

Arts & Entertainment

State of the Art

Haunted Houses
"Haunted House of Ghouls" will be hosted at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield from October 28 to Saturday, October 30, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Seven rooms of Halloween haunts will be featured. Admission is \$5.

The Westfield Recreation Commission will host a Haunted House on Sunday, October 31, from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Memorial Pool Complex. The event will be held rain or shine. For more information, please call the Recreation Commission at (908) 789-4080.

Craft Fairs
Union County Vocational-Technical Schools -- Saturday, November 6, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Overlook Hospital -- Enchantments Craft Show, October 28, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mixed Bag
Waterloo Village in Stanhope will host a "Halloween Torchlight Walk" on Friday, October 29. "Historic Halloween" will be held on Saturday, October 30, from noon to 4 p.m. "A Look at New Jersey's Historic Graveyards" will also be held on October 30 at 3 p.m. For more details, please call (973) 347-0900.

The Great Pumpkin Sail, a festival of illuminating pumpkins, will be held at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside on Monday, November 1. For more information, please call (908) 527-4900.

Music
The Crossroads in Garwood will welcome Cup of Joe and F.P. Toz this evening, Thursday, October 28 and Voodues on Friday, October 29. For more information, please call (908) 232-5666.

Theatre
Union County Arts Center in Rahway will host a presentation of Mel Brook's satire of old Hollywood Horror films entitled, *Young Frankenstein* on October 29 at 8 p.m. The film stars Madeline Kahn, Cloris Leachman, Teri Garr, Gene Wilder, Marty Feldman and Peter Boyle. For more information, please call (732) 499-8226.

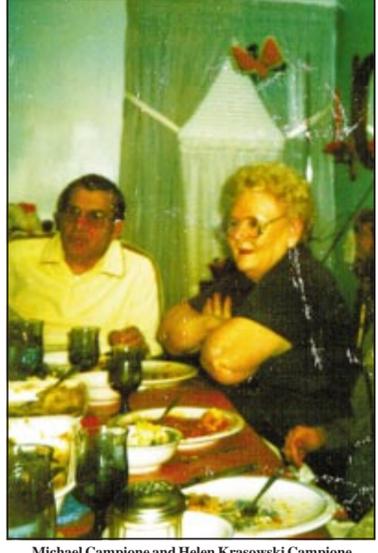
Nothing Beats the Flavor Of Sunday Italian Dinners At Grandma's House

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Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

LINDEN - "Who invited you to dinner?" my grandfather would lovingly tease on Sunday afternoons - secretly knowing that it just wouldn't be Sunday if his family wasn't gathering around the table for a big meal and provoking conversation.

A wafting aroma at my grandparent's house, which represented Italian and Polish cultures, always lured my relatives with an infectious blend of pungent garlic, onions, basil and tomatoes or plump cabbage rolls, kielbasa and potato pierogies.

My grandmother, Helen Krasowski Campione, always stirring diligently at the stove. My grandfather, Michael, sneaking into the kitchen to cut a wedge of Provolone cheese. Food brought my family together on Sundays, but more importantly, the traditions inculcated from the food we enjoyed and the conversation that ensued made us a family.



Michael Campione and Helen Krasowski Campione

Thus, learning how to cook was an inevitability, and simply unavoidable.

My grandmother, who was known affectionately as the "Polish Falcon" whipped up batches of giombatta (a mixture of scrambled eggs, potatoes, onions and peppers), broccoli raabe, pork and beans with macaroni and garlic and oil with linguine, just as well as any Italian could do. She learned everything she knew as a young bride living in the Peterstown section of Elizabeth - the mecca of Sicilian settlers.

Legend has it that my grandmother had to have dinner on the table upon the arrival of my grandfather from a hard day at work at Exxon. Sharing a meal separately, without each family member at the table, was simply out of the question - and mind you, non-Sicilian.

