

Township recreation center nears completion

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

According to township and YMCA officials, the Chisholm School Community Recreation Center is nearing an October completion.

Springfield Recreation Director Michael Tennaro and Summit Area YMCA Executive Director Bruce Black said most of the major construction has been completed. Remaining work includes detailing changes and the installation of various health club and office equipment.

There are some items I have to talk with the Summit Y people about," said Tennaro at the Springfield Rotary Club luncheon Sept. 15. "We're looking at a late October opening. We'll have flyers going out in the newspapers and maybe photographs of the finished building. It's safe to say we're entering the home stretch in construction," said Black from his Summit office. "We're waiting for the trade contractors to finish. Then we can move in around mid-October."

Tennaro, before 25 Rotarians, gave a verbal tour of the Chisholm Center. After entering the front reception area, visitors go into the locker rooms on the main floor, and from there patios have several choices.

"The YMCA will be leasing one wing," said Tennaro. "Inside will be a weight room, an exercise area and a day care center. The Recreation Department wing will have a larger basketball court and classrooms."

More classrooms are found on the second-floor. The open center will

return there as well, but as a supervised facility.

"When the Chisholm Center opens, a decade-long saga will end. The building began life as the Raymond Chisholm School, named after the only Springfield resident killed in World War I. The Springfield Board of Education expanded the building twice, but eventually sold it to the township in 1988.

Parts of the Chisholm building were used by the Recreation Department's summer day camp, teen center and the over-40 basketball league until it eventually closed for renovation on Aug. 15, 1997. The Township Committee, meanwhile, spent considerable time debating the center's potential uses. A renovation plan of about \$1.5 million was approved by the township in October 1996.

I have to bring field YMCA. It will be a branch of the township. The Recreation Department will have use of some of their leased space outside of the Y's operating hours."

Black said the Springfield branch will operate much like the Berkeley Heights Branch, which Summit opened in 1995.

"People can become full members at one of the three Ys," said Black. "If they want to use one of the other two Ys, an add-on fee will be charged to their membership."

"That fee has been waived for Summit Y members using the Berkeley Heights free weight room. The waiver was due to an expansion program closing Summit's free weight room until next spring."

"Everywhere we turn we see zoning structures, but our membership has been very good about it," said Black. "We've had a few Summit residents joining Berkeley Heights because of the construction. I believe we may see the same thing at the Springfield Y, but in fewer numbers."

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Even while working without a contract, County Manager Michael Lagola says he's in his current position for the long haul. Lagola denies rumors that he may be a candidate for a judgeship after the November elections.

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Identify theft is rapidly turning into an international problem, and residents of Union County finally safeguarded their personal information against criminals who use it to bill people for millions and billions of dollars, said the county's chief law enforcement officer.

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Borough resident Dixie Vaughn speaks about her experiences as an FBI agent to the Mountainside Active Retirees.

Retirees hear program on FBI

Resident makes presentation on life as a special agent

By Craig Garretson
Staff Writer

DIXIE VAUGHN, a Special Agent with the New York FBI, addressed approximately 45 members of the Mountainside Active Retirees Tuesday morning on topics ranging from joining the FBI to the five 22 steps.

Vaughn, a Mountainside resident who says she still has "a few years" before mandatory retirement at age 57, has been an agent with the FBI for over 17 years, solving cases involving bank fraud and drugs and working as an FBI retiree.

"It's a wonderful, wonderful career," she said. "But it's not something you can just somebody is do. This isn't just a job. It's a lifestyle. It's something that has to come from inside."

Vaughn started her career in law enforcement from an unlikely place, working as a school teacher in Florida. She said that most agents, in fact, are recruited; their rate of entry, 30%. All must United States citizens between the ages of 23 and 37, who hold at least a bachelor's degree, are eligible.

Although traditionally the FBI has sought out individuals with advanced degrees and backgrounds in fields such as computer science and psychology backgrounds. Fluency in foreign languages, such as Spanish, French, or German is also very helpful.

Applicants must be in excellent physical condition as well. "It's a very demanding job, physically," Vaughn stated. "You are tested physically every six months, and must qualify with firearms four times a year."

Agents must also be willing to move around the country as needed; she said, although it doesn't happen as much as it used to. "When I first joined you would expect 11 moves in your career," she said. "I've done three. There is more regional hiring now than there used to be, allowing agents to stay in a particular city or region."

She described the application process as a "giant funnel" that whittles out many hopeful applicants at every stage. "If we receive 20,000 applications, maybe 5,000 of them will reach the interview," Vaughn said.

According to Vaughn, the process begins with a resume, and dismisses those applicants who have no

in terms of achieving a higher education. While working as a patrolman, she graduated with an associate's degree from Union County College and in 1988 she completed his bachelor's degree from Essex College.

In January 1990, Oseiga was promoted to the position of detective sergeant. Four months later, when Detective Sergeant Jerry Rice retired, Oseiga took on a key administrative role in the detective squad.

"He has been running the detective bureau since April of 1996," said Police Chief James DeBore. "He is doing an excellent job and is well-earning of this promotion."

Mountainside Mayor Bob Vignati said the Mountainside detective bureau "set records" under Oseiga. "He and Detective Sergeant Todd Turner received an award from the township association. They have very distinguished in appointing an individual who was involved in making the township through the Union County

status, stealing many hundreds of thousands of dollars."

The lieutenant's position was opened after the promotion of DeBore to police chief. Oseiga will continue on his current duties, including investigating crimes and following up on arrests with Turner in the detective bureau. In addition, he will take on additional administrative responsibilities.

Oseiga has seen numerous changes during his tenure in Mountainside. "We've done a long way in the last few years," he said. "With several officers retiring, we've had younger officers coming in and we've seen a lot of great activity in our patrol force."

Mountainside's police force has also seen more communication with state, federal, and county departments as well. According to Oseiga, the increased cooperation that has led to the township because of the additional information and resources made available.

Oseiga, who resides in Mountainside with his wife and three daughters, describes the borough as the "type of community you want to raise children in."

"A community provides not a lot of the things that you're looking for, but that the people all know each other. It's a close-knit, very friendly community."

"Richie is very involved in the other areas of the community," said Vignati. "He and his wife Donna have been very active role in a lot of other events. They were both involved in the planning for the 100th anniversary of the borough, and Donna is a member of the library board."

Oseiga's wife, parents, and daughter attended the Borough Council meeting in which the promotion was formally announced. The meeting, which coincided with Oseiga's 40th birthday, ended with Vignati leading the community in a chorus of "Happy Birthday."

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Tennis courts may become skating rinks for the winter

By Craig Garretson
Staff Writer

The mayor of Mountainside and other borough residents could be skating on thin ice this winter if a plan to convert tennis courts into a skating rink is implemented. Mayor Bob Vignati, after reading about some neighboring communities that had created their own outdoor "ice rinks," proposed the plan for the borough.

