



David Alan Bloomer, Jr. and Miss Courtney Norton

Miss Courtney Norton To Wed David Bloomer, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Norton of Westfield have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Courtney Norton of Westfield, to David Alan Bloomer, Jr. of Red Hook in upstate New York. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Alan Bloomer, Sr., also of Red Hook.

The bride-to-be was raised in Westfield and graduated in 1998 from Westfield High School. She was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa. in 2002. Miss Norton currently is in her final year of medical school at the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine in Old Westbury, N.Y. and will begin her residency in Emergency Medicine in July 2007.

The future bridegroom was raised in Red Hook, N.Y., and graduated from Red Hook High School in 1999. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Information Systems from Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I. in 2003. Mr. Bloomer is employed as a Senior Network Engineer with Precision IT Group in New York City.

The couple plans to wed in April 2007 in Westfield, where they currently reside.

Holiday Concert Set At Fanwood Church

FANWOOD - In the preparatory spirit of Advent, the Fanwood Presbyterian Church will present a holiday concert of spiritual and secular Christmas music on Wednesday, December 6, at 7 p.m.

Some of the organ pieces to be played by Minister of Music Robert Gangewere, Jr. are "White Christmas" and "Silver Bells." He also will direct the youth handbell choir, the Westminster Ringers, in performing "The Angels' Song" and "Yuletide Medley," among other selections. Special desserts, teas, flavored coffees and cider will be served in the dining room following the recital. A freewill offering will be received.

For more details, please call the church office at (908) 889-8891. The Fanwood Presbyterian Church is located at the corner of Martine and LaGrande Avenues and is wheelchair accessible.

Fanwood Lions Club To Begin Tree Sale

FANWOOD - The Fanwood Lions Club will hold its annual Christmas Tree Sale at LaGrande Park in Fanwood beginning this Saturday, December 2. Douglas Firs, Fraziers, Balsams, roping and wreaths (decorated and undecorated) will be available for purchase.

The sale hours will be 6:30 to 9 p.m. weeknights and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Additionally, unwrapped toys will be collected at the lot for the United Family and Children's Society of Plainfield.

Proceeds from the sale are donated to various local organizations, the visually impaired and to local high school students in the form of scholarship aid to college.

Area Girl Scout Council Seeks Adult Volunteers

WESTFIELD - The Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council (GSWRC) Inc., the jurisdiction of which includes Westfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Mountainside, Garwood and Berkeley Heights, is seeking adult

volunteers interested in joining the organization.

Based in Westfield, the GSWRC will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2007. The council is seeking adults over age 18 with an interest in helping girls and young women develop courage, confidence and character.

The council currently is looking to recruit those interested in serving as troop leaders and assistant leaders, as well as people to assist with the organization's cookie sale and various community and council-wide events. Individuals determine their own time commitment.

On a larger scale, GSWRC is always seeking individuals interested in joining the policy-making arm of the council on its board of directors or committees. Participants do not need to have a daughter in Girl Scouting to be active with the organization.

Founded in 1957, GSWRC serves 11,000 girls and adults in 24 communities throughout Union County and parts of Somerset and Middlesex Counties. For more information on the council or to begin the process of joining, please consult www.westfieldnj.com/girlscouts or call (908) 232-3236.

Toy Drive Underway To Cheer Needy Kids

WESTFIELD - Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage's Westfield office is accepting donations of new toys and books for its Toys-For-Tots holiday drive to benefit needy children during the holiday season.

All gifts collected at the Westfield office of Coldwell Banker will be directed to Family and Children's Services in Elizabeth, a private, non-profit social service agency.

According to Kathy Shea and Faith Maricic, co-chairwomen for the Westfield office, all types of new, unwrapped toys (puzzles, games, coloring books and stuffed animals, among others) may be brought to Coldwell Banker at 209 Central Avenue daily from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Every December for some 70 years, Family and Children's Services has collected and distributed new toys, gifts and food for hundreds of needy children throughout Union County. Today, the agency serves up to 2,000 individuals a year, half of whom are children. The great majority of these youths live in foster homes or city shelters, have been neglected or abused or live in families with total incomes at or below the federal poverty line.

