**2009 Year In Review: Part I – January to May**

**January**: 

Towns, Schools Face Fiscal Problems; Leader Stores Closing; Asm. Munoz Remembered; County Shuts Oak Ridge; Chambers Settlement Reached

**February**: 

**Westfield**

Despite reports that the fiscal climate is "optimistic" government, Mayor John Mirabella said that Westfield would continue to "challenge" the State of New Jersey's long-term fiscal problems.

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REMEMBERING: Max Waugh’s family gathered at the Old Dutch Church in Minisink Valley for a memorial service on Saturday. They laid to rest a man who brought his love of baseball to the people.

By Benjamin B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader

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March

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The Scotch Plains-Fanwood BOE began the year with a 2.5% tax hike, or $13.4 million. District officials said an increase of $5,350 would be imposed on all possible shared services between the two towns.

Mayor Mike Pinto faced off against former municipal judge Willem van der Zwaag in the race for the 22nd state title. The swim team won the Public “A” State Championship, its 22nd state title.

Bob Birdsong, a Democrat, ran unopposed for two board seats against a Republican challenger. Birdsong was re-elected to a third term in May.

April

The Board of Education voted to delete a portion of a poem presented on April 3. The board rejected the motion of the public hearing on the subject of personnel.

Insetting the contract with the Westfield Foot Care Podiatry, the board said they were stuck between a “rock and a hard place.”

Inbosch announced that he was stepping down as Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education director. This decision came after the resignation of Jane Adlitz from the Scotch Plains-Fanwood BOE.

BOS increased the “At Home” flat fee to $21 for non-SCN members. The service is aimed at helping families in need.

For the first three years of the term, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood BOE will receive an additional $78,200 as part of the state aid.

Westfield Mayor Louis Atzeil, 63, of Fanwood, died in April following a heart attack at his Summit home.

The Westfield Police Department in lieu of arrest was set at $821.50. She was released on bond and re- garded as a third.”

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education voted on May 13 to endorse the state’s proposed budget, which includes a $14.5 million increase.

 Rodríguez-Moreira elated to the Scotch Plains-Fanwood BOE of Education. A total of 611 people, including 127 incumbent candidates and 27 challengers, came forward for service on the Scotch Plains-Fanwood BOE.

Rodríguez-Moreira was endorsed by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood BOE Incumbents Norm “Trip” Mahr and Mayor Malooly.

A new police policy report was released on May 15. The report reflects the “necessity of establishing a new police policy which will be consistent and uniform across the township.”

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HAIL TO THE CHIEF...An estimated two million people gather in Washington, D.C. on Inauguration Day to watch as Barack Obama is sworn in as the 44th president of the United States.

The decision, following his first term in office, has been widely anticipated and celebrated across the country.

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In his inaugural address, Obama spoke of the strength and resilience of the American people, and called for a new era of progress and renewal.

The event was a moment of unity, with people from all walks of life coming together to celebrate the beginning of a new chapter in American history.

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Well this was a bit of a letdown, we will not be able to pass along our plans for a joint Bathing and Cooking trip to the Westfield Area Community Center. Due to the severe lack of funding, the trip has been canceled. Parents and students are encouraged to make their own arrangements for a trip to a nearby pool or lake.

Mary Joe said that the summer months will bring a surge in demand for the pool, which will open June 1st. She also said that the pool will be closed for two weeks in August for maintenance and repairs.

The Westfield onions, a staple of the local diet, have been in short supply this year due to a lack of rain. The onion harvest is expected to be about 15% lower than last year, according to a report from the Westfield Farm Bureau.

The Westfield Meadowlands are expected to see a decrease in visitors this year due to the high cost of admission. The Meadowlands are a popular destination for families, but many are finding the cost too high.

The Westfield Free Press is planning to increase its circulation by 5% this year, in an effort to attract more local advertisers. The newspaper is also planning to launch a new online edition, which will be available for free.

