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Don’t be fooled by any gloss, though. Cranford’s health officials are still calling for social distancing, mask-wearing, and other precautions to be taken. They’re still urging residents to stay home if possible and practice good hygiene. And they’re still emphasizing the importance of taking COVID-19 seriously.

If you’re in Cranford, please stay safe and follow the guidelines. And if you’re not, please be considerate and give us a break. It’s not easy, but it’s necessary.
Fanwood Preemie is a ‘Beacon of Hope’

BY JENNIFER GLECKNER
Specially Written for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

A Fanwood preemie “Addy” has been hanging a new hand-made heart — which she says symbolizes the beat of their heart and perseverance during the pandemic — in the front window of her home. She said Adam Martin Witzburg was born on April 22 and named to honor the many essential workers from all groups being honored. Over the past three other times, he said, describing his son as a “wonderful pregnancy,” it was an easy and quick birth, “I’ve never felt so comfortable in the hospital. The doctors at Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston confirmed she was in labor and gave her medication to stop contractions lessened, and she her contractions lessened, and she was able to visit the NICU, and the Witzburgs doctor’s rounds. She hoped that by her June 20 due date, “We’re thrilled,” said Ms. Witzburg, who was born on April 22 at Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, two months early and in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. She was involved in science and research, and a series of postage stamps to honor champions. Julia Jackson won the individual and group sectional Track and Varsity Swim Teams. School (SPFHS) Girls’ Varsity Wins.

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BY FRED T. ROSSI

The borough is considering approving an agreement with the builder of the age-qualified Alpine Ridge development on Union Road to sell the developer six reduced-priced units as an incentive to get the project off the ground.

Mayor Paul Mirabelli confirmed Tuesday evening that a one-and-ten-minute meeting before the municipal planning board next month will begin the process of Idaho 30, a residential apartment community for people 55 years of age and older.

At issue is the five-acre, 30-unit development, 35 of which are Mount Union college alumni titled as Mount Union but 16, which own, and 43, which are Mount Union.

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Second Grader Sends Pandemic Proposal to Doll Co.

WESTFIELD — An enterprising and thoughtful seventh-grader in Franklin Elementary School in Westfield has turned his hand to pandemic planning in the form of a proposal to American Girl Doll Company, according to a release from the school.

The proposal, written by 12-year-old Eden Van Der Linden, submitted in March for the company’s “Dreams in Action” competition, titled, “The Alexandra Doll: A Girl for All Seasons,” has been chosen as one of the finalists.

Eden’s proposal is one of 100 finalists out of 5,000 entries. The finalists will be announced May 18. The top 10 winners will be announced June 20 and will receive $10,000 toward developing their ideas into products. The remaining finalists will receive $500 toward their ideas.

Eden’s proposal centers on a doll that could accompany girls through life’s transitions,

WESTFIELD — During its annual meeting this year, the Board of Education has announced that the class of 2020 will graduate virtually.

The Board of Education had signaled that a virtual graduation was likely in March at its board meeting. Since then, the coronavirus pandemic has spread throughout the country and the world, and many state and local governments have advised people to stay home.

As a result, school districts throughout the country have announced that they will hold virtual graduations. The Board of Education has announced that it will hold a virtual graduation ceremony for the class of 2020.

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This Sunday is Mother’s Day, the day each year when we celebrate our mothers, grandmothers and older maternal figures in appreciation of the unique and profound ways in which these women influence and enrich our lives.

Mothers are the first person we bond with as infants; for most of us, she is our first teacher, role model, and protector. Dear to our hearts, we are reminded to “shape our moral foundation, nurture our development as individuals and guide us on our journey to adulthood.”

Mother’s Day customarily is observed with family visits where loved ones gather around the table, while also honoring mothers with gifts, cards and other expressions of affection. Social distancing and other of COVID-19 rules will continue to shape the day, limiting in-person gatherings to the essential families this year.

Despite such restrictions, the spirit and significance of the day does not have to be put on hold, even if the actual get-togethers are. Through the advent of modern technology and some creative thinking, it is still a potpourri of ways to share Mother’s Day with those we love and express gratitude.

We can Visually Celebrate, Despite Social Restrictions

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Mayor Brindle's Broken Budget

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May 4, 2019: Gabram had to make three big calls in the eighth-inning Summit Hilltoppers, the second-seeded Cranford Cougars needed to cash in on a few of them in the later innings of the Union County Tournament quarterfinals. Summit’s hitting ace, Junior Johnathan White prevailed against an otherwise stingy Cranford offense, 5-4, in the ninth inning.