During my pre-teen years, my grandfather would knead pounds of pizza dough and pour his spaghetti sauce or what most Italians call "gravy" atop squares of the dough before sprinkling on mounds of mozzarella.

Everyone had to gather around the kitchen table and sample his many variations on the "perfect Sicilian pie." I recall one that was heavily spiced with Oregano. Gulping down those pieces, his family nodded with approval, keeping in mind that he was the great experimenter. Food was an art and a pleasure for him.

The holidays commonly revolved around certain foods. Like divorced parents having separate custody of their children, my grandparents would split up Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, according to nationalities. Before

Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve, we would enjoy bowls of Polish sauerkraut soup with dried mushrooms before moving on to ham, kielbasa, pierogies, fried cauliflower and other specialties.

Pots of gravy and pasta were filled to the brim on the afternoon of Christmas Day. Sicilian fig cookies would be relished, as well as trays of special Italian cookies from Bella

Palermo in Elizabeth.

Before my grandfather died in 1987, he compiled a small recipe book, ranging from his pizza specialties to black cookies, with his own unique wording and ingredients. This small volume has become a treasure not only in our personal cookbook collection, but in our recollections of him.

Nearly 12 years later, I can be found at my stove, industriously stirring a pot of gravy, or cooking up some onions for pierogies. Sure, I follow the old traditions and recipe instructions set forth by my grandparents, but I have made customs of my own with different ingredients I have learned to appreciate.

The art of fine dining is not limited to enjoying a culinary masterpiece in a posh restaurant. It has little to do with going through a drive-thru at your favorite fast food restaurant and asking to "super size" your fries.

A dining experience is also based on family members and the culinary traditions they hold near and dear to their hearts. It's the aroma of Sunday dinners that you carry with you forever.



WARM RECEPTION...The Westfield Symphony Orchestra celebrated its successful opening season concert on October 9 at a post concert reception hosted by Past President Jane Kelly. Prosecco wine, manufactured by Mionetto Wines, was donated for the event and the next four receptions. Pictured, left to right, are: Gerry Palladino, Corporate Executive of Mionetto Wines; Steve Barcan, President of the Board of Directors of the Westfield Symphony Orchestra, and Ms. Kelly.

Fall Harvest of Crafts On Tap At Fanwood Presbyterian Church

FANWOOD - The women of the Fanwood Presbyterian Church will sponsor its 12th annual Harvest of Crafts on Saturday, November 6, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The fair will feature handcrafted items from 55 crafters around the Metropolitan area.

Admission is free. A luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m.

For more information, please call Co-Chairwoman Ellie Kramps at (908) 322-2337.

Cranford Historical Group Celebrates Art of Decorating

CRANFORD - The Cranford Historical Society will host its second annual interior decorating and design show, "The Spirit of Entertaining - Vignettes celebrating the art of decorating," on Saturday and Sunday November 6 and 7, from noon to 4 p.m.

An opening night preview party and reception will be held on Friday, November 5, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The event, which is sponsored by the Victoria Shop, the gift shop in the Crane-Phillips House Museum, will take place in two locations simultaneously: the Hanson House, 38 Springfield Avenue, and the Crane-Phillips House Museum, 124 Union Avenue North, both in Cranford.

This year, there will be 17 participants, including numerous area decorators and fine shops, all displaying their ideas on interior design and how to decorate for entertaining. Displays will range from a table centerpiece to decorating an intimate table for two, to lavishly decorating an entire dining room.

Tickets are \$10 each, and are good for one day while the cost of attending the special opening night

Cartoons

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Winner of the New York State Press Association Award for a cartoon he created in 1993, Mr. Neseman revealed, "I really appreciate politicians who can laugh at themselves. I don't think you should trust any politician that can't laugh at himself."

Mr. Neseman has been playfully put into a headlock by his mayor and recognized by town officials, who take his cartooning all in fun. However, the same did not hold true when he started crafting toons which pointed out teacher's contracts which skyrocketed in his neighborhood.

