

Christopher Dean Band Due At Westfield Library April 4

WESTFIELD — The Christopher Dean Band will play at the Westfield Memorial Library on Wednesday, April 4, at 7 p.m. The library is located at 550 East Broad Street.

The Christopher Dean Band is a regional blues/soul band based out of the Central New Jersey area, working up and down the East Coast year-round. Christopher Dean fronts the group, playing guitar and singing lead vocals.

Mr. Dean, who was taught by his older brother and bass player, David, has been playing professionally for the past eight years. Since he graduated high school in 1992, he has studied various styles of guitar ranging from Delta, Chicago and Texas blues to jazz, folk, country, rhythm and blues and pop.

After he toured worldwide and recorded two albums with Big Jack Johnson and The Oilers, including "All The Way Back" in 1997 and "Roots Stew" in 2000, he recorded his first solo release in 2000, "Dogged n' Driven." Taking his new band and show on the road soon afterward, the band has continually toured the East Coast for the past four years.

Well-known for its rhythm and blues and blues style, the Christopher Dean Band will play a mix of familiar and unique songs. They will take the audience through "Red Cadillac" and "Share Your Love with Me."

This program is open to Westfield Memorial Library and MURAL cardholders. MURAL cardholders belong to the 43 libraries that are part of the Middlesex Union Reciprocal Agreement Libraries. Interested persons are asked to visit the Westfield Memorial Library website, wmlnj.org, and click on the "About Us" tab to see if their library is a MURAL participant. To register for the Christopher Dean Band program, visit wmlnj.org and click on the Online Calendar, or call (908) 789-4090, option 0.

Westfield Memorial Library hours are 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

For more information on library programs and services, call (908) 789-4090, visit wmlnj.org and sign up for the monthly e-newsletter, "Library Loop," or stop into the library for a copy of its award-winning, quarterly newsletter, "Take Note."



RACE AND THE MILITARY...Michael Maziekien, director of the Cranford Public Library, accepts the book "Blacks in the Army Air Force During World War II," donated by the Cranford DAR. Presenting the book to Mr. Maziekien are Judith Lannin Panagakos, left, chapter librarian and Cranford Library Board member, and Barbara Krause, chapter historian and former regent.

DAR Donates Book About Race Relations In WW II

CRANFORD — The Crane's Ford chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recently donated a book entitled "Blacks in the Army Air Forces During World War II: The Problem of Race Relations" to the Cranford Public Library.

The book had been presented to Cranford's DAR chapter by five Tuskegee Airmen who were guests of the chapter at a past meeting.

The book, from the Office of Air Force History, United States Air Force, is based upon a Ph.D. dissertation written by Major Alan M. Osur (retired), a former associate professor of history at the Air Force Academy.

John W. Huston, Major General USAF, Chief of Air Force History, 1977, wrote in the book's forward, "Major Osur's account relates how the leadership in the War Department and the U.S. Army Air Forces (USAAF) tried to deal with the problem of race and the prejudices which were reflected in the bulk of American society."

The author describes many of the discriminatory actions taken against black airmen, whose goal was equality of treatment and opportunities as American citizens. He describes the role of black pilots as they fought in the Mediterranean Theater against the Axis powers. The author also examines racial frictions within the Army Air Forces that led to protests in 1945. Despite these problems, the author concludes that the Army Air Forces made substantial progress in race relations and in opening up career opportunities for black airmen

in the post-1945 period.

The book is part of the Special Studies unit of the U.S. Army Air History Series. Cranford Public Library Director Michael Maziekien accepted the book donation from Judith Lannin Panagakos and Barbara Krause, representing the Crane's Ford DAR.

Tech Help Available To Older Adults

WESTFIELD — A free "Technology Workshop for Older Adults" will be offered by teen volunteers from the WAYVE (Westfield Area Youth Volunteer Experience) Program and the Westfield High School Key Club on Wednesday, April 18, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. This activity will take place at the Lavy House, located at 748 East Broad Street, Westfield.

The WAYVE Program is made possible through a grant from the Westfield Foundation and is coordinated by Jewish Family Service of Central New Jersey (JFSCNJ), a non-profit, non-sectarian health and social service agency serving all residents of Union County.

The Senior Resource Center at the Lavy House is a joint venture between Jewish Family Service of Central New Jersey, Temple Emanu-El of Westfield and the Westfield United Fund.

For reservations for the technology workshop, e-mail WAYVE@jfscentralnj.org or call Jill Dispenza at (908) 352-8375.

Teens are encouraged to visit the WAYVE Facebook and Instagram page and search the hashtag #ridethewayve to learn more about volunteer opportunities in the program.



Dr. Shukla and Her Team Teach Good Dental Health at Schools

In honor of National Children's Dental Health Month, Dr. Shruti Shukla along with her hygienist, Donna, and her dental assistants, Joy and Priscilla, recently visited Washington and Franklin Elementary Schools in Westfield as well as The Compass School House.

