

Miller-Cory to Celebrate Valentine's Day Sunday

WESTFIELD – All are welcome to celebrate Valentine's Day at the Miller-Cory House Museum this Sunday, February 7, from 2 to 4 p.m. at a program entitled "Children's Valentine Display." The museum is located at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield.

The custom of sending Valentine's Day cards to one another was widely practiced in Colonial America. Eventually, an American company decided to expand its line of valentine cards to children, starting a new era in Valentine greetings.

Jean Groszmann of Fanwood will share her collection of children's valentines featuring animals as part of the program. Children also will have an opportunity to make a craft and listen to a valentine story. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is \$2.50 for adults, \$1 for students and free for children under age 4.

Upcoming Sunday events at the Miller-Cory House Museum include "The Art of Quilting" on February 21, "Maple Sugar Sunday" on March 7 and "A Spot of Tea - The History of Tea" on March 14.

The museum is available for tours for school groups during the week, as well as for scout troops after school on weekdays. Special pro-

grams also may be arranged on site for schools and other community groups. For more information, call the museum office weekday mornings at (908) 232-1776. The museum's e-mail address is millercorymuseum@gmail.com and its website is millercoryhouse.org.

AzureMasada Lodge To Host Open House

CRANFORD – AzureMasada Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of New Jersey, located at 478 South Avenue, East, in Cranford, will hold an open house on Monday, February 8, from 6 to 9 p.m. The event will give the public an opportunity to discover the history of Freemasonry.

Visitors will be able to tour the Lodge Building, which has been located at the corner of South Avenue and Thomas Street for nearly 80 years. Members of the Masonic Lodge will be available to answer questions about the Lodge, Masonic origins, regalia and practices, and the organization's community charitable involvement. Light refreshments will be provided. For more information, call (908) 789-0813 or e-mail pad57@comcast.net.

Author to Spotlight Events Behind On the Waterfront

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Scotch Plains Public Library will host a lecture and book signing by James T. Fisher on Wednesday, February 10, at 7:30 p.m. A professor of Theology and American Studies at Fordham University, he will speak about the events he chronicles in his recent book, "On the Irish Waterfront: The Crusader, the Movie, and the Soul of the Port of New York."

Professor Fisher will discuss the real-life stories of the lives lived, the fortunes made and the crime that was rampant on the docks of New York in the century spanning the Civil War through the 1940s. He will recount the hardworking lives of dockworkers, their exploitation by Tammany Hall politicians and mobsters, and the crusading struggle of Father John M. "Pete" Corridan, Jesuit priest and master tactician, to clean up the docks.

His talk will include the backstory to Elia Kazan's groundbreaking 1954 film *On the Waterfront*, garnered from

his years researching both the New York and Hollywood threads of the tale. The author will answer questions and sign books after his lecture. Books will be available for purchase.

This program is free and open to all. Attendees are encouraged to register online at scotlib.org, by calling (908) 322-5007, extension no. 204, or by e-mailing library@scotlib.org. The library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue, one block from Park Avenue in the center of the township.

Suburban Vegetarians Plan Valentine Dinner

AREA – Suburban Vegetarians will hold its 10th annual Valentine's Day dinner on Sunday, February 14, from 8 to 11 p.m. at Winberie's Restaurant, located at the corner of Springfield Avenue and Kent Place Boulevard in Summit. People need not be vegetarians to attend. All are welcome. For more information, contact (908) 277-1833 or burbveg@comcast.net.



Ms. Sara K. Pankratz and Nicholas J. Bresani

Ms. Sara Kathleen Pankratz To Wed Nicholas J. Bresani

Mr. and Mrs. John Pankratz of Westfield happily have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ms. Sara Kathleen Pankratz, to Nicholas J. Bresani. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Bresani of Southampton.

A 2002 graduate of the Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit, the bride-to-be graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Villanova University in Villanova, Pa. in 2006. She worked as a NICU nurse for three years at St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston.

Ms. Pankratz currently is a full-

time graduate student at Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pa., where she will receive a master's degree in Library and Information Science with a concentration in health care informatics in June of 2010.

The future bridegroom graduated from Woodbury High School in Woodbury in 1999 and from Rutgers University in New Brunswick in 2006 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science. He is a computer engineer for Lockheed Martin Corp. in Mount Laurel and a candidate for a master's degree in Computer Engineering from Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken.

The couple will be married in August of 2010.

Birthday Party on Tap Tomorrow at Temple

WESTFIELD – Temple Emanuel, located at 756 East Broad Street in Westfield, will begin the celebration of its 60th anniversary this year with a birthday party tomorrow, Friday, February 5, at 7:45 p.m. at the temple.

Following Shabbat Hallelu, a joyous service in song, the temple will hold a birthday party-themed oneg Shabbat with cake and balloons. In the spirit of tzedakah (giving), the temple is asking everyone to bring a new book for children in kindergarten through grade 6 to help the Clinton Elementary School in Plainfield.

For more information, contact Carolyn Shane, executive director, at (908) 232-6770, extension no. 114, or cshane@tewnj.org, or visit the temple website: tewnj.org.



