

Memorial Day Parade Set For Monday In Westfield

WESTFIELD - The annual Westfield Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for Monday, May 28. Opening ceremonies will begin at 9 a.m. at the World War I Monument Circle, located at the North Avenue and East Broad Street plaza.

Participants marching in the parade are asked to be in the Lord & Taylor West parking lot by 8 a.m., where line of march locations will be assigned.

This year's tribute will feature opening remarks by Master of Ceremonies Peter Hogaboom. Bob D'Arecca, chaplain and membership chairperson for American Legion Post No. 3, will offer the opening prayer and benediction. Westfield Mayor Andrew Skibitsky also will express his thoughts regarding the importance of Memorial Day.

The ceremonies additionally will include Kerry Stubbs singing his a cappella rendition of "God Bless America." The Westfield High School Marching Band will play "The Star Spangled Banner," directed by Chris Vitali. Theodore Schlosberg from the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts will direct a special Echo Taps ensemble. Playing the "echo" portion will be Clayton Beyert, Dale Beyert and Leslie Bartsch.

Wreaths will be sponsored and placed at the monument by the Westfield American Legion, Mountainside Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Westfield Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Ladies Auxiliary. Boy Scout Troop No. 73 from the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church of Westfield also will offer a wreath.

After Taps, Jack Panosh, Westfield Bell Master and curator of the Town Clock, both located in the Tower of the First United Methodist Church of Westfield, will ring the bell in memory of all veterans killed or wounded in action during any wars preserving freedom and independence. Mr. Panosh also will enable the bell to "ring" its way through the parade.

After opening ceremonies, the parade, directed by Rob Whitehead, will head up East Broad Street to Fairview Cemetery, where the Westfield and Mountainside VFW chapters will hold closing ceremonies. The Westfield High School Band and the Echo Taps ensemble will participate in the closing ceremony.

The parade line of march will be led by Grand Marshal Bill Kessinger, veterans organizations, police escorts, the mayor and town council, as well as members of the board of education. Mr. Kessinger will be driven in a vintage 1941 Cadillac Convertible, owned and operated by Arnie J. Civins.

The Westfield Fire Department, Department of Public Works and Rescue Squad will all be present, as well as various civic and youth orga-

nizations, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Brownies, the Westfield High School Marching Band and the Westfield Community Band. The Lions Club also will be represented.

Additionally this year, the Rotary Club will sponsor a seven-piece band playing World War II-era music. The band is part of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts "Jazz and Rock Band" and will be led by Mr. Schlosberg.

This year, a contingent of National Guard personnel from the Westfield Armory representing the HHT-1-102 Calvary Regiment will be on hand as well.

Sherryl Pascal of Westfield, Ms. North America Globe 2011, also will be part of the procession. Her sons, who attend the Marine Military Academy, will accompany her.

Members of the Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Ladies Auxiliary will walk throughout the parade route offering American Flags for a donation to offset the parade costs.

The Daughters of the American Revolution and the Sons of the American Revolution will conduct their annual memorial service at the Revolutionary War Cemetery.

The parade committee would like to thank the management of Westfield's Lord & Taylor for the use of their parking lot and acknowledged their community spirit by opening their store one hour later than other stores on Memorial Day.

In the event of poor or questionable weather on the parade day, call (908) 233-2767 for a recorded announcement. Any other questions can be directed to this same number.

'Memories' to Look At Hilltop Tennis

FANWOOD - The Fanwood Historic Preservation Commission will continue its series entitled "Memories of Fanwood" on Sunday, June 3, at 2 p.m. at the Fanwood Museum. The museum is located on the lower level of the historic railroad station in Fanwood, near the corner of North and Martine Avenues.

Members of Fanwood's Hilltop Tennis Club will share with attendees a perspective on tennis and the people of Fanwood who played tennis at the Hilltop court from the year 1922 to the present. The program will include readings from archival journals, legal documents and letters. Participants will learn about the customs, humor, drama, challenges, failures and celebrations of this Fanwood institution.

Attendees are asked to bring Hilltop Tennis Club memorabilia to the presentation. All will be encouraged to participate by sharing information and joining in the discussions.



READ WITH ME... Author and Olympic champion figure skater Kristi Yamaguchi speaks to children about the joy and importance of reading. Ms. Yamaguchi will be at the Fanwood Memorial Library on Sunday, June 3, at 4:30 p.m. to help kick off the library's 2012 Summer Reading Club. During her visit she will speak and read selections from her children's books.

Kristi Yamaguchi to Visit Fanwood Library June 3

FANWOOD - The Fanwood Memorial Library will present a special book-signing event by author Kristi Yamaguchi, 1992 Olympic Gold Medalist in Figure Skating, in its Children's Department as the kickoff to the library's 2012 Summer Reading Club.

Ms. Yamaguchi will visit the library on Sunday, June 3, at 4:30 p.m. The library is located at North Avenue and Tillotson Road in Fanwood.

