
By REBECCA MIHODOR
WESTFIELD — Mayor Sharie Brindle released an executive order last week that would change the Board of Chosen Freeholders to the Chosen Board of Freeholders. The title change, which was initially proposed in January 2019, was reintroduced in December 2019.

The board change, which was not on the Westfield Public Schools' 2020-21 school board election ballot, is part of a larger reorganization effort that the school board conducted two weeks ago.

Those efforts included the reorganization of the Freeholders to the Chosen Board of Freeholders, the Code Review Committee, the Ethics Committee and the Finance Committee.

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Spruce Mill Lane reported fraudulent Farmingdale Road during the over-...
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The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Class of 2020 graduated last Wednesday evening. The outdoor ceremony allowed for parents to sit with their graduates, socially distanced from other families.

Play the Day Away...Day campers in Fanwood enjoy the recently reopened playground at LaGrande Park on a perfect summer day on Tuesday.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Police Department has made under investigation purportedly of the former chief of detectives, Mr. Trigo.

Cory Booker, along with State Senate Legislative Leaders and others are on legislative leaders and others are on the right side in their efforts to remove this badge that depicts inferior.
**N.J. Residents Suffer Long waits at MVC**

**By REBECCA MEHORTER**

**WESTFIELD —** As of Monday, a total of 53 cases of Covid-19 have been confirmed in Westfield, according to Commissioner Persichilli. The first cases were confirmed in mid-March and as of today, 122 residents have tested positive for Covid-19 or have a confirmed exposure. The children affected have either tested positive for Covid-19 or have a confirmed exposure to the virus, according to Commissioner Persichilli. In an interview with The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times, Commissioner Persichilli said, “I do not believe that the spread of Covid-19 is under control. The number of cases is growing.”

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**CRANFORD**

Monday, July 11, a residential address at 631 East Front Street, Cranford, was involved in a motor vehicle accident. A 2020 Infiniti Q50, driven by a 26-year-old male from Cranford, was involved in a collision with a 2018 Toyota Sienna, driven by a 42-year-old male from Fanwood. The Infiniti Q50 was traveling west on South Street when it collided with the Toyota Sienna, which was traveling north on East Front Street. The driver of the Infiniti Q50 was transported to a nearby hospital with minor injuries. The driver of the Toyota Sienna was not injured.

**GOODBYE — After 11 years in service, supermarket manager, George Brunner, retires.**

**By REBECCA MEHORTER**

**FANWOOD —** Fanshawe’s Chocolates, located at 19 Union Avenue in Fanwood, is closing its doors. According to Robert Falcicchio, the transition to this new plan was announced by the management at Fanshawe’s Chocolates on Monday, July 13. The business was founded in 1978 by John Fanshawe and has been a fan favorite for many years. However, with the increasing costs of operating a small business, the decision was made to close the doors of the business.

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**Architectural Walking Tour To Feature Mixed-Use Sites**

WESTFIELD – The seventh annual series of architectural walking tours will take place this Saturday, July 18, from 10 to 11 a.m., along Prospect Street and in the downtown Westfield area. The walking tours, led by the Westfield Historical Society President Gregory Blais, will include the lead the tour and answer questions.

Mr. Blais will discuss how new building sites in the city’s downtown area will be developed as a result of adequate social distancing. Attendees are encouraged to wear masks and practice appropriate social distancing. The most important thing to remember is to wear your mask and practice appropriate social distancing.

Architectural walking tours are organized by the Westfield Historical Society and sponsored by the Scotch Plains Fanwood Times. Participants are encouraged to stay for the “End of the tour coffee.”

**Suggested donations are $10 for members and $15 for non-members.”**

The event is open to the public and reservations are not required. The walking tour will meet at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times, 36 Elm Street, Westfield NJ 07090 on the front patio. Meet there at 10 a.m. to begin the walk.

**Refreshments will follow the tour.**

**End of the tour coffee.**

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UNION COUNTY — The Union County Freeholder Board announced the initial round launch of the Union County Covid-19 Relief Grant Program for small businesses that have been impacted by the health emergency.

The grant program will make available a total of $2 million in CARES Act relief funds. Out of this funding, the program will provide grants up to $25,000 to eligible small businesses to cover three month’s rent, property taxes, or other fixed operating costs. The County of Union will begin accepting applications for the program through an online portal beginning Thursday, July 9th at 10 a.m., at www.uncaret.org.

“Union County’s small businesses are the lifeblood of our communities and our downtowns,” said Freeholder Chairman Alexander Mirabella. “These businesses, which contribute so much to our quality of life as a whole, have been devoured by the COVID-19 emergency and need our assistance. The survival of these businesses is vital to Union County, and we encourage our small businesses to apply for a grant once the program is available.”

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We Need to See History In Context, Not Through the Lens of Today

Not far into my memory banks is the vision of the shadows of the American slave trade. We have been taught to see enslavement as a stain on the pages of our nation’s history. We have been taught to see it as a period of pain and suffering that was ultimately overcome.

But what about the way we remember history? What if we are seeing it through a lens that obscures the true perspective of the people who lived it? What if we are missing the full story of our nation’s past?

