

Obituaries

Richard Alan Berry, 53, Navy Veteran; Was Special Needs Teacher and Coach

Richard Alan Berry died on Monday, April 30, at his home in Virginia Beach, Va. He was 53 years old.

Born in Queens, N.Y., Mr. Berry grew up in Fanwood and moved to Virginia in 1975. A 1972 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School graduate, he received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va.

Mr. Berry was a teacher of special needs students at Kellam High School in Virginia Beach. Previously, he taught at Tallwood High School in Virginia Beach, where he also coached Junior Varsity football. He served in the United States Navy aboard the *USS Independence*.

Surviving are his wife, Beth Van Hout Berry; his son, Evan Berry of Richmond, Va.; his daughter, Tara Berry of Atlanta, Ga.; his mother, Jean Berry; three sisters, Lynn Berry, Barbara Pastros and Joanne Sprague;

Theresa Wise, 83

Theresa Wise, 83, of Westfield died on Sunday, April 15, at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in Rahway.

Born in Connecticut, she had lived in Elizabeth and Garwood before moving to Westfield six years ago.

Mrs. Wise, the former Theresa Borelli, had been an assembly worker for American Flange in Linden for many years, retiring in 1986.

Surviving are two sons, George Wise and Dr. Robert Wise, and four grandsons.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, May 12, at 3 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Garwood.

Arrangements are by the Dooley Funeral Home, 218 North Avenue in Cranford.

Memorial donations may be made to the Center For Hope Hospice or St. Paul's Church in Garwood.

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Elizabeth Haslam, Holyoke Graduate; Was Active In Virginia Organizations

Elizabeth "Betty" Plumer Haslam of Charlottesville, Va. died on Thursday, April 26, at her home.

Born in Newburyport, Mass. on March 31, 1915, she had formerly lived in Westfield and graduated cum laude in 1936 from Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Mass. She moved to Charlottesville in 1968.

Mrs. Haslam was a member of the Farmington Country Club and active on its Ladies' Golf Committee. She also was a lifetime member of the Miller Center Cabinet of the University of Virginia and a Portico Member of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation of Monticello.

Her husband of 54 years, George Houghton Haslam, predeceased her. Surviving are three daughters, Ashby Longwell and Debby Peniston,

a brother, James Berry; his mother-in-law, Mary Ellen Van Hout, and several nieces and nephews.

His father, Richard Berry, predeceased him in 2001.

A celebration of Richard's life was held on Monday, May 7, in the Kellam High School auditorium in Virginia Beach.

Donations may be made in Richard's name to the Humane Society of the United States, 2100 L Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20037 or to the pet charity of one's choice.

The Hollomon-Brown Funeral Home Bayside Chapel of Virginia Beach handled the arrangements.

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George M. Wise, Sr., 85

George M. Wise, Sr., 85, of Westfield died on Friday, April 13, at Westfield Center-Genesis ElderCare in Westfield.

Born in Elizabeth, he had lived there and in Garwood before moving to Westfield six years ago.

Mr. Wise had been an auto mechanic with Systems Brake and Front End in Perth Amboy for over 25 years, retiring in 1983.

A staff sergeant in the United States Army during World War II, he served in Europe, Africa and the Middle East and participated in the Normandy Invasion.

He was a member of the Garwood Choral String Band.

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both of Vero Beach, Fla., and Elizabeth Kreitler of Annapolis, Md.; four grandsons; a step-grandson and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Ivy, Va. at a later date. Private interment will take place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Local arrangements are by the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Miller Center of UVA, Ivy Road, Charlottesville, Va. 22901; the Thomas Jefferson Foundation, 210 Ridge McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Va. 22903 or the S.P.C.A., 2075 Woodburn, Charlottesville, Va. 22901.

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Professor to Give Talk To Temple Sisterhood

CRANFORD - On Tuesday, May 15, at 8 p.m., Professor Toby Marx of Union County College will give a presentation to the Sisterhood of Temple Beth El Mekor Chayim on "The Millennium Generation."

