

Peter P. Macri, 83, Affectionately Known as 'Pete the Barber'

Peter P. Macri, better known as "Pete the Barber," passed away peacefully on Tuesday, July 31, 2018. He was 83 years old. He was a loyal husband to Rose, dedicated father to Lisa (Macri) Crosta and Cheryl Macri, and loving grandfather to Stefanie and Melissa Crosta and Emily and Adam Eichholtz. Born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Pete and Rose married and moved to Roselle Park, N.J., 63 years ago. Pete was widely known in

and around Westfield for his barber-shop on Central Avenue, which opened in 1963. Pete was an avid Giants fan, hunter and golfer.

Viewing was held on Friday, August 3, at the Dooley Colonial Funeral Home in Westfield, N.J. The funeral Mass was at St. Anne's Church in Garwood on Saturday, August 4, at 10 a.m. Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield, N.J.

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KEEPING THINGS BLOOMING...Kay Cross displays the Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs Inc.'s "Golden Perennial Bloom Award" she recently received during the Garden Club of New Jersey's 93rd Annual Meeting. She is a long-time member of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield.

Kay Cross Is Recipient Of 'Perennial Bloom' Award

WESTFIELD — The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield has announced that Kay Cross, a long-time Rake and Hoe member, received the Central Atlantic Region of State Garden Clubs Inc.'s "Golden Perennial Bloom Award" during the Garden Club of New Jersey's 93rd Annual Meeting on June 7.

Selected from among the applicants of six state garden clubs and the National Capitol Area club, the award recognizes Ms. Cross' almost 40 years of committed service, enthusiasm and superior leadership skills in Rake and Hoe, the Garden Club of New Jersey and of the National Garden Club, Inc.

During her time as a garden club member, Ms. Cross has held many local, state and national leadership positions, become an accomplished floral designer and earned her accreditation as a Flower Show Judge and Master Judge. In addition to these achievements, Ms. Cross was acknowledged for her skill and de-

vation to mentoring newer members of Rake and Hoe and encouraging them to accept new challenges with skill, enthusiasm and good humor, just as she has done.

"We are delighted that Kay has been honored with this award. It is a timely and well-deserved tribute. Practicing her philosophy has given Kay an outstanding career in the non-profit sector — and how lucky Rake and Hoe was to have been one of the principal beneficiaries!" said Pat Wilson, Rake and Hoe president.

The Rake and Hoe Garden Club is affiliated with the Garden Club of New Jersey and the National Garden Club, Inc. The club meets on the second Wednesday of the month at noon at the Scotch Hills Country Club in Scotch Plains. Membership is open to residents of Westfield and surrounding towns. For more information, call Jeanne Marie Ryan at (908) 654-0271 or visit the club's website, rakeandhoe.org, or its Facebook page.



YOUNG ROLE MODELS...Westfield Area YMCA Chief Executive Officer Mark Elsassner, left, and Westfield Area YMCA Board Chairman John Cronin congratulate Youth of the Year award recipients Alexis Devre, second from left, and Olivia London.

Alexis Devre, Olivia London Are Y's Youth of the Year

WESTFIELD — Each year, the Westfield Area YMCA bestows its special "Youth of the Year" recognition to two high-achieving youth who participate at the Y. This year, the award was presented to Alexis Devre and Olivia London.

Alexis first came to the YMCA to attend life-guarding class thanks to a grant from Stew Leonard III Children's Charities. She obtained her lifeguard certification and then her swim instructor certification. Alexis is described by the Y as a "warm and welcoming ambassador" who is "always smiling, punctual and focused."

Alexis has volunteered to help with Y events such as Swim with Santa and Pizza Palooza, and spoke at the Y's Annual Campaign launch, attending to what the Y has meant to her.

Alexis has been on the track and field and swim teams for the last three years at Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark, is a member of her Key Club and completed the year-long Union County Sheriff's Office Youth Police

Academy. In the fall, Alex will study criminal justice at Stockton University with a goal of working in law enforcement.

Olivia is a sports and rock wall coach, a Kids Club staff member, a Flyers track and field team coach, works when needed at birthday parties and volunteers at many Y fundraisers and events. She literally grew up at the Y, participating in a wide variety of programs and activities.