The story of the American slave trade is one of many that we have been taught. It is a story that has been passed down through the generations, but it is not the only story. There are other stories that we have not been taught.

In order to understand the full story of the American slave trade, we need to look beyond the shadows of the past. We need to see history in context, not through the lens of today.

We need to consider the experiences of the enslaved people who were affected by the trade. We need to consider the impact of the trade on the society in which it took place. We need to consider the ways in which the trade affected the economy and culture of the United States.

We need to consider the ways in which the trade affected the future of the United States. We need to consider the ways in which the trade affected the future of the world.

In order to truly understand the history of the United States, we need to see it in context. We need to see it through the eyes of the people who lived it. We need to see it through the lens of the future.

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**Columbus Statue in Scotch Plains Commemorates Explorer's Courage**

In times of full disclosure, my views, while not always fully nuanced, are both signed as on-line petitions and have been vocal in promoting the remembrance of Christopher Columbus.

As First the Scotch Plains Friends Meeting Community joins me in marking the 500th anniversary of Columbus’s discovery of the New World, and as I write this, there is a movement to remove or alter statues of Columbus around the country. This includes a letter from the New Jersey Historical Commission, which includes a sign stating “You are now entering a territory which Columbus discovered,” a decision that has been criticized by officials in New Jersey and elsewhere.

The Philadelphia Inquirer has identified at least 11 U.S. states that have removed or altered statues of Columbus in recent years, including at least one in New Jersey. The New Jersey Historical Commission has not yet announced any plans to remove or alter the statue of Columbus in Scotch Plains. However, the commission has stated that it will review any requests to do so.

The statue in Scotch Plains is located in front of the Scotch Plains Library and is a popular gathering spot for community events. The statue has been in place for more than 20 years, and it is a symbol of the town’s rich history.

In a letter to the mayor and council, historian and author Michael Lewis wrote, “The statue is a symbol of Scotch Plains’s past and present, and it is important to the community’s identity. It is a monument to the discovery of a new world, and it is a reminder of the challenges and opportunities that faced those who lived during that time.”

Lewis added, “It is important to remember that Columbus was not the only explorer to discover the New World. There were many others who made significant contributions to the exploration of the Americas.”

The letter went on to say, “The statue is a reminder of the importance of continued exploration and discovery, and it is a symbol of the spirit of adventure and discovery that is at the heart of Scotch Plains.”

The statue has also been a source of controversy in the past. In 2017, a group of residents in Scotch Plains organized a petition to remove the statue, arguing that it was a symbol of colonialism and racism. The petition gained significant support, and the mayor and council ultimately decided to keep the statue in place.

The letter from the New Jersey Historical Commission was widely criticized by residents of Scotch Plains, who argued that it was an attempt to rewrite history and to erase the contributions of Christopher Columbus to the discovery of the New World.

In conclusion, the statue of Christopher Columbus in Scotch Plains is a symbol of the community’s past and present, and it is important to the identity of the town. It is a reminder of the importance of continued exploration and discovery, and it is a symbol of the spirit of adventure and discovery that is at the heart of Scotch Plains.

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**Westfield Resident Makes Case Against Need for Blue Line**

At a time when there is so much discussion of race and policing, I welcome the discussions provoked by the.scala.bonfire incident in Westfield and the police shootings in Brooklyn and Minneapolis.

Lately, I’ve been thinking about the new Blue Line being planned. There has been much discussion and debate about the need for a Blue Line in Westfield. Some have expressed concerns about the impact of the Blue Line on the area, while others have supported the project as a means of improving public transportation.

In my opinion, most Americans believe that the Blue Line is a good idea. After all, the Blue Line will be a valuable asset to the town and will help to connect residents to other parts of the county.

I believe that the Blue Line will be beneficial to Westfield. It will provide a convenient and efficient way for people to get around, especially for those who do not have access to a car. The Blue Line will also help to reduce traffic congestion and make the town more accessible to visitors.

In conclusion, I believe that the Blue Line is a good idea and that it will be beneficial to the town of Westfield. I support the project and encourage others to do the same.

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Westfield White, 14-6, at Gumbert Field 1 in Westfield on July 2, 2019.

Making good contact with the second inning and a half in the second inning of the Cal Ripken 12U State Tournament game at Gumbert Field in Westfield on July 2, 2019. Westfield defeated Roselle Park, 7-6.

SUCCESSFULLY SWIPING THIRD BASE...Clark Bomber Cody Alicea swipes third base in the first inning at Westfield White's only run. Zach Bracco, who also walked, each had a hit. Alicea had two hits and scored three runs as the Clark 8U Bombers defeated Westfield White third baseman Joe DeSimone attempts to get the with plenty of action when the first baseman and the Bombers to claim the title with a 13-4 victory over the Millers.

Two teams proved that they had members, who could hold the ball long enough that Raider Matt DeGado legs out a single in the first inning at Gumbert Field 1 in Westfield on July 30, 2019. The Montclair Mounties and Montclair Knights each scored once but could not hold back Westfield White's one run on two hits, while walking five and striking out three batters. Westfield White's win started with starter Billy Brando, who picked up the win after allowing on two bases and striking out two batters, before turning it over to closer Bill Hinkle (3 hits, 2 RBIs), who retired the side to earn a 2-0 victory.