The Westfield United Fund is expected to see a decrease in donations this year, due to the economic downturn. The organization is urging people to give what they can, as every dollar counts.

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The Westfield Business Improvement District is planning to launch a new marketing campaign to attract visitors to the town. The campaign will focus on the town's attractions, such as the Meadowlands and the Fire Department.

The Westfield Water Department is planning to start construction on a new water treatment plant, which will increase the town's water supply. The construction is expected to take about two years.

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I Tried to be careful, Mr. Jones;

When I was a young boy, admittedly a long time ago, Christmas was a time of great joy, wonderment, warmth and kindness. Santa Claus was on my mind. I thought I’d be good most of the year and the Santa would be good to me.

He indicated that when I broke Mr. Jones’ window, which was a rather serious accident, I was very, very sorry and would also understand that when he heard the clanging glass, there was a moment of panic. Yes, we all ran and it must have been the right thing to do because Santa did understand and wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

It must have been from the right thing to do because Santa did not get me the Laurel team that I asked for. And even if you got me the Westfield Flyer newspaper.

Christmas then was also such a happy time of the year — everyone celebrated and wished each other a Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year. For a moment at least, there was real joy. As dry leaves that before the wild storm fly, When they meet with an obstinate wall! Now dash away! Dash away! Dashing through the snow to the top of the porch! To the top of the chimney with care, In hopes that St. Nick soon would be there; The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse; The stockings were hung by the chimney with care; The children were nestled all snug in their beds, While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads; And he had a little bag — just large enough — To put presents in on Christmas day.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot, And his clothes were bound in a jolly old elf, And I laughed when I saw him, In spite of all, For a merry and a long Christmas day. These were the good old days — the days of jolly old St. Nick. More rapid than eagles his little old reindeer flew; And the moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow gave a silence, and a slumber to all the objects of nature. And then out of the smoke it encircled his nose, And he gave a whistle, and away he drove. So up to the window he flew like a flash, Tore open the shutters and window and then down he took and entered the room, Where the children who had been so happy were all to bed, Jolly old St. Nick.

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...and gifting wrapping paper. They can be used to wrap the gifts of any size or shape, and the paper is recyclable. So not only is it good for the environment, but it's also a cost-effective solution.

**Scotch Plains Nativity Scene**

Leaves Animals Out in the Cold

The Township of Scotch Plains seems to be in need of a new nativity scene, as the only one currently on display at the town hall has been removed. According to the Scotch Plains News, the scene was taken down due to concerns about the animals being exposed to the weather. The town is now looking for a new scene that will be more weather-resistant and will be able to withstand the elements.

**Westfield Leader**

Donate 2,400 Books

In order to vaccinate as many people as possible and caring citizens.

Next, we would like to thank all of the employees of The Westfield Leader for their contributions to our community. Their hard work and dedication have helped make our paper successful, and we would like to express our appreciation for their efforts.

**Cara and “Annie” Sitting Around the Sarkos’ Fire Pit Set Up In Their Driveway.**

...and swapping living and feeling for inanimate holiday compassion by taking it down at will. The wood南阳 by the people who need it to make their lives warmer and brighter. The wood南阳 is what we show day in and day out. We offer fresh layout and design services, home-based work, free one year home service on purchases, complimentary beverages and candy for you and your family while you shop, quick delivery, and professional in-home installation. We support our customers and their families. This is how we do it.

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Santa Thanks the DWC

On behalf of the Westfield Knights of Columbus, Mr. Chuck Hinselman, the Executive Director of the “Don’t Waste Christmas” Drive, the DWC would like to thank all of the DWC’s contributors. The DWC has always been supported by families, businesses, and individuals who believe that the two thoughts go together. We believe that the DWC has been very successful in achieving its goal of providing food, clothing, and other essential items to those in need. Without the support of the DWC’s contributors, we would not have been able to continue our work.

