where all of the families meet on each Night of Support for pizza supper and the important Opening Circle Ritual. It is also where all the families gather at the end of the evening for the closing circle ritual. This incredible donation, our first Naming Gift, comes at critical time in our organization's growth. Imagine currently serves over 200 children and adults every two weeks in its peer support groups for children coping with loss due to death at our

current location at First United Methodist Church in Westfield. As it became apparent we would out grow our space within the year, last year Imagine's Board of Trustees launched the silent phase of our Campaign for Sustainability and a Space of Our Own" said Mary Robinson, Imagine Founder and Executive Director. "In order to be able to serve more families and keep up with the need for grief support we knew we would need to find a new location."

"First United Methodist Church has been our home for three and a half years and we have been incredibly fortunate to have been able to launch our program there, right in the heart of Westfield, said Stuart Arnold, Imagine Board Chair. Imagine was launched in 2011 with an initial grant from Dr. Gerry Glasser through the The Glasser Foundation, whose vision it was to make grief support available and accessible to the children and families in his beloved town of Westfield and all surrounding communities. The Foundation has continued to provide extraordinarily generous annual support to Imagine, which has been instrumental in our ability to grow and thrive. "As we get ready to move to a new space dedicated to serving grieving children and families, we invite everyone's participation and encourage you to contact Imagine to find out how you can help."

Imagine is a free year-round peer grief support center located in Westfield, NJ and serving all of Union County and beyond. Imagine serves children age 3-18 who has had a parent or sibling die, with concurrent support groups for their



(above, l-r) Stuart Arnold, board chairman; Mary Robinson Executive Director; Connie Palmer Clinical Director; Mandi Zucker, Program Director; Amanda Hayden, Development and Operations Associate.

parents or guardians. Support for children and teens living with a parent or sibling with a life-altering physical illness are also available through the Imagine Tender Living Care program. Free year-round support groups are also available for adults 18 and up who have had a friend, sibling, parent or other important person in their life die, or who have a parent, sibling or friend living with an illness. For support or for more information visit their website at www.imagenenj.org or contact info@imagenenj.org or 908-264-3100.

LOCATING HIDDEN MARITAL ASSETS IN DIVORCE

By: James McGlew II, Esq.

One of the greatest concerns to individuals who are divorcing or contemplating divorce is the possibility that their spouse is hiding or dissipating assets. While such conduct may be the exception rather than the rule such actions on the part of one spouse can have extreme financial consequences to the detriment of the other.

In those cases where there is a basis for suspicion, as experienced matrimonial attorneys we at Lindabury can take the initial steps to investigate whether a spouse is attempting to hide marital assets. In those divorces where the suspicion is confirmed, we may recommend the use of a forensic accountant, investigative expert, or an "IT" (information technology) professional to discover the extent to which this conduct has occurred. Lindabury's Family Law Group has decades of experience advocating on behalf of clients involved in contentious divorces.

KNOW THE SIGNS Hiding marital assets can be an attempt by one spouse to gain the upper hand in a divorce. Some of the more common signs are regular and consistent withdrawal of cash from a checking account or at an ATM, unexplained travel expenses, payments to unknown parties or friends or relatives for no plausible reason and the payment of debt for reasons of which you are unfamiliar or unaware.

When a divorcing spouse senses that the hiding or dissipating of assets is occurring, it is important to obtain

copies of any and all financial records and documents. Such documents often disappear or are destroyed soon after attorneys are engaged and can sometimes be difficult or expensive to obtain from their original source. Bank account statements (checking or savings), brokerage statements and tax returns can indicate to an attorney or forensic accountant whether or not assets are being unfairly depleted.

The use of electronic discovery has made it significantly easier to uncover this type of covert behavior by a spouse. But be aware that there are proper and improper methods to obtaining electronic information. While it is permissible to conduct Internet searches and review the public social media sites of spouses, it is illegal to "hack" into a spouse's password-protected bank account, social media page or other similar account or page. There can be criminal penalties for doing so. Moreover, a spouse would lose all credibility before the Court if they attempted to introduce evidence consisting of illegally obtained information. It is best to obtain this information after consultation with an attorney and/or through the use of an IT professional.

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JOE APRILE CELEBRATES 50 YEARS IN BUSINESS

Joe Aprile came to America from Ribera, Sicily in 1958 at the age of fourteen. Out of the limited number of opportunities to learn a trade, he chose to learn to cut hair. He worked as an apprentice for eight years before buying a barber shop at 607 South Avenue West in Westfield, New Jersey and hanging his Mr. J's Barber Shop sign.

Joe built an immediate following of local Westfield folks and a number of customers who traveled from neighboring towns, friends from Elizabeth, Bowling buddies from Jersey Lanes and guys looking for an old-fashioned, traditional haircut, which were getting harder to find as the decades clicked by.

Not much changed in the shop over the years. He still has the original barber chairs he started with, that collectors would salivate over. Memorabilia fills the walls, old photos and family snapshots. It seems that stuff gets hung but never comes down.

A signed photo of retired boxer Gerry Cooney,

a one time contender for the heavyweight crown, is prominently displayed. Asked if Cooney is the biggest celebrity customer, Joe says, "No, all his customers are celebrities."



(above, l-r) An autographed photo of Joe Aprile with his long-time customer, prize fighter Gerry Cooney adorns the wall of his barber shop, Mr. J's, in Westfield.