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SPORTS SECTION

FOR THE RELAY...The Newark High School boys and girls relay teams were shutout in the first inning at Municipal Field in Cranford on July 11, 2015.

WILL TRADE TO FIFTH. Montclair's Matt Torpey comes in to pitch for the fifth inning and adds another in the third against Roselle Park at Memorial Field in Westfield on July 5, 2015. Westfield defeated Roselle Park, 7-6.

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permitted only three walks. Randy Davis stepped up with a single and scored two, Christian Schwartz singled twice and scored twice and Evan Toth singled and scored twice for two RBIs. Lucas Robbins went 2-for-2, walked twice and scored twice.

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Westfield Student Boosters Association Presents 53rd Annual Booster Club Awards to 35 High School Senior Athletes

The Westfield Romantic Booster "Student-Athlete" awards, which began in 1970, recognize achievements and presented a score 35 scholar-
d await.

The scholarship committee con- posed by Bill Tull, Tim Keane, Steve Chen, Mike Constantinou. The candidates were evaluated based on information re- ceived from the club, counselors, coaches, and/or coaches of Athletics – Sports Manage- ment (6,000). The $500 Award (funded by the Newcomer of the Year). This year's recipients were: Alcatraz, captain of the team to Westfield in 2019.

The Westfield Student Boosters Association has been awarded the Thomas A. Tyler Award for outstanding service to the University of New Hampshire. The recipient of this award is a senior athlete who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and service to the University.

The first recipient of this award was Tyler Drabick, who has been a member of both the Men's Soccer and Men's Basketball teams at UNH for the past three years.

This year's recipient is Allie Tilyou, who has been a member of both the Women's Soccer and Women's Basketball teams at UNH for the past three years. Allie has been an invaluable member of the Women's Soccer team, scoring multiple goals and assisting on many more. In addition, she has been a key player on the Women's Basketball team, leading her team in rebounds and assists.

The Westfield Student Boosters Association is proud to present this award to Allie Tilyou. We look forward to seeing her continue her success at the University of New Hampshire and beyond.

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Joshua Lang Soars To

Rank of Eagle Scout

WESTFIELD — Holy Trinity Boy Scout Troop 73 honored its two Eagle Scouts, Joshua Lang and John Deitch, in a Court of Honor ceremony that was held in the high school’s auditorium last Monday night.

The ceremony, which honors the Scout who reaches the rank of Eagle, was sponsored by the Westfield Boy Scout Troop 73.

Joshua Lang, son of Kim Lang and Art Lang, is a student at Westfield High School.

John Deitch, son of Mark Deitch and Carina DelCore, is a student at Westfield High School. He received his Eagle Scout award in recognition of his leadership skills as a team leader.

In addition, Joshua Lang received the rank of Eagle Scout for his exceptional leadership skills as a team leader.

Both Joshua Lang and John Deitch are active in their respective Boy Scout troops and have demonstrated leadership skills in various capacities.

Local Residents Named to U. of Scranton’s Dean’s List

SCRANTON, Pa. — Twenty-one local residents were honored recently by the University of Scranton for maintaining academic excellence.

The University’s Dean’s List recognizes students for academic excellence. A student must have a grade point average of 3.7 or better during the semester to be named to the Dean’s List.

The名单 includes:

For the Spring 2020 semester, chosen to keep letter grades in all courses.

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Among those on the Dean's List: A student must have a grade-point average between 3.50 and 3.99 on a 4.0 scale.

Diana Sullivan, 77, Beloved Mother; Had Long Career in Labor Relations

Diana Sullivan, 77, of Wyomissing, Pennsylvania, died on February 11, 2020, at home in Wyomissing, following brief illness. She was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on December 31, 1942, daughter of the late George J. Sullivan and Pauline (Kolle) Sullivan. She married Edward W. Sullivan on May 7, 1966. Diana grew up in Michigan and moved to Wyomissing when she was married. For the past 45 years, she worked for several companies in the New Philadelphia area, including Deere & Company, as a janitorial supervisor for Deere's党总� (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania), and as a government relations representative for National Science Foundation. She also worked at the American Federation of Labor-Confederation of Industrial Organizations in Detroit. She was an active member of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Wyomissing, and served in leadership roles in the St. Michael's Guild, and on the church's Memorial and Cemetery committees.

Diana received many awards for her community work and was a member of the Wyomissing Lions Club and the Wyomissing Democratic Committee. She had a long career in labor relations, serving as a union steward for the United Auto Workers and the Teamsters Union. She was a member of the Wyomissing Memorial Committee and the Wyomissing Community Center. She was an active member of the St. Michael's Guild, and on the church's Memorial and Cemetery committees.

Diana loved to cook and was an expert in the kitchen, creating delicious meals for her family and friends. She was a devoted mother, always making sure her children had everything they needed to be successful. She was known for her warm and welcoming personality, and she always had a smile on her face.

Diana also had a passion for reading, and she enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren. She was a member of the Wyomissing Library, and she was an active member of the Wyomissing Democratic Committee. She was a dedicated member of the Wyomissing Memorial Committee and the Wyomissing Community Center. She was an active member of the St. Michael's Guild, and on the church's Memorial and Cemetery committees.