During their visits Dr. Shukla and her team shared a video, played dental-related games and taught the children

the importance of dental hygiene to their general health and well-being. The children enjoyed Dr. Shukla's visit and they were very enthusiastic and receptive to learning ways to prevent early childhood tooth decay, when to expect changes from primary to permanent teeth, plus proper brushing and flossing techniques, Thumb sucking, dental sealants and choosing the right mouth protector for children who are active in sports also was a part of the discussion.

At Great Smiles General Dentistry, Dr. Shukla feels teeth are meant to last a lifetime, and a healthy smile is important to a child and to all adults' self-esteem. Please visit Dr. Shukla's website at greatsmilesdr.com. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please call her friendly staff at (908) 232-6132. New patients of all ages are always welcome.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD PLANNING BOARD

TAKE NOTICE that due to a State of Emergency on March 21, 2018, the application for Birchwood Developers, LLC has been rescheduled to be heard at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning Board on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at 8:00 P.M.

Shannon Rapant Secretary to the Planning Board 1 T - 3/29/18, The Times Fee: \$31.62

Donna Pedde Secretary 1 T - 3/29/18, The Leader Fee: \$11.73



SUPPORT FOR TINY TIM...Two local service organizations recently showed their support for the Tiny Tim Fund with presentations of checks for \$1,000 each. In top photo, Rotary Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains President Steve Goldberg presents the club's check to Flavia Blechinger, Tiny Tim Fund trustee. Also pictured, from left to right, are: Bernadette Hoyer, Tiny Tim Fund trustee; Wayne Zuhl, Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club secretary, and Jerome McDevitt, Tiny Tim Fund trustee. In the bottom photo, Peter Chemidin, Fanwood Community Foundation president, far left, and Neil Schembre, treasurer, far right, present the Foundation's check to Tiny Tim Fund trustees, from left to right, Barbara Anilo, Mari McDevitt and Carol Kiley.

Local Service Clubs Make Donations to Tiny Tim Fund

FANWOOD/SCOTCH PLAINS — The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Tiny Tim Fund recently received checks from the Fanwood Community Foundation and the Rotary Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains in the amount of \$1,000 each.

The Tiny Tim Fund is a non-profit corporation organized and operated exclusively for the charitable purpose of providing financial assistance for medical needs to local families and has been doing so since 1983. Volunteers solicit donations dur-

ing the annual Tiny Tim Fund Carol Night. Donations from private citizens, civic and service clubs such as the Fanwood Community Foundation and The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club make it possible for the Tiny Tim Fund to continue its mission of assisting children of local families.

For further information, to request a referral application or to make a donation, send correspondence to: The Tiny Tim Fund, P.O. Box 181, Fanwood, N.J. 07023.

Mountainside Library Posts Various Events For April

MOUNTAINSIDE — The Mountainside Public Library has announced its program schedule for the beginning to middle of April.

Tuesday Night Movies this month will include *Battle of the Sexes* (2017, PG-13) on April 3 and *Hero* (2017, R) on April 10, both beginning at 6:30 p.m. Due to the Friends of the Mountainside Library Book Sale, there will be no movies shown on April 17 and 24.

Brown Bag Academy: The Great Courses series will continue on Mondays, April 2, 9 and 30, at 1:15 p.m., with "How to Listen To and Understand Great Music." Narrated by Professor Robert Greenberg, Music Historian-in-Residence at the San Francisco Performances, this course teaches participants how to appreciate the beauty, genius and power of concert music. Attendees are invited to bring their lunch. Coffee, tea and cookies will be served.

"Pipsqueak Players" will be featured on Thursdays, April 5, 12 and 26, at 3:45 p.m. Mountainside-based Pipsqueak Players is a youth literacy enrichment program designed

to boost fluency, comprehension and confidence by integrating theatrical concepts in a supportive and fun workshop-style environment. Each weekly session will explore a different picture book culminating in a performance at the end of each class. Classes are designed for 5- to 7-year-olds and are open to Mountainside residents only. Pre-registration is required.

"Come Read to Kalee" will take place on Friday, April 6, at 3:30 p.m. Youngsters are invited to cuddle up and read to Kalee, a Mountainside therapy dog, for five to 10 minutes. Participants are asked to bring two favorite books with them to read when they come. This program is especially designed for emergent and beginning readers in kindergarten through grade 1. Attendees must reserve a spot for this program. Kalee will be at the library monthly through June.

Additional programs will be announced for later in the month. To register for library programs, stop into the library or call (908) 233-0115. The Mountainside Public Library is located at 1 Constitution Plaza.

Scotch Plains Library Slates Rain Barrel Workshop

SCOTCH PLAINS — Chelsea Moxley, a New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassador, will lead a workshop Sunday, April 22, at the Scotch Plains Public Library on constructing a rain barrel like the ones outside the library. Rain barrels capture water from a roof for later use on lawns or gardens. The workshop will begin at 1:30 p.m.