Individuals who are unable to bring their toys to the office may call (908) 233-5555 to arrange for them to be picked up. The final date for toy collection is Friday, December 15.

Labyrinth Walk Set For Dec. 3 at Church

CRANFORD - The First Presbyterian Church of Cranford will sponsor a series of open labyrinth walks, with the next one scheduled for Sunday, December 3. All walks will be held in Bates Hall at the church, located at 11 Springfield Avenue. All are invited to attend.

Participants may walk the labyrinth any time between 1 and 4 p.m. but are asked to begin their walk by 3:30 p.m. Subsequent walks will be held on the first Sunday of every month unless otherwise specified.

Walking the labyrinth is an ancient spiritual practice of prayer and meditation that has experienced a revival in modern times. The 11-ringed pattern, painted on canvas, is modeled after the 13th-century labyrinth at Chartres Cathedral in France. For further information concerning the labyrinth program or future walks, please call the church at (908) 276-8440.

Runnells Guild to Hold Handmade Jewelry Sale

AREA - The Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County's Volunteer Guild will present the work of skilled artisan Max Freeman, an artist with 70 years experience, at its handmade jewelry sale from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 7.

Items will feature 14 carat gold bonded to silver in the form of necklaces, bracelets, rings, anklets and name pins. On-the-spot personalization will be possible for most items in the hospital's multi-purpose room at 40 Watchung Way in Berkeley Heights.

Cash, checks and credit cards will be accepted. A percentage of each purchase made at the sale will be credited to the Volunteer Guild, which uses the funds to obtain items and provide special activities for patients and residents of Runnells Hospital.

Fanwood Presbyterian Announces Blood Drive

FANWOOD - The Fanwood Presbyterian Church will conduct a community blood drive on Saturday, December 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The church is located at Martine and LaGrande Avenues.

To sign up for the drive, please call Joanne at (908) 322-3371. Walk-ins also will be welcome. For questions about eligibility, please call (800) 933-2566.



LT. AND MRS. BRIAN CODY DONOVAN (She is the former Ms. Lori Michelle Webre)

Ms. Lori M. Webre Weds Lt. Brian C. Donovan

Ms. Lori Michelle Webre, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richie D. Baud and Alvin A. Webre, Jr. of Metairie, La., was married on Friday, August 25, to Lieutenant Brian Cody Donovan. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Donovan, Jr. of Scotch Plains.

The Reverend Michael Cody officiated at the evening ceremony, which was held at Mater Dolorosa Catholic Church in New Orleans, La. and followed by a reception at Southern Oaks Plantation in New Orleans.

Alvin A. Webre, Jr. gave his daughter in marriage. Mrs. Jill Galloway, the sister of the bride, was the matron of honor. Michael Donovan was his brother's best man.

A 1998 graduate of Mount Carmel Academy in New Orleans, the bride earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication Disorders in 2002 and a Master of Arts degree in Speech-Language Pathology in 2004, both from Louisiana State University in

Baton Rouge. She currently practices speech-language pathology in Norfolk, Va.

The bridegroom, a 1997 graduate of St. Joseph High School in Metuchen, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Naval Architecture from the United States Naval Academy in 2001. He was then selected for pilot training and currently is an E-2C Hawkeye pilot serving in Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 125.

The parents of the bridegroom hosted a rehearsal dinner the evening before the wedding at Arnaud's Restaurant in New Orleans.

Following a wedding trip to Colorado Springs, Colo., the couple resides in Norfolk, Va.

Breakfast With Santa On Tap In Cranford

CRANFORD - Families are invited to have breakfast with Santa Claus on Saturday, December 2, from 8:30 a.m. to noon in Sherlock Hall at the Trinity Episcopal Church.

Admission is \$5 and includes face painting and a breakfast of pancakes, sausage, cereal, Dunkin' Donuts Munchkins and juice, plus coffee or tea for the parents.

For an additional \$5, each child may have a photograph taken with Santa Claus. Youngsters also will have a chance to do some Christmas shopping for their parents from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Witherington Hall (attached to Sherlock Hall). Additionally, homemade baked goods and decorated wreaths will be available for sale.

The church is located off of North Avenue/Route 28 westbound in Cranford. For more details, please call the church office at (908) 276-4047.

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