The theme for this year's Summer Reading Club will be "Dream Big, Read!" Ms. Yamaguchi will speak and read selections from her *New York Times* bestsellers, "Dream Big, Little Pig!" and "It's A Big World, Little Pig!" In collaboration with the Town Book Store of Westfield, books will be available for purchase that day (cash or check only.) Books also may be purchased prior to the event at the Town Book Store.

Following her victory at the 1992 Winter Olympics, Ms. Yamaguchi established the Always Dream Foundation to support the lives of children through educational and recreational initiatives and has championed the Foundation for almost 20 years.

"We want to reach the underserved children who don't have easy access to books and need the support to establish a love of books and reading, especially by

engaging their parents at home as well. It's all about giving children the early fundamental tools to succeed in life," Ms. Yamaguchi has said about her foundation's commitment to early childhood literacy.

For more information, call the Fanwood Memorial Library's Children's Department at (908) 322-4377.

Mr. Ungar to Perform Comedy Songs Today

MOUNTAINSIDE - The public is invited to a fun, free musical program today, Thursday, May 24, from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Mountainside Public Library. The library is located on Constitution Plaza.

Pianist Skip Ungar will perform his new show, "Comedy Songs from Broadway Musicals." Mr. Ungar will introduce each song with some information about the show in which it originally appeared and will then play these tunes on the library's piano.

The Friends of the Mountainside Library will sponsor this program. Admission is free. Registration is not necessary, but to ensure a seat, call the library at (908) 233-0115. For more information on the library and its many services and programs, visit mountainsidelibrary.org.

Torah Center Announces Celebration of Shavuot

WESTFIELD - The Union County Torah Center, located at 509 Central Avenue in Westfield, will celebrate Shavuot with events scheduled for this Saturday and Sunday, May 26 and 27. Shavuot is a two-day festival that commemorates the giving of the Ten Commandments and the Torah on Mount Sinai.

The holiday will start Saturday evening and continue on Sunday and Monday. On Saturday, the Torah Center will present a midnight Shavuot lecture entitled "The Talmud & Kabbalah on the Ten Commandments." This program will be open to the public free of charge and reservations are not necessary.

On Sunday, the first day of Shavuot, the Torah Center will offer a special reading of the Ten Commandments at 11 a.m., followed by

an Ice Cream Party for children and a dairy Kiddush with an assortment of cheese cakes and salads for the adults. Everyone is welcome and there will be no charge.

This festive holiday places a special emphasis on the education of children. The Midrash relates that various guarantees were offered at Mount Sinai to ensure that the Torah would always be cherished amongst the Jewish people. All the suggestions, however, were refused until they proclaimed, "Our children will be our guarantors!" Thus, special events are customarily held to involve children in the holiday's celebrations.

For more information, call the Torah Center at (908) 789-5252 or e-mail info@torahcenter.org.

Synagogue to Present Meet-Greet Event

WESTFIELD - Temple Emanu-El will hold a Prospective New Member Erev Shabbat Meet and Greet event on Friday, June 1. The temple is located at 756 East Broad Street in Westfield.

At 7 p.m., attendees will have an opportunity to meet newer and longtime members, clergy and senior staff, as well as learn about Temple Emanu-El's religious school, special-education program, youth group programs and Early Childhood Education Center. They also will learn about the synagogue's education initiatives, its social action programs, worship opportunities and social happenings during tours of the sanctuary, classrooms, meeting rooms and community room.

At 7:45 p.m., all will be welcome to worship with congregants at a Shabbat Hallelu, an Erev Shabbat service in song, featuring contemporary Jewish music and Israeli dancing. This service will be accessible to people of all ages.

Following services, participants may share in the temple's congregational Oneg Shabbat (Joy of Shabbat) reception with cookies, fruit and coffee. A Shulchan Shalom table, offering an assortment of allergy-free foods, also will be available.

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

Home-Based Businesses To Be Program Topic

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Scotch Plains Public Library's Career Networking Group will present "Your Successful Home-Based Business" on Monday, June 18, at 6:30 p.m.

During this program, participants will learn how to develop a home-based business. Topics will include: Zoning and municipal regulations; maintenance of accurate records; insurance needs; marketing; tax consequences; deduction of business expenses; nurturing of connections, and motivation.

Presenter Herb Caesar is president of CED Solutions, LLC and a retained consultant for the Small Business Development Center at Kean University. His company is a consultant to the New Jersey Schools Development Authority and the Contractor Business Development Project.

This program will be free and open to all. To register, visit scotlib.org and click on Events; call (908) 322-5007, extension no. 204, or e-mail library@scotlib.org.

Individuals may connect with the library's Career Networking Group on Linked In, Career Networking Group at SPPL. The Scotch Plains Public Library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue, one block from Park Avenue, in the center of the township.

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