

Lawrence B. Sprague, 82, Family Man; Active With YMCA and Junior Raiders

Lawrence Baldwin Sprague, 82, of Hilton Head Island, S.C. died on Saturday, October 8, at his home following a battle with cancer. Born on September 15, 1923 in Warwick, N.Y. to George and Nellie Sprague, he moved to Hilton Head Island from Scotch Plains in 1993.

Plains and Jeffrey and Karen Sprague of Plainfield; a daughter and son-in-law, Tracy and Bob Byrnes of Charlotte, N.C.; nine grandchildren, Jeffrey, Katie, Christopher, Morgan, Tiffany, Cory, Michael, Gail and Taylor, and a sister and brother-in-law, Helen and Budd Hansen of Homosassa, Fla.

A celebration of his life will be held at 6 p.m. today, Thursday, October 13, at Windows on the Waterway, 5 Waterway Drive, Hilton Head Island, S.C.

The Island Funeral Home and Crematory in Hilton Head Island is in charge of the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Island Hospice, 300 New River Parkway, Suite 6, Hardeeville, S.C. 29927, or to the hospice or cancer research organization of one's choice.

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Eugene Greenley, 89

Eugene E. Greenley, 89, of Scotch Plains died on Sunday, October 9, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Shoemaker, N.M., he lived in Scotch Plains since 1960.

Mr. Greenley had been employed as a plant manager for Westinghouse in Belleville before retiring.

He was a graduate of the University of Wyoming, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in both Electrical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering.

He served in the United States Army during World War II as a Major in the infantry in the South Pacific.

Surviving are his wife of 55 years, Helen Greenley; two daughters, Barbara Chambers and Catherine Harger; a son, Dr. David Greenley, and six grandchildren.

Private arrangements were under the direction of the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood.

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Mary Santoro, 80

Mary Petrozziello Santoro, 80, of Scotch Plains died on Wednesday, October 5, at the Clark Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Clark.

Born in Garwood, she had lived there until moving to Scotch Plains in 1952.

Surviving are her husband of 58 years, Samuel T. Santoro; a daughter, Marie Lacko; a son, John Santoro; a brother, Michael Petrozziello; a sister, Filomena Cirigliano, and two grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, October 8, at the Dooley Funeral Home, 218 West North Avenue in Cranford. Interment took place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

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Edward J. Gibbons, 86, Was Engineer; Manager With Colgate-Palmolive

Edward J. Gibbons, 86, of Scotch Plains died on Saturday, October 1, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Southampton, Long Island, N.Y., he had lived in Fanwood before moving to Scotch Plains 28 years ago.

A licensed professional engineer in New York and New Jersey, Mr. Gibbons received his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from New York University and his PED degree from the University of Wisconsin.

Prior to retiring, he had been employed as Manager of Engineering Services with the Research and Development Department of Colgate-Palmolive Company in Piscataway.

Surviving are his wife, Marthe Gibbons; two daughters, Carol L. Niesslein and Ariel Gibbons Kenajian; a son, Edward Gibbons, and four grandchildren.

Private arrangements were under the direction of the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood.

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Obituaries

James Hamlette, Sr., 87, Business Owner; Was Known For His Love of Horses

James Thomas Hamlette, Sr., 87, a lifelong resident of Scotch Plains, died on Monday, October 10, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Mr. Hamlette was the owner and operator of the Hamlette Disposal Company in Scotch Plains for over 70 years. During the 1940s and 1950s, he also had owned the Hamlette Coal Company.

He was a United States Army veteran of World War II and a lifelong member of St. John's Baptist Church in Scotch Plains.

He was well known for his love of horses. He could often be seen riding his horse and buggy throughout the Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Westfield area.

Surviving are his wife, Marian Hamlette; three sons, James Hamlette,

Jr. of New Jersey, Harold Hamlette of Falls Church, Va. and Patrick Hamlette, Sr. of Westfield; three daughters, Grace Hamlette, Lois H. Mayers and Norma Keats, all of Scotch Plains, and 11 grandchildren.

He also is survived by a host of loving relatives and friends; his horses John and Cassey; his dog, Ebony, and cat, Tom, who loved him very much.

Visitation will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. today, Thursday, October 13, at St. John's Baptist Church. A service will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, October 14, at the church.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Judkins Colonial Home, Inc. in Plainfield.

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James Hamlette, Sr.

Edward F. Gaffney, 83, Was Manager; Marine Corps Veteran and Musician

Edward F. Gaffney, 83, of Fanwood died on Friday, October 7, at the Ashbrook Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Scotch Plains.