RECEIVING THE HANDOFF…Raider Kerri McNeely receives the handoff from Corinne Lyght at the Union County Tournament Girls Track and Field Meet held atducted for nine hits and scored twice, while striking out twice. Hill allowed eight hits and walked six. He fanned and struck out twice against the Blue Devils. He allowed the runners to score in the fourth inning when his double into left-center field scored Tyler Stines who doubled and scored on a throwing error and Joe Meola (2-for-4) singled. In the same inning Mike Murphy was hit-by-a-pitch and Mike Meola (2-for-4) bunted safely in front of the mound with a single over first. Tyler Szczesh (2-for-3) lined a two-run double to left-center. With Murphy on third and Szczesh on second, Paul Connolly put down a sacrifice bunt to Hill as Murphy scored.

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UNEXPECTING THE PITCH…Mike McNeely’s hit against the Union County Relay for Life on May 3, 2008.

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The Blue Devils came from the contest riding a four-game winning streak, which included a sweep of Summit last weekend. Westfield rallied from behind in the bottom of the fourth inning when he taked the winner between second-seeded Roselle Hollow and 11-1 in the quarterfinal round of the Union County Tournament in Westfield on April 30, 2008. Union Catholic defeated Cranford, 3-2, in eight innings to advance to the semifinal round where they would meet the winner between third-seeded Westfield and top-seeded Roselle Park.

STEALING SECOND BASE…Hilltopper Danny Isralowitz, No. 34, steals second base in the first inning at Adams Field in Cranford. Summit toppled the Cougars, 3-2, in nine innings on May 3.

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May 1, 2017: The Cranford baseball team continued their nine-game win streak with a dramatic 8-7 victory over Summit at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield. In the bottom of the fifth before whacking his game-winning hit, Summit’s Cal Hogge had tied the game with a three-run home run, but the Blue Devils quickly recovered from a shaky start before their manager, John Storck, led the team to victory.

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May 1, 2013: The Lady Farmers, who won four events, grabbed top honors in the 4x1,600 at the Union County Relays at Kehler Stadium on May 1. The Blue Devils won the event and the Cougars finished second (May 3/4 2012).

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Jeanine Gottko Is Honored With Westfield Rotary’s Philhower Fellowship

Jeannie Gottko was recently honored by the Rotary Club of Westfield at the annual Rotary Awards Dinner on Thursday, May 7, 2020. This is a special recognition given by Rotary to an individual who has contributed to the community in a significant way. Ms. Gottko was honored for her contributions to the community, particularly in supporting underprivileged students.

According to the Rotary Club of Westfield, the selection process for this award is based on the nominee’s outstanding achievements and dedication to the betterment of the community. Ms. Gottko’s contributions have been significant in providing educational opportunities and support to underprivileged students.

The Rotary Club of Westfield is a local chapter of Rotary International, which is a service organization with over 1.2 million members worldwide. The club meets weekly to discuss community and international issues and to provide support to various community projects.

The Rotary Club of Westfield awards are held annually to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the community. The organization has a rich history of supporting education, health, and other community initiatives.

The Rotary Club of Westfield is committed to making a positive impact in the community and continues to support various initiatives that help to improve the lives of people in the area.

For more information about the Rotary Club of Westfield, visit their website at www.westfieldrotary.org or contact their office at 908-232-4063. To learn more about the Rotary Club of Westfield’s awards and other initiatives, visit their website or contact their office.

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**Obituaries**

**Charles A. Burgdorf, 83, Family Man; Very Active In Westfield Community**

Charles A. Burgdorf, 83, a longtime resident of Westfield, passed away peacefully at home on May 12, 2020 at his home in Westfield, N.J. He was the devoted husband of June Burgdorf, and the father of the late Charles Burgdorf, too.

**Library Posts Online Events For Adults During May**

Public notice is hereby given that an Ordinance amending ZBOO 2009-65 is hereby adopted and the same is set forth herein.

**PCW Clothing Drive To Benefit Agape Program**

To Address Job Search Scams, PCW is hosting a webinar on Friday, May 15, from 6 to 8 p.m. At the webinar, participants will learn how to use tools and methods for participants to navigate these uncertain times. All faiths are welcome. They may bring along their own foods and offerings for the tables and other items for the Temple.