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American Heritage Beards, Inc. is proud to introduce our line of men’s beards. Our line includes a wide variety of styles and colors to suit any taste. We are committed to providing our customers with the highest quality products at an affordable price. We believe that everyone deserves the chance to look and feel their best, and we are dedicated to helping them achieve that goal.

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Thank you for your support and for contributing to the DWC’s mission of helping those in need.
Fanwood-Scotch Plains Plan King Day of Service Jan. 18

SCOTCH PLAINS—Volunteers are needed for the third annual King Day of Service on Monday, January 18, in celebration of the birthday of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Residents of the two communities will have many opportunities to participate in a variety of service projects and assist numerous worthy organizations involved in the effort. Organizers and participants will also celebrate the continued success of the King Day of Service and the work that King and other civil rights leaders did to achieve equality and justice.

The MLK Community Action Council, the Myrtle Avenue Community Center, the Scotch Plains Youth Commission, the Union County Coalition of the Religious Left, the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Interfaith Council, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Chamber of Commerce and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Library are co-sponsoring the event.

The event will feature four main types of activities:

- Service projects. Families may participate in projects at selected locations around Scotch Plains-Fanwood. A minimum of two adults or one adult and two children are required to sign up for any service project.
- Workshops. The MLK Community Action Council will sponsor work sessions from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the MLK Community Action Council, 438 E. Main St., Scotch Plains. Projects will include a morning workshop on historical and educational topics related to Dr. King and his work, followed by a morning of work on community projects.
- Home-Aid and Community-Wide Wellness Action Day. On Monday, January 18, residents of Scotch Plains-Fanwood will come together to help neighbors in need. Projects will include food preparation, personal care for the elderly, the elderly, and the disabled, and other kinds of home-aid projects.
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For more information, call 908-322-8000.

Corinne Parsloe Earns Gold Redecorating Teen Center

WESTFIELD—Corinne Parsloe, a junior at Westfield High School, was recently awarded a national Gold Award from Yorkville, N.Y.-based YWLA, the Youth Villages organization, for her outstanding Redecorating Teen Center project.

Corinne’s project was presented after the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service event on Monday, January 18.

Corinne was chosen for her “job well done,” her teacher, Michelle Shapiro Abraham, said. “Corinne is a truly selfless individual. She sacrifices her own time to help others and always finds a way to give back.”

Corinne received her Gold Award at the Yorkville, N.Y., headquarters of YWLA, where the ceremony was held on Saturday, February 27.

In addition to her home community, Corinne will be receiving a special ceremony in her home community to honor her for her outstanding service. She will be surrounded by her family and friends as she receives her Gold Award.

Corinne Parsloe is a Junior at Westfield High School. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has been involved in the YWLA Gold Award project since 2009. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and a leader in her home community. She is currently one of the leaders in the YWLA project.

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Elizabeth Hogarth was a dedicated flight attendant for United Airlines. She worked as a flight attendant for more than 20 years and was recognized by her peers for her professionalism and kindness. She was known for her warm smile and her ability to make passengers feel comfortable during long flights. She was also known for her love of travel and her passion for exploring new places.

Elizabeth was a dedicated member of the Westfield Rotary Club and was active in many community organizations. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Westfield and was active in the church’s choir. She was also a member of the Gray Funeral Home, where she was a longtime employee.

She is survived by her husband, Robert C. Bechert, her children, Grace Lee Bechert and Robert C. Bechert Jr., husband of Dawn, of Easton, Pa.; three nieces; two nephews, and one grandchild, Dr. Megan Duis Hogarth, and her husband, Dr. Stephen Hogarth, of Westfield.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Agnes Hogarth.

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Junior guard Taylor Sebolao said of Peterson, who hit four of and adding four assists. “I was tired but Coach Harper Adams would say ‘Just get through this and you’ll get your energy back.’ After we played them the first time, our team really got to know each other and we started working together.”

Also receiving votes: Karen Smith.

