

Teen Teaches WWII Vet, 99, How to Use Smart Phone

SCOTCH PLAINS — Sitting and speaking with Hayward Wheaton at his home in Scotch Plains is like taking a step back in history. On October 30, Mr. Wheaton will celebrate his 100th birthday. He is hoping for a small party and a big chocolate cake.

Originally from Jersey City, Mr. Wheaton can remember when he made \$60 a month working as an elevator operator, when the mailman came twice a day (stamps were two cents), and when making a phone call required a live operator's assistance. He shares stories of serving in the Army during World War II and working, in part, as a laborer digging graves for both German and American soldiers. The day the Holland Tunnel opened, Mr. Wheaton walked through it. He can remember life pre-television and how much he enjoyed using his ham radio to communicate with people all over the world. He recalls with gratitude his grandmother paying for him to go to college (\$9 per credit when he began) and graduating from New York University in 1948. He became a physical therapist and enjoyed a long and successful career. He learned to fly planes in the 1960s and took up golf in the 1950s. Just last year he was awarded "Most Inspiring Player" at Galloping Hill Golf Course in Clark. "Inspiring" is a word that suits him well.

Not one to stay idle for very long, Mr. Wheaton recently decided to turn in his flip phone for a new smart phone. Learning to use it has been a challenge. "It's smarter than I am," he

said, "And overwhelming." To help older adults like Mr. Wheaton sort out their smart phone angst, SAGE Eldercare has a free program called Teen Tech Support, which teams a tech-savvy teenager with an older adult to offer help including how to place a call, how to text, find e-mail, use FaceTime, load apps and more.

SAGE Volunteer Coordinator Amy Stuart started the program earlier this year after a number of SAGE clients told her the trouble they were having with their phones. Volunteers either go to the adult's home or assist in group sessions at SAGE.

Mr. Wheaton was tutored at his home by eighth-grade Pingry student Griffin Faecher of Berkeley Heights. After two sessions, he said he was comfortable making and receiving calls, texting and taking photos. "He was great," Mr. Wheaton said of his 14-year-old teacher. For Griffin, the experience of working with a World War II veteran was exciting and mutually beneficial. "It was amazing. I was shocked when I went back the second time and he had mastered everything from our first session. I couldn't believe that someone who is almost 100 would want to learn to use a cell phone," said Griffin. He noted that of all the community work he has done, this felt different. "Sometimes the work can feel impersonal, but with this I can see the impact of what I'm doing."

To learn more about SAGE's Teen Tech Support, call (908) 598-5548 or e-mail education@sageeldercare.org.



CARING COLLEAGUES...Caring Contact, a volunteer-staffed crisis hotline and listening community located in Westfield, recently welcomed new members to its board of trustees. Pictured, from left to right, are: Vicki Simpson, Andrea Jestin and Michele Fine.

Simpson, Jestin and Fine Join Caring Contact Board

WESTFIELD — Caring Contact has announced the addition of Vicki Simpson, Andrea Jestin and Michele Fine to its board of trustees.

Ms. Simpson is the assistant program director for Jewish Family Service of Central New Jersey and is a graduate of the University of Southern Florida with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mass Communications and Public Relations. She is a longtime resident of Westfield, where she has raised her three children, Emily, Julia and Rachel. Through her work and volunteer experiences Ms. Simpson has seen that non-profits like Caring Contact are vital to the survival of a community. "It seems that the stigma around mental health is lifting, and I would like to be part of the continued solution as a board member," she said.

Ms. Jestin is a volunteer listener at Caring Contact as well as training assistant and facilitator for new listener volunteers. "As a board member I will have an active role in making Caring Contact the best it can be. I hope to be able to contribute to that goal," she stated.

Ms. Jestin is the executive director of human resources at Instinet in New York City. She is a resident of Mountainside, where she lives with her husband, Edward Jestin. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology from Brooklyn College.

Ms. Fine is a vice-president at JP Morgan Private Bank. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Emory University and a Financial Planning Certification from Fairleigh Dickinson University. She has friends and family members who would have benefited from an organization like Caring Contact. "I want to help spread awareness of Caring Contact in the community and beyond Westfield so that more people who need help can get it," she said.

Additionally, Ms. Fine serves on the Impact Finance Committee for the National Council of Jewish Women and is a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity. Ms. Fine has lived in Westfield since 1991 with her husband, David, and has two sons, Adam and Ben.

Caring Contact is an award-winning, volunteer-staffed crisis hotline and listening community. Located in Westfield, it provides active listening support and best-in-class education to central and northern New Jersey. For more information on volunteer opportunities, call (908) 301-1899 or visit caringcontact.org.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS PLANNING BOARD

TAKE NOTICE, that on Monday, April 23, 2018, the Planning Board of the Township of Scotch Plains, Union County, New Jersey, approved the application of 2019 Mountain Scotch Plains, LLC for property located at 310 and 320 Park Avenue, Block 1001, Lots 45 and 46 for preliminary and final site approval with bulk variance and waiver relief after proposing to demolish the structures and uses on the existing lots to support future development of a Chase Bank with remote drive-thru facility and associated site upgrades for the B-2 District. The Resolution memorializing said approval was duly presented and adopted by the Planning Board at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 14, 2018. A copy of said Resolution has been filed in the office of the Planning Board and/or the office of the municipal clerk and is available for public inspection.