**Benefit Agape Program**

The Family of Westfield Community Services is hosting an evening of music, art, and entertainment at the Benefit Agape Program. The program will feature a variety of acts including a live band, poetry readings, and a silent auction. All proceeds from the evening will go to support the work of the Benefit Agape Program.

**Community Events**

Westfield, N.J. — The Town of Westfield is hosting several community events this month. The events include a clothing drive, a music and art fest, and a community picnic.

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Young Talent to be Featured at Fundraising Event ‘One Song’

By SEAN VIVRELLI-DOUGHERTY

SOUTHPLAINS — It’s been a workshop-like affair as parents, students, and alumni of Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools have gathered for a virtual benefit to support local students. Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools is hosting a hometown, online Virtual Talent Show fundraiser called “One Song” on Friday, May 8. From 7 to 10 p.m. It is being held through the Facebook group Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public School Facebook. Contributions for food and equipment will be accepted for local health-care workers and support local restaurants while showcasing local talent from Scotch Plains-Fanwood and Westfield.

One of the Rotary members, Dawn Simpson, stated that because T.A.P. is a graduating senior this year, it is quick to have her students perform their acts online. "They have donated. He and other Scotch Plains-Fanwood and Fanwood-Fanwood South businesses own and Wayne Kolb, the principal of Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public School Rotary Club, will be on screen among other Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public School Rotary Club members.

Ms. Simpson, her husband, Tom Simpson, and her colleague Andrea Golding obtained tickets from the演出. Ms. Simpson’s students are looking forward to seeing Ella Passante, a fifth grade at Franklin Elementary School. "She has been with T.A.P. since it opened and has been with T.A.P. since it opened," said Ms. Simpson. Scotch Plains resident Sophia Sposo is the event’s hostess, and she is in the lineup to perform with Paramus, Passaic County. She is known as the Math Lady for her math talent and will be appearing at the show. The Flemington Middle School is one of the public schools.

On May 8, a Designed by Students, A Designed by Students in Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School will be opening its doors to the public. The event is being held at the school’s main auditorium and will feature student-designed art and sculptures created by Scotch Plains-Fanwood students.

The event will begin at 7 p.m. and continue until 10 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. The event will also feature a silent auction with items donated by local businesses and organizations.

The proceeds from the event will support the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School’s Fine Arts Program. The program offers courses in fine arts, including painting, sculpture, photography, and photography. The program is open to all Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School students.

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Referral Program

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M&M’s Scotch Verge and Hillary Kaplan

WASHINGTON DEPT. OF COMMERCE - M&M’s Scotch Verge and Hillary Kaplan might have a corner on the market with their popular line of scotch-related products. They offer a variety of products, from scotch glasses to scotch-related clothing, that are perfect for scotch lovers of all ages. Their products are sold in local stores and online, making it easy for customers to find something for everyone on their list.

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TRYING TO MAKE HIS MOVE...Blue Devil Devon McLane, No. 9, tries to avoid the check of Cougar defender Liam Loughlin, No. 5, in the UCT semifinal at ALJ High School on May 4, 2019. The Blue Devils won 13-6. McLane scored three goals and added eight assists in the victory.

From the archives of The Westfield Leader and The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

May 5, 2007: Junior Evan Shapiro tossed just 69 pitches to complete a seven-inning perfect game in Westfield’s one-hour and twenty-five minute, 6-0, victory over Summit in the first round of the Union County Tournament in Westfield. Shapiro struck out six Hilltoppers and received fine defensive support from his infielders.

May 4, 2019: Gambles had to be made but in order to defeat the eighth-seeded Summit Hilltoppers, the top-seeded Cranford Cougars needed to cash in on a few of them in the later innings of the Union County Tournament quarterfinal game held at Memorial Field in Cranford on May 4. But the fine pitching of Hilltopper Matt Reddy and the accurate arm of catcher Justin Weiss prevented any cash withdrawals and stung the Cougars, 3-2, in eight innings to advance to the semifinal round.

Reddy pitched the entire eight innings and scattered eight hits, while walking two, hitting a batter and striking out three. One of his walks was intentional to Jamie Shriner, who had previously whacked an RBI triple, singled and stole a base. Shriner also singled.