The idea is simple enough: instead of huge tags across a flat surface, fill it with a few inches of water, and let mother nature do the rest. After the winter's first cold snap, a low-maintenance outdoor skating rink is created.

There is no frost, no pipes, no freezing mechanism," Vignati said. The only cost associated with the rink is the purchase of the lining, which will be less than \$4,000, he said.

With proper maintenance, it will last 10 years," he said. That's an investment of about \$400 per year, for something that will be a great benefit to the community.

During last year's unseasonably mild winter, a neighboring community was able to use their rink for only 14 or 15 days, he said, but he added that the "Famer's Almanac" predicts a very cold winter this year.

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Linear park proposed on former railroad

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Rosary Club official Ron Goldberg recently made the unprecedented move of speaking at a Lions Club dinner on the topic of constructing a linear park through the township.

Goldberg is also planning to address the Millburn-Springfield Kiwanis Club and almost any civic organization that invites him. The former Springfield Rotary president is asking people to consider a plan for converting the former Railway Valley Railroad right of way into a recreation area.

Having a linear park will provide recreational opportunities for residents, said Goldberg before about 20 Lions Club members Sept. 16. "The land is owned by the New Jersey Department of Transportation, who is willing to turn the deed over to Union County. Finding to create and maintain the park would come from county, state or federal sources."

The R.V.R., a short track freight line which last ran in 1983, used to link Cranford with Union and Summit. When the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders announced its intention to revive the service last year, they said that of the Springfield-Summit branch, would be highly unlikely to work.

Goldberg foresees the right of way becoming a walking path or bicycle way over the 2.5 mile branch, which includes past old factories, parks and residential neighborhoods. That path may be extended into Cranford should the Freeholders' freight line plans fall through.

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Police work has become way of life for Mountainside officer

Richard Oseiga, a 20-year veteran of the Mountainside Police Department, has held his career in high esteem for much of his life. "It's just always been there to go to," he said.

"That has always been my main goal," Oseiga has never lost sight of that goal by reaching the rank of lieutenant Sept. 15.

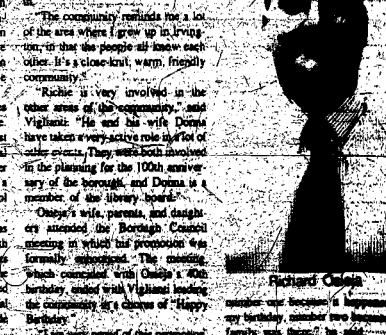
Oseiga's father George, an Irvington detective, had hoped that his son would graduate from college before pursuing a career in law enforcement.

Oseiga didn't want to join, however, and within six months of graduating from high school he followed in his father's footsteps by joining the ranks of the Irvington police department.

A graduate of Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains, Oseiga wanted to return to Union County and requested a transfer. After one year in Irvington, he was transferred to Mountainside and has remained there for 20 years.

Despite his long career, Oseiga did not abandon his parents

Richard Oseiga



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Borough promotes clean communities

The Borough of Mountaineer will hold its annual Clean Communities Day program Oct. 4 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Deerfield School. Lunch will be provided immediately following the event in the Deerfield School cafeteria. All residents are encouraged to participate in the annual litter clean-up event. Registration is required by 9 p.m. This lunch can be ordered. An informational event is held on the day of the clean-up and debris pickup. Surfaces will be provided. A meeting will be held on Sept. 28 at 7 p.m. in the small conference room at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22, to discuss the areas that need to be cleaned. Attendance at the meeting is not required to participate in Clean Communities Day. For registration and questions, call Ruth at (908) 232-2499.

Bookstores honor literacy month

Literacy Volunteers of America Union County Affiliate, the county's largest adult literacy training organization, will be celebrating October as Literacy Month with the help of Union County's local bookstores. Information tables will be set up during the month of October in Barnes and Nobles Inc., Route 22 in Springfield and in Book Lovers Outlet on South Avenue in Westfield. LVA-CC members will be on hand to answer questions and sign up prospective tutors and students on Oct. 17 at Barnes and Nobles and Oct. 24 at Book Lovers Outlet. For more information on Literacy Volunteers of America or to volunteer, call the grants office at (908) 940-0440.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings. To give your community event the publicity it deserves, mail your schedule to P.O. Box 3169, Union, NJ 07083.

Friday
The Summit Area Chapter of the American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at St. John's, 587 Springfield Ave. in Summit, from 3-8:30 p.m. The drive is open to the public and will be conducted by NJ-Blood Services. Donors will need to bring ID with a picture of signature and know their Social Security number.

Saturday
A Multi-family Garage Sale will be held at 10 a.m. at the Jonathan Dayton High School on Mountain Avenue in Springfield. Items such as clothes, toys and house wares will be sold. All proceeds will benefit the school. Open to Springfield.

Sunday
The Trailside Nature and Science Center will hold its 17th Annual Harvest Festival from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The festival will include a celebration of colonial and Native American life and will feature a Revolutionary War reenactment, reenactments, live period music with the Golden Age Retrievers and the Sea Shanties, Native American dancing and a colonial magic show with Conquer Meyer. There will also be kids' crafts, colonial games to buy and try pony rides, a spinning and lace painting demonstration of crafts and food sale. Admission is \$3 per person and for those under age 7, admission is free.

Wednesday
Charles Jacques will be installed as Grand Knight of Springfield Knights of Columbus Council 5560 at 7 p.m. at St. James Church in Springfield. A reception will follow at the Knights of Columbus home honoring Grand Knight Wade Cook and Past President of Columbus Jacques Patricia Cook. A donation will also be presented to the Learning Disabled and a high school scholarship will be awarded.

Cum gratias
The Fourth Club of Mountaineer will meet at B.G. Fields at noon for lunch. The cost is \$12.50 per person and a demonstration will be given by an Edge Laiders representative. Guests are welcome. Call (908) 232-8026 for reservations.

Oct 2
The Mountaineer Democratic Club has announced that it has made special arrangements with the Showboat Casino for a bus trip to Atlantic City, actually no cost to those attending. For more information and to make reservations, call Rose Sisk at (908) 232-4043 or Lou Thomas at (908) 233-5654.

Oct 3
A retirement celebration for Helen Keyworth will be held in the Terrace Room of the Ballou Golf Club on Shunpike Road in Springfield. The reception will begin at 7 p.m. and the dinner at 8 p.m. The cost is \$70 per person. Call (973) 912-2202 for more information.

Oct 4
Sandmeier School, 666 South Springfield Ave., Springfield will hold an Outdoor Fall Market sponsored by the PTA. The rain date will be Oct. 11 and vendors and crafters with new and used merchandise are wanted. For more information, call Fran at (973) 376-6186.

Oct 9
The program scheduled for the Senior Citizen Club of Mountaineer will include Dan Kalem, CHIME coordinator, who will discuss new developments in the Medicare Program. The seniors meet in the Community Presbyterian Church in Mountaineer Fridays at noon.