She will discuss how this generation interacts with other generations and their similarities and differences. The meeting will be held at Temple Beth El Mekor Chayim, located at 338 Walnut Avenue in Cranford.

Installation of sisterhood officers for 2007-2008 also will take place at the meeting and will be conducted by Alice Goldfarb. The Judaica shop will be open for business and refreshments will be served. This meeting is open to the public. For more details, please call the synagogue at (908) 276-9231.

Prayer to St. Jude

Holy Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue, rich in miracles, near kinsman of Jesus Christ and faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depths of my heart and humbly ask you, to whom God has given such great power, to help me in my present and urgent petition. In return I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. Say three Our Fathers, three Hail Marys and three Glory Be's for nine consecutive days. This prayer has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. St. Jude, Patron Saint of the Impossible, pray for us. Amen.

SKG and JVC

New Postage Rates Take Effect Monday, May 14

WASHINGTON, D.C. — New postage rates go into effect on Monday, May 14, including a two-cent increase in the price of a First-Class Mail stamp to 41 cents. Post Offices nationwide are now selling the new 41-cent stamps and also one- and two-cent stamps for customers who still have a supply of 39-cent stamps.

Customers also can order stamps online at usps.com or by calling 1 (800) STAMP-24. The new stamps also are available at Automated Postal Centers and ATMs nationwide (beginning May 14).

Examples of some of the new rates and fees are: First-Class Letter (1 ounce), 41 cents; First-Class Letter (2 ounce), 58 cents; Postcard, 26 cents; Priority Mail (1 pound), \$4.60; Priority Mail Flat-Rate Box, \$8.95; Express Mail (half pound), \$16.25; NEW Express Mail (1 pound), \$19.50 and Express Mail (2 pound), \$21.40.

Fees and Services: Certified Mail, \$2.65; Delivery Confirmation (Priority), 65 cents; Delivery Confirmation (First Class Parcels), 75 cents; Return Receipt (Original Signature), \$2.15;

Return Receipt (Electronic), 85 cents and Money Orders (up to \$500), \$1.05.

Also on May 14, the Breast Cancer Research semipostal stamp goes on sale at the new 55-cent price. Since 1998, the Postal Service has raised more than \$53 million for breast cancer research through this stamp sale.

Besides the new domestic rates, changes will take effect May 14 for customers sending international mail. USPS has simplified its eight main international products into four: Global Express Guaranteed, Express Mail International, Priority Mail International and First-Class Mail International. New packaging will allow mailers to use the same Priority Mail and Express Mail packaging for shipping both within the United States and to other countries. For details of the International Mail changes, go to: usps.com/ratecase and select "New International Rates, Fees and Country Listing."

The U.S. Postal Service visits 146 million homes and businesses, six days a week. With \$73 billion in revenue, it delivers nearly half the world's mail.

WHS Club to Conduct Garage Sale-Car Wash

WESTFIELD - The Westfield High School Community Service Club will host its first Garage Sale and Car Wash on Saturday, May 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The event will be held at Westfield High School, located at 550 Dorian Road in Westfield, with the garage sale taking place on the front lawn and the car wash in the school parking lot.

The Community Service Club, with 50 student members, operates under the teacher sponsorship of Catherine Capuzzi and Warren Hynes. All proceeds from the garage sale and car wash will go to support the club's Sunday, June 10, Bridges "run."

The club has partnered with the Bridges Outreach organization to provide and distribute brown bag lunches, new and gently used clothing, toiletries and other essential items to sheltered and unsheltered individuals and families in Irvington, Newark and Lower Manhattan.

A Bridges event or "run," in which the students and Bridges staff transport the donations to shelters and distribute the food and personal items themselves to the needy, takes months of planning and fundraising.

Each event requires \$500 to cover

the cost of food, so the club conducts various fundraisers throughout the year, including bake sales, Earth Day T-shirt sales and a Mother's Day flower sale. The June 10 event is the second Bridges run the club has supported this year.

For more information about the Bridges program, please visit bridgesoutreach.org or call (908) 272-0176.