The two Cougar pitchers performed well also. Starter Jake Van Dam pitched until he was relieved by Kevin Donovan with two outs in the fifth inning. Van Dam allowed two runs on five hits and one walk, while striking out eight Hilltoppers. Donovan allowed two runs on five hits and one walk, while striking out eight Hilltoppers. Donovan yielded three hits, while walking three — one intentional — and striking out one.

During the game, Weiss pulled off several key putouts beginning in the bottom of the fourth inning when he gunned down Tyler Szczek attempting to steal second base. In the sixth, Weiss nailed Szczek again attempting to swipe second after he had singled. In the same inning Mike Murphy reached safely on a throwing error and Joe Meola (2-for-4) singled but when Murphy attempted to take third, Weiss gunned him down for the third out.

May 4, 2019: Jake Engelke scored six goals and Devon McLane added three goals and eight assists to lead the second-seeded Westfield boys lacrosse team past third-seeded Cranford, 13-6, in the Union County Tournament semifinal on May 4 at Johnson High School in Clark. The victory puts the Blue Devils (7-6) into the championship round where they would play perennial rival and top-seeded Summit on May 8.

Mack Prybylski scored one goal and had two assists for Westfield. Dylan Alfano added one goal and one assist. C.J. Duffy and Nick Martini each contributed a goal. Koury Kania and Matthew Angelo each notched an assist. Theo Dardia recorded 11 saves for the Blue Devils.

Cranford was paced by Conor Halpin who had three goals and scooped up 12 ground balls. Nate Caldwell added two goals and Adam Kutzer had one goal. Michael Kalnins contributed two...
assists to the Cougar cause. Phil Marotta made 12 saves in net for Cranford.

May 4, 2019: Scotch Plains-Fanwood senior Danny Wilkinson has clearly saved his best for last. The talented lefty threw a no hitter during a brilliant 1-0 victory over Union in the quarterfinal round of the Union County Tournament on May 4 in Union. Chris Smith came up with the game winning RBI in the top of the second inning when his double into right field scored Tyler Stines who had doubled earlier in the inning. The victory advanced the Raiders to the semifinal round where they would meet the winner between second-seeded Governor Livingston and 10-seeded Elizabeth.

May 3-4, 2018: Union Catholic won eight events to run away with the girls’ crown at the Union County Relays at Kehler Stadium on May 3-4. The Lady Vikings had a total of 99.5, followed by the Westfield Blue Devils with 56 and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raiders at 52. The Cranford Cougars finished eighth with 30 points.

May 3-4, 2018: Union Catholic Vikings Jerika Lufrano, Morgan Jackson, Ashleigh Patterson and Alex Borik won the distance medley relay (DMR) with a meet record time of 12:17.52, Blue Devils Sam Stravach, Kylinn Kraemer and Bekah Dayon took top honors in the javelin with a distance of 281-9.

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It was another match-up between two of the county’s most effective pitchers, Cougar Gor-
catch came in the fourth when Jake Lerie chased down Mike McGee’s long fly ball at the right field line.

Blue Devil Chris Wagner doubled and scored twice. Knapp went 3-for-3 with a run scored and an RBI. Vall-Llobera also yanked an RBI single to right.

May 3, 2017:

One huge inning blew apart a tight game and the fifth-seeded Cranford softball team reaped the benefits with nine runs in the bottom of the fourth to defeat the 13th-seeded Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raiders, 11-1, in the quarterfinal round of the Union County Tournament (UCT) at Adams Field in Cranford on May 3. The 6-7 Raiders came into the contest riding a four-game winning streak, which included knocking off Roselle Catholic, 15-0, in the UCT preliminary round then toppling fourth-seeded Roselle Park, 4-1, before facing the Cougars.

Jillian Skalski had four singles and three RBI, while scoring once, and Liz Casazza tapped a pair of singles, walked and scored all three times for the Cougars. Jayna Mallon went 2-for-3, including a two-run single, and Taylor Reitzel, who launched a pair of home runs in a recent game against Colonia, rapped a two-run double.

Jake Lerie had two hits and four RBI, along with his home run. Chris Wagner had two hits and three RBI, while Victor Cruz pulled off the interesting feat of walking all four at-bats and scoring three runs. Kobi Wolf laced a two-run double. Owen Kessler whacked an RBI double. Matt LaCorte had a pair of hits and an RBI.