Born in Jersey City, he moved to Fanwood in 1960.

Mr. Gaffney had been employed as a manager with Lightolier in Jersey City for many years before retiring.

A veteran of World War II, he served in the United States Marine Corps in the South Pacific. He attended Sienna College in New York.

Mr. Gaffney was a musician, playing trombone with the Marine Corps Band, and then trombone and bass fiddle with a four-piece band.

He was a member of the Musicians' Union, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Fanwood Senior Citizens.

Surviving are his wife, Irene Meara Gaffney; a son, Kevin Gaffney; three daughters, Mary Anne Gaffney, Patty Gaffney and Eileen Faede; six grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

The funeral was held on Tuesday, October 11, from the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood. A Funeral Mass was offered at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains. Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Memorial donations may be made

to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tenn. 38105.

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A. Lyle Brinkman, Jr.

A. Lyle Brinkman, Jr., 81, of Cherry Hill died on Tuesday, October 4, at his home.

Born in Philadelphia, Pa., he had lived in Westfield before moving to Cherry Hill.

Mr. Brinkman had worked as a sales representative for Advanco, Inc. in Little Falls prior to retiring.

An Army veteran of World War II, he proudly served with the 46th Field Artillery Battalion of the 5th Infantry Division in France and Germany.

Surviving are a sister, Phyllis L. (William D.) Wideman of Cherry Hill; three nephews, William L. (Donna) Wideman of Cherry Hill, Robert J. (Katherine) Wideman of Haddonfield and Richard T. (Aileen) Wideman of Cherry Hill; seven grandnieces and grandnephews, and a great-grandniece.

A graveside service was held on Saturday, October 8, at the Seaville United Methodist Church Cemetery in Seaville.

Arrangements were by Kain-Murphy Funeral Services of Haddonfield.

Memorial donations may be made to the Seaville United Methodist Church, 3100 Shore Road (Route 9), Seaville, N.J. 08230.

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Prayer to The Blessed Virgin

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN: (Never known to fail) Oh most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine splendor of heaven. Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me show me herein, you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth! I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3X). Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for the things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. The person must say this prayer three consecutive days. After three days, the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor is granted. A.M.P.

Josephine E. Aker, 69, Office Manager; Was Vice President of Parent Guild

Josephine E. Zyracki Aker, 69, of Scotch Plains died on Monday, October 10, at the Parker Memorial Home in Piscataway.

Born in Elizabeth, she had lived in Cranford prior to moving to Scotch Plains 21 years ago.

Mrs. Aker had been the office manager at Willing Shtafman in Springfield for nine years before retiring several years ago.

She was a past vice president of the Mother Seton Parent Guild in Clark and a communicant of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

Surviving are her husband, James Aker; two daughters, Sheree Cook

and Michelle Patrone; two sisters, Sophie Kaczowski and Mary Seborowski, and four grandchildren.

Visitation will take place from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. today, Thursday, October 13, at the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield. A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, October 14, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Entombment will be held at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Parker Memorial Home, 1421 River Road, Piscataway, N.J. 08854.

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Additional Campaign Release

Fanwood Campaign Release DEM

Free Medicare Seminar Set For Tomorrow at Chelsea

By Fanwood DEMS Wheeler and Walsh for Council

FANWOOD - Assemblywoman Linda Stender (D-22), Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr and the Fanwood Democratic Club have invited senior citizens and family caregivers to attend a free seminar on the new Medicare Part "D" Program at 11:30 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, October 14, at The Chelsea at Fanwood.

The seminar will include information about changes to Medicare and the Prescription Drug Plan (PDP); how to sign up for the Medicare Part "D" Prescription Plan, and how to select a prescription plan.

"It is very important for Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers to understand the new pharmaceutical option that takes effect in January," said Joan Wheeler, a hospital administrator, member of the Fanwood

Board of Health and candidate for Fanwood Borough Council.

"This new Medicare program could provide savings on a variety of prescription medicines for seniors and people with disabilities and chronic diseases," she added.

"With enrollment in the new drug coverage beginning soon, now is the time to learn about how the coverage works," added Bruce Walsh, an attorney running with Ms. Wheeler for Fanwood Borough Council. "The seminar October 14 is designed to explain the basics of the program so seniors and caregivers can make educated decisions about the plan that best fits their needs and budget," he said.