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Local Boy Scouts to Present Centennial Events Monday

WESTFIELD – The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) will celebrate its 100th anniversary on Monday, February 8. To commemorate the centennial, all Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, Venture Crews and Explorer Posts in Westfield will congregate at Westfield High School that day for indoor and outdoor festivities.

An outdoor lighting ceremony will take place on the high school's front steps on Dorian Road from 7 to 7:30 p.m. State Senator Tom Kean, Jr., Assemblyman Jon Bramnick, Assemblywoman Nancy Munoz, Westfield Councilman Mark Ciarrocca and Westfield Mayor Andrew Skibitsky are all expected to attend. The mayor will offer a proclamation.

Preceding and following the event, attendees will have an opportunity to view an indoor display of scouting memorabilia courtesy of the Westfield Historical Society and the personal collection of Stan Lipson, and to participate in scouting activities.

As part of Scouting's commitment to service and community, the scouts also will collect items to make care packages to send to disaster victims in Haiti, as well as monetary donations to cover shipping and aid to Haiti. Scouts and attendees will work together to assemble the packages.

"This is an event that the 13 units in the Town of Westfield are very, very proud of. It has been a labor of love for

the leaders of each unit who have met every week planning this event, and it is an event that encompasses the meaning of Scouting and the heritage and traditions of Scouting: citizenship, community, and service," said Lucia Perpina, coordinator for Westfield's 100th Anniversary of Scouting celebration.

The idea for the Boy Scouts of America began in 1909, when William D. Boyce, an American businessman, was lost in a London fog. A young boy found Mr. Boyce and led him to his destination. Mr. Boyce offered to tip the young man for his service, but he refused, saying he was a scout and could not accept payment for a "good turn."

The businessman later asked the boy to introduce him to Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting in England and publisher of the handbook "Scouting for Boys." Mr. Boyce established the Boy Scouts of America on February 8, 1910, with the help of Lord Baden-Powell and others.

Since its inception, the Boy Scouts of America has become one of the nation's premier youth development organizations, with more than 100 million people participating on adult and youth levels. For more information on how to join Scouting, visit beascout.org. For more information on Westfield's 100th Anniversary Celebration, contact Lucia Perpina at LPerpina@yahoo.com.



GREAT SCOTTIES...Rake and Hoe Garden Club members Faten Mahran, left, Clare Minick, second from right, and Susan D'Arceca, right, present Laura Del Duca, principal of The Jardine Academy, a school for children with multiple disabilities, with a book about Scottie dogs after adorning the Academy's Christmas tree with Scottie dog decorations, candy canes and ribbons. Each year, the club decorates the school's tree and donates a book reflecting the theme of the decorations.

Library Invites Community To 'Fabulously Frugal'

GARWOOD – Professional organizers and home stagers Jean Fitzpatrick and Ann Marie Ryan will present "Fabulously Frugal" on Wednesday, February 10, at 7 p.m. at the Garwood Public Library. During this program, they will demonstrate how individuals can add new life to their home by utilizing the "stuff" they already have.

The women will provide organizing tips and ideas on how to create attractive and functional living spaces in one's home while remaining on a budget, and repurposing and re-arranging existing pieces in the home for a whole new look.

Registration is required for this event and may be done by calling the library at (908) 789-1670, signing up in person at the library's circulation desk or registering online at the Garwood Library website's interactive calendar page found at yousemore.com/garwood.

The Garwood Public Library is located at the corner of Third Avenue and Walnut Street, at the back of the Lincoln School complex. Hours of

operation are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. The e-mail address for the library is garwoodlibrary@gmail.com.

Garage Sale to Help Haiti Relief Efforts

WESTFIELD – A garage sale will be held as part of the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fundraising Program coordinated by the Hands on Network, a non-profit organization that seeks to inspire, equip and mobilize people to take action that changes the world.

The garage sale will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, February 6 (rain date is Sunday, February 7), at 261 South Scotch Plains Avenue in Westfield. All of the proceeds will go to the Clemenza Foundation, which sends packages and necessities to Haiti.

If interested in donating items for the garage sale, or volunteering to help, call (908) 317-4730 or e-mail jenprincipato@yahoo.com. Items can be dropped off at the sale address.

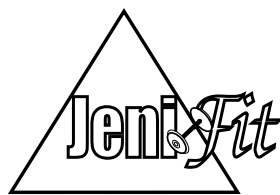
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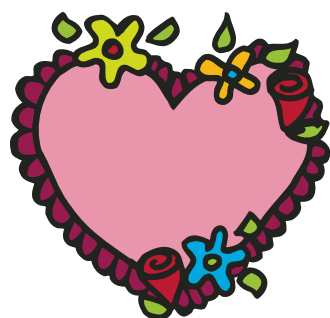
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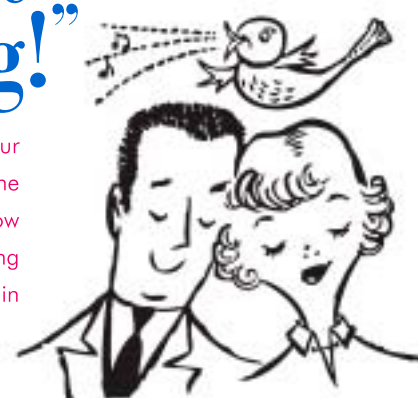
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