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One Woman Play Shines Light on Muslim Women Navigating Post 9/11 World

By SIANA WHITMORE DOUGHERTY

UNION COUNTY — While TV is offering women a chance to explore their dreams, Brown University grad Sabrina Malik has been intrigued to take the audience to a fictional journey to make women in the Muslim community feel free to add a touch more flavor to their lives.

Malik, a fellow blooms of apple, shares her story in an upcoming play she is writing and directing, “A Woman of the Crowd.” Malik is a student at Brown University and a senior from Union County.

On Thursday, July 9, Malik, a senior, directed a one-woman play written and performed by herself at the Garwood Public Library. The scene presentation was part of the library’s Zoom screening event.

The play, which is a presentation of a woman about to explore her life story, was about the love of six Muslim women who are complex characters, with a twist of September 11 world.

The event included an accomplished actress, who performed with the scene at the producer of the play. The play was presented by the Premier Series offerings of relaxation of the audience during the scene.

Co-founder of Sabrina Schum, the director and editor of the piece, praised Malik’s story for showing women how to move forward.

Shum said that a scene of a woman was a vital influence in a scene. Malik said that her play was based on some autobiography.

Malik explained that her play was based on some autobiography, a scene about earth-shattering event to a woman in the Muslim community, where she encouraged to expand it in a scene, include new characters, and find her full self.

And beautifully because Ms. Malik last weekend she decided to find it for her good friend’s celebration.

When a scene planning of имени, the woman at the same venue told to take the audience to a fictional journey to make women in the Muslim community feel free to add a touch more flavor to their lives.

Today it’s you, you who should start with 15 ice cubes and lime juice.

Fruity Coconut:

- 1/4 cup unsweet coconut sugar
- 1/4 cup lime juice
- 1/2 cup sparkling limeade
- dash of cinnamon

When frosted and poured with ice, this icy treat makes a much-needed beverage for the summer season. It’s refreshing, delicious, and perfect for a hot day.

HOMEMADE SUMMER POPSICLES!

As the summer heats up, there is no better way than making some homemade popsicles to cool off and enjoy.

The following recipe makes 4 popsicles and requires minimal ingredients:

For each recipe, pour the mixture into a blender and pour into a popsicle mold. If you are using a popsicle mold use 2 popsicle mold to add more taste. If there is no mold use a loaf pan or any container that is suitable.

Homemade Summer Popsicle Recipe

1. In a blender, combine:
   - 1 cup of yogurt
   - 1/2 cup of strawberry puree
   - 1/2 cup of blueberries
   - 1/2 cup of honey
   - 1/2 cup of lemon juice

2. Pour mixture into popsicle molds and freeze for 2 hours.

Senator Art Exhibit Now Accepting Registrations

UNION COUNTY — The Union County Office of the Arts is pleased to announce the opening of the County Senator Art Exhibit. The exhibit will be on view from December 12 to December 30. This year’s exhibit will be held entirely online due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The deadline to register by Friday, December 12, 2014, and for the submission of your work on December 17, 2014.

The Senator Art Exhibit is an annual competition for all artists, with special consideration to the inclusion of senior citizens and students. This year’s exhibit will be held entirely online due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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For more information, please visit the Union County Office of the Arts website at www.ucnj.org/senior-art. All artwork submittals will be reviewed and judged by professional art judges.

Library to Feature Virtual Tarot Reading

GARWOOD — The Garwood Free Public Library is pleased to announce a virtual tarot reading event for the month of July. The event is free and open to the public.

The tarot reading will take place on July 15, at 6 p.m. The library will provide a virtual platform for participants to join in on the event. Attendees will be able to receive their personal tarot reading by phone or email.

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June 30, 2019: Two familiar District 12 teams met face-to-face in the second round of Pool N play of the Cal Ripken 12U State Tournament hosted by Westfield on June 30. The Mountainside team received superb performances from starting pitcher Mike Liloia and reliever Anthony Denora to earn their team a 5-1 victory over the hosting team, Westfield White, on Gumbert Field 1.

Liloia pitched the first four innings and permitted no runs on three hits and three walks, while striking out five Blue Devils. Denora was on the mound for two innings and allowed one run on two hits, while walking five and striking out three batters. Westfield White went with starter Billy Gerne, who pitched four innings and allowed two runs on six hits and three walks, while striking out two batters. Grant Como came to the mound in the fifth inning and allowed three runs on three hits and two walks.

Mountainside leadoff hitter Dylan Gardner rapped a pair of doubles with one RBI in his four plate appearances. Alex Adornato singled twice, and Ryan Hilongos went 2-for-2 with an RBI. Blue Devil Billy Gerne reached base in all three of his at-bats with a pair of singles and a walk. Jonny Sica went 1-for-1 and scored Westfield White’s only run. Zach Mendoza, who walked twice, had the only RBI. Brody Henderson and Luke Bracco, who also walked, each had a single. July 2, 2019: “Fun” and brushing up on the fundamentals were the primary objectives for an 8U baseball game and both teams blended plenty of fun with plenty of action when the Clark Bombers faced the Westfield White at Gumbert Field 1 in Westfield on July 2.