Olivia has been an active Girl Scout since Kindergarten, most recently spending time with her troop at Children's Specialized Hospital. She is a long-time member of St. Helen's Youth Ministry in Westfield and volunteers to work with the children weekly at a homeless shelter in Edison. Olivia also volunteers with Catholic HEART Workcamp and spent a week last summer in Hartford painting houses and assisting families in need. This fall, Olivia will attend Stockton University to study nutrition and holistic health.

Obituaries

Anna Mary Herbst, Loving Caregiver, Hairdresser, Parishioner, Avid Baker

Anna Mary Herbst, 90, loving caregiver to parents and veterans, licensed hairdresser, active participant in St. Paul's Episcopal Church and enthusiastic baker, passed away in her sleep on Friday, July 20, 2018, at the Bridgeway Care and Rehabilitation Center in Hillsborough, N.J. Anna resided for almost 20 years at the Gill Senior Citizens apartments in Cranford.

Anna and her twin sister, Teresa, were born January 13, 1928 to Bertrum C. W. Herbst and Anne Sloane. Anna had two older brothers, William and Bert Jr. Teresa died at age 9 and was often remembered. Anna graduated from high school with training as a beautician and hairdresser. That training and employment was a significant factor in her careful presentation of herself wherever she went.

Her father, Bert, was in the U.S. Marines for two enlistments in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, circa 1920. Following military service he became a letter carrier for 42 years. Anna's brothers both served in World War II. The entire family joined the Veterans of Foreign Wars, with Anna and her mother participating in the Woman's Auxiliary of that organization, and Anna became president. The family received recognition for their long association and participation in activities and parades. No doubt that interest in veterans led Anna to a later career at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, East Orange, N.J., where she was recognized as a dedi-

cated and reliable worker.

"Upon Tuesday, the nineteenth Day of May, 1953," Anna was Confirmed by the Bishop of Newark at All Saints Chapel, Trinity Cathedral, Newark. Anna often commented on this event and framed the certificate documenting her membership in the Episcopal Church. From that day to her death, her church was a major influence in her life. Anna baked thousands of cookies and no doubt hundreds of cakes for new members and any event or any occasion where food was served.

Anna collected recipes and tested all sorts of variations of cakes. Her selection of ingredients was a passion, her inventory of cookware was extensive. Anna's loving brother, William, in Clark, kept constant contact and included Anna in family dinners, celebrations and vacation trips. Anna spent many summer weeks at William's waterfront summer home on the New Jersey shore.

Anna's memorial service will begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 11, 2018, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield. Her interment will follow in the Garth of St. Paul's Church. Arrangements are by Gray Funeral Home of Westfield. Please go to www.grayfuneralhomes.com to offer condolences.

Memorial contributions may be made in Anna's memory to the Anna Herbst Memorial Fund, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Westfield.

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Anna Mary Herbst

Vigman & Pollock, PA Retired Medical Records Available

Melvin P. Vigman, M.D. and Jeffrey C. Pollock, M.D. of Vigman & Pollock, PA have retired from medical practice.

You may obtain your medical records by mailing your request with complete contact information to:

Vigman & Pollock PA, 208 Lenox Avenue, Ste 410, Westfield, N.J. 07090.

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Westfield Library Offers Brainfuse Online Service

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Memorial Library has announced that Brainfuse — an on-demand, anytime, anywhere eLearning system for all ages and levels — is now available on the library's website at wmlnj.org.

Brainfuse's eLearning suite consists of HelpNow and JobNow. HelpNow offers personalized, state standards-aligned live tutoring in core subjects (mathematics, reading, writing, science and social studies), including SAT preparation, as well as other academic content and support.

The Adult Learning Center, a suite specializing in basic skills building and career preparation, is included in the HelpNow service. The JobNow suite consists of real-time résumé, interview and career-coaching services, plus a variety of job search resources and supplemental tools.

HelpNow provides differentiated learning solutions for students of diverse needs and backgrounds. Students communicate with live, online tutors using an interactive, virtual whiteboard to chat, write, draw, copy/paste text or images and graph homework problems.

The Writing Lab and the 24/7 Center options give users the freedom to receive assistance at any time of the day without connecting with a live tutor. Users can submit papers through the Writing Lab for a detailed feedback.

