

Hist. Society Event to Focus On 1778 Boudinot Wedding

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Historical Society invites guests to attend a presentation by Ken Ward, president of the Historical Society of Elizabeth, held at the Reeve History and Cultural Resource Center on Sunday, November 4, at 2 p.m. Mr. Ward will show and discuss a collection of items that are on loan to the Westfield Historical Society from the Historical Society of Elizabeth. These artifacts are from the Belcher-Ogden Mansion of Elizabeth and many are associated with a wedding that took place in 1778 in Westfield.

Mr. Ward's talk will focus on the items connected to the wedding of Elisha Boudinot to Catherine Peartree Smith, daughter of William Peartree Smith, Elizabeth mayor and a founder and trustee of Princeton University. For perhaps 150 years the accepted story about the artifacts concerned an Elizabeth wedding and reception in 1778. Alexander Hamilton was thought to be the Master of Ceremonies and both George Washington and Marquis de Lafayette were in attendance.

A wonderful historical story it might have been, except for records in Westfield indicating that the wedding actually took place in Westfield.

Considering the proximity of 30,000 of King George's soldiers on Staten Island and an existing

bridge from there to Elizabeth, a reasonable caution would be expected and would explain why the wedding was not in Elizabeth. Elisha and his brother, Elias, later president of the Continental Congress, were active spymasters for Washington. Their spy organizations were financed with Lafayette's gold.

After the 1778 wedding, the soldiers of King George did indeed raid Elizabeth and destroyed the contents of the Belcher-Ogden Mansion. The wedding punchbowl may well have survived because it was not in Elizabeth.

Reservations are required for this program and space is limited. To make a reservation, e-mail westfieldhistoricalsociety@gmail.com or call (908) 654-1794. A \$5 donation per person is suggested.

The Reeve History and Cultural Resource Center is located at 314 Mountain Avenue, Westfield. The Westfield Historical Society is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Since 1968, the 501(c)(3) nonprofit Westfield Historical Society has worked to preserve, interpret and encourage interest in history, Westfield and its residents through educational efforts and community outreach programs. For more information on the Westfield Historical Society and its events, visit westfieldhistoricalsociety.org and like the organization on Facebook.

Annual Mass to Honor Law Enforcement Officers

AREA — The Archdiocese of Newark will celebrate the 26th Annual Mass for Law Enforcement Officers at 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 8, at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, located at Clifton Avenue and Victoria Avenue, Newark. Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of Newark, will serve as the principal celebrant and homilist.

The Mass remembers with reverence the men and women who serve in the often-dangerous profession of protecting society, and honors in particular those who lost their lives in the line of duty in the past year. Attendance by men and women in law enforcement statewide at this Mass has grown every year since its inception. Some 1,500 representatives from federal, state, county and municipal law enforcement departments and agencies, as well as many public officials, typically attend this Mass.

This year, the Mass will honor, in order of their End of Watch dates:

Lt. Christopher Robateau, Jersey City Police Department (January 5, 2018).

Trooper Brian McNally, New Jersey State Police (May 20, 2018).

Detective Eric Lieberman, Westfield Police Department (May 22, 2018).

Undersheriff/Chief Kevin Ryan, Essex County Sheriff's Office (June 20, 2018).

This year's Mass also will honor those officers from the Port Authority Police Department who perished in and following the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack.

"For more than a quarter of a century, we have gathered together to thank God for the many men and women who answer the call to serve and protect us all," said Cardinal Tobin. "We continue to ask God for His blessings for those who persevere in keeping our communities safe."

Law enforcement officers from throughout the state and region, and their families and friends, are invited to attend the Mass and offer their support. The liturgy also will include a ceremonial presentation of the National Colors. A hot and cold luncheon buffet at the Rink in Branch Brook Park will follow the liturgy. Tickets to the luncheon are \$20. To obtain tickets, call 1-(800)-427-7651 or e-mail bluemass@embarqmail.com.