Shannon Rapant
Land Use Secretary
1 T - 5/24/18, The Times Fee: \$22.95

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD

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RESOLUTION NO: 2018-455
amending (Resolution No. 2016-590)
AWARDED TO: Urban League of Union County, Elizabeth, New Jersey
SERVICE: to provide rental and security payment assistance to parolees returning to Union County
PERIOD: August 1, 2016- December 31, 2018
James E. Pelletiere, RMC, QPA, Clerk of the Board Chosen Freeholders
1 T - 5/24/18, The Leader Fee: \$22.44

Commentary

Memorial Day: Honoring All Who Answered the Call

From the first patriots to take up the cause of our fledgling nation's independence, American men and women have defended the precious right of people to live free. It is a tradition that has been upheld over nearly two-and-a-half centuries, in campaigns spanning seas and continents, to the present day. Millions have given their lives on behalf of liberty, not living to see the victories their valor helped to attain.

It is these fallen heroes we honor each year on Memorial Day weekend, their service and sacrifice commemorated through ceremonies and parades, testimonies and music, among other tributes. Our local towns will again hold remembrance events this Sunday and Monday, to which the public is invited as a show of support and appreciation for all military veterans — both those still living and those gone from our midst but who live on in memory.

Westfield will begin its observances Monday with opening ceremonies at the World War I Veterans Memorial Monument, followed by the annual parade. The 57-foot monument memorializes Westfield's "Boys of '17" — so named for the year the United States entered what was then called "the great war." All these sons of Westfield lost their lives in that war, which ended a century ago this year.

Scotch Plains and Fanwood will continue their joint commemoration this year. The seventh annual Memorial Day Concert, to be held Sunday evening on the north-side lawn of the Fanwood train station, will feature the Westfield Community Band and

the reading of letters sent by military personnel home to their loved ones. On Monday, ceremonies and the laying of wreaths will take place in both Fanwood and Scotch Plains. The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Memorial Day Parade will follow.

Neighboring communities such as Mountainside, Cranford and Garwood likewise will hold and participate in ceremonies and parades on Monday in recognition of those who gave their lives in freedom's name.

In his Gettysburg Address, delivered November 19, 1863, at the site of the battle subsequently considered the turning point in the American Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln described those fallen in the conflict as having given "the last full measure of devotion."

Such devotion has been reflected in each generation of America's military since our country's founding, from the World War I "doughboys" to the "greatest generation" of World War II; from those who served in the Korean Conflict, which ended 65 years ago this year, to the Vietnam veterans whose patriotism often was cruelly and unjustly derided and dismissed, to all our troops who have since fought and continue to safeguard freedom on multiple fronts today.

We encourage all our readers to join us in saluting these champions of freedom with their presence at Memorial Day events this weekend, and to bring their children as well. The priceless freedom won time and again through the service and the lives of our fellow Americans is a legacy that must forever be preserved.

Fanwood Announces Events Honoring Memorial Day

FANWOOD — The Borough of Fanwood has announced the lineup of Memorial Day events and observances that will take place this weekend. Fanwood will be the host to the annual Memorial Day Concert and Memorial Day Observance and Parade.

"Memorial Day serves as a day of remembrance for those we lost and acknowledgement of the sacrifices they made for our country," said Mayor Colleen Mahr. "I'm honored that Fanwood will be the host to so many great events this year to honor Memorial Day."

The Seventh Annual Memorial Day Concert will be held on the north-side lawn at the Fanwood Train Station, beginning at 6:30 p.m., on Sunday, May 27. The theme of the concert, "A Tribute to Fallen Heroes," will be recognized throughout the night as the Westfield Community Band plays patriotic tunes and traditional marches to commemorate all of the men and women who lost their lives during military ser-

vice for their country. All are encouraged to bring a chair in which to sit and enjoy the night, which will conclude with speeches from local dignitaries, veterans and family members.

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 28, all are invited to the Fanwood War Memorial in front of the Fanwood Memorial Library, located at North Avenue and Tillotson Road, for the Annual Memorial Day Ceremony of Remembrance beginning at 9 a.m. Mayor Mahr and members of the Fanwood Borough Council will host local veterans' groups and dignitaries for the placing of wreaths and reading of the names of Fanwoodians lost in combat, followed by a gun salute.

