



Nicholas J. Pino and Ms. Jennifer M. Koch

## Ms. Jennifer M. Koch To Wed Nicholas J. Pino

Charles Koch of Fairport, N.Y. has announced the engagement of his daughter, Ms. Jennifer Marie Koch, to Nicholas John Pino. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pino of Westfield. A 1998 graduate of Fairport High School, the bride-to-be received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications from Elon University in Elon, N.C. in 2002. Ms. Koch currently is employed with Crossroads

Public Relations in Raleigh, N.C. The future bridegroom, a 1998 graduate of Westfield High School, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Elon University in 2002. Mr. Pino presently is employed with Capital Financial Solutions of Raleigh, N.C. The couple will be married in October of 2009 in the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

## Library to Spotlight Works Of Jonah Block During July

WESTFIELD - Throughout the month of July, the Westfield Memorial Library will exhibit the paintings of Jonah Block. A 2006 graduate of the Katharine Gibbs School, Mr. Block is color-blind but has worked in acrylics, oil, sculpture and photography. He describes his work as "highly impulsive" and also has said it does not take him much time to create a painting. Diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder as a child, he began sketching comic book characters, as well as teaching himself the fundamentals of drawing the human body. Mr. Block's work has been exhibited at an art gallery in Tennessee; at the Arts in the Park art festival in Highland Park and in various private collections. He also is an accomplished muralist who used to completely cover his friends' walls with original art work.

The exhibit can be seen in the Internet Lounge anytime the library is open. Library hours are 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday. As of July 5, the library will be closed on Sundays, and as of July 11, the summer Saturday hours will be 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The library is located at 550 East Broad Street in Westfield. Artists interested in exhibiting at the library should call Lauren Ryan, head of Adult Services, at (908) 789-4090, extension no. 4140. For more information on library programs, visit the library's website, wmlnj.org, sign up on the website to receive the e-newsletter "Library Loop" or stop by the library for a copy of its quarterly newsletter "Take Note."

## Crafting and Wii Bowling Open to Adults at Library

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Scotch Plains Public Library will host a weekly crafting group as part of its adult summer reading program, Master the Art of Reading. Beginning on July 6 and running through August 10, the group will

meet on Monday nights at 7 p.m. Area adults are invited to bring their knitting, crochet, scrapbooks and art projects. They will have an opportunity to work on projects and learn new techniques from the library's crafting collection and from other group members. All classes will be held in the Music Room on the main level of the library.

### Caregivers Meeting To Be Held Monday

WESTFIELD - A support group for those caring for elderly or chronically ill loved ones will meet on Monday, July 6, at 8 p.m. in the parish center of St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church, located on Lamberts Mill Road in Westfield. Meetings take place on the first non-holiday Monday of each month. These are information and sharing sessions. For more information, call Marilyn Ryan at (908) 233-8757.

### The Turtle Singer To Visit Trailside

MOUNTAINSIDE - The Turtle Singer will appear on Wednesday, July 8, at 1:30 p.m. at Trailside Nature and Science Center as part of Trailside's Summer Wednesday Matinee Series. This program, for families with children ages 4 and up, features live turtles, live music and audience participation. Attendees will sing songs, learn about different species of turtles and see a turtle race. Visitors also will be able to see turtles in Trailside's Forest Community and Wetland exhibits. Tickets will go on sale at 1 p.m. on July 8 and the fee is \$4 per person. No infants or babies in strollers will be admitted. For information on group rates, call (908) 789-3670. Located at 452 New Providence Road in Mountainide, Trailside is a service of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

This summer, the library also will offer a new Wii Bowling League for adults age 18 and up on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Participants will test their bowling skills on a large projection screen. Beginning on July 7 and running through August 11, this group will meet in the Community Room on the main level of the library.

Individuals are asked to pre-register for both of these events. To register, call (908) 322-5007, extension no. 204, e-mail library@scotlib.org or access summer.scotlib.org.

All programs at the library are free and open to everyone. The Scotch Plains Public Library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue, one block from Park Avenue in the center of the township. For further information or directions, call (908) 322-5007.

### Farmers' Market Set To Kick Off July 11

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Farmers' Market, sponsored by the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce, will start on Saturday, July 11, and run each Saturday until November 7. The market will be open Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the South Avenue train station and will sell fresh New Jersey produce along with a variety of baked goods and treats.



Brendan P. Ryan and Ms. Katherine J. Trimble

## Ms. Katherine J. Trimble To Wed Brendan P. Ryan

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Trimble of Westfield have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ms. Katherine Jameson Trimble, to Brendan Patrick Ryan. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Ryan, also of Westfield. A 2001 graduate of Westfield High School, the bride-elect received her Bachelor of Arts degree in French from Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. in 2005. She currently is pursuing her Master of Science degree in Information and Library

Science from Pratt University in New York City. Until recently, she was the associate editor at Lake Isle Press in New York City. Mr. Ryan, a 2001 graduate of St. Peter's Preparatory School in Jersey City, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business from St. Michael's College in Colchester, Vt. in 2006. He is a project manager for the Furniture X-Change in North Brunswick. The couple will be married in Westfield in March.

## Rotary Club of Westfield Attends District Conference

WESTFIELD - The Rotary Club of Westfield recently attended the Rotary 7510 District Conference in Annapolis, Md. The Rotary District encompasses five counties in central New Jersey, including Union, Middlesex, Somerset, Mercer and Hunterdon Counties, with 43 Rotary clubs.

The purpose of a District Conference is to review the district's accomplishments for the last year and to hold workshops to share and stimulate ideas. Byron Miller led a workshop in a Rotary project to put water filters in poor villages in Central America. The Rotary filter only costs \$75, does not need electricity and can provide clean water to a family of six for their lifetime.

Addressing the problem of contaminated water alleviates chronic illness among the lives of villagers, and improving the health of children enables them to obtain an education. Mr. Miller has traveled multiple times to Honduras and Haiti, at his own expense, to make sure this project is proceeding on schedule.

Bill Henderson won the prestigious Service Above Self Award for his work in establishing a vocational school in Thailand. The school counters the practice of recruiting young girls into the sex tourism trade by training them in a skill so they do not need to be prostitutes. The school teaches regular academic subjects as well as workplace and life skills.

The school is entirely self supporting, with a vegetable garden and fish pond, and the children learn how to produce textile goods with sewing machines, which are sold to help pay teachers' salaries. Some of the graduates go on to college, and some come back to the school to teach. A retired executive with Singer Sewing machines, Mr. Henderson arranged a donation of machines to the school and has visited Thailand at his own expense to make sure the children were being properly instructed.

Part of Rotary International, Rotary clubs are comprised of local business people seeking to give back to their communities. Last year, the Rotary Club of Westfield gave \$20,000 in grants to local charities and another \$74,500 in scholarships to Westfield students.

The Rotary Club of Westfield meets every Tuesday for lunch on the second floor of the Westfield Area "Y," located at 220 Clark Street in Westfield. Guests are always welcome. For more information, visit westfieldrotary.com.

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ROTARIANS ATTEND CONFERENCE...Members of the Rotary Club of Westfield gather at the Rotary 7510 District Conference. Pictured, from left to right, are: Back row, District Governor Joe Scandariato, Nancy Jackson, Danielle Walsh, Liz Henderson, Bill Henderson, Mark Swingle and Ray Kostyack, and front row, Club President Mark Elsassner, Past District Governor Dr. D. Michael Hart, Ron Hutchinson and Byron Miller. Not shown are Veronique Cordier and Dawn Hutchinson.

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