



Miss Christine McDonald and Brian T. Murphy

Miss Christine McDonald To Marry Brian T. Murphy

Mr. and Mrs. James P. McDonald of Glen Rock have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Christine McDonald, to Brian T. Murphy. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin J. Murphy of Westfield.

Scranton in Scranton, Pa. She is employed as a second-grade teacher at Cherry Hill School in River Edge. The future bridegroom is a graduate of Westfield High School and the University of Scranton. He is employed as a sales executive for Elite Sports Properties. A wedding is planned for August.

Great Decisions 2002 Wraps Diverse Eight-Week Session

WESTFIELD - Great Decisions 2002, an eight-seminar program on international issues held at the Westfield Adult School, concluded on April 22.

Although Great Decisions was developed as a public educational program almost 50 years ago by the non-partisan Foreign Policy Association (FPA), this marked the first time it was offered to residents of Westfield and surrounding communities.

Dedication Ceremony, Various Festivities Set at Hetfield House

MOUNTAINSIDE - The Mountainside Historic Preservation Committee has revealed its schedule of special activities at the historic Hetfield House on Sunday, May 19. "First, we are going to have our dedication ceremony for the memorial brick program that the committee has worked so long and hard to establish," said Committee Chairman Scott Daniels. "Thanks to the community, this program continues to be a success."

The brick dedication will take place at 1 p.m., followed by refreshments, with a raffle drawing to start at 2 p.m. Winners in the three categories of prizes will be announced, including "Eight Meals Around Town," valued at \$275; an Oriental rug valued at \$250, and a Day of Beauty, valued at \$135. Visitors may also tour the Hetfield House between 1 and 3 p.m. The landmark is located next to the Mountainside Public Library on Constitution Plaza.

Genesis to Wrap Up Library Film Festival

WESTFIELD - As the conclusion to its Spring International Film Festival, the Westfield Memorial Library will present *Genesis* on Wednesday, May 22, at 1 p.m. and again at 7 p.m.

Presented in Bamarba and French with English subtitles, the South African film is a retelling of the Hebrew story of Jacob and Esau, through a blend of Bible stories and vivid African imagery.

The film is offered free of charge to library cardholders. International Films are presented for adult audiences. Tickets are available starting two weeks prior to the event at the library, located at 550 East Broad Street. For additional information, please call (908) 789-4090.

Westfield Area League of Women Voters (LVA), with coordinator Joanne Hone of Westfield arranging for speakers with specific expertise and background on each session's topic. The 34-member class offered a range of opinions in the discussion that followed the talks.

Class participant Margaret Walker, a longtime member of the LVA, praised both Ms. Hone and Marianne Kerwin of Westfield, who moderated the eight sessions, saying "Great Decisions would not have happened without them."

The Great Decisions outline was developed by the FPA and features new topics each year as part of its national program. Among the featured speakers this year were foreign service professionals, educators and scientists. Ted Tanen, speaking on "The Roots of Terrorism," spent 30 years with the State Department and the United States Information Agency.

Peggy Blackford, a member of the United States Foreign Service from 1972 to 2001, served in numerous African and South American countries. She spoke on "AIDS in Africa."

Geoffrey Martin, a teacher at Edison Intermediate School in Westfield, discussed "Korean Security Issues," while Charles Lightner of Westfield shared his knowledge of the "Middle East Peace Process."

Mr. Lightner is a member of the National Committee on Foreign Policy and is an officer and Director of the Philadelphia Center on the Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights.

Professor Rekha Datta, who chairs the Political Science Department at Monmouth University, spoke on "South Asia-Focus on India," during which she described her concerns about security and Indian domestic issues.

Brian Stanton of Westfield, who has worked as an analyst with the Foreign Affairs and National Defense division of the Congressional Research Service, was the speaker for "Russia Reexamined."

The sessions closed with a discussion on Energy and the Environment given by Westfield resident Robert Kerwin, a visiting lecturer at the Brookings Institution and Bell Labs Fellow with 15 patents fundamental to semiconductor technology.

