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GREASE LIGHTNING...Members of the Fabulous Greaseband perform at Fanwood's 110th anniversary on Saturday. The Fabulous Greaseband, a Central New Jersey group, entertained a crowd of close to a hundred with a host of tunes from legendary rock-and-roll artists.

Scotch Plains Tavern Ready To Sing The Blues

By VICTORIA MCCABE
 Specially Written For The Westfield Leader and The Times

SCOTCH PLAINS — For the past two Fridays, patrons of the Tavern at the Stage House in Scotch Plains have received a side of live music along with their drinks and food.

The newly opened establishment, part of the Stage House Restaurant and Wine Bar, will now offer live music from a variety of local bands and musicians on Friday nights.

Tomorrow night, the Tavern will host local guitar duo Front Porch Swing as the third installment of the Friday-night live music endeavor.

"The idea behind the music is to get a new kind of late night here," said restaurant owner Tom Britt. "The music starts after dinner winds down, so that space takes on a new feel. The environment is smaller and more intimate — if you want to come watch the band later, we'll have tables available in addition to the bar area."

Front Porch Swing is no stranger to the Tavern; the duo kicked off the restaurant's music schedule on Sept. 23.

During its first set, pair played "the hits of now and yesterday," said Mr. Britt. "They played a great mix of classic rock and pop, and the selec-

tion was perfect for the crowd." He said that the reception to the music was overwhelmingly positive — "the place was packed, and it was a great atmosphere."

Last week, solo blues guitarist Al Madneson, whose music follows the tradition of Robert Johnson, performed.

Mr. Britt is working on filling out the Friday night schedule, and he hopes to eventually feature live music on Thursday and Saturday nights, as well as an additional weekday night.

On Friday nights, regular music hours will be 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The Tavern will feature bands of different musical styles; Mr. Britt said that he would lean more towards pop and blues outfits "because they seem to appeal to a larger cross-section of people," but he also said he would consider musicians of other persuasions, including jazz.

"I've already had some bands contact me or come by the restaurant," he said.

Musicians can send CDs or press kits to Mr. Britt for consideration at the restaurant's 366 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains address.

For a listing of upcoming musical events, menus and directions, visit www.stagehouserestaurant.com. To make a reservation, call (908) 322-4224.

Musical Club of WF Celebrates 90th Season

WESTFIELD — The first concert of the 90th season of the Musical Club of Westfield will be held on Wednesday, October 12, at 1 p.m. in the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm Street, Westfield. The concert is open to the public.

Glen Crane, a baritone from Scotch Plains, will begin the program by singing "Fünf Lieder" opus 105 by Johannes Brahms. His piano accompanist will be Mary Beth McFall of Roselle.

Violinist Momoko Matsumura of Clifton, accompanied by guest artist Rebecca Eng, will perform Mozart's "Violin Concerto No. 5."

Maureen Monroe a soprano from Cranford, and pianist Carol-Ann Mochemuk of North Plainfield, will perform a selection of songs by Faure and Chausson.

Pianist John Blasdale of Whippany will play "Faschingsschwank aus Wien," op. 26 by Robert Schumann.

Anyone interested in joining the Musical Club should contact Evelyn Bleeke at (908) 232-2173.

Arts & Entertainment

Emmanuel Cancer Foundation Mission, Needs Illustrated in DVD

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SCOTCH PLAINS — Last Wednesday, September 28, the upstairs rooms of the Stage House Restaurant in Scotch Plains were filled with dozens of people anxious to view the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation's (ECF) new promotional DVD during a wine tasting planned by ECF Board President John Kwasnik.

The ECF, founded in 1983, has served over 1,500 families throughout New Jersey by providing 24-hour per day/seven days per week emotional support, materials and emergency financial aid for families struggling with pediatric cancer. With six regional centers throughout the state, the ECF has also been the primary referral source of hospitals treating pediatric cancer patients.

In 1999, Former New Jersey Governor Christie Todd Whitman and, in 2005, Acting Governor Richard Codey issued proclamations naming September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

Carol Davis, ECF Managing Director, explained to *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* that the 8 1/2-minute DVD is meant to be a marketing tool to help raise awareness about the ECF's mission, and to help raise funds for the organization.

