

Diane M. Russell, of Kalamazoo, Mich., Was Formerly of Westfield

Diane M. Russell, age 80, passed away on Sunday, May 12, 2019. Diane was born in Byron Center, Michigan, on October 24, 1938, the daughter of the late John P. and Marie R. (Alsbaugh) Stradinger. Diane received her master's degree from Rutgers University. She was a life-long educator, an avid reader and accomplished writer. Diane was also a fan of the University of Michigan. She is survived by her sons, Christopher and David (Isabel Hinrichsen) Russell; granddaughters, Miriam (Aaron) Hamilton, Alicia (Florian) Dienerowitz and Helena (Philippe) Russell-da Costa; five great-grand-

children; a sister, Patricia Hendrix; brothers, Michael (Debra), Kevin (Mary) and Kelly (Dorothy) Stradinger; and many nieces and nephews. No service is scheduled at this time. Memorial contributions in Diane's memory may be made to the Southern Poverty Law Center or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Family and friends may share a condolence message online at www.joldersma-klein.com. Arrangements are by Joldersma & Klein Funeral Home, 917 S. Burdick Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49001, (269) 343-2628. May 23, 2019



PRESENTING THE PAST...Westfield Town Historian Robert Wendel, pictured in period costume, will present "A Brief Journey of Westfield" during the Westfield Historical Society's First Wednesday Luncheon on June 5. It will take place at the Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield.

Robert Wendel to Present 'Brief Journey of Westfield'

WESTFIELD — As part of the Westfield Historical Society's First Wednesday Luncheon series, Town Historian Robert Wendel will offer "A Brief Journey of Westfield" as guest speaker on June 5. The event will begin with check-in at 11:45 a.m. at the Echo Lake Country Club, located at 515 Springfield Avenue, Westfield. Mr. Wendel's talk will include a brief introduction to Westfield's 300-year history. He will discuss Westfield's history from its colonial foundations, as the West Fields of Elizabethtown, to its creation as the quintessential American town. Mr. Wendel served for more than 25 years in the insurance industry in a variety of positions ranging from policy expert and segmentation manager to technology enterprise resource manager. He additionally worked at Dun & Bradstreet as an information sales manager and subsequently for Deloitte Consulting as senior manager in Insurance Predictive Modeling Consultation. Since leaving the corporate world, he works with his wife, Lisa, in their financial consulting firm but also has made significant time for his love of history. Mr. Wendel's love of history began in college, where he served as assistant manager for the Pabst Mansion in Milwaukee. Since moving to Westfield in 1991, he has served as curator for the Westfield Historical Society Archives, was vice-president of the Historical Society Board and

currently serves on the Miller-Cory House Museum Board of Governors. He also is a member of the Historic Preservation Commission for the Town of Westfield, which is tasked with saving historically and architecturally significant buildings in Westfield, in addition to serving as town historian. Those wishing to attend the luncheon may make a reservation by email to westfieldhistoricalsociety@gmail.com, or by calling (908) 654-1794, before Friday, May 31. Attendees are asked to advise if there are special dietary needs. The luncheon fee of \$35 for Westfield Historical Society members and \$40 for non-members includes a three-course meal, coffee/tea and gratuity. The fee should be paid in advance (check payable to Westfield Historical Society) by mailing it to: Westfield Historical Society, P.O. Box 613, Westfield, N.J. 07091, or online at westfieldhistoricalsociety.org/registration/. Payments should be received by Friday prior to the luncheon. Westfield Historical Society memberships also will be available at the luncheon. The June luncheon is the last luncheon before the summer. First Wednesday Luncheons will resume on September 4. For more information on the Westfield Historical Society and its events, visit westfieldhistoricalsociety.org and like the organization on Facebook.



HELP FOR PARKINSON'S...Participants in the "Delay the Disease: Exercise to Fight Parkinson's Symptoms" program are pictured during a class at the Westfield Area YMCA.

Lunchtime Lecture to Focus On Parkinson's Therapies

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Area YMCA will host Dr. Antonios Mammis, functional neurosurgeon at University Hospital in Newark, and Dr. Erin Feinstein, movement disorder specialist at University Hospital, for a free lunchtime lecture from 12:30 to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 29. It will take place at the Main Y Facility, located at 220 Clark Street, Westfield. Participants will learn about the latest therapies for Parkinson's Disease. Topics will include medication management, diet/exercise and surgical options. Refreshments will be served. Y members and the community are invited. Interested persons are asked to register by Friday, May 24.