La Leche League Sets Meeting For May 17

WESTFIELD - The La Leche League of Westfield, a non-profit breastfeeding information and support group, will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, May 17, at 10 a.m. The topic will be "Why Breastfeed Your Baby?" Participants will learn about the protective and nutritional benefits of human milk.

New, experienced and expectant mothers and their children are invited to attend to learn more about breastfeeding, have their questions answered and meet other breastfeeding mothers. For more information and the meeting location, please call Mari at (908) 233-6513.

UC Baseball League Signups Begin May 19 at Warinanco

COUNTY - The Union County Baseball Association invites boy and girl baseball players, ages eight to 15, to register for its Summer Youth League baseball teams. The Union County Department of Parks, Recreation and Facilities sponsors the annual program.

The Summer Youth League provides coaches, umpires, shirts and baseball caps. Teams play all games in Warinanco Park, Monday through Friday, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Union County Baseball Association staff coach and supervise games.

Sign-ups for the summer league will be held at the Warinanco Park Boat House in Roselle on four consecutive Saturdays, May 19 to June 16, from 9 a.m. to noon. Players also may register on June 16 at the baseball card show in the Roselle Catholic High School gymnasium from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The league requires that each player bring a \$25 registration fee and a birth certificate to the sign-up. Players must be at least eight years old by Monday, June 25, and cannot be 16 before Friday, August 3.

The league will conduct skill-level evaluations at the time of registration, so all players must bring a glove when they register. The evaluation is not a try-out or a draft; all those who register will participate in play.

The Summer Youth League is divided into three divisions: a teen league for 13-, 14- and 15-year-olds, a major league for 11- and 12-year-olds, and a minor league for eight-, nine- and 10-year-old players. Registered players will receive notification about team assignment day and the first day of play. There will be no refunds after team assignment day.

The league will hold an awards picnic on August 3 to mark the end of the season.

For more information, call (908) 527-4910 or visit the Union County Baseball Association website at ucba-nj.org.

FEMA Notice Issued For Disaster Assistance

AREA - In order to apply for federal assistance, homeowners, renters and businesses must call 1-(800) 621-FEMA (3362). They must apply to be considered for FEMA assistance.

Individuals who are hearing impaired are asked to call 1(800) 462-7585 or to visit the website www.fema.gov.

The State of New Jersey also has information posted at www.ready.nj.gov or a person can dial 2-1-1 from their telephone.



HONORED FOR SPIRIT...Dorothea Hoffman of Westfield receives the Arc of Union County's Humanitarian Award during the organization's Candlelight Ball held at L'Affaire in Mountainside on March 31. Pictured, from left to right, are: Honorary Chairman Kevin Cummings of Investors Savings Bank, Mrs. Hoffman and Executive Director of Arc Frank Caragher.

Recycling Event May 19 at Lucent in New Providence

NEW PROVIDENCE - The County of Union will sponsor a recycling event on Saturday, May 19, for Union County residents to dispose of household special waste, old automobile tires and mercury fever thermometers in an environmentally safe manner. The collection will take place from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lucent Technologies, located at 600 Mountain Avenue in New Providence.

All residents of Union County are eligible to participate at no cost. Pre-registration is not required for this special Saturday collection. Workers will unload vehicles as residents pull up to the site.

There is a limit of eight automobile tires (without rims) per household. No businesses will be allowed to participate.

Union County residents can turn in their old mercury fever thermometers and receive a new mercury-free digital thermometer, free of charge. One new digital thermometer per household will be provided (while supplies last) regardless of the number of mercury thermometers dropped off. Residents should bring thermometers in a sealed plastic bag to prevent release in case of accidental breakage.

"Household special waste" includes oil-based paint and varnish, antifreeze, aerosol cans, pool chemicals, corrosives, pesticides, herbicides, solvents, thinners, fire extinguishers, motor oil and oil filters, gasoline, batteries, thermostats, fluorescent bulbs (unbroken), blood pressure devices and mercury switches. Only materials in original or labeled containers will be accepted. No containers larger than five gallons will be accepted.