May 2, 2017:

The Cranford baseball team has been rounding into shape nicely as the Union County Tournament gets serious about crowning a champion. The Cougars sharpened their claws in a 6-2 come-from-behind victory over Union Catholic on May 2 at the newly opened Memorial Field in Cranford. Senior Ryan Bakie went 2-for-3, knocked in three runs and also scored a run to pace the Cranford offense.

Starting pitcher Ryan Abrahamson recovered from a shaky start before combining with reliever Jack McAleavey to limit the visitors to four hits and two runs. Cougar Tyler Szczep ran the third leg and finished in 2:20.87 and Brooke Schaeffer ran the anchor leg in 2:17.13.

Emma Jackler at 1:04.59, Marie Koglin at 1:04.24, Julia Myers ran the third leg and finished in 2:20.87 and Brooke Schaeffer ran the anchor leg in 2:17.13.
third in their heat in the 4x400 with a time of 4:09.7. Adriana Vergara at 13.0, Hannah Hawkins at 13.2, Anna Browne at 12.6 and Tani Horton at 12.6 took sixth in their heat in the 4x100 with a time of 51.46.

Ishmael Glasco at 11.3, Jelani Pierre at 10.7, Nick Greenspan at 10.8 and Sid Douglas at 10.8 finished the 4x100 in 44.04. Greenspan at 50.2, Cameron McLaughlin at 50.9, Coston O’Brien at 51.6 finished the 4x400 in 3:27.44. Raiders Aaron McGriff, Justin Sanders, Ben Powell and Donald Hudgins-Jones competed in the 4x400 and finished in a time of 3:32.69.

May 3, 2016: Senior attacker Scott Nizolak found the mark just before halftime then added three more goals to lead the fourth-seeded Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys lacrosse team to a 9-4 triumph over the fifth-seeded Cranford Cougars in the quarterfinal round of the Union County Tournament in Scotch Plains on May 3. Nizolak’s four goals elevated his career total to the magic number of 100.

Three of Nizolak’s goals came with the assistance of Jack Brady (1 goal). Midfielder Jordan Belford scored a goal and added a pair of assists for the 10-4 Raiders, while Richie Nardone notched a pair of goals and attacker Rob Gordon scored once. Face-off specialist Dave Walker nearly took total control in the second half, winning seven of nine, and did finish with 10 ground balls. Attackman Dan Allen scored twice for the Cougars, while attacker Tom Harris (assist) and midfielder Connor Fitch (5 ground balls). Attacker Richie Hurley and defender Mike Klieman (4 ground balls) each had an assist.

May 4, 2016: Good teams have good defense. Very good teams have very good defense and two high school teams demonstrated that they were indeed very good in a Union County Tournament girls lacrosse semi-final round clash between the sixth-ranked Royals had to scramble to survive a Blue Devil second-half surge to eke out a 7-6 victory. Blue Devil junior attacker Hannah Liddy finished with four goals, while left attack wing Gwyn Devin and right attack wing Syd Paoletti each netted one goal.

April 30/May 1, 2015: First place in 10 events belonged to the Union Catholic girls as they literally dominated the Union County Relay championship at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield on April 30 and May 1. The Lady Vikings also broke two meet records to finish with 129 points, more than doubling their next competitor Summit at 57 points. The Westfield Blue Devils and the Cranford Cougars, who won the discus and shot put, tied for third with 42 points each.

Cougars Brianna Scotti, Maranda Brown and Susanna Jaramillo won the discus with a distance of 276-11. Cougars Mara Giga (111-9 — second best), Christina Barlik and Mairead O’Donovan took second in the javelin with a distance of 284-7. Erin Meixner with a personal-record (PR) push of 36-2.5, Barlick (PR 34-4.25) and Scotti (PR 33-10.75), Anna Browne and Ariana Alvarado took second in the triple jump with a distance of 94-7.25 (WHS record).

April 30/May 1, 2015: Union Catholic seized the Union County Relays boys championships for the 17th straight year, winning the third of five meets, and the meet title, with 112 points, more than 50 points over Summit, 62 points over Rahway and 91 points over Westfield.
the fifth straight year at Gary Kehler Stadium. The Vikings finished with 112 points, while Westfield placed second at 68, followed by the Raiders with 62. Cranford took ninth at 19.5. The Raiders won two events, while the Blue Devils and the Cougars each won one event.