Oct 15, 16, 17
The First Presbyterian Church of Springfield will hold a Rummage Sale from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 15 and 16 and from 9:30 a.m. to noon on Oct. 17. For more information, call (973) 378-4320.

Oct 17
The James Caldwell School PTA, 30 Caldwell Place, will hold its annual Fall Festival from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. rain or shine. Proceeds will be directed towards building a new playground at the school. There will be games, retired Beanie Babies games, food, a raffle and other activities for the whole family. For more information, contact Gen at (973) 364-9929.

Oct 21
The Springfield Chapter of Hadassah will sponsor a bus trip to Princeton. The trip will include a guided tour of the governor's mansion, lunch at the Nassau Inn and a guided tour of the art museum at Princeton University. The all-inclusive price is \$55 and all proceeds will be donated to Youth Aliyah to be used in the Children's Village that are helping to integrate the young and new arrivals to Israel. Checks can be made payable to Springfield Chapter of Hadassah. For reservations, call Pearl Kaplan at (973) 376-3171.

Oct 24
The second annual flea market at the Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fee is \$20 for a space and the fair date is Oct. 31. Flea market vendors and people looking to sell off their unwanted garage sale items are asked to call Tom at (908) 587-0779. Either at (908) 276-4968, or the church at (973) 376-1905 for an application.

Oct 24 and 25
The second annual Craft Show at St. James the Apostle in Springfield will be held Oct. 24 from 10 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 25 from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. The fee is \$60 for a table and two chairs for both days, and \$90 for two tables and four chairs for both days. The entire school will be utilized due to the overwhelming response last year. Tables will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Any questions, or for an application, call Anne at (973) 376-5612 or Janet at (973) 912-0392.

Nov 21
The second annual Winter Craft Fair at the Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church will be held indoors from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vendors are wanted, and spaces are \$25, which includes a table and chair. Call Tom at (908) 587-0779. Either at (908) 276-4968, or the church at (973) 376-1695 to reserve early.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

Congratulations are in order

We congratulate Mountainside resident Thomas Lyons on his new appointment as Union County's latest Superior Court judge.

Lyons was sworn in to the position by Assignment Judge Edward Beglin Jr. during a recent ceremony at the Union County Courthouse, where he will assume his new duties. Lyons is the first Superior Court judge installed since Summit resident Kathryn R. Brock was sworn in last year.

Lyons has lived and worked most of his life in Union County, a fact that will surely benefit him in rendering sound judgments on county matters. His wealth of experience includes a position as law secretary to former Superior Court Judge Cuddie Davidson, a vice presidential post at Howard Savings Bank, and positions as special counsel for the Elizabeth Law Department as well as for the law firm of Mackenzie, Well, Duane and Lechner. All of these posts have provided Lyons with a broad familiarity with legal issues in the area.

We wish Lyons luck and the continued ability to make just decisions in his new office.

Parks improve community life

A word of thanks to Union County for its recent support of park renovation efforts throughout Springfield and Summit.

The Board of Chosen Freeholders awarded both municipalities matching grants during its Sept. 10 meeting. Springfield received \$39,000 for the renovation of 10 parks in the township, while Summit was awarded \$25,000 for improving the playground at Jefferson School and \$100,000 for the development of recreation areas in the vicinity of Glenside Avenue.

Open spaces where residents can entertain their kids, quietly enjoy nature or break a sweat in a ballgame play an integral role in community life. Unified towns need clean, comfortable, well-kept places for residents to enjoy recreational activities and each other's company, and local parks provide the most easily accessible forum for this purpose.

The Board of Chosen Freeholders agreed, finally distributing almost twice the original amount of park-related funds — \$1.7 million countywide, rather than the \$1 million originally planned. We thank them for their sound judgment in their disbursement of taxpayer dollars.

Big business

Can you imagine putting a price tag on an elected office with the victory going to the candidate who happens to have more pocket money? While it is a given that everything costs something, it seems the process of campaigning has become a Fortune 500 business. It's a proven fact — indeed, illustrated by local congressional races — that an incumbent will enjoy disproportionately greater support from political action committees, often ensuring re-election.

Why is this? Because during the prior term in office, the incumbent has probably promoted the interests of these PACs. Now (this isn't a bad thing; many of these action groups support worthy and important causes that might not otherwise be given a voice in our seat of government).

However, this phenomenon creates an imbalance. The incumbent, through his or her support of these groups, will enjoy their monetary endorsement, usually paving the way to victory at the polls and, therefore, another term promoting the group's cause. The challenger, on the other hand, who has not had the opportunity to curry favor with these same lobbyists, will suffer in financial terms, sometimes resulting in a less competitive campaign in terms of media saturation and the like. And with the amount the American public relies on the media for its own opinions, this is an almost unfair advantage.

This is not meant to either endorse or denigrate any candidates, each of whom has worthy platforms and endorses laudable causes. But wouldn't it be sad if the victory — to whomever it goes — were based more on the amount of funding the hopeful could generate and less on the merit of their stands on issues that affect us all?

While the incumbents may indeed be the better choice for the office, we would be disinclined to think that, in the long run, issues financed less than how much money a candidate could raise simply to get elected. That doesn't tell us how well they'll govern or legislate; it simply tells us they have rich friends.

And that's not a reason to elect someone.

"The Constitution is the law that the government must obey."

James H. Quello
FCC commissioner, 1995

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COMPUTER KIDS — Janhira Cugliola and Samantia Schranck hone their computer skills during a kindergarten class at Deerfield School in Mountainside.

Minibuses, jitneys seem to be all the rage

Call them minibuses, jitneys, shuttles or scoots, but short-haul motor coaches seem to be the rage in some northern New Jersey towns.

Five new minibuses routes are to start in Berkeley Heights, Chatham, East Orange, Springfield and West Orange this fall. Having received pilot grants and buses from New Jersey Transit last May, the routes are to feed commuters to nearby parking garages, Morris and Essex Line train stations, NJ Transit bus terminals and from NJ Transit and will consider awarding more if the pilot project proves successful. One of the rejected locales, Summit, is keeping its application on file for if and when the next opportunity arises.

The sixth award is Maplewood, whose route predates the grant program by two years. Its service, too, has been touted as a model. To see what is in store for Springfield and other towns, I waited for Maplewood's 7:52 a.m. run Friday.

The bus, a Ford F-350, arrived at the corner of Jacoby Street and Schaefer Road on time for me, although other riders. With the glass seats and interior, the minibuses felt more like a comfortable car rental bus found at airports. Like those shuttles, I could not find a farebox.

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While I'm Here

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

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Podre, slowed by Prospect Street construction and Valley Street, eventually arrived at about 8:07 a.m. It was three minutes late but before the next train arrives. I asked Podre if he could take me back and he agreed.