Obituaries

Walter Hageman, 88, AT&T Engineer; Longtime Scotch Plains Resident

Mr. Walter Hageman passed away on Thursday, October 18, 2018, at Overlook Medical Center in Summit, N.J. He was 88 years old. Born in Elizabeth, N.J., to George and Anna Hageman, Walter had been a Scotch Plains resident for 45 years.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, Walter received his Baccalaureate from Rutgers University and his Master of Science from the Newark College of Engineering. An engineer for AT&T in New Jersey and North Carolina for many years, Mr. Hageman then worked as a plant manager for Nassau Recycling in Staten Island, retiring in 1988. Walter loved to play golf and enjoyed traveling with his wife. He is survived by his wife of 62

years, Shirley Hageman; by their daughters, Wendy Sullivan, Bonnie Gajdzisz and her husband, John, and Trish Brown and her husband, Peter; by his grandchildren, Sean, Kelly, Ryan, Taylor and Tommy; and by his brother, George Hageman.

The funeral service will begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 27, at the First United Methodist Church of Scotch Plains, 1171 Terrill Road. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation at www.bcrf.org.

Arrangements are by Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue, Fanwood. To express condolences, please visit fanwoodmemorial.com.

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Patricia C. (Flinn) Cook, Former DECA and VFW Leader

Patricia Cook (née Kilbride Flinn) went to her rest on Friday, September 28, 2018. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., on December 17, 1932, she is survived by her loving husband of 27 years, Richard Cook, along with her five children, James Flinn, Jr. and his wife, Marilyn, Janet Flinn, Timothy Flinn, Carole O'Neil and Michael Flinn. She also left behind ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Her sisters, Judy Inciarrano, Ruthanne Redmond and Marion Murphy, are also left behind to mourn her passing.

Pat grew up in Brooklyn, raised her family in New Jersey and then moved to her dream house in Pennsylvania

before retiring near her children in the Charlottesville area. Pat was an avid volunteer throughout her life, most recently at the Charlottesville Senior Center, the Church of the Incarnation and various other organizations. She pursued her interests with passion until the end.

A memorial service will be celebrated at 2 p.m. on Friday, October 26, at the Church of Our Saviour, 1165 Rio Road East, Charlottesville, Va. 22901.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be sent to Mountainside Senior Living, 1220 Crozet Avenue, Crozet, Va. 22932.

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Holiday Boutique to Benefit Cranford Historical Society

CRANFORD — The Cranford Historical Society will hold its Annual Holiday Boutique/Garage Sale Fundraiser on Saturday, November 17, and Sunday, November 18, at the Hanson House. The Hanson House is located at 38 Springfield Avenue, Cranford. Boutique hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

New and gently-used holiday merchandise will be available for sale. This event is an opportunity to buy interesting decorations and ornaments for the home as well as some unusual items. Anyone wishing to

donate new or slightly-used items (no electrical items) is requested to drop them off at the Hanson House on November 5, 7, 12 and 14, between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., and on November 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. only.

This fund-raising event will help the Cranford Historical Society, the Crane-Phillips House Museum and the Historical Society's History Scholarship Fund. For more information, call the Cranford Historical Society's office at (908) 276-0082 or visit its website at cranfordhistoricalsociety.com.

'Historical Thinking Skills' To Be Program Topic

SPRINGFIELD — The community is invited to a program on "Using Historical Thinking Skills to Research Your Ancestors" next Thursday, November 1, at 7 p.m. It will take place at the Springfield Free Public Library, located at 66 Mountain Avenue, Springfield.

Guest speaker Paul Savage will focus on using historical thinking skills in researching the Morris County Militia and one's patriot ancestors. Attendees will learn how to use advanced Google search tools to narrow historical investigations; use the State of New Jersey archives, and explore the assets of the David Library of the American Revolution

located in Washington Crossing, Pa. Mr. Savage is a teacher of Advanced Placement United States History and Advanced Placement Capstone Seminar at the Academy for Information Technology in Scotch Plains.

This program is jointly sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)—Church and Cannon and Crane's Ford Chapters; the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR)—West Fields Chapter, and the Springfield Free Public Library.

After the presentation, refreshments will be served and members of the DAR and SAR will be available to answer attendees' questions about membership.

Westfield Community Ctr. Slates Two Workshops

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Community Center (WCC) has announced two workshops, open to the public, taking place at its 558 West Broad Street location.

The first program, entitled "Prevention of Falls," will be held on Thursday, November 8, at 12:30 p.m. It will be presented by Excel Orthopedic Physical Therapy. The second program, "K-9 Police Dog Demonstration," is scheduled for the following Thursday, November 15, at 12:30 p.m., and will be presented by the K-9 Unit of the Union County Sheriff's Department.