The DMR began with a bang-up battle between Summit and Westfield, especially in the anchor 1,600 leg between Hilltopper Leland Jones and Blue Devil Matt Russo. Jones kept trying to shake Russo but Russo refused to yield; however, in the final 100 meters, Jones had some kick left to cross first at 10:33.97, while Russo was right behind at 10:35.63 to earn the foursome of Will Chandler, Coston O’Brien, Nick Antonelli and Russo second place. The 4x100 was also a burner among the Raiders, Union Catholic and the Blue Devils. Raider Emendo Thomas led off and handed to Merlin Edmond, who got up front and handed off to Ray Walker. Anchor Kobe White grabbed the baton and burned the final 100 to cross first in a personal record (PR) time of 42.91, followed by the Vikings at 43.38 and Blue Devils Josh Glasco and Sid Douglas at 43.58.

May 2, 2015: Garrett Forrestal became a wrecking crew in every inning that he stepped to the plate, especially in the bottom of the fifth when he thumped a three-run triple to end the game via 10-run rule that gave the third-seeded Cranford baseball team a 12-2 victory over the 10th-seeded Summit Hilltoppers in the semifinal round of the Union County Tournament (UCT) at Williams Field in Elizabeth on May 2. Forrestal singled in the first inning, singled and scored in the third and doubled and scored in his first at-bat of the fifth before whacking his game-ending triple to left-centerfield to finish 4-for-4, with three RBI and two runs scored. Pat Knight also hit lights out with an RBI single and a two-run single. Mike Gamba bashed a pair of singles, scored twice and added an RBI. Mike Smith doubled and scored, and tapped an RBI single. Joe Norton (RBI) singled, walked and scored twice as did Ryan Bakie. Albert Gargiulo singled and scored, Liam Duffy scored once and had an RBI, and Brian Oblachinski had a single and an RBI.

May 2, 2014: Cashing in on the field events paid off and allowed the Union High School girls to capture the crown at the Union County Relays at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield. The Lady Farmers, who won four events, grabbed top honors in the javelin, shot put and discus to go with the 4x100 to total 90 points, ahead of the second-placed Westfield Blue Devils, who won two events and had a total of 65. Blue Devils Gabby Stravach, Kelly Morrison, Meghan O’Dwyer and Natalie Marcotullio crossed first in the 4x800 with a time of 9:39.4. Mae Devin and Ida Chen won the pole vault with a height of 16-0. Cougars Andrew Licks, Jack Kugelman and Tim Colter won the high jump with a height of 17-0.

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**KEEPING PACE WITH KENT PLACE**...Blue Devil Gabby Stravach, right, keeps pace with the Kent Place runner in the first leg of the 4x800. Stravach, Kelly Morrison, Meghan O’Dwyer and Natalie Marcotullio placed first at the county relays (May 2, 2014).

**INTENSITY AT MIDFIELD**...The Lady Raiders, in white, and the Cougars battle for possession of the ball at midfield in the opening round of the Union County Tournament in Scotch Plains on May 1, 2013. The Raiders won, 19-10.

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May 3, 2014: Blue Devil pitcher Brad DeMartino and catcher Mike Ionta figured out the right combination and several teammates produced timely hits to deliver the third-seeded Westfield High School baseball team a 4-1 victory over the second-seeded Cranford Cougars in the semifinals of the Union County Tournament at Kean University in Union on May 3. DeMartino tossed a four-hitter, not allowing more than one single in any given inning, while walking none, striking out five and hitting one batter.

The Blue Devils’ most influential inning was the second. Cal Robertson led off with a solo home run over the leftfield fence. Chris Hogge dribbled an infield single and advanced to second when the throw sailed past the first baseman. Dan DCampo laid down a perfect bunt single. Anthony Perconte lofted an RBI sacrifice fly to center, allowing Hogge to score the third run.

May 1, 2013: Senior Sean Feeney punched a single into leftfield to bring home Albert Garguilo with the winning run in the bottom of the 11th inning to earn the top-seeded Cranford baseball team a 6-5 victory over eighth-seeded Union Catholic in what could be described as a “game of inches” in the quarterfinal round of the Union County Tournament (UCT) at Memorial Field in Cranford on May 1.

Cougar starting pitcher John Armstrong tossed four and two-thirds innings, yielding all five runs (3 earned) on 10 hits, while walking none and striking out eight.