Jean White, Westfield Area YMCA Health and Wellness director, also will be available to discuss the "Delay the Disease: Exercise to Fight Parkinson's Symptoms" class offered at the Y. Research has shown that physical exercise has measurable benefits for those living with Parkinson's. This program, led by Y trainers with specialized certification, incorporates strength, flexibility, balance and cardiovascular exercises to help soothe tremors, improve posture, smooth steps and increase overall well-being. To learn more about Westfield Area YMCA programs, visit westfielddny.org. Financial assistance is available for those who qualify.

Obituaries

Fred J. Chemidlin, Jr., Business Founder; Active In Civic Groups and Parishes

Fred J. Chemidlin, Jr. passed into eternal life on Saturday, May 18, 2019, surrounded by his loving family. Fred was born in Plainfield, N.J., on August 22, 1930. He was the eldest of 11 children — Mary Rose, Alvera, Joe, Kate, Johnny, Paul, Emmy, Billy and Michael. He was predeceased by Donna in 2015. Fred grew up in Fanwood and served as an officer and pilot in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He graduated from Seton Hall University with a Bachelor of Science in Business. He founded Family Investors Company in 1960 and was a pioneer in bringing Wall Street to Fanwood. He retired in 2014.



Fred J. Chemidlin, Jr.

Fred was predeceased by his daughter, Rosemarie Lingo, in 2013. He is survived by his children, David (Cora), Bernadette Joy Chemidlin, Beth Carman (Darryl), Peter (Joan) and Matthew (Janice), and 18 grandchildren. Fred had many beloved nieces and nephews. A member of Rotary International since 1968, Fred lived his daily life by the Rotary Motto "Service Above Self." He held every office in Rotary and received the prestigious F. K. (Matty) Matthewson Award and was also named a Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of exceptional service. Fred was also on the board of the Rotary Garbe Foundation and was a very generous philanthropist who will be remembered by the many lives he touched! Fred served on the leadership boards of many local organizations such as Prevention Links, the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA (he co-chaired the Y's Building Fund and raised over \$1 million) and the Fanwood Police Bulletproof Vest Fund, and he was instrumental in establishing the Fanwood Community Foundation, just to name a few. He was involved with St.

Bartholomew the Apostle Church in Scotch Plains since its inception. He was a member of the adoration community at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Scotch Plains. He was a past president of St. Helen's Church Parish Council. Fred shared his joy of giving as a prominent speaker, visiting many churches throughout the east coast on the blessings of tithing. Fred, a lifelong sports lover, coached the Fanwood Youth Organization for many years when his sons were younger. He was involved in the Fanwood Old Men's Softball League and the St. Bart's Old Timers League; as a beloved pitcher he will always be remembered for his "knuckle ball"!

He was an active member of the Hilltop Tennis Club on North Avenue until his 80s. He was a lifelong supporter and fan of his beloved Seton Hall Pirates Basketball team and also the New York Mets! He also loved to travel and visited many countries. After retirement, Fred relocated to the Jersey shore. His family was grateful to spend time with him and create many new memories, especially while vacationing with all his family members at "Rose by Sea" in Avon-by-the-Sea, N.J. Although it seemed like Fred always remembered everyone, without a doubt, Fred J. Chemidlin touched the hearts and lives of so many people, which is why so many have always said, "You will never find a better man than Fred Chemidlin." Visitation was held at Memorial Funeral Home in Fanwood. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church in Scotch Plains, followed by burial with military honors at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield. For additional information, please visit www.fanwoodmemorial.com. May 23, 2019

Cranford Library Reveals Multiple June Activities

CRANFORD — The Cranford Public Library is gearing up for its annual Summer Reading Program, and has multiple activities planned for June. iDiscover Coding will teach youngsters the basics of coding. Each class will acquaint children with a coding concept through the use of fun, educational apps. Participants will create interactive stories, animation and even video games. Children in grades 1 to 3 can attend on Tuesdays, June 4 or 25, at 6:30 p.m., and those in grades 4 to 6 are welcome on June 4 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. This free workshop is sponsored by a grant from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Advance registration is not required. In Fun with Robotics, children in grades 1 to 3 will learn how to use Dot and Dash robots and then take on fun, educational challenges. Registration is required and space is limited. This is a three-week series, taking place on Wednesdays, June 5, 12 and 19, from 4 to 5 p.m. Participants are asked to attend every session. Individuals can enroll online at eventbrite.com/e/fun-with-robotics-tickets-61342005590. Quiet Library: Paint and Sip will be offered to those in grades 4 to 6 on Thursday, June 6, from 4 to 5 p.m. Participants can sip some juice as they make a masterpiece. Registration is required and is underway. To enroll online, visit eventbrite.com/e/paint-and-sip-grades-4-6-tickets-61942254952.

