

**POLICE BLOTTER****CRANFORD**

Tuesday, February 26, John Gacina, 54, of Summit was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia following a motor vehicle stop at North Avenue East and the Garden State Parkway 137 Exchange for a seatbelt violation. Gacina was processed and provided with a municipal court appearance date. In addition, he was issued a motor vehicle summons for a seatbelt violation.

Wednesday, February 27, Kimberly Saybe, 23, of New Brunswick was arrested and charged with possession of under 50 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia following a motor vehicle stop at North Avenue East and the Garden State Parkway 137 Exchange for tinted windows. Saybe was processed and provided with a municipal court appearance date. In addition, the driver was issued motor vehicle summonses for tinted windows, failure to signal a turn, obstructing traffic and failure to notify the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Services Commission of an address change.

Wednesday, February 27, Brendan Hannon, 24, of Toms River was arrested and charged with possession of prescription legend drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia following a motor vehicle stop at North Avenue East and the Garden State Parkway 137 Exchange for a brake lamp out. Hannon was arrested for possession of suspected Oxycodone found inside the vehicle. He was processed and provided with a state Superior Court appearance date. In

addition, he was issued motor vehicle summonses for maintenance of lamps, failure to signal a turn and possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle.

Wednesday, February 27, Sean Wade, 27, of Hillside was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI) following a motor vehicle stop at South Avenue West and Washington Place for erratic driving. Wade was processed and provided with a municipal court appearance date. In addition, he was issued motor vehicle summonses for an unsafe lane change, careless driving, failure to keep right and no insurance.

Friday, March 1, Quintin McDonald, 19, of Rahway was arrested and charged with possession of under 50 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia following a motor vehicle stop at Walnut and Blake Avenues for speeding. McDonald was processed and provided with a municipal court appearance date. In addition, he was issued

Garwood Knights Plan St. Pat's Dinner

GARWOOD — The Garwood Knights of Columbus will host a St. Patrick's Day Dinner this Sunday, March 17, from 1:30 to 5 p.m., at 37 South Avenue, Garwood.

A donation of \$25 is requested for adults and \$10 for children. A cash bar will be available. The menu includes corned beef and cabbage, Irish soda bread, potatoes, soda and various desserts. There also will be music, Irish dancers and games. All proceeds will support Knights of Columbus charities.

motor vehicle summonses for speeding, tinted windows, no insurance and possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle.

Sunday, March 3, Wali Moses, 35, of Newark was arrested and charged with obstruction of administration of law following a motor vehicle stop at Raritan Road and Coleman Avenue for unclear plates. Moses, a passenger in the vehicle, was processed and provided with a municipal court appearance date. In addition, he was found to have an active arrest warrant issued by the Irvington Municipal Court. The driver of the vehicle was issued motor vehicle summonses for an open container and unclear plates.

Dickinson to Host Talk About Mental Health

GARWOOD — Join What's Your Story? Storyteller, Westfield resident, mental health advocate and author of "Breaking Into My Life," Michelle Dickinson and other area residents and special guests tell stories of successfully creating new possibilities in the world at Crossroads in Garwood on Saturday, March 16, from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

Michelle will share a very raw look into what it is like to be a child of a bipolar parent. This difficult, but inspiring talk will have you looking at mental health and the stigma around mental health in a brand new way! You will leave wanting to create conversations around mental health.

What's Your Story? Will be raising money for Because She Is.

Sarah Hoffman of Cranford Earns GS Gold Award

CRANFORD — Sarah Hoffman of Cranford, a senior at The Wardlaw+Hartridge School in Edison, wanted to create something meaningful and lasting for her Girl Scout Gold Award project. True to the Township of Cranford in which she has lived since birth, Sarah created a memorable and timeless tribute.

Sarah spent more than 100 hours creating a living history museum of significant people, places and things in Cranford's history. She conducted her own research and

worked with the Cranford Historical Society, which provided archive images and information. Sarah highlighted 24 entries and wrote informative paragraphs describing each person, place or thing and provided QR codes with links to videos and more information.

"This project really made me more passionate about history," Sarah said. "I researched so much and I found it so fascinating. It makes me really proud to see how much impact my town has had, not just in New Jersey but also nationwide. I want this to have a lasting impact on the community. Teachers will be able to use this as a tool."

The process included the creation and assembly of tiles, building and painting boards and finally attaching the tiles. Subjects highlighted in Sarah's tribute to Cranford include the Crane-Philips House, Rahway River, Deborah Canon, Partridge Wolfe, Ph.D., Fannie Bates, Cranford River Carnivals of the 1920s and the Cranford Train Station.

"A lot of people don't know these people and places existed," Sarah said. "They don't realize how much history there is in Cranford."

Sarah's project was unveiled on December 11, 2018, at the Cranford Community Center, with her parents and project team members in attendance. Her tribute will be permanently on display in the center.

"That made me so proud," Sarah said. "It's been such a big part of my life and this really validated everything I've done and all the work I put into this project."

The Mission of Because She Is... is to provide continued support for victims of sexual, physical and emotional abuse at their new location - Marilyn's Place. Marilyn's Place is run solely by survivors so that all who visit know that everyone they speak to has experienced the emotions and struggles of the trauma they have endured. All of the meetings, events and workshops at Marilyn's Place are free of charge. Maureen Spataro, Founder of Because She is, will be a storyteller, too. The event is \$10 in advance, and tickets can be purchased at the Crossroads website www.xxroads.com or What's Your Story, wysusa.com and \$15 at the door. Crossroads is located at 78 North Avenue, Garwood.

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