While they work, participants will learn about the environmental benefits of rain barrels and how they can be used in one's own yard.

This workshop will be led and assisted by representatives from the AmeriCorps New Jersey Watershed Ambassadors Program. All participants will need to bring their own safety glasses and this specified diverter kit: EarthMinded DIY Rain Barrel Diverter and Parts Kit-RBK-0001. Options for purchasing can be found online at Amazon and Home Depot. The library will supply the 55-gallon, industrial-grade containers. Those who have an electric or battery-operated drill are asked to bring that as well.

Participants must have a downspout at home in order to install these barrels, and should be prepared to follow the written instructions that come with the kit in order to complete the installation at home on their own. This includes drilling a hole in one's downspout.

This workshop is limited to the first 10 individuals or families; one barrel

per family will be provided.

For more information or to register, go to scotlib.org, e-mail library@scotlib.org, call (908) 322-5007, extension no. 204, or stop by the library Reference Desk. The Scotch Plains Public Library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue, one block from Park Avenue, in the center of the township.

Concert to Spotlight Duruflé and Fauré

PLAINFIELD — Crescent Concerts will present the Crescent Choral Society performing Duruflé's "Requiem" and Fauré's "Cantique de Jean Racine" on Saturday, April 14, at 4 p.m. The concert will be held at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Joining the Choral Society for this special spring concert are the Newark Arts High School Advanced Chorus and the Newark Boys' Chorus Touring Choir. This collaborative concert, which also features the Crescent Concerts Orchestra, will be conducted by Artistic Director Deborah Simpkin King, Ph.D.

Tickets are \$20 for general admission, \$15 for senior citizens and \$5 for students, and will be available at the door. The church is located in Plainfield at Watchung Avenue and East Seventh Street. Ample free secure parking is available. For more information, call (908) 756-2468, visit crescentconcerts.org or follow Crescent Concerts on Facebook.

Rev. Jane McCready Joins Imagine Board of Trustees

MOUNTAINSIDE — The Reverend Jane McCready, pastor at the Faith Lutheran Church of New Providence, recently joined the board of trustees of Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss. Located in Mountainside, Imagine is a free, year-round, peer grief support center serving all of Union County and beyond.

A member of Faith Lutheran Church since 1996, Reverend McCready has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind., and received her Master of Divinity from The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. Prior to attending the Seminary, she worked in New York City for the 55th Street Dance Theater Foundation at City Center Theater and as a legal assistant for 16 years.

Reverend McCready was introduced to Imagine in 2013 when she attended an Imagine Annual Breakfast. When her brother died suddenly when she was 11, there were no grief support organizations that existed which could have helped her. She felt instantly connected to the mission of Imagine and it has been an important part of her ministry.

Faith Lutheran has hosted multiple education and support programs led by Imagine, and is recognized as a Good Mourning site. Through her ministry Reverend McCready has referred families to Imagine and members of her congregation serve as volunteers.

Reverend McCready currently chairs the Family Promise Union County Community Board; the New Providence-Berkeley Heights Interfaith Clergy Group, and First Contact, and serves as coordinator of the New Providence-Berkeley Heights Community Emergency Group.

She and her husband, Gary, lived in

Westfield for 20 years, where they raised their family, and currently reside in New Providence. Reverend McCready has been an active community volunteer and has been recognized for her leadership. In addition to spending time with her husband and three children, she enjoys traveling, New York City, the theater, museums, music and sports.

Imagine serves children, young adults and parents/guardians who have had a parent, sibling or child die. Support groups for caregivers of a person

living with a life-altering physical illness also are available. To learn more about Imagine, visit imaginenj.org or call (908) 264-3100.

Snyder Acad. Exhibit To Celebrate Freedom

AREA — The Snyder Academy of Elizabethtown will present an art exhibition during April entitled "Echoes of Freedom: Artistic Voices of Elizabeth." It will feature 13 artists who give voice to the call for freedom by the Reverend James Caldwell, a patriot and Presbyterian minister during the Revolutionary War.

The public is invited to an exhibition opening and sale at the Snyder Academy on Friday, April 6, from 6 to 9 p.m. This event will include a wine and cheese reception, with artists speaking about their work starting at 7 p.m. Selected works will be available for sale. The Snyder Academy is located at 42 Broad Street, Elizabethtown.

Artists represented in the exhibition will include Marcelo Dos Santos, Joao Pereira, Jose Carlos Miguel, Kamil Policht, Celia Feliciano, Michelle Greene, Daniel De La Fe, Marco Muñoz Jaramillo, Ed D'Alessandro, Beth Barber, Ana Pineiro, William Hartz and Roger Gonzalez.

To attend the opening, interested persons are asked to RSVP to Elliot Dee at elliot@academy.org by Sunday, April 1. After April 6, the exhibition will be open for viewing by appointment arranged through Mr. Dee.

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