An announcement will be made next fall about a 2003 Great Decisions program in Westfield. More information about the Westfield Area League of Women Voters is available by emailing lwv@westfieldnj.com or visiting the group's Internet site at www.westfieldnj.com/lwv.



MCGINN SHINING STARS...The fifth grade Shining Stars from McGinn Elementary School in Scotch Plains recently performed "Coming to America" from the variety show "Let Freedom Sing."

Mr. Vivian Receives S.A.R.'s Distinguished Service Medal

WESTFIELD - Robert P. Vivian of Westfield, immediate Past President of the New Jersey Society, Sons of the American Revolution (N.J.S.S.A.R.), was recently awarded the S.A.R. Distinguished Service Medal.

He was honored at the group's annual luncheon meeting at the Rock Spring Club in West Orange.

A graduate of Princeton University and a Past President of the West Fields Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, Mr. Vivian is affiliated with several patriotic organizations at the state level.

He has served as Lieutenant Governor of the Society of Colonial Wars; Secretary General of the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America; President of the War of 1812 Association and President of the Sons of the Revolution.

The Distinguished Service Medal is awarded at the personal discretion of the New Jersey Society, S.A.R. President. During his tenure, he can present the award to only one recipient, and the honoree may receive the

Nursery School Pupils To Show Their Art

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Central New Jersey will host an opening reception of the 11th Annual Multi-Media Art Exhibit on Tuesday, May 21, at 7 p.m.

The public is invited to join parents and children as they view artwork created by all students under the direction of art teacher Jodi Berkowitz.

The exhibit will be held until Thursday, May 23. Visitors are welcome. For more information, please call Susan Bennett at (908) 889-8800, extension no. 204.

SP-F Garage Sale To Benefit Charities

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Scotch Plains Junior Woman's Club will sponsor its second annual Scotch Plains-Fanwood Town-wide Garage Sale on Saturday, May 18. Proceeds will benefit local charities.

Residents of Scotch Plains and Fanwood will hold their own garage sales, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and keep all profits. For \$15, their address will be listed on a map of participating homes and items for sale at each location. The club will distribute the maps for free throughout the two communities.

Registration forms may be obtained at many businesses in Scotch Plains and Fanwood. For a form or more information, please call (908) 889-4883 or send an e-mail to spjwc@comcast.net.

medal only once. Mr. Vivian was awarded his medal by N.J.S.S.A.R. President Dr. George J. Hill. Another member of the West Fields Chapter, Paul W. Cook, was a prior recipient of the medal.

The West Fields Chapter originated in 1921. Membership in the S.A.R. is open to all men who can trace their family lineage to the Revolutionary War. For further information, please call George P. Gross, Chapter Registrar, at (908) 232-3845.

Scotch Plains Baptist To Hold Block Party

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Scotch Plains Baptist Church will host its Second Annual Community Block Party on Saturday, June 15, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

The event will take place on Grand Street between Park Avenue and Forest Road. Free food and beverages, games and live entertainment will all be featured. Participants may also bring food and soft drinks to share.

Para-church organizations will set up displays to introduce their ministries to the community. In the event of rain, the festivities will be held inside the church, located at 333 Park Avenue.

For more information, please call (908) 322-5487 or visit www.scotchplainsbaptistchurch.org.

Matthew Printz Honored For Safety Patrol

WESTFIELD - Matthew Printz, a fifth grade student at Franklin Elementary School in Westfield, is the recipient of a 2002 AAA School Safety Patrol Lifesaving Award.

Last October, Matthew was at his usual post outside the school with fellow patrols and a crossing guard. Although he was not letting anyone cross, a student stepped around Matthew and into the street. Matthew immediately grabbed the student's backpack strap and pulled him out of the street just in time to avoid an oncoming car.

Hospital to Hold May Art Exhibit

MOUNTAINSIDE - Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside will exhibit the work of The Art Center Watercolor Affiliates (ACWA) throughout the month of May.

All artwork is available for purchase with a portion of sales benefiting the Auxiliary. Admission is free and exhibits can be viewed from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. by entering through the hospital's East Wing entrance, 150 New Providence Road, Mountainside.

For information, please call (908) 233-3720, extension no. 5379.

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