



Ms. Erin P. McCloskey and Captain John Paul Snook

## Ms. Erin McCloskey to Wed Captain John Paul Snook

Mr. and Mrs. James McCloskey of Mountainside have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ms. Erin P. McCloskey, to Captain John Paul Snook. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Snook of West Chester, Pa. A 2005 graduate of Westfield High School, the bride-to-be received a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Md. in 2009. She is employed as an accountant with Verrex Corporation in

Mountainside. The future bridegroom graduated from Devon Preparatory School in Devon, Pa. in 2003, and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and a Bachelor of Arts degree in German from Mount St. Mary's University in 2007. He also completed Army ROTC training and was commissioned in 2007. After he completes his tour of duty in Germany, the couple will be married in September 2011.

## Imperial Brass to Perform Concert at Willow Grove

SCOTCH PLAINS - Imperial Brass will perform its Winter Festival Concert on Sunday, January 23, at 3 p.m. at its home base, the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church. A 30-piece brass ensemble, Imperial Brass performs an array of musical selections.

The concert will feature classics of J.S. Bach, Mozart and George Gershwin, and will include arrangements by Mark Freeh, Erik Leidzen, Paul Nagle, Pat Burns and Joseph Turrin. Mitch Brodsky, Ryan Krewer, Barry Morrison, Gerard Wells, Mike Stephenson and Tobie Baldwin will perform as soloists. Originally formed under the auspices of Rutgers University, Imperial Brass has been appearing around the Metropolitan New York and Tri State area since 1991, with concerts and performances at churches, band festivals, schools and universities. Its repertoire includes classical, pop, Broadway and movie music, as well as big band jazz classics.

In its short history of 20 years, Imperial Brass has twice won the Northeastern Brass Band Competition held at West Point Military Academy and has performed at the New York Brass Conference for

Scholarships five times. The ensemble also established the Philip Smith Scholarship Chair, named after the principal trumpet in the New York Philharmonic. This position was formed to give a gifted student the opportunity to gather professional experience and at the same time provide some needed funds to help the student continue through college.

Imperial Brass has recorded four CDs, the most recent being "Bone-A-Fide Brass" with Joseph Alessi, principal trombone with the New York Philharmonic, and "Have Yourself a Brassy Little Christmas." The concert will take place in the sanctuary of the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, located at 1961 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains. Afterward, there will be a reception with light refreshments in the church's Alexander Hall.

Tickets are on sale in advance and also will be available at the door. Prices are \$15 for general admission, \$12 for senior citizens and students, and free for children 12 and under. For tickets sales or further information, visit willowgrovechurch.org or call (908) 232-5678. For more information on the concert, go to imperialbrass.org.

## King Day Events to Feature Breakfast, March, Service

WESTFIELD - Multiple events are planned in Westfield on Monday, January 17, to commemorate the life and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Opening the day will be the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. annual Pancake Breakfast from 8 to 10:30 a.m. at the Westfield Community Center, located at 558 West Broad Street. The public is welcome. Donations of \$5 for adults and \$4 for children and senior citizens are requested. For additional information, call (908) 232-4759.

The Martin Luther King Association of Westfield has announced that the annual Martin Luther King Memorial Service will begin at 1 p.m. The Reverend Father Peter Delvizio, presiding priest of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of Westfield, will serve as guest speaker.

Preceding the service will be a march starting at 12:30 p.m. at the MLK Monument, located near the South Avenue circle. Participants will march through the downtown to the First Baptist Church, located at 170 Elm Street in Westfield, where the service will take place.

The theme for this year's event will be "In the world house, local actions have global reactions." The program

### Best Friend to Extend Sale Through Monday

SCOTCH PLAINS - Best Friend Dog and Animal Adoption will hold a 50-percent-off sale Saturday and Monday, January 15 and 17, at its thrift store. Located at 1750 East Second Street in Scotch Plains, the store normally is open from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. every day except Sunday and Monday. However, it will be open this Monday, Martin Luther King Day.

A not-for-profit organization run solely by volunteers, Best Friend is accepting donations of good-quality merchandise to re-stock its shelves. Requested items include jewelry, cosmetics, record albums, music CDs and DVDs, clothing, shoes and handbags. Antiques, small furniture and musical instruments also are welcome.

Additionally, Best Friend urgently needs donations of new dog mats and large-size leashes for their dogs in boarding, as well as dry and canned cat food. Best Friend also is in need of volunteers in the thrift store and is in desperate need of foster homes for cats.