Pre-registration for these events is required, and available by calling Pauline Martineau-Ellam, program director for seniors at the Westfield Community Center, at (908) 232-4759. Each of these workshops will follow the 11:30 a.m. "Senior Café" Mobile Meals lunch available at the WCC for senior citizens from Westfield and the surrounding community. However, the workshops are open to all.

For further information and to sign up for this weekly Tuesday and Thursday "Café Lunch" program, call Ms. Martineau-Ellam.



Columbia Bank Hosts 30th Annual Charity Golf Classic Golfers raise \$100,000 to Benefit Boys & Girls Clubs of America

FAIR LAWN, N.J. — Columbia Bank's 30th Annual Charity Golf Classic raised \$100,000, with proceeds divided equally between the Boys & Girls Clubs of Hawthorne and Northwest New Jersey. The clubs promote the importance of planning for the future, demonstrating good character and citizenship, and living a healthy lifestyle. Some 124 golfers took part in this annual charitable fundraiser held at North Jersey Country Club in Wayne.

"Each year Team Columbia looks forward to this fun event for a great cause," said Thomas J. Kemly, President and CEO of Columbia

Library to Host Drapery Drawing

SCOTCH PLAINS — Local artist Sandra Cerchio is offering monthly drawing classes for adults age 18 and older at the Scotch Plains Public Library. This month's session will be held on Friday, November 2, at 10 a.m. The focus will be on drapery. Registration is required. Attendees should bring sketch paper, pencils and an eraser.

For more information or to register, 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.

Bank. "We are proud to support these two local Boys & Girls Club of America and their efforts to provide our youth with the tools for a bright future."

Shown accepting the donations at a special check presentation are John Bertollo, CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Hawthorne, left; Thomas J. Kemly, President and CEO of Columbia Bank, center, and Joseph Lynch, CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Northwest New Jersey, right.

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Opus 1 to Perform Halloween Program

AREA — The Opus 1 Choir and Orchestra will present a "Halloween SPOOKtacular" at 4 p.m. this Sunday, October 28. It will take place at St. Joseph Catholic Church, located at 767 Prospect Street, Maplewood.

Led by nationally known composer Gerard Chiusano, the group will perform pieces from classical to Broadway. Tickets can be purchased through the website opus1singers.org.

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TRIBUTE TO COLIN...Friends of Colin will hold their fourth annual Turkey Trot the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 23, to raise money to fight pediatric cancer. The 5K event honors Cranford resident Colin Maher, who died at age 16 after battling Ewing's sarcoma. Pictured, participants show their spirit during last year's race.

Friends of Colin to Host Annual 5K Turkey Trot

CRANFORD — Friends of Colin is gearing up to hold its fourth annual Turkey Trot scheduled for Friday, November 23, the day after Thanksgiving. The run raises money to fight pediatric cancer.

The 10 a.m. 5K starts in Unami Park and travels the flat streets of Garwood and Cranford. It typically draws local residents and people who are visiting family for the holidays. After the race, the littlest in the crowd get to run a half-mile "fun run." There also are raffle baskets to try to win and snacks for the race participants.

"The race is a great way for the community to come together over the Thanksgiving holiday," said Ryan McGann, executive director of Friends of Colin. "I think it is wonderful where runners come from our community, both Garwood and Cranford, and all over the East coast. All the proceeds from the run directly benefit pediatric cancer research, and while we give thanks, we can also give forward by participating in the

run and helping end pediatric cancer."

Last year's winners were Will Smith of Cranford, who ran 17:27, for the men's first-place finish, and Abby Keisling of Washington, D.C., who ran 22:19 for the women's first-place finish. Many of the participants run the race competitively, while others choose to walk the route.

To register for the race, visit runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Garwood/FriendsofColinTurkeyTrot. Registration is \$25 but the price increases after Friday, November 9.

Friends of Colin formed after the death of 16-year-old Cranford resident Colin Maher. Colin died after a fight with Ewing's sarcoma, an aggressive bone cancer. His neighborhood friends decided to continue fighting the disease and to raise money for Dr. Jeffrey Toretsky, a Georgetown University doctor who is trying to find a cure. Friends of Colin also holds an annual Easter Egg Hunt fundraiser in the spring.