Andrew DiFrancesco led the Cougars with a triple and a single with two RBI, two runs scored and two stolen bases. Chris Folinusz had two hits with a key RBI double in the sixth inning. Garguilo (Run, RBI), Jake Forrestal (Run) and Williamson (RBI) each had two hits, and Tommy Trotter singled and scored twice.

May 1, 2013: Annie Cannone (5 assists, 3 ground balls) and Haley Regan (3 assists) netted four goals each, while Andrea McNeeley (3 ground balls) fired in four goals as well.
a team-high five goals to lead the Scotch Plains-Fanwood girls’ lacrosse team past the visiting Cranford Cougars, 19-10, in the opening round of the Union County Tournament on May 1.

Co-captain midfielder Morgan Mason led the 2-9 Cougars with a team-high four goals, while Erica Farace and Sarah Ross each scored two goals. Colleen Harnett and Hannah Ross contributed one goal each. Cougar goalie Catherine Miller faced a barrage of 19 shots, finishing with six saves.

May 3/4, 2012: Bryanna Grant, Gillian Burke and Regine Hunter broke the meet record in the triple jump at the Union County Relays to help the Cranford girls secure second place behind Union and ahead of Scotch Plains-Fanwood at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield. Burke, Grant and Hunter broke the triple jump meet record of 104-5 set by Cranford last year with a distance of 111-0. Grant at 37-5.25, Burke at 36-5.5 and Hunter at 36-1.25 had the event’s three best jumps.

Burke with the meet’s best leap of 16-8.5 (personal best), Rebecca Shimonov (3rd-best leap of 16-3) and Megan Schetelich took top honors in the long jump with a distance of 47-6.75. Schelelich, Shimonov, Hunter and Grant also broke the shuttle hurdles meet record of 1:02.7 set by Union in 2007 by finishing in 1:02.11.

May 3-4, 2012: Three meet records were broken at the Union County Relays, and the Union Catholic boys had all three of them to remain at the top of the roost at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield. Blue Devils Evan Tarlow, Patrick Terry, Jack Leahy and John Kinca crossed first in the 4x1,600 at 18:06.99, followed by Cougars Tom Feeney, Mike Zanfardino, Eli Howard and Connor McMahon at 18:54.29.

Blue Devils Chris Jimenez, Declan Fitzmaurice and Mike DePaolo won the triple jump with a distance of 124-11.75. Cougar Adham McGuire had the best leap of 43-9, which was not only his personal best but a Cranford school record. Blue Devils Peter Fagan and John Stelmach grabbed first in the pole vault with a height of 26 feet.


Howarth struck out seven Vikings and walked three, while allowing just three hits then reliever James D’Angelo finished the job, striking out two, walking one and yielding no hits to earn the fifth-seeded Scotch Plains-Fanwood baseball team a 7-1 victory over fourth-seeded Union Catholic in the quarterfinals of the Union County Tournament (UCT).
May 1, 2010: Tuning up for more critical games, the second-seeded Scotch Plains-Fanwood baseball team took another step toward a county championship, battering the 18th-seeded Plainfield Cardinals, 17-0, in five innings in the opening round of the Union County Tournament in Scotch Plains on May 1. Raider pitcher Jordan Bayroff, limited the Cardinals to two hits, striking out three and walking one in his three innings before junior lefty Sean Reilly took the mound in the fourth. Reilly fanned three and allowed one hit.

Raider Mike Ridge went 3-for-4, including a triple and a double, with three RBI and scored two runs, Gary Binkiewicz (2-for-3) racked up three RBI, John Maxwell (3-for-3) and Joe D’Annunzio (2-for-2) each tallied two RBI. Lou Mazzella (3-for-3), Taylor Schon (1-for-2) and James D’Angelo each added a run.

April 30/May 1, 2009: Union and Rahway finished 1-2, with respective team totals of 86 and 84 and the 2008 champions Westfield placed third with a total of 74 at the Union County boys track and field relays at Kehler Stadium in Westfield on April 30 and May 1. Scotch Plains-Fanwood finished seventh with a 33 total.

Blue Devils Julian Applebaum, Mike Kelley, Zach Lizmi and Ryan Scrudato put it all together on May 1 to win the 4x1600 with a time of 18:41.64. Blue Devil senior Dave Fishman tied his personal best with a clearance of 12 feet and junior Tim Woods cleared 11 feet to win the pole vault with a height of 23 feet.