For students who prefer to work independently and form their own online study group, HelpNow offers a set of collaborative tools — Meet and Brainwave. Meet allows students to schedule their own online sessions using the Brainfuse Meet whiteboard, which is specifically designed for a group setting. Brainwave is a recordable whiteboard where students can draw, write and chat and send it to others for feedback.

The Adult Learning Center is the adult learners' version of HelpNow, in which patrons access GED prep, U.S. citizenship test prep, résumé

assistance, Microsoft Office support and Career Resources, which lists popular job search links. Microsoft Office support allows patrons to ask questions about Excel, Word and PowerPoint. The Writing Lab, Send Question and Skills Building also are included in the Adult Learning Center suite.

JobNow provides library patrons with a host of services to help in every step of the job search process. Job coaches are available to assist patrons with any job search-related questions.

In addition to helping beginner job seekers pinpoint their desired career field, coaches can offer constructive suggestions on résumés, help write a professional cover letter, and give live interview practice and feedback.

Résumés can be submitted at any time of day through the Résumé Lab and a job coach will return it with detailed feedback and suggestions for improvement. The JobNow service also comes with an extensive collection of resources, including résumé and cover letter templates, interview tips, general and industry-specific sample interview questions, and a wide array of online databases and links.

One of the nation's leading online tutoring providers, Brainfuse serves a diversified client base of libraries, school districts and colleges/universities. For more information about Brainfuse services, visit wmlnj.org and click on Online Resources, Online Databases and find HelpNow under "Young Student" and JobNow under "Careers."

For more information on Westfield Memorial Library programs and services, call (908) 789-4090, visit wmlnj.org and sign up for the monthly e-newsletter, "Library Loop," or stop by the library at 550 East Broad Street for a copy of its award-winning, quarterly newsletter, "Take Note."

Library Schedules Parties For Reading Wrap Up

MOUNTAINSIDE — The Mountainside Public Library has announced that Summer Reading Wrap Up Parties will be held at the library for children on Thursday, August 30, from 2 to 4 p.m., and for adults on Friday, August 31, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

For the children, there will be snacks, board games, puzzles, crafts, prizes and a book for everyone to keep. *My Neighbor Totoro* (Rated G), an anime movie classic from Hayao Miyazaki, will be shown at 3 p.m.

The adult party will feature a

movie with popcorn and other snacks. For details, interested persons are invited to check the website calendar, mountainsidelibrary.org/programs_amp_events.

No registration is required for either party; participants can just drop in. The last day for logging books on Beanstack, at mountainsidelibrary.org, is Wednesday, August 29.

To register for library programs, stop into the library or call (908) 233-0115. The Mountainside Public Library is located at 1 Constitution Plaza.

Patricia Evelyn McSweeney Life Master Bridge Player

Patricia Evelyn McSweeney, 87, passed away on Friday, August 3, 2018, at her son's home in Madison, Conn. Born and raised in Elizabeth, N.J., she was a longtime resident of Westfield.

Patricia graduated from St. Mary's High School in Elizabeth at the top of her class and went on to study at New York University, where she received her bachelor's degree (magna cum laude). She was employed by New York University for years while earning an MBA and was working towards her doctorate before making the decision to start her family.

She was a competitive bridge player, having achieved the status of Life Master. She competed in bridge tournaments throughout the east coast, and served as president of the New Jersey Bridge League. She was an avid sports fan and loved attending live sporting events. She enjoyed watching her grandchildren play sports, attending Broadway shows

with her granddaughters, and traveling around the world.

She was predeceased by her husband, Joseph, who died in 2013. Surviving are her daughter, Kathleen Cristiano (and her husband, Robert); her son, Glenn (and his wife, Christine), and six grandchildren, Danielle, Nicole, Matthew, Sean, Danny and Timmy.

Visitation will be Monday, August 13, from 4 to 7 p.m., at Dooley Colonial Funeral Home, located at 556 Westfield Avenue, Westfield. The funeral Mass will be Tuesday, August 14, at 10 a.m., at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Entombment will follow at Saint Gertrude Cemetery in Colonia. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Westfield Memorial Library. For additional information or to sign the guestbook, visit www.dooleycolonialhome.com.

