

Garwood Hears on Field Complex

and against the complex.

Douglas Heintz, who coaches T-ball and has three children, said, "Please raise my taxes \$50 to \$75 based on the assessed value. I think it is an asset to the town. I think everyone will enjoy it – the seniors, the kids, the rec department, not just the ball players."

Angelo Alimonte suggested eliminating the field house to save some money, and proceed with the project. "We may never get grant money again," he said.

Richard Kane said the project would increase house values.

Tom Petis, a former choir teacher, said, "If this project wasn't approved a dozen years ago when the economy was good, I think it is ludicrous to do it now when the economy is bad."

Mr. Petis suggested sharing services for the baseball field with Westfield.

Garwood Baseball League President Scott Kessler said, "Regarding sharing services with other towns – we tried to do so. We were shut out many times." "I am against the project," said Gudrun Minton, who lives at The Pointe on North Avenue. She said the residents of The Pointe pay the highest taxes in the borough and the taxes raised for the complex would be substantial to residents of The Pointe.

Bill Nierstedt, a candidate for borough council, said, "I support the development of the athletic field complex. It's time to provide adequate open space for our residents. I believe this complex will improve property values."

Mr. Nierstedt asked, "How much longer will Garwood survive?" considering high-school students attend Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark and youth sports players play for other communities. Mr. Nierstedt said he felt this was a path for Garwood to

become absorbed by another community.

"It is a luxury. It is not a necessity. I have lived here 30 years. The taxes have gone up and the property values have gone down," Dolores Dombrowski said. "Where are people going to get the money from that are suffering – the guy on unemployment, where is he going to get money for food? It's a wonderful project, but this little town can't afford it."

She asked what the anticipated cost was for electric, heat and water and maintenance and repair for the complex as well as the police cost.

The council also adopted a resolution for a two-year contract, with a 2-percent increase in 2013 or a 1-percent increase in salaries, whichever is lowest, for Garwood to continue its contract with the Westfield Regional Health Department.

Probitas Verus Honos



Paul Lachenauer for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVITIES...Runners cross the starting line at the annual Firecracker 4-Miler held in Nomahegan Park in Cranford.

VFW Ladies Auxiliary Posts Meeting Date; Awards

GARWOOD – The next meeting of Bayleaf Leonard J. Sanders Memorial Post No. 6807 Ladies Auxiliary VFW will be held on Tuesday, July 17, at 1 p.m. President Catherine Madara has advised that the meeting will take place at 205 Willow Avenue in Garwood. All officers and chairmen are requested to attend. All members are welcome and refreshments will be served.

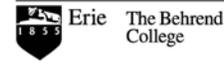
At the June meeting, the following awards were presented to the Auxiliary by President Madara from the Department Convention in Wildwood, Ladies Auxiliary VFW of U.S.A. to Bayleaf Leonard J. Sanders Memorial Auxiliary No. 6807 for: Donations Required; a Citation for Membership; Cancer Aid and Research; New Jersey Cottage; State Hospital; Christmas Cheer signed by the following: Cecilia Watkins, Department president; Catherine Glen Henkel, secretary, and Iris Jean George, treasurer.

Additionally, there was an Award for Veterans and Veter-

ans' Family Support – Chairman Lena Cummings 2011-2012; an Award for Youth Activities 2011-2012 Best Youth Activities Program – Catherine Madara, Chairman Auxiliary 6807 District 5; from Friends of Our Troops, a Certificate in recognition of Patriotic Support of the Mail for Troops Campaign Christmas 2011, presented with deep thanks to VFW Ladies Auxiliary Leonard J. Sanders Memorial Post 6807.

President Madara presented

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Penn State Behrend

Announces Dean's List

ERIE, Pa. – Laura Ruppel, of Cranford, was named to the Dean's List at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, for the spring 2012 semester. Laura, a sophomore, is studying humanities and social sciences.

Students must earn at least a 3.5 grade point average to be added to the Dean's List.



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Announces Dean's List

FAIRFIELD, Conn. – Fairfield University has announced that the following local residents have been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2012 semester:

Connor Leahey, a resident of Cranford; Bailey Cardinal, a resident of Cranford; Nicole Molle, a resident of Cranford; John Kropa, a resident of Cranford and Emma DiGiovine, a resident of Cranford.

Lena Cummings with a 25-year service pin. Ms. Cummings has served as chaplain and in other positions and held chairmanships since joining and attending meetings.

Members are encouraged to save eyeglasses and cases for "Eyes for the Needy" as well as hearing aids. They also are urged to save their pennies to fight cancer, cancelled stamps for the Veterans Administration Program and Campbell labels and Box Tops for Education and the VFW National Home for Children.

Floraphile Club Plans 'Artists In Bloom'

CRANFORD – The Floraphile Garden Club of Cranford, in conjunction with The Artist Framer in Cranford (artistframer.com), will present "Artists in Bloom," a garden/nature-themed art exhibition and sale taking place in May 2013.

The club invites professional, amateur and student artists (grades 9 to 12) to participate. Each artist category will be grouped and displayed separately. The month-long event will begin on May 2, 2013 with an opening night of food, fun, a door prize and awards for the artist participants. Buyers will have the opportunity to purchase Mother's Day gifts or add to their personal art collection.

A maximum of two pieces per artist will be accepted. Applications will be available online and at The Artist Framer, 17 North Avenue, East, Cranford, in early September. Future information regarding this event will become available. For more information, interested persons may e-mail theartistframer@hotmail.com. To learn more about joining the Floraphile Garden Club or for information on upcoming events, contact Mary Ellen at mecrafts@verizon.net.