Anthony Caruso, who developed the DVD with the screenwriting, editing and directorial expertise of Guy

Parker of Watersign Creative and Steve Onopa of Red Planet Films, said the DVD is a "call to action PSA (public service announcement) for people to get involved and unite with us."

Noting that it took nine months to film the DVD, Mr. Caruso added,

"People come up to me and ask about ECF and were the money goes. This (the DVD) answers all of those questions. It will help people become informed so they can get an idea as to how they can help us."

Stressing the dedication of ECF caseworkers, friends and staff mem-



Michelle H. Le Poidevin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
GATHERING FOR A GOOD CAUSE...Manager of Emmanuel Cancer Foundation (ECF) Carol F. Davis, right, chats with Sharon Wojtaszek, a friend of ECF, during a wine tasting and preview of the organization's new promotional DVD on September 28 at the Stage House Restaurant in Scotch Plains. Ms. Wojtaszek has been a loyal volunteer in ECF's eastern region for many years. She is involved in fundraising, assisting families and public relations for the organization.

Little Opera Company To Present Der Freischütz

WESTFIELD — The Little Opera Company of New Jersey, a division of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, will present two performances of Carl von Weber's *Der Freischütz* (*The Devil's Magic Bullet*) on Saturday, October 15. Fully staged and performed in English, the three-act opera will be presented at both 2 and 8 p.m. at the Roy Smith Theater at Union County College on Springfield Avenue in Cranford.

Lead roles will be sung by professionals, which include tenor Steven Snow, making his debut with the LOC in the role of Max. Also debuting with the opera company will be soprano Holly Fanning, cast as the maiden Agathe. Soprano Maureen Monroe, who last appeared as Gianetta in LOC's *L'Elisir d'amore* in April, will be Agathe's faithful friend Annchen.

Veteran LOC performer Charles Schneider, who was heard as Sgt. Belcore in *L'Elisir d'amore*, will sing the baritone role of Prince Ottokar, while bass Ted Dougherty will debut the character of Cuno, the Prince's head forester. Don Sheasley, who was cast in LOC's *Un Ballo in Maschera* last October, will play the role of the Hermit and Samiel. Casper is played by Kevin Pruner, who was seen as Tommaso in the production of *Un Ballo in Maschera*.

In accordance with the Little Opera Company's philosophy of giving participants an opportunity to work with professionals, 45 area residents will be performing on stage. Steven Tietjen, from South Plainfield, a featured member of the LOC Young Art-

ist Program, will play the role of Kilian, a rich peasant who had defeated Max in the shooting contest.

Members of the ensemble include featured young artists Natalie Narotzky and Sarah Queller from Westfield, Aleta Nadolny from Cranford, and Stephanie Helfgott from Edison, cast as the flower girls. Scotch Plains resident Michael Mietlicki has the role of the hunter.

Veteran Broadway actor Juan Pineda will direct the cast, which includes community singers from many counties in New Jersey. A vocal music teacher at the NJWA Music Studio, he recently performed at the fourth annual Concert of Excellence at Lincoln Center. Mr. Pineda is also the director of the Musical Theater Workshop and the Westfield Summer Workshop productions.

Robert Butts, who is also the principal conductor of the Baroque Orchestra of North Jersey, will conduct the orchestra, comprised of professional musicians. Honored as Arts Professional of 2004 by the Arts Council of the Morris County area, he has also been the guest conductor for the Philharmonic Society of St. Petersburg in Russia and has conducted with the Philharmonic de Stat Botsani in Romania.

Ticket prices for *Der Freischütz* are reasonably priced at \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$15 for students.

For ticket information on *Der Freischütz*, visit the NJWA office at 150-152 East Broad Street in Westfield or phone (908) 789-9696 or log onto www.njworkshopforthearts.com for information on all NJWA programs.

bers, Michele Miller, an ECF caseworker for seven years, told *The Leader* and *The Times* about a time she was called around 1 a.m. by a father whose daughter had been rushed to the hospital. His wife was also dying of cancer.

"You're always on call and it is a multifaceted kind of job. Families who have lost a child still keep in touch with us and some others eventually detach or phase out," she said, "but there is no other organization quite like ECF. She pointed to the home and hospital visits provided around the clock, as well as food distribution, food shopping services, Christmas parties, summer picnics and family birthday parties celebrated by the ECF staff.