"It won't be on time," said Podre. "I'm not easy since I have only a few minutes to turn around, but I never miss a train."

Podre looks forward to a 26-seat, number NJ Transit has promised. He said he sometimes gets 24 or more riders per run.

"We're actually on a second-year grant from a non-profit company in California called the International Council for Local Environmental Improvements," said Maplewood Recreation Director Roger Brauchli. "We applied to NJ Transit for a second bus, which we would run up to Ridgewood and Wyoming avenues."

Brauchli said the town started two years ago with a transportation committee which set the route. Getting commuter and community support early, he said, is key to jury service.

"We've had people from other towns call us and take rides," said Brauchli. "It's rewarding to be an example."

More routes may be found soon on other Morris and Essex, Bonton and Bergen County Main lines, courtesy of Congressman Bill Pascrell. Pascrell, D-Essex, secured some \$3 million in TEA-21 funds to start minibuses for the commuter communities in his district. Westfield Mayor Thomas Jardim wants to see some of that money go to his and Mountainside's way to help their Karlan Valley Line routes.

The vans or small buses are not just for railroad passengers. The Orange-Norfolk-Elizabeth Bus Company runs The Loop Bus in Newark, linking key sites and streets to the New Jersey Performing Arts Center. Businessmen and state transportation officials floated a minibus loop idea serving the Route 22 center island in Union, Kenilworth and Springfield during a recent chamber of commerce meeting.

The trials, tribulations of a rural piano man

The Way It Was

By William Frolich

"After a considerable number of beers the loaded truck and men were driving to the new address where the piano was to be unloaded. This part of the move had not gone well at all, and somehow the heavy piano had fallen over onto its front and all of the keys had fallen out. The piano tuner was then presented with a basket brimming full of mixed up piano keys and asked to replace them where they belonged. There is no record of either the tuner's or owner's comments on this occasion.

It is well known that problems arise in unloading a piano. It is possible, however, that there is a problem that cannot be overcome, as long as the person who does not have to do it. Such was the case when a large piano was purchased and delivered to the home of a buyer, who lived on the second floor of a two-family house. The piano was large, and the stairway was narrow and curved to the left at the top of the stairs, and passage there was through a doorway.

The movers struggled and mumbled as they attempted to deliver the heavy instrument to the desired location, an impossible task. When presented with this situation, the lady of the house said that she had mentioned this place to the salesman, who assured her that the movers would have no trouble at all, as they would simply fold up the piano and move it in.

There were other tales of trials and tribulations of a pianist. A piano is designed to produce musical sounds, and only those sounds. Most of the moving parts are made of wood, and an extensive use of felt is made so that there are no other sounds heard but those of the vibrating strings. Father was extremely fussy about his

work, for he tuned the pianos of famous and well known musicians who would not use a noisy instrument.

There was an acquaintance in the same business who sometimes called upon father for help on some project that he could not handle alone. This gentleman lived in a very rural area in the middle of New Jersey, that was served by the Central Railroad, but so few passengers used the station that it was a "Flag Stop." This meant that an arriving traveler had to tell the conductor to have the train stopped, and a departing passenger had to set out a flag at the station as a signal that he wished to board the train.

Father arrived by train and was met by his friend with an automobile of unknown vintage, but if took them to where the project was located. It turned out to be a peculiar where several pianos had to be moved to be, probably the same piece. This was accomplished after a few hours, and

then there was the matter of payment. There was a short drive to a farm house, and then the friend disappeared inside. Father remained in the car. While he was waiting, a young boy left the house and returned shortly after leading a goat.

The friend returned and stated that the goat was the payment, but that he knew where he could sell it for cash. This was fine, as neither man had any use for a goat. After they managed to push the animal into the car, they drove to the station, with the goat very unhappy and bleating all the way. Father was paid in cash from his friend's pocket, and was glad to see the car and goat drive away, as he brushed the goat hair from his clothes and set the flag for the return trip home.

William Frolich is a member of the Union County Historical Society.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for invaluable service

To the Editor:

Like old soldiers, I suppose, school board members too just fade away. A long Mountainside school board member will be sworn in this week, filling the vacancy left by Linda Schneider, a board member since 1980, who had to step down because of a change of residence.

Linda served the Mountainside School District in every capacity, including president of the board for seven years. I am writing this letter of thanks not just for her past accomplishments, but also for her support during my mutual thoughts of taking on the responsibility of boardsmanship.

If you are a dedicated person, which Linda is, you cannot sit on a board of education without effecting the outcome of the board's actions. The Mountainside School District has its good reputation because of Linda's participation. Linda has been recognized by the State Board of Education not just for her position as a school board member but for her dedication as a teacher. It is her standing job, I think, that gave her a special perspective to our board and offered valuable, thoughtful responses to whatever was the task of the day.

I never speak for the entire board when I say she will be missed, and I would also like to speak at this time for the entire community when I say she goes. But thank you for taking the time to care. Linda, your contribution will be a lasting one.

Frank G. Geiger
Assistant

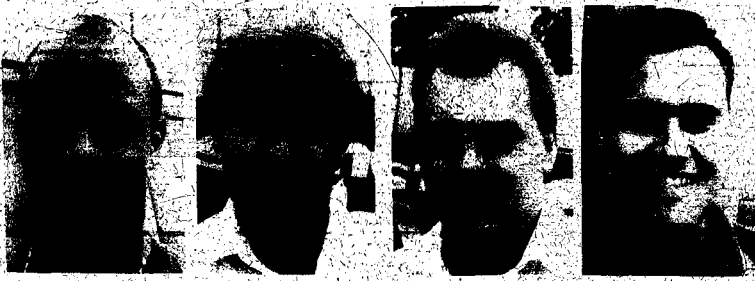
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Joe Blaszczyk: "What's going on in Washington won't change my vote. It is the President's personal business."

Joe Mate: "No, it won't change my vote. It is the President's own affair and it has no connection with the local elections."

Antonio Silva: "It's hard to say. It's his own business, but he spent \$4.5 billion of the taxpayer's money denying it."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Property values, schools rank low

To the Editor: A recent Year Ledger report stated that average sales price of houses in Springfield increased by 2 percent since 1987, with 13 percent, 11 percent, 19 percent, 28 percent and 24 percent increases for Berkeley Heights, Clark, New Providence, Summit and Westfield respectively.

Does the ranking of our high school, or the lack of it, have any correlation with the value of our houses? I am glad that Mr. Fish, president of our Board of Education, has stated that our schools will participate in the New Jersey Monthly annual ranking. Perhaps our local realtors will be better equipped to market houses in Springfield when our good rankings are in.

Peter J. Law, Springfield

First Aid Squad needs volunteers

To the Editor: The Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad has served the residents of Springfield faithfully for over 49 years, answering more than 30,000 calls for assistance with its volunteers. We are not part of the township government, but rather are a not-profit organization owning its own building, equipment and ambulances.

