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Mr. and Mrs. James Biondi, Jr. of Scotch Plains have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Taylor Christine Biondi, to Richard H. Tichenor, III of Rockaway, N.J. He is the son of Ms. Susan Tichenor of Montville, N.J.

The bride-to-be graduated from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School in 2010, and received her Associate's degree from Ocean County College in 2012. She is the owner of Basking

In The Sun, a tanning salon located in Bernardsville, N.J.

Her fiancé graduated from Montville High School in 2005. He proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps, including deployments to both Iraq and Afghanistan. He is employed at W.J. Casey Trucking & Rigging in Branchburg, N.J.

The wedding is planned for May 2013.

Library Friends to Begin Book Sale Item Collection

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Friends of the Scotch Plains Public Library next month will begin collecting items for its upcoming Book Sale in March. The library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue.

The organization is seeking clean, salable books with no torn or marked pages. Both hardcover and paperback books will be accepted, as well as books on CD, music CDs and DVDs. The Friends request that donations do not include older or time-sensitive materials such as videotapes, records, magazines and textbooks. The scheduled collection times are as follows:

Saturday, January 19, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Sunday, January 20, noon to 3 p.m.; Saturday, January 26, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Sunday, January 27, noon to 3 p.m.; Saturday, February 2, 9 a.m.

to 3 p.m.; Saturday, February 9, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Saturday, February 16, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Sunday, February 17, noon to 3 p.m.; Saturday, February 23, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Sunday, February 24, noon to 3 p.m.; and Saturday, March 2, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Members of the Friends will be available at each of these times to assist with transporting books and other materials from cars. The Friends are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization devoted to supporting the programming and development of the library. Donations are tax-deductible and receipts are available at the front desk.

Volunteers are more than welcome to aid with book sorting during any of these times. For more information, contact Friends of the Scotch Plains Public Library President Joe Quarto at joequarto@gmail.com.

DWC Announces Winners Of Dec. 1, 8, 15 Drawings

WESTFIELD - The annual "Miracle on Elm Street" shopping spree holiday promotion is in full swing. Sponsored by the Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC) as part of the "Welcome Home to Westfield" holiday events, the promotion encourages people to enter a weekly drawing in downtown stores and restaurants and to place their entry forms in two special decorated mailboxes located at Elm and East Broad Streets and South and Summit Avenues. Participants also may enter online at WestfieldToday.com.

The weekly drawings consist of six \$50 gift-card prizes to downtown stores and restaurants of the winner's choice or one \$25 parking card. The winners were drawn at random on December 1, 8 and 15.

More than 1,325 entry forms were submitted during the first three weeks. The winners of the \$50 shopping spree were: Week One - Galina Polyanskaya of Cranford, Elizabeth Piedl of Springfield, Marina Fazliu of Roselle Park, Leslie Baier of Princeton, Melanie Schriber of Westfield and Cheryl Bishop of Westfield; Week Two - Karen Schulhafer of Westfield, Michael Snizek of Westfield, Raphael Abella of Scotch Plains, Inger Donohue of Cranford, Linda Burns of Edison and Lina Isolda of Scotch Plains; Week Three - Justin Rosin of Westfield, Joseph Duvall of Scotch Plains, Karrie Hanson of Westfield, Mario Rapetti of Hopelawn, Jessica Mirassol of Clark and Cathy Buchman of Bridgewater. Angelo Arpaia of North Plainfield, Ed DeStefanis of Westfield and Csilla Laduanszky of Westfield won the \$25 parking gift cards.

Winners have chosen gift cards so far for Ferraro's, Acquaviva, Robert Treat Delicatessen, Victoria's Secret, Coldwater Creek, Knit-A-Bit, CoolVines, Williams-Sonoma, Thinka Dinka, Sweetwaters, Glamorous Girlz, Vicki's Diner, Trader Joe's, Hip Thrift and Art Gallery, and Sole. Robert Treat Delicatessen, located at 113 Quimby Street, is the business that has been the most active at encouraging customers to enter, according to the DWC.