Jack Thompson had five RBI for the Bombers, which included a pair of two-run singles. Chris Oligino had an RBI single and scored once for Westfield and Joe DeSimone also rapped an RBI single and scored once.

July 3, 2019: Long ball was on the menu but it was just the Darby Road Brainard boys of the West Division who voraciously feasted upon it during a Scotch Plains Men’s Softball League double header with a malnourished (undermanned) Gas House Gorillas squad from the East Division at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains on July 3.

The Darby Road Brainard boys sapped the steam out of the Gorillas in Game 1 with a 14-2, five-inning pelting then bombarded the defenseless Gorillas, 21-3, in Game 2.

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Aaron Richards was the “big bang” man with three home runs, a double, a dinky single and nine RBI. Moe Walter went 3-for-4 in Game 2 with a two-run home run and a two-run triple, while scoring three times. Dennis DiMascio, who went 2-for-3 in Game 2, bounced a three-run homer that shaved the tree line then deflected off the top of the right field fence in Game 1.

Although he did not blast a home run, Darby’s Gus Alvarez thumped three triples, scored twice and had five RBI. Interestingly, Jarrod Pence, normally a long ball hitter, rapped four singles and a triple with four RBI and five runs scored. Marty Marks contributed an RBI triple and an RBI double, while scoring three times. Gary Pence, the ace pitcher on the powerhouse Deegan Roofing team of the Union County Senior 50+ League, smacked three singles and a double with four runs scored and an RBI. But he was most effective on the mound limiting the Gas House Gorillas to just two runs in Game 1 and three runs in Game 2.


The Cougars amassed 15 hits, which included four home runs and a double. Shea Grady, who scored three times, whacked a pair of solo home runs, one in the first inning and the second in the fifth. In between, he was intentionally walked twice. Jack Zambito went 3-for-4 with a solo homer, three RBI and three runs scored. Sean Woodruff blasted a two-run homer and an RBI single, walked once and scored twice. Dennis McCaffery doubled, singled, was hit-by-a-pitch and scored once. Owen Baratta singled twice and scored once.

July 5, 2018: Thomas O’Connor and Jayden Dagner drove in three runs apiece as Summit defeated Scotch Plains-Fanwood, 11-6, in a 9U New Jersey Youth Baseball 9U Championship.

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Providence Gold League game played on July 5 at Booth Field in Scotch Plains. Summit pulled away from a 6-6 tie after two innings behind lights-out relief pitching from O'Connor, who came into the game in the third inning, and Dagner, who entered the game in the sixth. Scotch Plains-Fanwood was held scoreless over the final four innings. Raider Aiden Luccarelli, who tripled in the second inning, smashed an RBI triple down the leftfield line that scored Sean Sponheimer in the first inning. James Masterson, who scored twice, benefited from a miscommunication in the Summit infield when his routine popup fell in between short and third base allowing Luccarelli to score from third. Brady Gelb plated two runs on an infield single to give the Raiders a 4-3 lead in the first.

July 5, 2018: Opportunities were abundant and each team took advantage of them offensively in a match-up between the Chatham Cougars 12U team and the Westfield 12Us in New Providence Green League action at Gumbert 2 Field in Westfield on July 5. In the end, the Westfield Silver managed to seize the most opportunities to earn a 20-17 victory.

July 2, 2017:

Two 5-0 teams facing each other, so something

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July 5, 2017: Two familiar friendly foes faced each other once again, this time in a New Providence 12U Green League game between Berkeley Heights and Westfield White at Gumbert 2 Field in Westfield on July 5. In the past, both teams have been on the winning side of high-scoring contests but Berkeley Heights made strong contact at the plate, worked several walks, pulled off several fine defensive plays and capitalized on several Westfield White miscues to emerge with a 17-4, four-inning triumph.

Westfield White managed five hits and were allowed no free passes. With no player getting more than two at-bats, Leo Mangiamele doubled and scored once. Jared Goldman and Ben Kelly each rapped an RBI single and scored once, Kevin Halleran singled and scored once and Brendan Percival singled in his one plate appearance. Theo Sica had an RBI sac fly. Ethan Stack and Matt Parrish each reached base on an error.


had to give. And the giving began in the bottom of the second inning when Millburn-Short Hills scored six runs, added another six in the third then held the Scotch Plains-Fanwood White scoreless in the top of the fourth to earn the Cal Ripken 10U District 12 crown with a 13-3, three and one-half inning victory at Booth Field in Scotch Plains on July 2.

Both teams proved that they had members, who could hit the long ball as Raider Dom Erbafina hammered a three-run home run in the first inning scoring Bobby Christiansen and AJ Saccento, who had both singled, and Miller Alex Faust blasted a three-run shot in the second. Faust added a two-run single to finish with five RBI. Raider Jack Sponheimer just missed a home run with a double off the centerfield fence and Miller Billy Gerne (1-for-2, walk, 3 RBI) sizzled a two-run double in the third.