In an incredibly stacked race, Blue Devils Todd Saunders (200), Ricardo Johnson (200), Pat Gray (400) and Josh Einbinder (800) crossed second in the sprint medley relay with a time of 3:35.33 behind Union Farmers Ellison Lucien, Andre Highsmith, Baaya Oluyandi and Jon Jackson who crossed first at 3:33.32.

April 30/May 1, 2009: AL Johnson High School easily won the team title with a total of 84 at the Union County girls track and field relays held at Kehler Stadium on April 30 and May 1. The Raiders won two relay events and placed fifth with 44 points followed by the Blue Devil girls with 43 points.

Raiders Sara Canfield, Whitney Adams and Emily Nagourney took second in the team long jump with a combined distance of 46’5.5”. Canfield had a strong leap of 17’4”. Canfield and Adams, along with Camille Handy, took top honors in the triple jump with a combined distance of 100’9”. Kim Wenson, Danielle Schweizer and Malonia Miles took top honors in the shot put with a combined distance of 95’9.25”. Cranford Cougars Kelly Burke, a junior who cleared 11 feet, and senior Lilas Humen totaled 19’6” to break the previous meet record of 18 feet in the pole vault set by New Providence in 2006 and Cranford in 2007.

May 2, 2009: Sophomores Danny Kerr and AJ Murray became the major part of the Blue Devils’ wrecking crew and senior pitcher Chris Jenkins became the silencer in a 12-0, five-inning victory over the 15th-seeded Summit Hilltoppers in Westfield.

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 PERFECT! PERFECT! PERFECT!...Blue Devil Evan Shapiro, center, was swarmed by his teammates after he pitched a “Perfect” game in a 6-0 victory over the Summit Hilltoppers in the first round of the Union County Tournament in Westfield on May 5, 2007.

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OUT AT THIRD BASE...Raider Anthony Scalfaro gets tagged out by Viking third baseman Anthony Coletti in the fourth inning of the Union County Tournament quarterfinal game on May 4, 2011. The Raiders won 7-1

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on May 2.

Kerr tripled and scored, then blasted a two-run home run over the right field fence in the first inning, which plated nine Blue Devils. Kerr added a single in the second inning. Murray, who had two plate appearances, hammered a two-run homer over the left field fence then added an RBI double. Jenkins slammed a two-run shot over the left field fence.

May 3, 2008: Threats of rain hovered over Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield all afternoon on May 3 but the real soaking occurred over the back of Westfield Head Coach Jack Martin after the Blue Devils captured their first Union County Relay championship since 1983.

Blue Devils Evan Friedman, Gerard Pierre, Josh Einbinder and Alex Tarlow won the distance medley relay (DMR) with a time of 10:33.2. Blue Devils Adam Berge, with a meet-best distance of 45’9.25”, and Malcolm Allen at 41’6.75” won the triple jump with a distance of 87’4”. Bergo, Jordan Johnson and Mike Wikander won the high jump with a height of 17’6”. Blue Devils Brandon Heroux, Wikander and Pat Gray won the team javelin with a distance of 466’6”. Heroux’s toss of 192’9” was the top throw.

Raiders Mike Alleman (61’3”), Jason Boff and Matt McQuoid won the shot put with a distance of 149’2.5”. Alleman, with a meet-best 158’6”, McQuoid and Boff also won the discus with a distance of 412’4”. Raiders Mike Ragan, Martin Sweeney, Dan Sapienza and Pat Doliber crossed first in the 4x1,600 with a time of 18:21.7.

Early May, 2008: Westfield High School (WHS) senior Brandon Heroux will never be the same, at least as compared to where he was before he decided to give the sport of track & field a try his sophomore year. That decision resulted in something he never expected. Heroux’s personal-best throw of 202 feet in the javelin earned him the distinction of becoming first WHS student to win an individual event at the prestigious Penn Relays in Philadelphia.

May 3, 2008: Blue Devils Rose Driscoll, Lisa Nehring, Cat Cognetti and Tessa Schaaf set a meet record in the 4x800 meters and Raiders Hayley Cornell, Cassy Valdes, Cathy Harley and Britney Veeck broke the meet record in the 4x1,600 at the two-day Union County girls relays at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield on May 3.

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