Over the past 10 years, as the demographics of our community have changed, the number of new volunteers has steadily decreased, an ever-growing national trend. We have tried many different methods of increasing membership including districtal open houses, working through the township clergy, personal contacts and communications to the Township Committee.

Although all of our pleas have fallen on deaf ears as citizens sit back and expect someone else to take up the slack, it's hard to imagine that in our township of 13,000 residents, there aren't some people with time to spare.

Now, however, due to the critical shortage of volunteer members, the First Aid Squad has taken the extraordinary measure of contracting for two paid Emergency Medical Technicians to man our ambulances during the daytime hours for two days a week. The squad feels strongly that this decision is in the best interest of the community.

It should also be clear that this program is not being funded by municipal budget dollars. These paid EMTs are financed by the Springfield First Aid Squad through donations, the same donations that fund the squad's operating expenses, such as oxygen, state-of-the-art first aid equipment and an larger scale ambulance purchases.

It should be understood that this action is being taken based on our shortage of volunteers and our belief that emergency first aid coverage should not be compromised. The squad operates solely on your donations and donations in a patient or family charged for our services. This continues to be the policy at all times including the two daytime shifts that our paid EMT employees will respond to your home for an emergency.

We need new members -- we need you!

Become a part of this vital service. We will train you and provide you with all the tools of the trade -- all we ask for is some of your time. For membership information, call (973) 912-2239.

Ghena P. Simpson, President, Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad

Incumbants should join in debate

To the Editor: Once again, Mountside Republicans have refused to participate in a candidates' forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters. This refusal prevents voters from having direct access to all their candidates seeking election to the Borough Council on Nov. 3.

The Westfield Area League of Women Voters invited all Mountside candidates to participate in a forum just like those it sponsors in Westfield and Scotch Plains to give citizens there an opportunity to question candidates. Michael Krasser and Steve Brocier, the Democratic council candidates, accepted immediately.

But Mountside Republicans again killed any chance for a public debate on issues by answering "No" without explanation, to the invitation. The nonpartisan League of Women Voters conducts its forums only if all opposing parties are present.

The lack of bipartisan representation on the Borough Council is the only weighing issue in Mountside. Why are the ruling Republicans so obstinately against allowing taxpayers to gather together and discuss the community's problems with Republican candidates? Can't they defend their record? Are they afraid of losing even a minority position on the council to an independent point of view? Is that why the public discussion periods at council meetings is always cut short?

Michael Krasser, Steve Brocier, Mountside

Editor's note: Michael Krasser and Steve Brocier are the Democratic Candidates for the Mountside Borough Council.

Need more service, not less

To the Editor: Note to PSE&G: after many Mountside residents experienced approximately 58 hours without electricity, hearing PSE&G radio commercials about the way they're "making things work" is more than annoying. Downgrading the number of repair personnel and reducing the use-training budgets does not help when a violent storm causes the amount of damage the recent storm did. When will we have our choice of power suppliers?

Frank Marchese, Mountside

Oh, the memories a first date can bring back

I have figured out that one way to beat the choking stress and tension in our lives may be to share the not-so-funny-in-the-moment events of an otherwise uneventful life -- mine.

For example, here's one of my favorite photos of my early life. Now about the most memorable car ride I have is no idea how old I was at the time, but I do know that I definitely did not have my father's permission to get into a car with -- gasp -- a boy.

The boy drove a blue and silver car, the make and model are long forgotten. We had gone to a school basketball game, then out to eat at a burger joint and finally parked behind the school to talk.

Remember those nights so long ago? Prick, crisp, fall nights, butterflies in your stomach, aching hands, clapping, wondering if you should have had that second chili dog.

Attractions a moment longer to reminisce. The sweet, high air. The sweaty palms. The apprehension of the moment. The hormones raging leaving in for this first kiss... and bam!!! We then heard the deafening blip

Give Us A Smile

By Joan Shackley

of a bullhorn, squeaked at the blinding white lights penetrating the dark night, and obeyed the voice telling us to stay in the car, put our hands out the windows. Slowly, and not to move.

I looked up breathlessly through the fogging windshield. Our police partner to return to normal. We began to focus on the policeman who had his shotgun drawn, leaning over the hood of the car, seeing his silhouette in the white glow of the flashing neon of the fleet of patrol car lights -- many many, patrol cars -- many many, shiny, steel, guns.

It means the boy drove the same kind of car as a wanted felon, reportedly in the area, and since this felon had allegedly shot a state trooper, the police were understandably a little eager to find the crop.

Needless to say, they were also a little disappointed to find all they caught were two kids necking in a car. My reaction, once I regained the feeling in my brain, was what a relief! I thought it was my dad who called up and headed the SWAT team. A calm wave rolled over me as I realized I would have to see another day.

That is what I found out one of the cops who is friend of my dad's. Victim of a jail cell, surrounded by unbreakable metal bars keeping my father, maybe, from swinging my neck around. I suddenly sounded pretty good to me.

Let's just leave it at this -- my bedroom, although "barless," did not keep him from popping a vein in his forehead. I did not keep him from slipping his television and phone out of their sockets and removing them from sight, and it did not seem like the date was worth being grounded for the next several weeks.

Needless to say, the boy and I went off separately ways. I never asked and didn't want to know if my dad's wrath had reached out and touched the poor guy, too. All I know is he crossed the hall whenever I came near.

If I've made you think about a long, long memory that gave you that momentary bliss, or given you congratulations, I've got you a great tickle today. Try to keep that special feeling with you all day. I hope it helps you cope with the stresses you may encounter. And remember, give us a smile!

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Tenenbaum installed as president

Joseph Tenenbaum was installed recently as president of Springfield Lodge B'nai B'rith 2093 at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center in Springfield. More than 75 people attended the installation ceremonies of the lodge which represents over 300 families in Springfield.



Tenenbaum, a Springfield resident since 1959, was graduated from Upsilon College in 1950. He owned Towne Creamery Inc. in Roselle, a wholesale cleaning business, since 1953 and was Vice-President. He retired in 1990. He served as president of Springfield B'nai B'rith in 1987 and 1988. He was district volunteer of the B'nai B'rith in 1989. He is a member of the Union County Council of B'nai B'rith for 1986-1991. He is a member of the Union County Democratic County Committee. He also belongs to Temple Beth El in Springfield.

Joseph Tenenbaum. He is married to the former Miriam Fisher, and they have three children, Mark, Howard and Steven.

Fanning named scholarship semifinalist

Springfield resident Joseph D. Fanning was recently named as a semifinalist in the National Men's Scholarship Program, joining approximately 15,000 semifinalists in the 1998 competition for some 7,600 Men's Scholarship awards. Fanning is a senior at Seton Hall Preparatory School in West Orange. He has completed his junior year. Fanning accumulated a 4.5 GPA and placed on the Honor Roll. Additionally, he was a member of the National Honor Society, the Lacharme Program and the Irish-American Club. He scored 1360 on his SAT as a junior, and he was a member of various pre-med in college. He was joined in his honor by his classmates Liam K. Casey of Marlboro and John J. Strong of Madison.

