

Harpist Merynda Adams Set To Play at Library Monday

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Memorial Library will welcome harpist Merynda Adams on Monday, September 22. She will play from noon to 2 p.m. for visitors to the library, located at 550 East Broad Street.

Ms. Adams made her New York debut to a sold-out Carnegie Recital Hall as a 1994 winner of the Artists International Competition. She is a graduate of the Manhattan School of Music, where she was a merit scholarship student of Kathleen Bride.

For the past decade, Ms. Adams has been principal harpist of The Or-

chestra at William Paterson University. She also has performed with the New York Grand Opera, New Philharmonic, Plainfield Symphony, Metro Lyric Opera, Opera at Florham and the Northeastern Philharmonic.

Ms. Adams has appeared at Lincoln Center's Bruno Walter Auditorium, Avery Fisher Hall and off-Broadway in the long-running musical *The Fantasticks*. She has studied at the Hilversum Conservatorium in the Netherlands and in 1998 performed in a master class with Paris Opera Orchestra harpist Catherine Michel in Paris.

Besides maintaining an active teaching studio, she is an affiliate artist teacher at Drew University and has been an instructor of harp at Seton Hall University. She is featured in the book "Plaza Weddings," playing at the nuptials of Donald Trump and Eddie Murphy. Ms. Adams also has performed at engagements honoring Colin Powell, Beverly Sills and Andrea Bocelli.

Admission is free and registration is not required. For more information, call the library at (908) 789-4090, visit the library's website, wmlnj.org, or stop by the library for a copy of its quarterly newsletter.

Welcome Club Plans Open House Sept. 28

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Welcome Club will present a Fall Open House for new and prospective members on Sunday, September 28, from 1 to 4 p.m. To respond, contact Maryann at maryannadag@aol.com or Lindsay at (908) 698-4391 for the location of the event. The club is a social organization that provides various daytime and evening activities for women and their families in Westfield and surrounding communities.



FROM RUSSIA WITH SONG...LYRA, an ensemble of Russian singers, will perform in concert tomorrow, Friday, September 19, at 8 p.m. at the All Saints' Episcopal Church, 559 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under 12. They may be purchased at OvationTix, reachable through a link on allsaints-spnj.org, or at the door. Attendees may have a pre-concert dinner with the performers, for \$10, at 6:30 p.m. They may begin arriving at 6 p.m. To make dinner reservations, call (908) 322-8047.

Museum to Recall Schools Of Yesteryear on Sunday

WESTFIELD – The Miller-Cory House Museum will begin a new season on Sunday, September 21, with "Primers, Readers and Merit Cards" from 2 to 4 p.m., recalling the classroom of a bygone era.

Early childhood readers and primers, designed to teach the very young basic reading skills, were filled with

colorful illustrations. Merit cards were given to children to keep as a reward for good behavior or school performance. Jean Groszmann of Fanwood will share her collection of these historical items during this program.

La Leche to Commence New Meetings Today

WESTFIELD – The La Leche League of Westfield, a breastfeeding information and support group, has announced a new series of four monthly meetings beginning today, Thursday, September 18, at 10 a.m. at 1 Black Birch Road in Scotch Plains.

This month's topic is "The Multiple Advantages of Breastfeeding to Mother and Baby." Experienced, new and expectant mothers are all invited, and children are always welcome.

Ample time will be allotted for questions during and after the discussion. A library and reprints are available, and refreshments will be served.

For more information, call any of the four group leaders: Michelle at (908) 687-2518, Ronnie at (908) 964-1360, De at (908) 233-7164 or Mari at (908) 233-6513.

The Miller-Cory House Museum is located at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield. Admission is \$2.50 for adults and \$1 for students. Children under 4 may attend for free. Sunday's festivities also will include tours of the Colonial era farmhouse.

Additionally, members of the museum's cooking committee will demonstrate the skills and techniques involved in 18th-century open-hearth cooking, using authentic recipes and seasonal foods. Taste treats will be offered for sampling.

For more information on museum programs, to make a reservation or to schedule a school or scout tour, call the museum weekday mornings at (908) 232-1776.

Baseball Memorabilia On Tap at Chelsea

FANWOOD – A program on baseball memorabilia will take place on Thursday, September 25, at 7 p.m. at Chelsea Assisted Living, located at 295 South Avenue in Fanwood.

Baseball historian Tom Shanker will present his collection of memorabilia and vast knowledge of baseball history and lore. He also will answer questions. Light refreshments will be served. To respond, call (908) 654-5200.