Mr. Neseman revealed that the teachers submitted angry letters to him, making enemies among the teacher population. However, the cartoonist felt strongly enough about the issue to express his opinion without regret in his cartoon.

"I used to draw cartoons when I was a kid," noted Mr. Neseman, adding that U.S. Army figures were some of his first scrawlings. It wasn't until he drew the goings-on in the advertising department office of his former employer that colleagues told him, "You should do this for a living."

While, Mr. Neseman didn't quite take their advice on a full-time basis, he began creating political cartoons in 1987, now running his own printing company. He said he can appreciate the value of political cartoons, which he believes convey an opinion and message now more than in previous years.

Taste of Westfield

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paintings, it wouldn't be such a special community event," said Mrs. Louie.

"It is a wonderful event for a good cause, which is First Night," noted Mrs. Louie. "Westfield is a great community and this event offers a great chance for everyone to get together and taste all the wonderful food right here in Westfield and the surrounding areas."

Other businesses that contributed to the event included: Amberg Perennial Farm & Garden Center, Edward's Supermarkets, Kings Super Markets, Parkers Greenhouses Farm & Garden Center, ShopRite Super Market, Williams Nursery, Tom the Green Grocer and Domino's Pizza.

Raffle prizes were provided by Anthology, Big Sky Bread Company, The Brick Oven, Chico's, Galata's Restaurant, Just Adorable, Lancaster, Ltd., Lia's, The Papery, Salon Salon and the Westfield Symphony Orchestra.

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For more information, please call 322-5487

CRANFORD DRAMATIC CLUB'S CDC THEATRE

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WINTER PRODUCTION
Mame
Book by Jerome Lawrence & Robert E. Lee
Music & Lyrics by Jerry Herman
Mame is an independently wealthy woman who loses all her money in the stock market, marries a man and has to deal with his family. Based on Patrick Dennis' fictional account of his flamboyant aunt, a woman of innate kindness and undefeatable courage. A wonderful cast of characters and great songs you don't want to miss.
Directed by Peter Clark
Friday, February 11, 18, 25
Saturday, February 12, 19, 26

SPRING PRODUCTION
Lend Me A Tenor
Written by Ken Ludwig
This farce, set in Cleveland in 1934, has mistakenly identified lovers' quarrels, hiding in closets and a happy ending. The tenor in question is Tito Merelli, the famous opera singer, who is to perform Verdi's Otello. Things don't go according to plan and Max gets the chance of a lifetime to impress the boss' daughter, Maggie, by standing in.
Directed by Naomi Yablonsky
Friday, May 5, 12, 19
Saturday, May 6, 13, 20

CHILDREN'S THEATRE
Aladdin
Adaptation and Lyrics by Jim Eller, Music by Jim Eller and Jeanne Bargy
Tale of the poor boy, the beautiful princess & that large genie in the very tiny lamp.
Directed by Elliot Lanes
Children Under 13 - \$5 • Adults \$7 • Seniors \$5
Saturday, December 4 - 1:30, 4:30, 7:30pm
Sunday, December 5 - 1:30, 4:30pm

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Lend Me A Tenor: 5/5 - 5/12 - 5/19

SATURDAYS
Mame: 2/12 - 2/19 - 2/26
Lend Me A Tenor: 5/6 - 5/13 - 5/20

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Costume Contest

Sat. Oct 30th 1 p.m.
Three age categories:
5 under, 6-12, adults

Prizes 5 & under, 6-12
1st: Beanie Bear Trio: Groovy, Wallace, Holiday
2nd: Beanie Duo: Birthday Bear, Ghost
3rd: Beanie Duo: Flutter, Lips
Adult Prizes: 1st \$50 Gift Certificate
2nd \$25 Gift Certificate

All Children in costume receive a cool trick-or-treat bag!

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Hayrides: Fri 3pm-5pm Sat 10am-4pm
Ponyrides: Sat Noon-4pm

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