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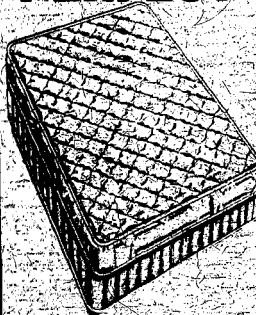
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Mr., Mrs. Michaels

A memorial service for Melanie Tulchin-Michaels and her husband Lloyd Michaels of Manhattan, formerly of Mountside, will be held Sept. 25 at 2:30 p.m. in the United Nations Plaza, Manhattan. The couple died Sept. 12 of throat cancer.

Originally from Mountside, where she attended school, Mrs. Michaels majored in music at Boston University. She moved to New York City, where she piggybacked a musical career as lead singer in several bands and played keyboard. Mrs. Michaels became a videopack editor, primarily to edit her own music videos. Subsequently, she edited at Metro Studios-Corby TV and other facilities.

Mr. Michaels, originally from Yonkers, N.Y., was a chief engineer who worked for various television facilities in New York City and Florida.

Mrs. Michaels is survived by a daughter, Kelsea; her father, Hal Tulchin; a brother, Gene Tulchin; two sisters, Jane Feltz and Ava Seavey and a half sister, Sasha Tulchin. Mr. Michaels is survived by his father, Michael, and his mother, Edith.

Louise E. Strobel

Louise Elizabeth Strobel of Lincoln, N.J., formerly of Mountside, died Sept. 12 at the Kendal at Lincoln Taughanook House, Lincoln. She had celebrated her 100th birthday on June 4.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Strobel lived in Newark, moved to Mountside in 1947 and then to Lincoln in 1993. She was a sales clerk in her brother-in-law, Louis Munch's bakery business. Prior to that, she was employed by Johnson & Murphy Co., Mrs. Stobbi retired in 1947. She was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Mountside.

Bernard D. Borrus

Bernard D. Borrus, 73, of Springfield died Sept. 15 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

Born in Brooklyn, Mr. Borrus lived in Newark before moving to Springfield 44 years ago. He was the co-owner of Binder, Lifson & Borrus Insurance Agency, Millburn. He was born in 1924 and retired in 1985. Mr. Borrus was a 1948 graduate of George Washington University, Washington, D.C. He was a member of the Springfield Rotary Club for 38 years. Mr.

Borrus served as a treasurer and had been named a Paul Harris Fellow. Surviving are his wife, Anita; a son, Bruce; a daughter, Nancy; and two brothers, Jack and Jules.

Carl F. Jamison

Carl F. Jamison, 81, of Sarasota, Fla., formerly of Mountside, died Sept. 4 in Sarasota General Hospital. Born in Cleveland, Mr. Jamison lived in Morrisison, Short-Hills and Mountside before moving to Sarasota in 1983. He received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Ohio University in 1940.

Surviving are his wife, Anne, two daughters, Judith Itaja and Elaine Timmer; a son, Carl F. Jr.; eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Rose LoCastro

Rose LoCastro, 77, of Berkeley Heights, formerly of Summit, died Sept. 18 in Ruppel's Specialized Hospital, Berkeley Heights.

Born in Sumner, Miss LoCastro moved to Berkeley Heights in 1994. She was a cafeteria worker in Summit High School and retired 15 years ago. Earlier, Miss LoCastro had been a floor operator with McGreger's Clothing Co., Summit, for many years.

Joseph F. Lang

Joseph F. Lang, 82, of Springfield, died Sept. 19 in Ruppel's Specialized Hospital, Berkeley Heights.

Born in Newark, Mr. Lang lived in Irvington before moving to Springfield 45 years ago. He was a high-press with Mehan & Tooker Lino, East Rutherford, for 19 years and retired in 1978. Before that, Mr. Lang worked in the same capacity for Reel Lino, New York City, for 35 years. He was a member of the Amalgamated Lithographers' Local 1 of New York City. Mr. Lang was a past president of the Millburn Camera Club and Springfield Senior Citizens Group.

Evelyn C. Fox

Evelyn C. Fox, 85, of Summit, died Sept. 16 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in New York City, Mrs. Fox lived in Copiague, N.Y., before moving to Summit 14 years ago. Surviving are a daughter, Dorothy

Galle, a son, Robert; eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Joseph A. George

Joseph A. George, 72, of East Stroudsburg, Pa., formerly of Summit, a retired FBI special agent, died Sept. 19 in the Pocono Medical Center, East Stroudsburg.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Mr. George lived in Summit before moving to East Stroudsburg in 1995. He worked as a special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in New York City for 20 years and retired in 1969. Mr. George was a Navy veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Ex-FBI Agents Association, American Banking Association and International Chiefs of Police Association.

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Betty A.; four sons, Stephen, Michael, Christopher and William; two daughters, Lee Ann Armstrong and Patricia Arshner; a brother, John; four sisters, Sally Andrews, Theresa Remenyder, Clara Smith and Rose Marie Hinflin; and 14 grandchildren.

Janel A. Price

Janel A. Price, 67, of Roselle Park, formerly of Springfield, died Sept. 21 in the King James Nursing Home, Chatham Township.

Born in Jersey City, Miss Price lived in Springfield for 25 years before moving to Roselle Park five years ago. She was employed by Singer Co., Fairfield, for 25 years as a secretary before retiring five years ago.

Surviving is a sister, Virginia Dill.

Peace-keepers

Worral Community Newspapers wants to keep you readers in touch with their neighbors serving in the armed forces.

The Families and Friends of those in the military, whether stationed in the United States or abroad, are encouraged to submit information and photos for publication.

Articles should be typed and include a telephone number where writer may be reached. Mail to: Managing Editor Allison Bernbeck, 1291 Suyvestant Ave., Union, 07083.

Only photos accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope will be returned.

Smiles and salute



From left: Caitlin Quaglato, Amanda Majewski, Carrie Ann Bertschy and Carly Athan of Springfield-Browne Troop 739, lead the salute to the flag at the opening of the Walton School's first PTA meeting.

Literary discussion group to meet

Area resident Jon Platt will again lead a book discussion group this fall sponsored by the Summit Prose Public Library. The first title in the series will be Frank McCourt's Pulitzer Prize-winning memoir, "Angela's Ashes." According to Platt, "Mccourt's account of an Irish childhood as a modern masterpiece in the great Irish literary tradition, and it lends itself to a multifaceted and exhilarating discussion."

The lecture and discussion will take place on Oct. 8 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Summit Municipal Building.

