

Washington's Crossing to Be Wednesday Luncheon Topic

WESTFIELD — As part of the Westfield Historical Society's First Wednesday Luncheon series, Jonathan Mercantini, Ph.D., acting dean of the College of Liberal Arts and associate professor of the Department of History at Kean University, will discuss "Washington's Crossing for the 21st Century" on December 5. The event will begin with check-in at 11:45 a.m. at the Echo Lake Country Club, located at 515 Springfield Avenue, Westfield.

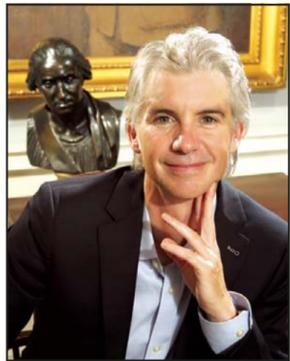
New Jersey was the "Crossroads of the American Revolution," the site of more fighting than any other state, including the war's most important victory: Washington crossing the Delaware and the ensuing Battle of Trenton. While justly celebrated, this seminal event in the history of the state and the nation has entered the realm of mythology. As a result, much of the received wisdom about that battle and its meanings is wrong.

As acting dean of the College of

Liberal Arts and associate professor in Kean University's Department of History, Professor Mercantini has taught there since 2007. He teaches a wide variety of courses, among them Colonial and Revolutionary America, The New Nation, Pirates in the Atlantic World, New Jersey History, and the Civil War and Reconstruction.

He received Emmy nominations from the New York Region and the Mid-Atlantic Region for his work on "It Happened Here - New Jersey," a weekly series on New Jersey history topics featured on New Jersey Public TV and online. Professor Mercantini has received external grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities and other agencies to support his research on the history of New Jersey and of South Carolina in the 18th and 19th centuries.

Those wishing to attend the luncheon may make a reservation by e-mail to westfieldhistoricalsociety@gmail.com or by calling (908) 654-1794 before 11 a.m. on Friday, November 30. Attendees are asked to advise if there are special dietary needs. The luncheon fee of \$35 for Westfield Historical Society members or \$40 for non-members includes a three-course meal, coffee/tea and gratuity. The luncheon fee should be paid in advance (check payable to Westfield Historical Society) by mailing it to: Westfield Historical Society, P.O. Box 613, Westfield, N.J. 07091, or online at westfieldhistoricalsociety.org/registration/. Payments should be received by Friday prior to the luncheon. Westfield Historical Society memberships also will be available at the luncheon.



Jonathan Mercantini

Tiny Tim Fund Seeks Additional Carolers

FANWOOD/SCOTCH PLAINS — The annual Tiny Tim Carol Night Fundraiser is scheduled for Wednesday, December 5, between 4 and 8 p.m. Residents of Fanwood and Scotch Plains will sing seasonal songs and collect donations for the Tiny Tim Fund in their neighborhoods.

The Tiny Tim Fund is a non-profit organization that provides financial assistance to children of Scotch Plains and Fanwood in need of medical or dental care, psychological testing, prescriptions or medical supplies and equipment. The organization is run by a volunteer board of trustees and has been

supporting families in need since 1983.

Carol Night is the organization's sole fundraiser. Additional groups are still needed for this community service. To register to participate or for further information, contact Mary Beth at (732) 616-7695 or by e-mail at mbrehr@gmail.com or Mari at (908) 233-6513 or by e-mail at mlwmed@aol.com.

Light refreshments will be served to carolers when they turn in their donation canisters at the Stage House in Scotch Plains on December 5. Contributions can be made directly to: The Tiny Tim Fund, P.O. Box 181, Fanwood, N.J. 07023.



FAMILY TRADITION...This year the Ward family of Westfield have their children participating in the annual family tradition. Each year, just before the holidays, the Ward family gives out hundreds of Thanksgiving turkeys to families in Union and Essex Counties. Pictured are James Ward, Ethan Ward, Sophia Ward, Nina Infantas, Amanda Jacquin and John Ward.

Green Thumb Garden Club Offers Holiday Décor

CRANFORD — The Green Thumb Garden Club's annual Christmas Boutique removes the stress of holiday decorating with "one-of-a-kind"

Cranford buildings and homes available, perfect as stocking stuffers.

The club also has announced that their year's sale and boutique has reached a pinnacle of 30-plus years as a community tradition in conjunction with the Cranford Junior Women's Club Annual Christmas House Tour. The signature wreaths that grace the doors of the homes on the Junior Women's Club Annual House Tour are just one more creation of the Green Thumb Garden Club, but the lively commerce of the season begins at Hanson House.

To pre-order Boxwood Trees or Porch Pots by November 30, call (908) 230-3302.