For more information, call (732) 388-8930 or visit [bestfriend.petfinder.org](http://bestfriend.petfinder.org). Tax-deductible donations are urgently needed and may be sent to: Best Friend, P.O. Box 335, Cranford, N.J. 07016.

also will include multiple awards given to Westfield students for artwork, poetry and essays.

After receiving a bachelor's degree in animal biology at the University of Kentucky, Reverend Delvizio received the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Maximus to attend the seminary of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. He completed his Masters of Divinity at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, then went on to complete postgraduate work at Aristotle University, Thessaloniki, Greece, and became an ordained priest in 1994.

His first assignment was to the Cathedral of the Ascension in Oakland, Calif. In 1997, he became presiding priest of St. Gregory of Nyssa Greek Orthodox Church in El Cajon, Calif. His five-year tenure in Southern California was followed by a two-year pastorate in Media, Pa., prior to his current position.

### King Day of Service On Tap For Monday

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Scotch Plains/Fanwood Martin Luther King Day of Service will take place on Monday, January 17, with many volunteer opportunities available for both adults and children. The Opening Program and same-day registration will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA, located at 1340 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains. A movie, speakers, family activities, free giveaways and bake sales will be featured. Volunteer activities will take place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. throughout the Scotch Plains-Fanwood area. For more information, click on MLK Day at [scotchplains.patch.com](http://scotchplains.patch.com) or e-mail [spfdayservice@gmail.com](mailto:spfdayservice@gmail.com).

### Seniors Are Invited To Bake-Off, Bingo

SCOTCH PLAINS - Mayor Nancy Malool and the Community Relations Committee of Scotch Plains invite Scotch Plains senior citizens to a Bake-Off and Bingo event. It will be held on Saturday, January 22, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Scotch Hills Country Club, located at 820 Jerusalem Road in Scotch Plains.

Contest entries must be a dessert, homemade and ready to serve. Prizes and refreshments will be provided. To enter the contest, play Bingo or participate in both, call (908) 322-6700, extension no. 314, or e-mail [mayormalool@scotchplains.org](mailto:mayormalool@scotchplains.org).



MR. AND MRS. CHRISTOPHER SELKIRK  
(She is the former Laura Louise Sweeney)

## Dr. Laura Louise Sweeney Marries Christopher Selkirk

Dr. Laura Louise Sweeney, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Sweeney of Westfield, was married on Saturday, October 23, 2010, to Christopher Selkirk. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Selkirk of Lake Placid, N.Y.

The afternoon ceremony was held at the Our Lady of Victories Church in Boston, Mass., with the bride given in marriage by her father. A reception followed at the Downtown Harvard Club in Boston.

Dr. Erin DeRose, college roommate of the bride, was the maid of honor. The bridal attendants included Ms. Elizabeth Struble, sister of the bride; Ms. Katie Liska and Ms. Allissa Kline.

Nicholas Leff, childhood friend of the groom, was the best man. Serving as groomsmen were Michael Selkirk, brother of the groom; Adam Rekrut and Tony Lin.

A 1997 graduate of Westfield High School, the bride received a bachelor's degree from Colgate University in Hamilton, N.Y. and her medical degree from Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in Piscataway. She did her residency in internal medicine at Beth Israel Medical Center in Boston. The bride currently is completing a fellowship in endocrinology, also at Beth Israel Medical Center.

The groom is a 1999 graduate of the Northwood School in Lake Placid. He

received his undergraduate degree in business from Northeastern University in Boston and currently is working on his Master of Business Administration degree at Babson College in Wellesley, Mass. He works at Wellington Management in the U.S. Client Service Group.

The parents of the bridegroom hosted a rehearsal dinner at Maggiano's in Boston. Following a honeymoon trip to Paris, the couple lives in Brookline, Mass.

### Wnucks Welcome Son, Alexander George

Erik and Andrea Wnuck of Westfield have announced the birth of their son, Alexander George Wnuck, on Thursday, December 16, 2010, at 7:13 p.m. at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Alexander weighed 8 pounds and 6 ounces and measured 20 inches in length at birth.

The baby's maternal grandparents are George and Barbara Forese of Bloomsburg, Pa. William Wnuck of Edison and Linda Chakey of Fort Wayne, Ind. are his paternal grandparents.

See it all on the web in color... [www.goleader.com](http://www.goleader.com)

### The Good News

"Their Redeemer is strong. His name is the Lord Almighty. He will plead for them and see that they are freed to live again in quietness." (Jeremiah 50:34) TLB

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## Annual Pancake Breakfast

The Westfield Community Center invites the public to our Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Pancake Breakfast on

Monday, January 17th between  
8:00am and 10:30am

Donations of \$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for kids and seniors are requested.

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