Alex Lowe (July 2017 files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times

VOY IMPRESSIVE PERFORMANCE...The Scotch Plains-Fanwood SU Blue baseball team scored 16 runs in the first inning and defeated South Orange-Maplewood, 18-0, at Booth Field in Scotch Plains on July 6, 2017. The Raiders improved to 5-0 in New Providence Gold League play.

TAKING A HEALTHY CUT...Cranford 11U Blue batter Matt Goldate takes a healthy cut at the pitch as Westfield White catcher Christian Schweiger prepares to catch the ball at Gumbert 1 Field in Westfield on July 6, 2017.

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A Special Look Through the Rearview Mirror at Local Sports

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Cougar Sean Riley, who scored twice, collected three of his four RBI on a bases-loaded double in the top of the fourth inning. Tom Buckman poked a two-run single and an RBI single, walked once and scored once. Ryan Carracino doubled and scored twice. Nick Kelly rapped an RBI double and Leo Kapetanakis doubled and scored once.

Westfield White hit the ball hard also and struck out only once but Cougar pitchers Ed Toy and Buckman permitted only three walks. Randy Davis slapped a two-run single and scored twice, Christian Schweiger singled twice and scored twice and Evan Sewald singled twice and had two RBI. Lucas Rubiera went 2-for-2, walked once and scored twice.

July 6, 2017: The Scotch Plains Raiders made quick work of South Orange-Maplewood’s Gray team with an 18-0 victory over the visiting Cougars in a New Providence 8U Gold League game played on July 6 at Booth Field in Scotch Plains. Scotch Plains-Fanwood pitchers Aden Yarnall, Avery George and Declan Corrigan combined on a four inning, one-hit shutout to improve the Raiders record to 5-0.

July 3, 2016: Starting pitcher Sean Woodruff and reliever Dennis McCaffery combined to limit Millburn-Short Hills to just two singles and two walks to lead the Cranford 10U baseball team to an 11-1 victory in the championship game of the Cal Ripken District 12 Tournament in Scotch Plains on July 3. Woodruff pitched the first three innings, allowing one unearned run on one hit, while walking one and striking out one. McCaffery pitched the fourth and fifth innings and yielded just one single and one walk, while striking out one batter. First baseman Dylan Faulk ended the game with a leaping grab of a liner off the bat of David Mischel.

Shea Grady went 2-for-3 with
a walk. McCaffery slammed a double, Will Kahney knocked an RBI single and Jack Zambito went 2-for-3 with an RBI double. Owen Baratta went 2-for-3 and scored twice.

July 6, 2016: Controlled pitching and opportunistic hitting that blended very well with a wealth of free passes permitted the Westfield White to cruise to a 22-1 victory over New Providence in their final game of pool play in the Cal Ripken 11U District 12 Tournament at Gumbert 3 Field in Westfield on July 6. The victory ipped Westfield White’s record to 3-1 and set them up as the second seed in their bracket [Westfield Pool] for the playoff round that was to be played in Chatham.

Westfield used the strategy of one inning per pitcher and it proved to be a very effective method. Ben Kelly pitched the first inning, followed by Noah Fischer, Matt Parrish and Brendan Percival. The result was a combined no-hitter, with seven walks and seven strikeouts.

Offensively, Fischer went 3-for-3 with a double, three runs scored and two RBI. Owen Callahan ripped a pair of RBI singles, an RBI double off the centerfield fence and scored three times. Kevin Halleran rapped a two-run single and a double and scored once. Kelly ripped an RBI double, singled, walked twice and scored three times. Peter Meixner scored in all three plate appearances and added a pair of RBI.

July 7, 2016: Offense called the shots but the Clark 12U baseball Vipers made the loudest bang with a 10-run burst in the top of the fifth inning then added five more in the sixth inning to distance itself from the Cranford White en route to a 22-9 victory in New Providence Green League action at Cranford Memorial Field on July 7. Prior to that outburst, the two teams were locked in a seesaw battle for the lead.

Griffin Dowd led Cranford, going 3-for-3 with a pair of doubles and a single, while scoring twice and adding two RBI. Ryan Roese singled, scored twice and had an RBI. In his three plate appearances, Anthony Andrew walked twice, had an RBI single and scored once. Will Devanney scored twice, Danny Silva ripped an RBI single, Jackson Larrabee scored once and Pranev
Kondagunta had an RBI and scored once.

**July 1, 2015:** Aggressiveness on the bases turned out to be in the Westfield White 12’s favor and it melded well with a strong pitching performance in a 5-0 victory over New Providence in New Providence Green League action at Gumbert 1 Field in Westfield. The pitching performances of Dan Bills and Adam Dunaief saw to it that the Pioneers had limited opportunities.

**July 2, 2015:** Lightning strikes from the bats of the top-seeded Cranford 11s resulted in a four-inning, 10-0, jolting of the fourth-seeded New Providence Little Pioneers in a semifinal round game of the Cal Ripken District 12 Tournament at Gumbert 2 Field in Cranford on July 11, 2013.

**July 8, 2015:** Successful “Small Ball” took its toll on the visiting Roselle Park 14U Panthers when they experienced a 7-1 setback to Westfield in a Parkway Invitational Softball League (PISL) game at Memorial Field 1 in Westfield. The Blue Devils squared off to bunt on numerous occasions and were able to manufacture four of their eight hits or advance the base runners into scoring position.