Latex (water-based) paint and empty cans will not be accepted. They should be disposed of in with the regular garbage. Leftover latex paint can be air-dried or, to hasten the drying process, kitty litter and/or news-

paper can be added. A complete list of the materials that will be accepted on May 19 is available at the Union County Bureau of Planning and Environmental Conservation website at ucnj.org.

The household special waste collection will be held rain or shine. Proof of Union County residency will be required. For more information about this program, call the Recycling Hotline at (908) 654-9889.

Senior Citizens to Take June 'Wedding' Trip

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Scotch Plains Senior Citizen Advisory Committee has issued an open invitation for guests to attend a "wedding" to be held on Wednesday, June 27, at the Riverview Inn in Matamoras, Pa.

In addition to a luncheon and wedding cake, guests will be treated to festivities including singing and dancing, all in honor of a "special couple." The menu will include hors d'oeuvres, salad, a combination plate of beef and chicken, plus bread and the wedding cake.

Participants must register at the Scotch Plains Recreation Office, located in Room 113 of the Scotch Plains Municipal Building at 430 Park Avenue. Township residents may register for this trip beginning Tuesday, May 15. Non-residents may register starting the following Tuesday, May 22. The fee is \$35 for residents and \$40 for non-residents.

The bus will leave from the Scotch Plains Municipal Building; however, participants must park in the municipal lots behind nearby stores due to building construction at the municipal building site. For additional information on this trip, please call the Township of Scotch Plains at (908) 322-6700, extension no. 221, or Laura Swidersky at (908) 889-2084.

DEP, Linden Reach Accord On Closing of City Landfill

LINDEN - Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Lisa Jackson has announced a settlement resulting in the closure of the Linden Landfill and which sets the stage for preservation of surrounding woods and wetlands along the Rahway River.

"Through this settlement, Linden is making a significant investment in a healthier environment for its residents while creating a destination that will enhance the quality of life in one of New Jersey's most densely populated areas," said Ms. Jackson.

The Administrative Consent Order between Linden and the DEP requires the city to properly close the landfill and enhance 50 acres of surrounding forest areas and wetlands that will be the core of a Linden City Greenway. The city also agreed to pay \$1 million to settle past violations of DEP landfill closure requirements.

The settlement sets aside an additional \$2 million to create opportunities for fishing, hiking trails, boating and wildlife viewing.

The administrative consent order requires: Payment by the city of a \$1 million penalty for DEP violations, including improper closure of the landfill and disturbance of wetlands caused by installation of a clay containment wall; Linden's commitment of an additional \$1 million for greenway access projects and establishment of education and interpretive programs in conjunction with a non-profit environmental group; DEP commitment of \$1 million in matching money for greenway projects that comes from a separate settlement with Merck and Co. for natural resource damages associated with contamination of ground water in the area.

Ten additional acres of wetlands preserved as part of this settlement will be

made part of the greenway. The Linden Landfill, encompassing 55 acres on Lower Road, began accepting municipal waste more than 50 years ago, prior to state oversight of landfills as authorized by the state's Solid Waste Management Act. According to the DEP, it was one of the last of the old municipal landfills to close when it ceased operations on January 1, 2000.

The settlement requires the city to verify that contaminated soil and processed dredged material that migrated off the landfill and into surrounding wetlands have been cleaned up. It must complete all closure activities by June 1 and provide long-term post-closure monitoring, according to the DEP.

Marine Corps Band To Perform Concert

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Memorial Day Parade Committee has announced that the Albany Marine Corps Band will perform at a patriotic concert on Sunday, May 27, at 8 p.m. It will take place in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School auditorium, located at 641 Westfield Road in Scotch Plains.

Stationed in Albany, Ga., this award-winning band of 50 Marines travels throughout the United States and internationally to fulfill its mission of serving as musical ambassadors, providing music for military ceremonies, community celebrations, recruiting programs and official events.

Tickets for the concert are free but required for admission. Tickets are available by calling the Parade Committee at (908) 322-4388 or visiting the law office of John A. Appezatto at 1926 Westfield Avenue in Scotch Plains.

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