The club will be accepting pre-orders of the Boxwood Christmas Trees and Porch Pots until Friday, November 30. The sale will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 2, at Hanson House, located at 38 Springfield Avenue, Cranford. There will be many surprises with offerings of home-baked goods and unique items designed to invoke the spirit of the season. The Garden Club will once again have its Landmark Series of noteworthy

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MR. AND MRS. NICHOLAS POLAK
(She is the former Ms. Holly Underkoffler)

Ms. Holly Underkoffler Marries Nicholas Polak

Ms. Holly Underkoffler, daughter of Wanda and Terry Underkoffler of Washington Boro, Pa., was married on June 30 to Nicholas Polak, son of Lisa Black and Hans Polak of Westfield, N.J. The afternoon ceremony and the reception took place at Wyndridge Farms in Dallastown, Pa. Reverend Adam Gorman presided over the ceremony.

The maid of honor was Alissa Zikmund and the bridal attendants included Torie Grice, Carly Szyszko, Hanna Morgan, Meg Sutton, Stephanie Condit, Kirsten Bechtold and Emily Polak. Tom McMahon was the best man and the groomsmen were Kevin Clancy, Max St. Lifer, Dylan Simon, Steve Fallon, Colin McKeivitt, Conor Loughlin and Brad Underkoffler. A 2014 graduate of Penn State Uni-

versity, the bride earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education. Holly is also a 2018 graduate of George Mason University with her master's degree in Mathematics. She is employed as a second grade teacher in Springfield, Va. The groom is also a 2014 graduate of Penn State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education. He is employed in Annandale, Va., as a fifth grade teacher and head JV baseball coach at Woodson High School in Fairfax, Va. The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the parents of the groom at "The Pressroom" in Lancaster, Pa., where the couple was surrounded by family and friends.

Following a honeymoon to Hawaii, the couple resides with their dog, Blitz, in Fairfax, Va.

Trinity Church to Present Breakfast With Santa

CRANFORD — Santa Claus will visit the Trinity Episcopal Church, located at 119 Forest Avenue, Cranford, for a pancake breakfast on Saturday, December 1, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, in Sherlock Hall. Youngsters are invited to join Santa for breakfast and also will have an opportunity to have their picture taken with him.

There will be fun for the whole family, including a gift basket raffle, 50/50 tickets, the Cranford High School Madrigal Singers, a wreaths and greens sale, face painting and a children's book sale. A special jewelry sale also will be featured.

'Bagels & Books' Set Monday at Library

SCOTCH PLAINS — Members of the community are invited to join staff members and other book lovers at the Scotch Plains Public Library on Monday, November 26, at 10 a.m., for "Bagels & Books," an informal chat about books they have recently enjoyed. Staff will clue participants in to new and upcoming releases. Light refreshments will be served.

Registration is required for this program. For more information, go to scotlib.org, e-mail library@scotlib.org, call (908) 322-5007, extension no. 204, or stop by the Reference Desk. The Scotch Plains Public Library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue, one block from Park Avenue in the center of the township.

Teen Anime Club To Meet Monday

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Teen Anime Club of the Scotch Plains Public Library is back for its second meeting of the 2018-2019 school year on Monday, November 26, at 7 p.m. Youth are invited to join teen librarians and the ever-expanding membership of the club for more conversation and activities.

Participants will explore manga, watch a new show, make crafts and enjoy snacks. Registration is required. This club is for teens in grades 6 to 12 only.

To register, visit scotlib.org, e-mail library@scotlib.org, call (908) 322-5007, extension no. 204, or stop by the Reference Desk.

The Scotch Plains Public Library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue, one block from Park Avenue in the center of the township.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD COUNTY OF UNION NEW JERSEY
TAKE NOTICE, there will be a public hearing on the Community Development Block Grant Year 45 applications to be submitted. This hearing will be held on Monday, November 26, 2018 at 7:30 PM in Room 108 of the Cranford Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey.

Patricia Donahue, RMC Municipal Clerk
1 T - 11/22/18, The Leader Fee: \$12.75



Nick Giuditta

Attorney to Discuss Estate Planning

CRANFORD — Attorney Nick Giuditta will discuss estate plans, including wills and trusts, on Wednesday, December 5, at 7 p.m., at the Cranford Community Center. Mr. Giuditta is the founding attorney of Giuditta Law in Westfield. He also is a former member of the Cranford Township Committee and former deputy mayor of Cranford. He specializes in estate and tax planning, probate law, guardianship and related elder law matters.

No registration is required. The Cranford Community Center is located at 220 Walnut Avenue and is accessible to all.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD

CONTRACTOR: Cherry Hill Winner Ford, 250 Haddonfield Berlin Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08034

NATURE OF SERVICES: Purchase of three (3) 2019 Police Interceptor Utility, All Wheel Drive Base Vehicles at \$36,103.00 each.

AMOUNT: Total amount of \$108,309.00 charged to the 2018 Police Operating 130-251 under Purchase Order 18-04536.

THE RESOLUTION AND CONTRACT FOR SAME ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK.

Tara Rowley, RMC Town Clerk
1 T - 11/22/18, The Leader Fee: \$17.34

Temple Sholom to Host Chanukah Lego Night

SCOTCH PLAINS — Temple Sholom will host its annual Chanukah Lego Night on Thursday, December 6, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Back by popular demand, this event is free and open to the public.