Next five with ties: Butch Woolfolk ‘80s, ‘90s and ‘00s” (98 total votes)

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SP-F Raider Wrestlers Fall To BrH2O Panthers, 43-24

By JAY R. CORBIN

UC Rugby Football Clubs Begin Preseason Training

The UC Rugby Football Clubs (UCRFC) U15 and U19 teams have begun their training this week in preparation for the 2010 season. The U15 team is under the guidance of Head Coach Tim Stoup and Assistant Coach Luke McLean, while the U19 team is led by Head Coach Kevin Scholz and Assistant Coach Lucas Cinafonte.

The U15 team has had some success in their early seasons, finishing second in the 2009 season. The team is looking to build on that success this year with a strong roster and experienced players. The U19 team is a bit younger, as they are made up of players under the age of 19. However, they have had some success in recent seasons as well.

Both teams are eager to get back on the field and start training together for the upcoming season. They hope to improve on their previous seasons and compete at a high level in their respective leagues.
Cardinal Boys Defeat Ragers Cagers, 65-33

Linden Cagers Stop Westfield Girls, 58-44

Hyatt Golf Instructor Says Keep Clubs in Your Hands

The Westfield "Y" Devilish Girls Win Over Hunterdon "Y", 105-97

Union County Baseball Leagues Seek Sponsors

Local School Results:
Cranford Cougars Nip GL Highlanders, 45-42

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

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**Cranford Cougar Cagers Rip Governor Livingston in their home opener.**

Governor Livingston was defeated by Cranford as the Cougars won their first home game of the season. The Cougars had an impressive victory over the Panthers with a 119-55 win.

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**BY DAVE B. CORBIN**

Cranford’s 119 points were spread across all three periods, with 119-35 in the first, 36-20 in the second, and 68-20 in the third.

**Cranford Cougars vs. Governor Livingston**

**Hwt**: — Brady (C) d Machala, 5-2
**145**: — Londregan (C) tf Barletta, 17-2, 13 sec.
**140**: — Knight (C) d Gladfelter, 8-2
**135**: — DiGiovanni (C) p Adeji, 4:49
**130**: — Pellino (C) won forfeit

**126**: — Giaccio (C) tf Vega, 15-0, 5:59
**120**: — DiChiara (G) tf Marcon, 13-2, 1:52
**119**: — Giaccio (C) tf Vega, 15-0, 3:28

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**ATHLETES OF THE WEEK**: Sophomore Jennifer Beiler, top, and senior Kendra Green, bottom, contributed many points for the victory over Governor Livingston. Cranford scored 20 points against Governor Livingston in the first period.

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Union County Wrestling Results:

Amended fee

Rob Kessler won forfeit

Chris Keim md. R. Finley, 1:06

Carmine Pellino won forfeit

Brian Buontempo md. A. Lopez, way by shutting out Columbia, 71-0,

Julian Campo (C) p Chris

Mike Prysniak (B) tf Carmine

Joe Giaccio (C) p. Dan McAuley, 9-5

Ian Henry (C) d. Greg McCrystal, 7-2

Existing fee

Mike Gould (B) md. R. Magill, 1:28

Gracie Bejanka (P) d. Jasmine


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Red Cross to Hold Gym-A-Thon Fundraiser

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More information can be found at redcrossresolutiongymathon.org. According to a Red Cross spokesperson, the event will help to raise money to support the Red Cross’s mission.

Internet Safety Tips to Remember for the Holidays

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By FRED J. BONIO

Mayor Mahr warned that the town’s 2010-11 budget, which was submitted to the Board of Education on February 28, would probably have to be reduced because of the uncertain economy and the state’s continuing fiscal crisis. "The economic recovery is slow and coming back is going to be painful," said the mayor. "We have to make the pain as short as possible if we can."

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Comics Fight Cancer With Laughter at The Crossroads
BY ERIC DEIBERT

SPECIAL TO THE WESTFIELD LEADER AND THE TIMES

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