Sensory Friendly Game Day will take place on Saturday, June 8, at 3:30 p.m. Children of all abilities are welcome to participate in a few rounds of Bingo. They will have an opportunity to win real prizes — mostly books — and have fun with friends. Registration is required and begins this Saturday, May 25. Paws for Reading will be held on Tuesday, June 11. Emerging readers are invited to hone their reading skills by reading to certified therapy dogs. Participants reserve a 10-minute spot between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. Registration is required and can be done up to two weeks before each event. The Cranford Public Library is located at 224 Walnut Avenue. For more information about library programs, visit cranfordlibrary.org.

Library to Feature Summer Reading CRANFORD — The Cranford Public Library, located at 224 Walnut Avenue, will run its annual Summer Reading Program from June 17 to August 17. Participants will be able to log their reading online through Monday, August 12, and the library's Summer Reading Carnival will be held on Saturday, August 17. This will be the first time logging has been done online, and staff members will be available to assist anyone who needs help. Participants can download the Beanstack app (recommended) or visit cranfordlibrary.beanstack.org to enroll in the program. Any adult family member with a library card in good standing will be able to enroll their entire family. There are small incentives and/or prize drawings for both children and adults. The more time children spend reading, the more prizes they will win. For more information, stop by the library or access cranfordlibrary.org.

Garwood Rocks to Be Back For Sixth Year

GARWOOD — The sixth annual Garwood Rocks street fair, hosted by the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce, will take place on Sunday, June 2, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., in downtown Garwood. The street fair will be held rain or shine. This year the event has been extended to 6 p.m. Center Street will be closed to traffic from South Avenue to Unami Park beginning at 7 a.m.



CHIEF VISITS UNICO...During the May 8 meeting of Greater Westfield UNICO, Westfield Police Chief Christopher Battiloro spoke to the group about Westfield's police department. Pictured, from left to right, are: James Monticello, sergeant at arms; Robert J. Tarte, immediate past president; Richard Esposito, president; Chief Battiloro; Sandra Giordano, vice-president, and Lee Norelli, national president of UNICO.

Michael J. Ebert, 54, Racing Enthusiast; Active In Film and Television Industry

Mr. Michael (Mike) J. Ebert passed away Sunday, May 12, 2019, at Overlook Medical Center in Summit. He was 54 years old. Born in Rahway, N.J., to Charles (Charlie) and Margaret (Wall) Ebert, Michael graduated from Westfield High School, and had been a Scotch Plains resident for 22 years.



Michael J. Ebert

Mike was a passionate motorcycle, dune buggy and racecar driver with an extensive set of awards, honors and admirations. He owned Mike Ebert's Racing, where he competed in stock cars, Dirt modified cars and Motocross. He was especially proud of the fact that he was sponsored by Honda and was part of their Honda Motocross team. In 1982, Mike was the Motocross track champion at Englishtown and New Egypt speedways. In 1992, he was the rookie of the year at Flemington, N.J. Speedway racing stock cars. Following the rookie of the year season, he won the 1993 and 1994 NASCAR Racing Series at Flemington. He then turned to Dirt modified racing, where he also became the rookie of the year at East Windsor Speedway in 1995. He was an accomplished mechanic and equipment fabricator since he was a small kid. He worked at and owned several repair shops including Mike's Amoco in Cranford, N.J., ever since he was a teenager. Later in life he turned to the movie industry, where he became immersed in stunt driving and building vehicles for the movies. He performed, designed and built the vehicles for the stunts in the Jason Bourne series of movies, John Wick and many others. In addition, he did the same for a number of TV movie shows. He was an active member of the Screen Actors Guild (SAG).