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WESTFIELD HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR NAMED PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR CANDIDATE

Westfield High School Senior, Felicia Mermer, has been named a Candidate for the United States Presidential Scholars Program by the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars and the United States Department of Education. According to the letter received by Superintendent of Schools Margaret Dolan from the US Department of Education, this recognition is "to recognize and honor some of our nation's most distinguished graduating seniors . . . who are chosen on the basis of their accomplishments in many areas – academic and artistic success, leadership, and involvement in school and the community – and represent excellence in education and the promise of greatness in America's youth." Felicia, who is Co-President of Westfield's Model United Nations Club, is described as "truly a compassionate and caring young woman," according to her Guidance Counselor Darlene Hill. "Her empathy extends beyond Westfield High School, as she is passionate about helping people who are facing adversity. She has become actively involved with Girls Learn International, and feels empowered

to create solutions that address obstacles that girls are encountering worldwide," adds Ms. Hill. In responding to the nomination, Felicia, commented, "'It's an honor to be recognized at the national level. I'm really excited to continue on in the program, but even if I'm not chosen as a Scholar, I'll still be excited that I was selected as a candidate.'" Felicia is congratulated here by Westfield High School Principal, Peter Renwick.



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The test went perfect and the teens enjoyed the novelty of playing on the mini lanes designed to accommodate kids from preschool on up.

Jersey Lanes is located at 30 Park Avenue in Linden. Visit www.JerseyLanes.com for more information or connect with Jersey Lanes on Facebook. The party room can be reserved by calling 908-486-6300.



(above) Junior Bowling League member tries her hand at the mini bowling at Jersey Lanes.

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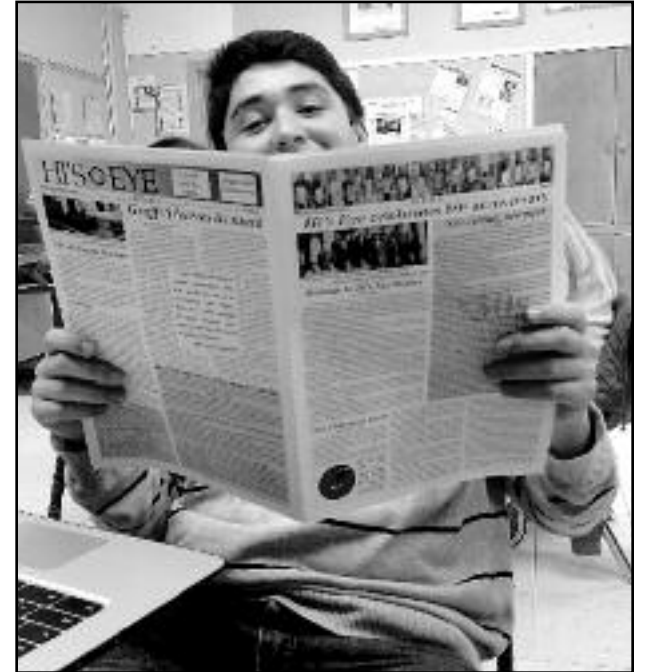
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WHS NEWSPAPER, HI'S EYE, MARKS 80TH YEAR

Hi's Eye, the award-winning weekly newspaper produced by Westfield High School students, celebrates its 80th anniversary this school year. According to the article by Journalism II student Stella Billek in the special anniversary issue, Hi's Eye is a tradition that has been with Westfield High School through five principals, two buildings, 15 football state championships, five major wars and sweeping changes in American culture.

"Celebrating 80 years of a curriculum that strengthens writing skills, encourages communication and debate, and earns awards is a great accomplishment," stated Superintendent of Schools, Margaret Dolan. "I congratulate past and current students and staff of Hi's Eye on an anniversary worthy of celebration," she added.

Junior Zoe Rader, also a contributor to the anniversary edition, states, "The most significant difference in the school newspaper's content has been the addition of social media." Today, Hi's Eye continues its traditional print format but also has an online presence in its web edition, a blog, and communicates through Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.



Journalism II teacher Nicole Scimone explained that her class decided to produce the commemorative issue by writing about "the biggest story trends from the last 80 years, with a page for each decade of Hi's Eye existence."

(above) Junior, Ben Albert-Halevy, enjoys reading the 80th anniversary issue of Hi's Eye, which his class produced. Ben, who co-wrote an article which referenced the 1940's WHS junior prom, explained, "Getting published definitely made me be much more careful when structuring my articles and design because I wanted to make sure I was proud of my own work before others saw it."

In comparing the articles which have appeared throughout the decades to now, teacher and Co-Advisor, Warren Hynes, describes the current Hi's Eye approach as "getting more into the how and why behind the news."

With the exception of this special edition, Hi's Eye is produced by Journalism III students, who are seniors who have completed Journalism I – usually in 10th grade, and Journalism II – typically enrolled by 11th graders.

Hi's Eye annually is the recipient of top medals by the Columbia and National Scholastic Press Associations awards.

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(above) Members of the Special Services Department attending a workshop on assisting students with Dyslexia. Included among the more than 25 in attendance were (seated, l-r) Debby Posluszy, Lincoln School Speech Therapist; Beth Link-Richardson, Physical Therapist; and Kristen Ecklund and Heather Alvarez, School Psychologists, with Michael Weissman, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services.

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