The ECF DVD opens with comments by Mark Haines, a CNBC anchor and ECF board member.

"Professional counseling is the hallmark of our foundation," he says, leading into some scenes with ECF caseworker Howard Rubenstein at the Bergen County home of the Khammanyvong family.

"Tell me about your last check-up," begins Mr. Rubenstein, sitting on the living room couch with the patient, his brothers and father, Boonma Khammanyvong.

Mr. Khammanyvong said, "He (Mr. Rubenstein) is like a grandfather to them because he is always calling."

Mr. Rubenstein comforts the youngster when he learns that other children have called him "a cripple." "You have done a phenomenal job considering what you have been through," he tells the little boy, adding that when he becomes older others' hurtful words will become less painful.

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Get Outta' The House

By CAROL F. DAVIS
 Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Family fun can be free, when it's at the Four Sisters Winery at Matarazzo Farms on Route 519 in Belvidere. On Saturday and Sunday, October 8 and 9, there will be a *Family Harvest Festival* from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day. Enjoy hayrides, grape-stomping, live music, pick-your-own pumpkins and apples, wine tasting and tours, seminars, and shopping. For directions or information log onto: <http://www.matarazzo.com/Winery/> or call: (908) 475-3671.

There are certain films that can be seen year after year. A newly restored version of one such classic, *Gone With the Wind*, will be shown at the Forum Theatre, 314 Main Street in Metuchen, on Friday, October 13, at 7:30 p.m.

Forticketprice, directions, or other information, call the Box Office at (732) 548-0582.

On Sunday, October 15, the Little Opera Company will present Carl Maria von Weber's *Der Freischütz* at the Cranford campus of Union County College. There will be two shows, one at 2 p.m. and another at 8 p.m. All seats are \$30 to \$35. For tickets call (908) 789-9696. If you like demonic and melodramatic — the main character makes a pact with the devil — this is the opera for you.

The Leonard J. Buck Garden in Far Hills is having a two-day *Garden Photography Workshop* on Saturday and Sunday, October 22 and 23, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. You will receive technical instruction in the Visitor Center followed by outdoor photography of plant close-up and landscape scenes, followed by critique of the photos and more photography in the garden. The fee is \$40 to \$45, and it's perfect for all you early birds who are looking for a morning activity. Class size is limited to 12. Call (908) 234-2677, or log onto: http://www.somersetcountyparks.org/activities/gardens/gardens_Buck.htm.

Stars Of Tomorrow Begins Teaching Arts

CRANFORD — Stars of Tomorrow Performing Arts Camp counselors will be teaching a fall theatre arts session, which will introduce students to theater and the arts.

Students will experience classes in auditioning techniques, dialects, filmmaking, stage combat, and more and will be taught by theater professionals Megan Muckelmann and Tony Smith, Jr. of Stars of Tomorrow Performing Arts Camp of Cranford.

This eight-week fall session begins on Saturday, October 22 (no classes will be Thanksgiving weekend); classes are geared to grade levels 2 through 5 and six through high school.

Registrations are currently being accepted. A minimum amount of students is required for the classes to be held. For additional information or to register for classes, call (908) 276-5053. There is no class on Saturday, November 26. For additional information about Stars of Tomorrow Performing Arts Camp, visit www.StarsOfTomorrow.com.

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WESTFIELD — The Paul Nazzaro Music Studio, which began in 1995, offers many qualities for piano students in Westfield and the surrounding area. For example, each student receives a CD of their music simply by taking lessons at the studio.

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Paul Nazzaro

ing and notation software. Mr. Nazzaro's extended to include all students who take lessons at the studio to have their music on the Internet. The students' recordings on the Internet can be heard on the studio's web page, www.NazzaroMusic.com.

The studio has also developed a special adult student program, which features the camaraderie of fellow adult students. It has been a strong aspect of the studio as well, and contributed to the resurgence of piano lessons for adults who never had lessons or have not taken them for many years.

Mr. Nazzaro has taught piano for 20 years, including 14 summers teaching in the electronic keyboard lab at the Westfield Summer Workshop, and most notably with Carolyn Klinger-Kueter, an associate of the studio. His studio has grown to include teachers Karen Young and Amy Woodard, each of whom is a state certified music teacher and member of the National Music Teachers Association.

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