Mike was predeceased by his mother and father. He is survived by his brother, Chuck, his wife, Sheila, and their three kids, Sean, Kevin and Ryan Ebert; furthermore, by his girlfriend, Cindy Cometti, his best friend and love of his life. A memorial service will begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 25, at the Dooley Colonial Funeral Home, 556 Westfield Avenue, Westfield. May 23, 2019

Annette C. Rindner June 29, 1926 — May 18, 2019

Our beloved mother, Annette C. Rindner, 92, died on Saturday, May 18, 2019, after a courageous battle with dementia-related illnesses at Ring House and the Hebrew Home in Rockville, Md. She is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, Herbert and Doris Cohen; her sister-in-law, Anita Rindner; her children, Mark Rindner, Nancy R. Iris (Thomas Costello) and Dan Rindner (Allison); four grandchildren and one

great-granddaughter, as well as loving nieces, nephews and an extended family circle of dear friends. She was predeceased by her husband, Jack Rindner (1971), and her former partner, Gene Gralla (1998). In lieu of flowers, the family requests any charity donations in Annette's honor be made to arts, cancer, Alzheimer's or Jewish organizations. May 23, 2019



Shari Seltzer



Radio R raconteur's "Dorothy"

Library to Feature 'Oz,' Art Journals, Music From China

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Memorial Library invites the community for a celebration of "The Wizard of Oz," an art journaling class, and music from China. The library is located at 550 East Broad Street. Raconteur Radio will present an 80th Anniversary Celebration of "The Wizard of Oz" on Wednesday, May 29, at 7 p.m. Raconteur Radio productions are staged around and amplified by an art deco amplifier and feature theatrical lighting, period costumes, vintage commercials, Golden Age radio equipment and extensive sound effects. On consecutive Thursdays, May 30 and June 6, at 7 p.m., mixed-media artist Shari Seltzer will present an Art Journaling class. Ms. Seltzer will demonstrate many mixed-media techniques and suggest prompts to help class participants translate their ideas into visual form. They will learn the process of layering images to create one-of-a-kind art journal pages using collage, paint, stencils or rubber stamps. Art-making experience is not necessary. Due to the hands-on nature of this class, registration is limited to 12 participants. Registration previously was available to Westfield resident cardholders only; beginning today, Thursday, May 23, MURAL patrons also may register, space permitting.

Participants should plan to attend both sessions, as registration for the first session means registration for the second. The program is open to both adults and older teens. When signing up online, students will find important information about supplies. On Saturday, June 1, at 2 p.m., The Music From China Youth Orchestra will present "Going Places," a musical journey to China filled with traditional Chinese music. The audience will learn about the folk life and cultural traditions of various regions through music played on the two-stringed fiddle (erhu), the hammered dulcimer (yangqin) and bamboo flutes (dizi, hulusi). Due to the popularity of library programs, which are free and open to Westfield Memorial Library and MURAL cardholders, advance registration is recommended. MURAL cardholders belong to the 40-plus libraries that are part of the Middlesex Union Reciprocal Agreement Libraries. Interested persons are advised to check the Westfield Memorial Library's website, wmlnj.org, to see if their library is a MURAL participant. To register for the programs, visit wmlnj.org and click on the Online Calendar, or call (908) 789-4090, option 0. The library will be closed Monday, May 27, for Memorial Day. 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 by the library for a copy of its award-winning, quarterly newsletter, "Take Note."

Weekly DVD Rentals Now Free at Library

SCOTCH PLAINS — As of Saturday, June 1, the Scotch Plains Public Library will no longer charge for weekly rentals of DVDs borrowed from the Adult Room. Children's videos remain free of charge, as has been the practice for that department. Overdue, damage and replacement costs remain in effect. "We made this decision in order to make access to all the library's movies consistent," stated Library Director Michelle Willis. "We have a growing online collection of streaming videos for which we don't charge. Since our library doesn't charge for any other materials either, it makes sense to be uniform across the board. We hope people will enjoy this small financial break." For information on library holdings, programs and events, visit the library website at scotlib.org. The library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue, one block from Park Avenue, in the center of the township.

Open House Is Set At Cranford Pools

CRANFORD — All are invited to attend the Cranford Pools Open House, to be held on Sunday, June 2, from noon to 6 p.m., at both 401 Centennial Avenue and 1025 Orange Avenue, Cranford. The open house will feature disc jockeys, giveaways and food specials, including half-price ice cream. Participants will have an opportunity to enjoy a swim and to see what the Pool and Fitness Center has to offer. The Centennial complex is a year-round facility with an indoor pool, multiple outdoor pools and a fitness center. The Orange Avenue facility is a seasonal outdoor pool. For more information, call the Cranford Pool and Fitness Center at (908) 709-7260.