Historical Society Slates Talk On Local Maritime History

WESTFIELD – Kevin Olsen of the Chemistry Department and Passaic River Institute at Montclair State University will highlight local maritime history at the Westfield Historical Society's program on Friday, September 26, at 7:30 p.m.



Kevin Olsen

Mr. Olsen will present the findings of his recently published book, "A Great Convenience – A Maritime History of the Passaic River, Hackensack River and Newark Bay," published by American History Imprints of Franklin, Tenn.

Commencing in the early 1600s with the European exploration of local waterways, he will discuss how rivers facilitated early settlement and expanded the highway network into the hinterlands. River proximity allowed British forces to raid the area during the American Revolution, and Americans used whaleboats and other local craft to retaliate. Exports from the Meadowlands – cedar logs, hay and wild game – traveled on the water, as did other 19th-century cargoes such as

bricks, coal, fertilizers and lumber. Mr. Olsen will recall how locally built ships and boats, dugouts, canal boats, galleys, schooners, sloops, steamboats, periaugers and tugboats were utilized in day-to-day transportation.

He also will discuss the changes urbanization brought to the rivers and bays, with the expansion of New York's harbor and the rise of Port Newark and Elizabethport, and how suburban growth has created new opportunities for canoeing and yachting.

Mr. Olsen will cap his narrative by describing current efforts by the Environmental Protection Agency and other environmental agencies, including river clean, landfill capping and the development of riverside parks.

Free and open to the public, the program will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Westfield Municipal Building, located at 425 East Broad Street. For more information, call the Westfield Historical Society at (908) 654-1764.

Trust Fund Is Established To Benefit Wil Kehler

WESTFIELD – A trust fund is being established to accept donations on behalf of 5-year-old Wil Kehler and his family. Wil, one of Doug and Lane Kehler's triplet children, has been diagnosed with osteosarcoma in his left femur. Osteosarcoma is a rare and malignant form of bone cancer.

Wil is the grandson of Jeri Priscoe, Alice Kehler and the late Gary Kehler. He must undergo 30 weeks of treatment, including 19 weeks of chemotherapy at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC) in New York.

After three months of chemo, Wil will undergo limb-salvage surgery, at best, or above-knee amputation, at worst, to repair his leg after removal of the tumor. Either option will result in intensive physical rehabilitation and future surgeries to account for Wil's growth. While Wil's sarcoma team at MSKCC offers a good prognosis, the road to get there will be long and difficult.

Wil's mother currently is out of work caring for her son. His father will continue teaching at Westfield High School, although leaving coaching and tutoring to others. Their friends and family hope to raise funds to provide financial support in areas that insurance and family reserves cannot adequately cover. Although contributions will not be tax-deduct-

ible, all the funds will be used to help the family.

Contributions may be made to the Wil Kehler Fund and sent to: P. Jeffrey Christakos, Westfield Wealth Management, LLC, 415 South Avenue, West, Westfield, N.J. 07090.

The Kehlers have expressed appreciation to their family, friends and community for the support they have received.

Hetfield House to Begin Sale of Mums Today

MOUNTAINSIDE – The historic Hetfield House, located adjacent to the Mountainside Public Library on Constitution Plaza, will feature its traditional mum sale today through Sunday, September 18 to 21. An open house with tours is set for Sunday. Hanging plants and some other floral selections will be available.

On Saturday and Sunday, October 18 and 19, the Hetfield House will again be part of the "Four Centuries in a Weekend" tour. A pie-baking contest will highlight that Sunday's festivities, with ribbons awarded to the winners.

Additional activities are planned for November and December, for which information will be forthcoming. Updates also are available by calling Mountainside Borough Hall at (908) 232-2400.

The Chelsea at Fanwood Proudly Presents

Take Me Out To The Ballgame!

Please join us as Tom Shanker, historian, educator and long-time baseball enthusiast, shares his expertise, as well as his impressive collection of baseball memorabilia. Hear about the myths, truths, facts and legends that have made baseball America's favorite pastime! Light refreshments will be served!

WHEN: Thursday, September 25, 2008
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The Game Plan
 Saturday, September 20, 2008
 South Avenue Train Station
 Lower Parking Lot
 Dusk (approx. 7:30 p.m.)
 (raindate Sunday, September 21)

Night at the Museum
 Friday, September 26, 2008
 Elm Street Field
 Dusk (approx. 7:30 p.m.)
 (raindate Saturday, September 27)

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