Finally, the annual Memorial Day Parade gets underway in Scotch Plains at 10:45 a.m. and makes its way south on Park and Martine Avenues through Fanwood, ending on La Grande Avenue. The parade's overarching theme, "Remember and Honor All Those Who Sacrificed," will be celebrated through military honor guards, regional high-school bands, local first responders and several community groups as they march through Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

Leading the parade will be Marine Corps Colonel Konstantine E. Zoganas, this year's grand marshal. He will be accompanied by Ed Miller and Joe Nagy of Fanwood, the 2017 grand marshals, who did not get to ride in the parade due to inclement weather last year. Colonel Zoganas, a resident of Scotch Plains, is an Iraq War veteran and currently assigned to the National Defense University in Washington, D.C., where he provides training and exercise support to the Center for Applied Strategic Learning. He will retire on June 1.

The annual parade is funded by the Borough of Fanwood and the Township of Scotch Plains. The concert is presented through the generosity of local donors, including individuals, businesses and community organizations, that underwrite the expenses of staging the concert.



TECH TEAM...Griffin Faecher, 14, of Berkeley Heights helps World War II veteran Hayward Wheaton, 99, of Scotch Plains learn to use his smart phone through a program at SAGE Eldercare called Teen Tech Support. The free program partners a teenager with an older adult in both their home and at SAGE to teach older adults how to use their smart phones. The program teaches participants how to make calls, answer calls, text, get e-mail, facetime and other functions.

Spencer Savings Names Alexandre As New Westfield Financial Ctr. Mgr.

Spencer Savings Bank, a community bank headquartered in Elmwood Park, N.J., has announced that Marta Alexandre will serve as manager for the new Westfield Financial Center, expected to open in early July 2018.

Ms. Alexandre, currently Spencer's Garwood branch manager, not only works in Union County, but is also a longtime resident, giving her a strong sense of what local residents and businesses need in a community financial institution. She is celebrating 15 years with Spencer this June.

The Financial Center will showcase the latest banking technology designed to simplify routine banking; interactive teller machines will allow customers to conduct transactions using a remote-controlled kiosk while being virtually guided by a banker. There will also be on-site bank representatives to assist with account openings, loan applications, loan closings and more.

Located at 240 North Avenue West, across the street from the Westfield train station, the Financial Center will operate on the extended hours of 8

a.m. to 8 p.m., with a 24-hour ATM machine available. Additionally, the Financial Center will house a loan production office featuring top lending professionals.

"Spencer Savings Bank offers the same capabilities of a larger bank, but with a high level of personal attention and customer commitment that can't be found elsewhere," Ms. Alexandre said. "Our customers comment to us all the time that they've really experienced how dedicated our staff is and how we've gone the extra mile for them. It's going to be exciting to see all we can do for the Westfield community."

Spencer will continue to announce additional details and special offers pertaining to the Westfield Financial Center as its July opening date approaches.

To learn more about Spencer Savings Bank, visit www.spencersavings.com.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

In accordance with the ordinances of the Township of Cranford, and the statutes of the State of New Jersey, Notice is hereby served upon you that an application for development, Application No. ZBA-18-007 to be located in Zone: R-2, on the premises known as 1052 Coolidge Street, Cranford, New Jersey 07016, Block No. 132, Lot No. 5, has been submitted by: Gary A. Palm of 1052 Coolidge Street, Cranford, New Jersey 07016.

The proposed development involves and requires the granting of relief from the following requirements of the ordinance so as to permit:

Ordinance: #255-38b Sideline Setback and #255-34 increase of Impervious Ground Requirement for the installation of an In-ground Pool and any additional relief that may be required from the board.

The Zoning Board will conduct a public hearing on this matter on June 11, 2018 at 8:15 p.m. in Room 107 of the Cranford Township Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey. Any person or persons affected by this application will have an opportunity to present any objections to the proposed development. The Board does, however, have the right to exclude repetitious testimony.

All documents relating to this application may be inspected by the public Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. in the Planning/Zoning Department, Cranford Township Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey.

Applicant
Gary A. Palm
1052 Coolidge Street
Cranford, New Jersey 07016
1 T - 5/24/18, The Leader Fee: \$37.74

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RESOLUTION NO: 2018-454
AWARDED TO: Various Agencies
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark \$37,219.00
Central Jersey Legal Services \$26,500.00

Community Access Unlimited \$75,503.00
Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless \$40,750.00
Jewish Family Services of Central NJ \$30,000.00
Plainfield Action Services \$28,280.00
PROCEED, Inc. \$37,403.00
The Gateway Family YMCA \$32,500.00
Urban League of Union County \$47,750.00

YWCA Union County \$15,000.00
SERVICE: to provide activities programs and services that relate to behavioral health, in-patient detoxification, emergency services

PERIOD: June 1, 2018- December 31, 2018
COSTS: in the total amount not to exceed: **\$370,905.00**
James E. Pelletiere, RMC, QPA, Clerk of the Board Chosen Freeholders
1 T - 5/24/18, The Leader Fee: \$35.19