The Chelsea is located at 295 South Avenue near the intersection of Martine Avenue. All are welcome to attend the seminar. A light lunch will be served.

Author Charles Granata To Explore Jazz, Broadway

MOUNTAINSIDE - Area residents are invited to explore the history of jazz and Broadway musical standards with author Charles Granata at the Mountainside Public Library on Thursday, October 27 at 7 p.m.

A record producer, music historian and Sinatra specialist, Mr. Granata will share his intimate knowledge of popular musical styles, composers and performers in a special evening entitled "American Pop Standards." The audience will be treated to the special sounds of artists such as George Gershwin, Cole Porter, Jerome Kern, Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, Louis Armstrong and other greats.

Mr. Granata is the author of the award-winning "Sessions with Sinatra: Frank Sinatra and the Art of

Recording," and "Wouldn't It Be Nice: Brian Wilson and the Making of the Beach Boys' Pet Sounds."

He also is the producer and director of Sinatra's Columbia recordings and is currently at work on a book about legendary record producer Phil Ramone.

According to Nancy Sinatra, "Chuck Granata is a font of information." The Friends of the Mountainside Public Library, who will sponsor the free program, encourage area residents not to miss this opportunity to share in his musical insights.

To register, interested individuals may call (908) 233-0115 or visit the Mountainside Public Library during regular library hours. The library is located at Constitution Plaza.

Fanwood CERT Will Offer Free Home Safety Courses

FANWOOD - The Fanwood Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will offer free home safety courses, including major disaster awareness, basic home first-aid training, terrorism awareness and other practical safety tips for the home.

The first scheduled course is "Basic Home First Aid" on Thursday, October 20, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. "Introduction to Disaster Preparedness" will follow on Thursday, October 27, also from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. To register for these or any of the other courses, please visit the Fanwood CERT website at www.fanwoodcert.org.

Anyone over the age of 18 who is

a Fanwood resident (or a caregiver for a Fanwood resident), or who works in Fanwood is welcome to attend. There are five different citizen courses, totaling 10 hours of training. They can be taken in any order and there is no commitment to completing the series or becoming part of the CERT.

"Our goal is to provide safety information for people to use in their home and their workplace," said Michael Prasad, Fanwood CERT's Training Coordinator.

"We took the national training program created by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and customized it for the needs and services available for Fanwood."

Workshop to Address Children's Behavior

MOUNTAINSIDE - Children's Specialized Hospital (CSH) will offer a six-week parent workshop on encouraging more cooperative behavior from a child.

Sessions will be held Tuesdays, October 18 and 25, November 1, 8, 15 and 22, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at CSH's facility at 150 New Providence Road in Mountainside. The cost is \$15 per family per week.

The series is designed for parents struggling with such problems as a child's high activity level, poor attention span, failure to follow directions, talking back and tantrums.

Dr. Jennifer Piscopiello, a Licensed Clinical Psychologist, will be the facilitator. Goals of the workshop will include learning the causes of childhood behavior problems, as well as skills to manage problem behaviors and ways to improve a child's cooperation and the family's harmony.

For more information or to register, please call Linda Nordstrom at (908) 301-5488. This workshop is for parents only and childcare will not be provided.

Thrift Shop to Hold Scarecrow Drawing

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League has announced that its Thrift Shop is featuring inexpensive clothes people can use to dress up their scarecrows.

Toddler-sized to adult jeans are available for \$3 or less. Dress and flannel shirts start at \$2.50. Among other items are shoes, boots, scarves, straw hats and gloves.

There also will be a free drawing to win an indoor scarecrow. Participants just need to write their name and telephone number on a slip of paper and put it in a drawing bag at the shop to be eligible. The drawing will be held on Thursday, October 27.

No purchase is necessary and individuals need not be present to win. The Thrift Shop is located at 1730 East Second Street in Scotch Plains. For more information or directions to the shop, please call (908) 322-5420 during business hours. The shop hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"Women As Caregivers: Finding a Balance" A Free Seminar at Sunrise Assisted Living of Westfield. Please join us at Sunrise of Westfield for an informative presentation geared toward women who are caregivers. Our guest speaker, clinical psychologist and caregiver Dr. Marj Steinfeld, will address the following topics: Letting go of the guilt and self-doubt; Finding ways to have fun; Learning how to ask for help from family members. Tours of Sunrise of Westfield will be available. Refreshments will be served. A \$20 registration fee is required. Sunrise Assisted Living is committed to furthering the knowledge of senior living topics through events and seminars designed to help and inform seniors and their caregivers.

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