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You are invited to enter the Bernard Heeney Contest For Creative Writing. The contest is **open to anyone** and there is no entry fee. The one essential criteria is to have fun.

All entries must be original, unpublished work and must be uploaded electronically to goleader.com no later than March 1, 2006.

Register now for the contest and submit your work prior to February 15 to take advantage of editor feedback, enabling changes to your entry. You will be provided an **identification number to affix to your submittal** to be used by the judges in determining winners. Do not include your name with the submittal.

Registrants will be e-mailed a username and password required to upload their entry. E-mail of contest updates will be sent to registrants as may be applicable.

Please review the information on this page thoroughly before asking [questions](#). This page may be updated from time to time. It is suggested that you be familiar with [This Is Westfield](#), where the winning entries will be published.

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The Westfield Leader and The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

The 2006 Bernard Heeneey Contest For Creative Writing

The Westfield Leader and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* invite entries for its 2006 inaugural Bernard Heeneey Contest For Creative Writing. The contest is being held in celebration of reading and writing as exemplified by the late Mr. Heeneey, who relished publications, particularly newspapers. The writing contest is open to anyone and there is no entry fee.

There is one essential criteria – have fun.

All entries must be original, unpublished work and must be uploaded electronically to goleader.com no later than March 1, 2006. The winning entries will be published in *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* spring edition that will include the *34th Annual This Is Westfield*. This special edition will have a printed circulation of approximately 20,000 copies, and it will be published on the Internet at goleader.com. All qualifying entries will also be included in the Internet edition.

Entries must be between 700 to 1200 words and may or may not be accompanied by a photograph or illustration. In the spirit of creative writing, there are few restrictions on the subject matter and approach. Entries may be of a nature such as past, present or future; history, commentary, sports, art, humor, science fiction, essay, mystery, instructive, illustrative or novelette. Entries, in some fashion, must have a tie to Westfield or the surrounding communities and be suitable for the nature of the publication.

Gift certificate (GC) awards from sponsoring businesses will be made for the “At Large” category and for the “Student” category. “At Large” First Place will receive (GC) \$200; Second Place, \$125; Third Place, \$100. “Student” awards will be presented in three

sub-categories – high school, intermediate and grade school. Three prizes (GC) will be presented for each student sub-category; First Place, \$100; Second Place, \$75 and Third Place, \$50. All winners will receive a Bernard Heeneey Medallion and a certificate.

Entries will be judged by an independent panel without knowledge of the originating author of the work. The judges will have only knowledge of the category of the entry.

General Guidelines: All entries shall be made via the Internet at goleader.com. Detail rules and guidelines will be provided there by January 15. An individual may submit a maximum of three entries.

The judging criteria will include format (spelling, punctuation and grammar), creativity (ideas, subject, impact, plots and approach), wholeness (a beginning, middle and end), suitability (harmony and contribution to the publication), tightness (clarity, structure and transitions), depth (research, use of

quotes, sources and illustrations) and integrity of authorship.

Former Westfield Town Clerk Bernard Heeneey, Jr., who died last year at the age of 56, was a pivotal presence in the town’s government for more than a quarter century. He had a friendly, chipper nature and an ability to get things done. Among many things, he was innovative while making sure everything was done “according to Hoyle.” Mr. Heeneey read several newspapers each day and was proud that many of his letters were published, including one in *The New York Times*.

As publisher of this newspaper, I await with anticipation the creative entries no doubt to be received.

Horace Corbin.



January 15, 2006

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2006 Burney Heeney Creative Writing Contest

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www.goleader.com/2006contest.

Save this document by the name of your identification number. Overwrite sample story below; style details are at end of this document. Submittal before February 15 will receive editor's comments and allow the entry to be updated if desired; last date for an entry is March 1. Good luck and have fun.

Entry Identification Number: (PUT YOUR NUMBER HERE)

2006 Burney Heeney Creative Writing Contest

Nutshell Chronological History of Westfield As Published in the *Leader* November 28, 1923

Originally Known as “Westfields of Elizabeth,” Being a Part of Elizabethtown of Elizabeth Township. First settlement in 1720 by a few hardy folk from Elizabethtown who believed Elizabeth “too big” and crowded. Indians all around at that time and hostile, too, at times as the whites, or some of them, were not overscrupulous in their methods in getting the lands from the simple (and at first trustful) redmen. Every settler kept a musket handy. Some of the Indians sold their land for less than 1¢ for 10 acres.

With the advent of the Revolution, Westfield was quite a settlement and 33 Revolutionary soldiers who enlisted from Westfield, lie buried in the old Revolutionary Cemetery on Mountain Avenue, opposite the Presbyterian Church. Gen. (Mad) Anthony Wayne's Brigade of Revolutionary troops were stationed in Westfield, which was a military post. The arsenal was between Stanley Oval and Chestnut Streets, near the present tennis courts.

An army hospital was located near what is now Fairview Cemetery. Maxwell's Brigade was also encamped in Westfield (1780). Westfield's soldiers fought at the battle of Springfield and there was a skirmish at a point east of the junction of Benson Place and East Broad Street, in which a British officer was wounded and a cannon, famous after as “Old One Horn” was captured. It is now at Fairview Cemetery.

In this fight the Continentals were, however, compelled to retreat and the British carried off the bell from the Presbyterian Church in retaliation for the alarm that had been sounded by it when the British came into sight.

Morgan, a sentinel, murdered the Rev. Jas. Caldwell on Nov. 24, 1781, and suffered the death penalty on Gallows Hill on East Broad Street near the old Scudder homestead. Caldwell was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Elizabethtown and a fiery patriot. His slayer was tried in the Presbyterian Church here by a jury of 22 men and found guilty of murder.

Township of Westfield set apart from Elizabethtown township in 1794. There was only a small cluster of houses in the town, the center of which was at junction of Mountain and Central Avenues. Baker's Inn the Meeting House and parsonage and residence of Dr. Philemon Elmer. Charles Clark's store was at the corner of Jerusalem Road (now Prospect Street) and Broad. In all there were 15 houses, a smithy, tavern and a school with twenty pupils. It is worthy of note that Westfield was settled before a single residence was erected in Plainfield, which was Scotch Plains, and was included in Westfield-Township.

Growth of the town was slow and during the Mexican War Westfield Township had less than 40 dwellings but it was quite a trading point and had twelve small stores, a paper factory, several flour and grist mills and two academies to which students from miles around came for instruction. The factories were not located in what is now the town but in Scotch Plains and elsewhere.

Sheep raising was an important industry. Copper was discovered in the Watchung Range of hills but little in paying quantities as taken out.

Before the advent of the railroad, which was in 1838, passengers were transported by stage. Samuel Downer's store was the stopping place and the line ran from Elizabethtown to Easton, Pa. Geo. Tingley of Westfield, was the coach driver for 50 years. The first railroad had one track, made of beams, on top of which were placed iron strips for rails. There were two trains a day, one in the morning, the same train returning at night. The first station was at a point just west of Irving's coal yard. This was later destroyed by fire and the second station was at Clark and Broad streets. The eastern terminal was at Elizabethport, where passengers took a ferry to New York.

The train going west ran only as far as Somerville and three coaches comprised the train. As first the company had only two engines and the capital stock was but \$200,000. Traffic increased slowly but after 1880 there was an accelerated increase and the population trebled between 1880 and 1890.

Read this information below and delete from your formalized entry.

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