Participants are welcome to build as many Lego creations as they wish, while reveling in dreidel games, enjoying Chanukah music and indulging in donuts, latkes (potato pancakes) and plenty of chocolate gelt. There also will be raffles for a Lego-style menorah and a Lego-style dreidel.

In Hebrew, the word "Chanukah" means "dedication." This holiday commemorates the re-dedication of the holy temple in Jerusalem following the Jewish victory over the Syrian-Greeks who tried to destroy the Jewish population in 165 B.C.E. Also known as the Festival of Lights, the eight-day festival celebrates the triumph of light over darkness.

"While not one of the most important Jewish holidays, Chanukah is the most anticipated — and a time when friends, family and community come together to celebrate," said Rabbi Joel Abraham of Temple Sholom. "As Jews, we believe that it is our duty to build a better world. What better way than to start with Lego?"

Temple Sholom is located at 1925 Lake Avenue, Scotch Plains. Space for

Chanukah Lego Night is limited. Interested persons are asked to RSVP by Sunday, December 2, at sholomnj.org, by e-mail to sholom@sholomnj.org or by calling (908) 889-4900.

Founded in 1913, Temple Sholom is a Reform Jewish congregation led by Rabbi Abraham and Cantor Darcie Sharline. The temple and its religious school are home to about 250 families from the greater Scotch Plains-Fanwood area.

Temple Sholom is a member of the Union for Reform Judaism. It has recently become the first synagogue in Union County to offer a voluntary membership contribution model. For more information about the temple or joining the congregation, call (908) 889-4900, e-mail sholom@sholomnj.org or visit sholomnj.org.

Garwood Announces Menorah Lighting

GARWOOD — The Borough of Garwood will hold its first Community Menorah Lighting event on Sunday, December 2, at 4:30 p.m., at Borough Hall. This will be a free community event and cocoa and donuts will be provided. All are welcome to attend. Borough Hall is located at 403 South Avenue, Garwood.



A TASTE OF GINGER...Volunteers are pictured preparing gingery treats from the open hearth at the Miller-Cory House Museum in Westfield. The museum will again welcome visitors for "Gingerbread Sunday" on December 2 from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Miller-Cory Invites Families To 'Gingerbread Sunday'

WESTFIELD — Spicy sweet gingerbread is a special part of the holiday season. Its many forms — houses and figures, cookies and cake — hold a special appeal for children and adults alike.

"Gingerbread Sunday," a program dedicated to this festive treat, will take place on December 2, from 1:30 to 4 p.m., at the Miller-Cory House Museum. The museum is located at 614 Mountain Avenue, Westfield.

Children will make a decorative, non-edible gingerbread house and one additional craft to take home and will hear "gingery" stories. Light refreshments will be served.

In the Frazee Building, members of the Cooking Committee will pre-

pare early American recipes using ginger over the open hearth.

Admission is \$5 per child; accompanying adults may attend for free. Advance reservations must be made. Requests will be accepted via phone at (908) 232-1776 or e-mail at millercorymuseum@gmail.com through Thursday, November 29, and by phone only until noon on Saturday, December 1. Requests made by e-mail should include a phone number.

SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-18003543
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION
UNION COUNTY
DOCKET NO. F-011261-17
Plaintiff: NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY
VS.

Defendant: EUGENIA M. GILLIAM HER HEIRS, DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, AND HER, THEIR, OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST; GAIL DENISE WILLIAMS; RUFUS DWAYNE GILLIAM; LISA DYLAN GILLIAM; STATE OF NEW JERSEY; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Sale Date: 12/05/2018
Writ of Execution: 09/11/2018

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the Union County Administration Building, 1st Floor, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey on Wednesday, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day, all successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales. The judgment amount is: **Two Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Seventy-Three and 65/100** \$227,073.65.

Property to be sold is located in the TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS, County of UNION, State of New Jersey.
Premises commonly known as: 545 BEVERLY AVENUE, SCOTCH PLAINS, NEW JERSEY 07076-1613.
BEING KNOWN AS LOT 12 & 13, BLOCK 402 on the official Tax Map of the TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS.
Dimensions: 75.00 Feet X 118.00 Feet X 75 Feet X 118.00 Feet.
Nearest Cross Street: Weaver Street.

Advertise subject USA's right of redemption:
Pursuant to 28, U.S.C. Section 2410(C), this sale is subject to a 1 year right of redemption held by the United States of America by virtue of it's lien.

EUGENIA M. GILLIAM TO THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, dated December 21, 2009 and recorded January 4, 2010 in Book 12842, Page 471. To secure \$480,000.00.

Total Upset: **Two Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Two and 26/100** \$232,952.26 together with lawful interest and costs.

Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.
Peter Corvelli Sheriff

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4 T - 11/08, 11/15, 11/22 & 12/06/18 Fee: \$238.68