Will Gallagher went 2-for-3 with two RBI and scored twice.

Blue Devil pitcher Gen Howell went the distance and limited the Panthers to four singles, while striking out five. Catcher Caitlin Clancy went 2-for-2 with two RBI and scored once. Lauren Sullivan tapped a pair of singles, walked and scored twice. Megan Nieswenter had a pair of bunt singles, walked and scored once.

Lolly Kamienski singled twice and added an RBI. Anne Friel walked three times and scored once. Muriel Maloney walked once.
and had an RBI. Rachel Rothenberg had an RBI sacrifice bunt.

July 3, 2014: The Westfield 12U baseball team recently participated in the Cooperstown Dreams Park Baseball Tournament on June 28 through July 3. The 12U Blue Devils were one of 104 teams from around the country competing in one of the most competitive 12U baseball tournaments in the U.S. The boys represented Westfield Baseball in honorable fashion, posting a 4-4 overall record, including several thrilling late inning heroics. Tim Alliegro put on a hitting performance for the ages. The 12-year-old hit over .950 for the week including an astonishing nine homeruns (and four intentional walks). Will Kessler (4 homeruns), Griffin Rooney (1 homerun), Jack Riley (1 HR) and Dom Maurillo (1 HR) provided more offensive firepower.

July 7, 2014: Fresh off a wonderful experience at Cooperstown, the Westfield White 12U baseball team and coaches quickly refocused and claimed a 10-0, five inning victory over Springfield at Gumbert 2 Field in Westfield. Pitchers Zach Rever and Colin Murphy combined for a two-hit shutout. Rever pitched the first three innings, allowed one single and walked no one, while striking out four. Murphy tossed the final two innings, allowing just one single and a walk, while striking out three.

July 8, 2014: Focusing on fun and fundamentals, the Roselle Park and Westfield Black 9U baseball teams battled to a 15-10 decision picked up by the visiting team in New Providence League action at Gumbert 3 Field. Charlie Ehrsam walked three times, scored three times and had two RBI. Ryan Pisarro drew three walks and scored twice for Westfield. Alex Duncan singled and walked and scored twice. Jack McCue whacked an RBI double and added an RBI walk.

July 10, 2013: Glazed stares of disbelief emitted from the faces of the St. Joseph players when St. Francis paralyzed them with a nine-run sting in the first inning and buzzed to a stunning, 14-0 victory in St. Bart’s Oldtimers Men’s Softball League action at Forest Road Park.

Most notable was St. Fran’s...
veteran hurler Frank Chupko’s no-hit, performance in his four and two-third innings on the mound. Chupko finished up allowing just three singles, walked one and struck out one batter, while rapping an RBI single.

**July 15, 2013:** Playoff possibilities were on the line and the Westfield 12U girls softball team remained in the hunt with a four-run fifth inning and an insurance run in the sixth to spring past Springfield, 11-9, at the Westfield High School JV Field. Key hits came off the bat of Julia Romano, who looped a two-run single in the first inning, an RBI single in the third and an RBI groundout in the fifth. Maddie Parrish rapped a key RBI single in the second and another RBI single in the fifth, while scoring once. Lucy Ritter went 2-for-3 with an RBI and two runs scored. Tessa Verga singled and had two RBI, and Molly Sheil singled and scored twice.

**July 7, 2012:** Seven games in Cooperstown did not seem to slow down the Westfield Blue 12-year-old baseball team. After one day’s rest, the Blue put together a strong pitching performance, assisted by fine defensive plays to go with an offensive assault to defeat Summit, 9-4, at Gumbert 3 Field. Starter Ryan Chirichella pitched three shutout innings, allowing four hits and no walks, while striking out four batters. Jack Johnson went 2-for-2, which included an RBI double, a walk and three runs scored. Jake Obsgarten delivered two singles, an RBI and a run scored.

**July 8, 2012:** Millburn 12s pitching ace Nick Maldonado tossed a complete game shutout, allowing just three hits, while walking none to lead the Millers to an 8-0 victory over Scotch Plains-Fanwood at Gumbert 2 Field in the battle for third place and advancement to the Cal Ripken Regional Tournament. Regan Mooney singled in the top of the second. Sam Schetelich had a leadoff single in the third, and Anthony DiNizo singled in the fourth.

**July 9, 2011:** Opportunities knocked and the Westfield Blue 12s took full advantage of them, plating two runs in the fourth inning and five more in the fifth to break open a tight game en route to a 9-3 victory over the South Orange/Maplewood Villagers in Central Jersey All-Star League action at Gumbert 2 Field in Westfield. The Blue kept the Villagers in check with the effectiveness of starting pitcher Victor Cruz and reliever Matt LaCorte. In his three innings, Cruz allowed six hits and two runs but yielded no walks, while striking out three. LaCorte pitched three innings of no-hit ball, fanned three and walked one Villager, who managed to score in the sixth inning.

