



Miss Annemarie Rica and Ronald Francis Cronin, Jr.

Miss Annemarie Rica To Wed Ronald F. Cronin, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Rica of Westfield have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Annemarie Rica of Cranston, R.I., to Ronald Francis Cronin, Jr. of Johnston, R.I. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Francis Cronin, also of Johnston.

A graduate of Westfield High School, the bride-elect earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education at Salve Regina University of Newport, R.I., in 1995.

She is currently pursuing a master's degree in education at Providence College in Providence, R.I. and is employed by Johnston Public Schools as a first-grade teacher at the Sarah Dyer Barnes School.

Her fiancé graduated from LaSalle Academy in Rhode Island and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business from Salve Regina University in 1995. He was awarded a master's degree in Information Systems Science from the same university in 1999.

The future bridegroom is employed

by American Power Conversion in Kingston, R.I.

The couple plan to be married in the summer.

Francis John, Jr.

Welcomed by Gialanellas

Justine and Francis Gialanella of Westfield have announced the birth of their son, Francis John Gialanella, Jr., on Monday, March 26, at 10:54 p.m. at St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston.

Francis weighed 7 pounds and 12 ounces and measured 19½ inches in length at birth.

He joins his sister, Marina Patrice, age 2½.

The baby's maternal grandparents are Patricia and William Frio of Mantua.

His paternal grandparents are Georgi and Frank Gialanella of Livingston.

Francis' paternal great-grandparents are Mary and Joseph D'Onofrio of West Orange.

Underage Drinking Program To Air on TV-36 Next Week

WESTFIELD - "Teenage Drinking and Safety: The High School Perspective," a live television program on underage drinking, will be broadcast from Westfield High School's (WHS) television studio on Wednesday, May 16.

The program may be viewed on TV-36 beginning at 8 p.m.

WHS Principal Dr. Robert G. Petix will host the program. The panel, which will join Dr. Petix, includes WHS Student Assistance Counselor Maureen Mazzaresse, WHS Assistant Principal Bob Eyre and Detective Ronald Allen of the Westfield Police Department Juvenile Division.

Viewers will have the opportunity to call in questions during the broadcast by calling (908) 789-4622 or by faxing questions to (908) 789-4230.

According to Dr. Petix, the purpose of the program will be to provide an interactive opportunity for parents and members of the community to learn more about teenage drinking and to identify ways they can be of help to the children of Westfield.

Among the topics to be featured

during the telecast will be a discussion of WHS's substance abuse education and prevention program, school disciplinary policy, as well as legal implications of underage drinking.

Ms. Mazzaresse, who offers workshops for parents as part of her role as Student Assistance Counselor, hopes that disseminating information about teenage drinking and identifying resources for obtaining help in the school and in the community will aid parents.

"While the single most important influence on our children is the home," Ms. Mazzaresse revealed, "that does not mean that parents can do it alone."

Dr. Petix stated, "The job of parents and the school is the same in many ways. While the goal of helping our children become successful is the same for the school and parents. We approach this important responsibility from different ways."

Dr. Petix, who conceived the idea for the television program, collaborated with Ms. Mazzaresse, Mr. Eyre and Mr. Allen on the design of the telecast.



HELP THE HUNGRY...Letter carriers of Westfield-Mountainside will join their colleagues in the National Food Drive to be held on Saturday, May 12. Area residents are asked to donate non-perishable foods to stock the local food bank by placing the items in their mailboxes. Carriers will collect the items while delivering mail that day. Food donations may also be brought to the Westfield Post Office, where "Minnie the Postmouse" will be on hand to greet visitors between noon and 4 p.m. Parents are invited to take pictures.

Walk on May 20 to Benefit Animal Rescue Program

AREA - People for Animals, a non-profit animal welfare organization serving New Jersey, will hold its annual Walk for Animals on Sunday, May 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Nomahegan Park on Springfield Avenue in Cranford, across from Union County College.

Individuals may participate with their dogs but can also take part if they do not have a pet. All funds from the walk will benefit the People for Animals pet rescue program.

Christine Nagy of radio station Z100, honorary chairwoman for the event, will be at the park for the early part of the walk to meet participants and sign autographs.

While the walk is two miles, participants may walk whatever distance is comfortable for them, according to Fran Moore, People for Animals' event coordinator.

Participants are asked to make a donation or to obtain pledges from sponsors.

In addition to the walk itself, there will be refreshments, contests for the dogs with prizes, and a doggie bag of

goodies for each canine participant.

To register and to obtain a sponsor, or for further information, please call (908) 688-1073 and select menu option 5.

Holy Trinity Seniors Schedule Meeting, Reveal Trip Dates

WESTFIELD - The regular meeting of the Senior Social Club will be held on Monday, May 14, in the gymnasium/auditorium of the Holy Trinity Elementary School.

Speakers Laura Izan and Roseann Brennan will discuss "Helping Hands." Refreshments will be served.

A trip to the Renault Winery at Egg Harbor is scheduled for the following Monday, May 21. Included will be a luncheon and tour of the Tuckerton Sea Port Museum.

On Monday, June 25, a trip to West Point is planned. A luncheon at the Thayer Hotel and a boat trip down the Hudson River to Haverstraw will be included.

The group's last general meeting of the season will be a catered luncheon on Monday, June 11.

Geranium Sale Slated At Hetfield House In Mountainside

MOUNTAINSIDE - The Mountainside Historic Preservation Committee's annual geranium sale fundraiser will take place on Saturday, May 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Deacon Andrew Hetfield House, located next to the Mountainside Free Public Library on Constitution Plaza.

The geraniums, in a variety of colors, are all hand-picked by a committee member and horticultural expert.

The event will be held rain or shine and proceeds will benefit historic restoration in Mountainside. For additional information, please call Carol at (908) 789-9420.



BLESSED OCCASION...The Reverend Larry Fama, Parochial Vicar of St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield, baptized Florence Boehm, 77, and gave her First Eucharist on March 30 at the Westfield Center, Genesis ElderCare Network in Westfield. Joining her are family and friends, including her godmother, Rose Peigelbeck.

Linda Ucciferri Receives Faculty Award At Kent Place

WESTFIELD - Westfield resident Linda Ucciferri, a nursery school and pre-kindergarten teacher at Kent Place School, was recently awarded the E.J. Grassman Faculty Award.

Through the generosity of the E.J. Grassman Foundation, the award was established in 1987 to acknowledge excellence and creativity in teaching, and to supplement less formal types of professional development and enrichment, such as summer study and travel.

Ms. Ucciferri will use her award

to travel to Italy in March 2002. She has been an active member of the Kent Place faculty for eight years.

In addition to earning her Master of Science Degree in Education, she received a diploma for the Theory and Practice of Dr. Maria Montessori.

While in Italy, Ms. Ucciferri plans to visit several Italian cities, including Florence, Venice and Rome, the city where Dr. Montessori originally began her work in 1907 and implemented her teaching method.

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