Platt has been leading this series for several years. He is a retiree living in Summit who recently served as presidential appointee to the NAFTA Commission, its senior advisor on the Environment to the United Nations and as visiting professor of Environmental Policy at Penn State. Platt writes a column on the arts for this newspaper and has recently published a novel. He has degrees in engineering, law and the arts.

The series will continue on Nov. 12 with "Cold Mountain," Charles Fr-

zier's moving novel about a wounded Civil War veteran and his long journey home. Future titles to be discussed include "We Were the Mulvaneys" by Joyce Carol Oates, John Updike's "Brothers and Keepers," and two connected novels by Richard

Environmental education offered

"Networks to Nature," environmental field trips starting Sept. 29 at the Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit, are now available for area teachers and students. A professional workshop called "Project Wild" will also be offered Oct. 16.

Teachers of grades K-4 may enroll classes through Nov. 19, rain or shine, in a morning or afternoon session of "Networks," from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The curriculum includes outdoor explorations such as "Nature Detectives," "Plant Pals," "Happy Habitats" and "Seeds to Sequoias." Indoor activities are planned for the event if rain. The fee is \$4 per student and groups are limited to 25.

Project Wild for K-8 teachers, to be held on Oct. 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., will involve observing local wildlife and creating ways to engage students in activities related to wildlife, the environment and conservation. Sponsored by the NJ Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife, the workshop includes all material and morning refreshments for \$175 fee.

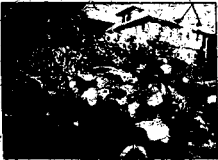
To register for "Networks to Nature" and "Project Wild," call Children's Education Coordinators Nick Armstrong and Michelle Celis at (908) 273-8187.

The Reeves-Reed, a nature reserve and state and national historic site, specializes in environmental education and is located at 165 Hobart Ave. near Route 24.

FUN STATION advertisement for Grand Opening Special. Features include: 1 FREE RIDE, Area's Largest Indoor Family Amusement, Park and Party Center, and Birthday Party Fun! Starting at \$9.99 per child. Address: 2441A RT 22 WEST • UNION (908) 964-6300.

Springfield YMCA advertisement. Text: "Join now! At the Y there's something for everyone!" Features include fitness classes, family programs, and a variety of membership plans. Address: The new Springfield YMCA, 2441A Rt. 22 West, Union, NJ.

Overlook Hospital advertisement for Endoscopy Center. Text: "Central New Jersey's leading source for ulcer treatment and prevention." Includes a photo of a doctor and patient, and text describing the center's services and location. Contact: 1-800-445-9380.



A Word of Thanks from PSE&G

The *Editor Daily* storm which affected parts of the records of New Jersey's subjects last week is one we will not soon forget at PSE&G. Whilst it was here been one of the shortest storms on duration— lasting no more than five minutes in many places, it was among the very worst in recent utility history. It resulted in one collapsed tower, two broken and two other suspected tornado sites. Only Hurricane David in 1979 approached the level of damage seen last week.

The entire PSE&G family wants to express its deep & thanks to all of our customers who experienced power outages for their patience, cooperation, and support during that very challenging week. Despite your own inconvenience, you managed to find small ways to say thank you and give a needed pat on the back to the hundreds of workers both from PSE&G and other utilities who were on the street for 16-hour shifts.

Considering the extent of the damage — nearly 200 downed utility poles, some 4,000 individual damage locations, each of which needed individual attention, wires of damaged live wires, and nearly 772,000 customers without power — we are grateful that some 1,000 men and women were able to return home safely to their families without one injury. That number includes crews from GPC, Camco, and H&PCO along with independent contractors from a number of states in the region.

With the trade winds in our ability to respond to the and other emergencies we are determined to constantly find ways to improve. Therefore, as a result of last week's experience, we are prepared to take the following actions:

- we will examine our emergency response plans in order to find ways to better coordinate and cooperate with local emergency management officials;
- we will establish a direct "hot line" number for us to local public officials in order to better inform mayors and others as to the activity in their communities;
- we will significantly expand our training program for local public works, police and fire officials to build a stronger partnership that will better prepare them to help us deal with downed power lines and other damage;
- we are examining additional ways to improve the process.

At PSE&G, building customer loyalty is the focus of everything we do. Although we can't guarantee there will never be another destructive storm, we can guarantee that we will take a very hard look at our response plans to make certain our process is as outstanding as our service.

Sincerely,

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SPORTS

H.S. Football
Saturday
GL at Hillside, 1:00
Dayton at Manville, 7:00

THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor
The opening week of the season was not a highly successful one for area teams as only three managed to come away with victories.

All three posted impressive triumphs: Union, after losing to North Bergen; the past two seasons; blanked Bayonne 32-0 at home to record its first victory over a Hudson County Intercollegiate Athletic Association team in three years.

LaForesse, Knox and Paul DeFrancesco scored two touchdowns each to pace the Farmers, who are looking to win North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 for the first time since 1993.

Watching Conference schools, including Elizabeth's 12-9 win at home over Dickinson of Jersey City, managed to pull even with Hudson County schools last weekend at 6-6.

Watching winners in addition to Union and Elizabeth included Westfield by Jersey over Snyder, the Jersey City school dropping football after its first game because of a lack of players, Newark East Side over Mendham of West New York 20-13, Shabazz over Emerson of Union City 20-6 and Plainfield over Ferris of Jersey City 46-6.

Hudson County winners included Union Hill of Union City over Linden, 13-0; Hoboken over Rahway 56-2b; North Bergen over Irvington 58-6; St. Peter's Prep over Kearny 45-0; Lincoln of Jersey City over Cranford 21-3 and Hudson Catholic over Scotch Plains 28-0. The 3-year lead is now 24-13, watching schools.

Roselle posted a 29-7 win over Johnson, handing the Crusaders their first opening-day loss since the Clark school was beaten by visiting Immaculata 41-0 in 1996.

Roselle, looking to make the playoffs in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 for the first time since 1990, got three touchdowns from senior tailback Assad Clay.

WEEK TWO
Friday, Sept. 25
Newark East Side at Union, 7:00
Plainfield at Elizabeth, 7:00
New Prov. at Roselle Park, 7:00
Saturday, Sept. 26
GL at Hillside, 1:00
Ridge at Roselle, 1:00
Briarley at Johnson, 1:00
Linden at Rahway, 1:30
Hanover Park at Summit, 1:30
Dayton at Manville, 7:00

WEEK ONE
Friday, Sept. 18
Union 32, Bayonne 0
Elizabeth 17, Dickinson 0
Union Hill 13, Linden 0
Immaculata 35, Hillside 12
Hoboken 56, Rahway 20
Bound Brook 41, Dayton 0
Saturday, Sept. 19
Roselle 29, Johnson 7
Newark Central 22, GL 18
Paranpilly Hills 33, Summit 7
Ridge 34, Roselle Park 13
New Providence 30, Briarley 0

J.R.'s picks:
Union over Newark East Side
Plainfield over Elizabeth
New Providence over Roselle Park
Over Livingston over Hillside
Johnson over Ridge
Jonathan over Briarley
Linden over Rahway
Hanover Park over Summit
Manville over Dayton
Last week: 5-6 (45%)

TERRESTRIAL TWELVE
1. Union (11-0)
2. Elizabeth (1-0)
3. Roselle (11-0)
4. Linden (1-0)
5. Johnson (0-1)
6. Hillside (0-2)
7. Gov. Livingston (0-1)
8. Rahway (0-1)
9. Roselle Park (0-3)
10. Summit (0-1)
11. Briarley (0-1)
12. Dayton (0-1)

Minutemen gridders ready to go

Two Springfield teams to open season at Chatham

When the Union County Regional School District was in the process of disbanding the Springfield Board of Education, it worked toward a smooth transition in accepting responsibility for Dayton High School committees of residents, educators and board of education.