"We are pleased with the level of participation, not only with the community but also the merchants and restaurants which have embraced this promotion and encouraged their customers to enter," said Sherry Cronin, executive director of the DWC. "We first started this promotion in 2008, and this year, we changed it to offer more shopping sprees to six winners a week at a lower amount versus three per week at higher amounts. "The entries have increased and

customers are really excited to learn that they have won one of the Miracle on Elm Street shopping sprees or a parking card," she continued. "With so many choices in downtown, Miracle on Elm Street also promotes shopping locally."

Established in 1996, the DWC is the management entity of the Special Improvement District. It is governed by a seven-member board of directors, has two full-time and one part-time staff members, and numerous volunteers serving on Design, Promotion, Economic Development and Organization Committees.

The vision of the DWC is for Westfield to be a preferred destination where people want to live, work and visit.

Westfield also is one of 26 designated Main Street communities in New Jersey, a program of the National Trust's National Main Street Center. The town won the 2010 America in Bloom national award for Landscaped Areas and won in its population category among all the towns entered in the America in Bloom 2010 competition.

For the latest happenings, event information and promotional offers from Westfield businesses, check out WestfieldToday.com.

Library to Feature Film Noir Program

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Memorial Library will present a talk entitled "Film Noir: The Stuff That Dreams Are Made Of" on Monday, January 7, at 7 p.m. The library is located at 550 East Broad Street.

Presented by Chris Messineo, director of the NJ Film School, this talk will focus on the emergence of the crime drama. During Hollywood's Golden Age, at the height of the studio system, these dark tales with an equally stark look told the stories of men and women living in the shadows and the underbelly of society. Classic films like *The Maltese Falcon*, *Double Indemnity*, *The Killers* and *Night and the City* changed filmmaking with characters who risked everything for "the stuff that dreams are made of."

The program is free and open to Westfield Memorial Library and MURAL cardholders. MURAL cardholders belong to libraries that are part of the Middlesex Union Reciprocal Agreement Libraries. For participating libraries, visit the Westfield Memorial Library website, wmlnj.org. To register for the program, visit wmlnj.org and click on the Online Calendar, or call (908) 789-4090, extension no. 0.



Ms. Sage Morghan and Michael Baly

Michael Baly to Wed Ms. Sage Morghan

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baly of Waretown, N.J., formerly of Westfield, are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Michael William Baly, to Ms. Sage Morghan of Charlottesville, Va. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. AbdulAzimi of Omaha, Neb.

The future bridegroom is a 1998 graduate of Westfield High School. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology and African-American Studies from Harvard University. Mr. Baly holds a Masters in Special Education degree from the College of Staten Island and a Master of Education in Psychology degree from the University of Virginia. He

has completed his doctoral studies at the University of Virginia and currently is an intern at the Institute of Living in Hartford, Conn.

A 1994 graduate of Burke High School in Omaha, the bride-to-be received a Bachelor of Arts degree in French Literature from the University of Colorado in Boulder. She also holds a Master of Science in Education degree from Long Island University and a Master of Arts degree in French from the University of Virginia. She presently is writing her doctoral dissertation at the University of Virginia.

The couple plans to be married in June of 2013.

Next Needle Nite Session On Tap For January 4

FANWOOD - The monthly Needle Nite program at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church will continue on Friday, January 4, at 7:30 p.m. in Westminster Hall on Marian Avenue.

At this meeting, the "Needle Nites" will make "Ditty Bags" for The Seamen's Church Institute at Port Newark. The members who quilt are asked to bring their sewing machines and cutting boards. Those who usually knit or crochet can bring a Bobbin or large safety pin to thread the pull cords into the bags.

Items that have been made throughout the past month will be collected for distribution to charities the Needle Nites support, including several local nursing homes, newborns at Newark Beth Israel Hospital, the "Christ-

mas at Sea" Seafarers projects, prayer shawls for those needing extra care and Children's Specialized Hospital.

If fabric, batting or yarn is needed, e-mail requests to needlenite@fanwoodpc.org. For further information about these projects or directions to the Fanwood Presbyterian Church, contact the church office at (908) 889-8891 or fanwoodpress@erols.com, or visit fanwoodpc.org or facebook.com/pages/Fanwood-PresbyterianChurch/311300160969.

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