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# Bob Shryock: Scientist on 4th, fireman fundraiser, a 105th birthday and West Deptford woman is 'Distinguished Citizen'



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Dr. Steven Squyres, whose love for science was nurtured at Wenonah Elementary School, returns to his hometown as guest speaker in the park following the Fourth of July parade.

Born and raised in Wenonah, the Cornell University professor was the lead engineer on NASA's highly successful twin rovers Mars expedition.

He told former Wenonah Mayor Jack Sheppard Sr., "At Wenonah Elementary I had my first lessons in skills like math and writing that have become so important to me in later years. At Gateway, I got my first real training in the earth sciences, chemistry, and physics -- training that I still put into use every day as we explore Mars with Spirit and Opportunity (landing vehicles)."

Squyres gives his parents, Art and Felicie, ample credit for his success: "If you want proof that parents can have a profound effect on their children's successes in life, you need look no further than my mother and dad."

Four years ago Squyres was the first to be honored on the Fourth of July as a "Wenonah Legend."

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A fund-raiser for Rich Lorenz, 53, a former Philadelphia fireman who has terminal cancer, will be held Thursday, June 25, 6 p.m. at the Philly Diner Sports Bar on the Black Horse Pike in Runnemede.

Diagnosed recently, Lorenz lived in Washington Township before moving to Palm Coast, Fla. with his wife of four years, the former Donna Callahan, two years ago. He has hospice care and will be unable to attend the Runnemede event. His cancer started in his lungs and spread throughout his body.

Tickets are \$30 per person, including food and refreshments. Additional funds will be raised through an auction.

Those unable to attend can contribute to the Rich and Donna Lorenz Benefit Fund at any TD Bank. "Bills are astronomical," says a family member.

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Each year family members and friends gather to celebrate Woodbury resident Ella May Wing's birthday on her actual birth date -- June 16.