**July 6, 2010:** Tie score, bases loaded in bottom of the sixth inning with two outs and the team’s power hitter at the plate with a full count! A pop-up to third for the out, and the Westfield
White comes back to score a run in the seventh then holds off the South Orange-Maplewood 12-year-old baseball team in the bottom of the inning to claim the Cal Ripken District 12 championship at Gumbert 2 Field. Westfield White starting pitcher Vin Difilippo tossed three perfect innings. Nick Mele went 2-for-3, including a double, with two runs scored. Chris Boutsikaris tripled to right and scored on Eric Varakian’s RBI single.

July 9, 2009: The Westfield White 11-year-old baseball team seized many opportunities to plate nine runs in the fourth inning to earn a 13-2 victory over Scotch Plains-Fanwood at Gumbert Field in Westfield. Westfield White pitchers Nick Mele and Brett Robertshaw combined to allow six hits and only one hit batter, while striking out three Raiders. Chris Rinaldi went 2-for-3 with a pair of doubles and two runs scored. Robertshaw went 2-for-2 with a pair of doubles and an RBI.

July 10, 2009: Four home runs, a triple and eight doubles set the pace for a wild baseball game that concluded with the Westfield White 11s holding off a valiant comeback from the Cranford Cougars to claim a 15-9 victory at Gumbert Field. Westfield White’s victory evened the face-to-face battles between the two rivals at two games apiece.

Chris Rinaldi cleared the bases with a grand slam home run, scored twice and added a fifth RBI to Westfield’s 14-hit attack. Nick Mele hammered a two-run homer and Vince Difilippo drilled a solo blast, added a single and scored twice. Cougar Brandon Kane (2 RBI) started their scoring with a solo homer to center. Sean Leahey (RBI) went 2-for-2 with a pair of doubles and two runs scored. Chris Szekeres (run scored) rapped a pair of doubles and had three RBI.

July 5, 2008: A very good fundamentally sound baseball team capitalized on Scott Harvey’s RBI single in the seventh inning to seize a 2-1, victory over a well-schooled Scotch Plains-Fanwood Gold baseball team in the semifinals of the Babe Ruth/Cali Ripken League District 12 Tournament at Booth Field in Scotch Plains. The Gold received superb performances from both of their aces, Matt Ridge and Joe Bonaccorso, Jr.

July 9, 2006: North Elizabeth rallied for five runs in the final two innings to overcome the...
Westfield White baseball team, 7-5, in the semifinals of the Cal Ripken 12-year-old District 12 Tournament at Gumbert Field. Ryan Elliott blasted a colossal two-run home run and a single, and Mike Coletta rapped two singles and a double in his three at bats.

July 7, 2005: Montrose Avenue positioned itself in a tie for first in the Fanwood Old Men’s Softball Association with an, 11-10, come-from-behind victory over Midway at Forest Road Park. Midway’s Jay White whacked a solo home run to center and Anthony Blasi blasted a homer to remote center.

July 6, 2004: The Raider (SPF) Junior Legion baseball team came up with three runs in the seventh inning to grab a 4-3 victory over rival Westfield. SPF pitcher Greg Bayard fired a five-hitter, fanned seven and walked one in his seven innings. Andrew Lyon’s check swing single with the bases loaded resulted in the tying run and the winning run scoring in the seventh.

July 9, 2003: Defensive brilliance certainly was not St. Edward’s strong suit at Terrill Middle School; however, its 25-hit barrage was enough to hold off St. Patrick, 11-10, in St. Bartholomew’s Oldtimers Men’s Softball League action. Ed Captain Ed Marchelitis, normally a sure-handed shortstop, played kickball with a few grounders and added some off-target throws. However, he made up for it offensively, going 4-for-4 with a run scored.


July 12, 2001: The “James Gang” took advantage of the St. Blaisers’ spectacular blunders in the bottom of the sixth, scoring 10 runs, then held off a final-inning rally to steal a 12-9 victory at Forest Road Park. “Gang” leader Jim Hoelzel hacked a grand slam homer in that sixth inning to bring home what proved to be the winning run.

July 14, 2000: Marian Avenue, featuring several high school baseball coaches and Union High School Head Football Coach Gary Zakovic, blended athletic wisdom with offensive oompf to blot out the hopes of Sun Valley, 22-3, in Fanwood Old Men’s Softball Association action at La Grande Park. Marian’s Chris Love hammered three home runs and amassed five RBI and four runs scored in the 26-hit battering. Bill Mariani walloped a solo homer, a triple and a single to drive in four runs and score three.

July 6, 1999: Shortstop Paul Stofa made a startling play in the sixth inning to kill a potential Mattress Factory rally. Exuberant with Stofa’s brilliance, the Jolly Trolley scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth and put the Mattress Factory to rest, 12-9, in a Westfield Men’s Softball League game at Tamaques Park. Stofa also shattered a solo homer in the sixth inning. Mike Cheety and Jay Halsey homered for the Mattress Factory.

July 13, 1998: Charlie Brown, Linus and his blanket, Pig Pen, Schroeder, Lucy, Woodstock, Sally, Snoopy and the Red Baron showed up in full force and defeated A. J. Jersey, 14-3, at Tamaques Park. Jeff Battiloro stepped to the plate and battered a two-run homer to deep left in the third inning.
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