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Cranford Historical Society Previews New Season

CRANFORD — The Cranford Historical Society has revealed that, beginning September 9, the Crane-Phillips House Museum will be open for the season every second and fourth Sunday, from 2 to 4 p.m., for museum tours and programs through May 30.

Costume curator Gail Alterman will conduct a demonstration on September 23, from 2 to 4 p.m., on "How We Dress." It will take place at the Hanson House, located at 38 Springfield Avenue, Cranford.

Museum tours will be offered at the Crane-Phillips House Museum on Sundays, September 30 and October 14, from 2 to 4 p.m. each day. The museum is located at 124 North Union Avenue, Cranford.

A "Four Centuries in a Weekend" program will be presented at the Crane-Phillips House Museum from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, October 20, and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, October 21. The theme this year is "Inventions."

Halloween Spooky Stories and Crafts for children age 3 and older will be featured on Sunday, October 28. Space is limited, so registration is required. To register, call (908) 276-0082 or e-mail cranfordhistoricalsociety@verizon.net.

In observance of Veterans Day, curator Vic Bary will give a

PowerPoint presentation on Sunday, November 11, entitled "Cranford in World War I." This program will detail the events leading to America's entry into World War I and Cranford's participation in what became known as the "Great War," both on the home front and in Europe. It will be held at the Crane-Phillips House Museum from 2 to 4 p.m.

Tours of the Crane-Phillips House Museum will be available on Sunday, December 9, from 2 to 4 p.m.

All are invited to attend these programs.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Cranford Historical Society can obtain a membership form at the Cranford Public Library, 224 Walnut Avenue; the Hanson House office, the Crane-Phillips House Museum and on the Historical Society website, cranfordhistoricalsociety.org.

The Hanson House office also is available to anyone who would like to do any research on Cranford on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Curator Vic Bary is on hand to help visitors with any questions they may have.

The Cranford Historical Society has preserved the history of Cranford since 1927. Its e-mail address is cranfordhistoricalsociety@verizon.net.



BUILDING BRIGHT FUTURES...Spencer's Marta Alexandre (Westfield Office) with Genevieve Dugid and Julian Mazzola.

Spencer Savings Bank Awards Scholarships to Westfield Students

ELMWOOD PARK, N.J. — Spencer Savings Bank recently awarded \$26,000 in scholarships to 34 gifted students in local high schools and middle schools during a scholarship ceremony marking the bank's 16th year supporting education dreams.

Julian Mazzola (Westfield High School) received a \$1,000 scholarship and Genevieve Dugid (Edison Intermediate School, Westfield) received a \$500 scholarship, in the form of a Coverdell Education Savings Account (CESA).

Students from various New Jersey school districts, within Spencer's market area, received scholarships for their academic success, community service work and school activity involvement. High school students each received a \$1,000 check and middle school students each received a tax-advantaged Coverdell Education Savings Account (CESA) with \$500 deposited, to encourage future saving. The Spencer staff surprised the students at their local school ceremonies and presented them with certificates. All of the students, and their family members, were then invited to the annual Spencer scholarship ceremony where guests enjoyed a light buffet dinner, received gifts, took photos with Executive

Management and connected with bank staff.

"Education is the key to a bright future, and Spencer is very proud to support these students in pursuit of one," stated Jose B. Guerrero, Spencer's Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer. "Spencer's yearly scholarship program helps fund dreams. These gifted students are doing great work and will develop into our future leaders. We encourage them to reach for the stars and to join Spencer, one day, in making a true difference in their community. Congratulations, Class of 2018!"

For decades, Spencer has been supporting programs that help grow and develop children and youth in the community. The bank is fully committed to making a true difference in their lives. Since its inception in 2002, the Spencer Scholarship Program has awarded almost \$400,000 in scholarships to local students. Spencer also sponsors a financial education program where thousands have benefited with increased financial literacy. Annually, the staff also visits schools to personally teach children lessons on financial empowerment. For this and more information on all of the bank's extensive corporate philanthropic work, please visit spencersavings.com.

About Spencer Savings Bank: Spencer Savings Bank, a community bank headquartered in Elmwood Park, N.J., has been serving its local communities with integrity and pride for more than 75 years. The bank has over \$2.7 billion in total assets and operates 21 branches throughout New Jersey. Spencer specializes in delivering premier banking products and services for consumers and businesses.

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