Members met for one year, formulating strategies to address the challenges that would be faced by a new K-12 school district. One committee focused on sports. Among its recommendations was that the Springfield Minutemen sports programs and the interscholastic sports programs at middle school, F.H. Gaudinier act in a coordinated manner as a feeder program for Dayton.

One giant move towards that goal has been implemented by the Springfield Minutemen football team. The teams are presently busy learning the offensive and defensive schemes employed by Dayton head coach, Sal Mignone.

Kulscar, Stoltz score for Highlander grid team

The Governor Livingston High School football team did anything but quit in its 22-18 season-opening defeat to visiting Newark Central last Saturday. After Central took the lead with 8-point touchdowns in each of the third and fourth quarters, the Highlanders pulled to within four points by executing a 60-yard drive that was capped by a seven-yard touchdown run by Mountaineer resident Jon Kulscar, junior quarterback K.C. Miller completed the two-point conversion pass in junior fullback Brian Pritchard.

GL's final drive reached Central territory, but stalled at the 40. The Highlanders, who lost 48-34 at Central last year, took a 10-6 halftime lead. After sophomore tailback Ranshod Stoltz scored the first of two long touchdowns in the first quarter, GL answered with 10 unanswered points in the second.

Miller booted a 35-yard field goal and then Mountaineer resident Bill Stoltz returned a pun 43 yards for a touchdown. After scoring on a 48-yard run in the first quarter, Stoltz scored on a 63-yard run in the fourth. Quarterback Jamir Holloway scored Central's final touchdown on a one-yard run in the fourth.

The Highlanders are now preparing for Hillside, which took to Immaculata 35-12 in Somerville last Friday night. GL defeated the Colts 27-14 in Hillside last year.

Dayton striving to win despite youth

Cozza: It's a building year

Dayton High School girls' soccer head coach Joe Cozza is a realist. He realizes his team, composed of Springfield and Roselle players, nine whites and Dayton and Kenilworth resident students who attend Briarley, is young and inexperienced. He also realizes the Mountain Valley Conference Valley Division is no picnic. "I hope with lots that have strong feeder programs."

High School Girls' Soccer

"We're not a large squad and we don't have a lot of experience," Cozza said. "We're coming off a 2-15 season, but we're hoping to improve on that. It's a building year. We're hoping to put in some blocks." These blocks come in the form of a strong underclassman group: seven of whom are freshmen. "We do have a little bit of talent," said Cozza, whose team's lineup was largely Bound Brook and Manville last season. "We're not deprived of talent. But we're just not talented enough at every position where we can hold our own against all these teams." One such team is powerful Johnson, which beat the Bulldogs 5-0 in Dayton's season opener, Sept. 15. "The Bulldogs have only two seniors and they are standout goalkeepers Maria Stravato and excellent sweeper Karen Snyder. Stravato embarks on her fourth year as a starter and has improved steadily over her career. Snyder did a fine job last season but leads a promising defensive unit. "They're the anchor of the defense," Cozza said. "Maria has been the heart of the defense, in a way, because everything has to go through her. Karen fills in left the angles. It's a tough position to play there." The top offensive tactic is junior defender aiming forward Kristen Lomanico. "Other returnees include juniors Maggie Showaya, a halfback/center, Kristen Dorra, a halfback and Jessica Lala, a forward and sophomore stopper Melissa Lewis. "Halfbacks Maria Zolotarev and Sabrina Beretta headline the freshman group. The rest of the freshmen are Estelle Azenberg, Cheryl Denfield, Lauren Grunty, Pamela Traou and Amy Williams, Midge's sister. Juniors Alana Stein, Lindsay Decker, Savera Rizzo and Michelle Santos and sophomores Jennifer Kuffler and Kendall Kealey round out the squad. The Bulldogs may not be the most talented team in the area, but they have the ability to lure in competitive players. Let's show that competitiveness if it's going to take chemistry and commitment. "I think one of the key things is hard work and a little bit more dedication on their part," Cozza said. "We're not as talented as the other teams we go up against. Between the talent and lack of experience, we're going to base our season on cohesion and hopefully we'll be successful with that." Indeed, Cozza is optimistic that the Bulldogs can improve on last season's mark. "This improvement will ultimately stem from beating teams that are on Dayton's level. "It's essential," Cozza said. "I think we're going to have a better year than last year. It's really going to rest on what the other teams have to offer. It's not going to be that easy, but we're going to improve." He hopes to be considered to lead Bound Brook's feeder team with North Plainfield's assistant coach.

Dayton girls' tennis team hosts Roselle Park today

The Dayton High School girls' tennis team has a home match today against defending Mountain Valley Conference Valley Division champion Roselle Park at 4 p.m. Roselle Park also won the Group 4 state championship last year, but graduated most of its team.

The Panthers go back on the road for a 4 p.m. match against Mt. St. Mary's in Watchung on Tuesday before returning home to face New Providence next Thursday, Oct. 1 at 4 p.m. The following are the fall sports schedules for Dayton High School.

Girls' Tennis
Sept. 24 Roselle Park, 4:00
Sept. 29 at Mt. St. Mary's, 4:00
Oct. 2 at Oak Knoll, 4:00
Oct. 2 at Bound Brook, 4:00
Oct. 15 at Mt. St. Mary's, 4:00
Oct. 20 at New Providence, 4:00
Oct. 22 Oak Knoll, 4:00
Oct. 27 Bound Brook, 4:00

Varsity Football
Sept. 26 at Manville, 7:00
Oct. 3 Roselle Park, 1:00
Oct. 10 New Providence, 1:00
Oct. 17 at North Plainfield, 1:00
Oct. 24 Gov. Livingston, 1:00
Oct. 31 Johnson, 1:00
Nov. 7 at Roselle, 2:00
Nov. 14 at Briarley, 3:30

JV Football
Sept. 28 at Manville, 4:00
Oct. 5 Roselle Park, 4:00
Oct. 12 New Providence, 4:00
Oct. 19 at North Plainfield, 4:00
Oct. 26 Gov. Livingston, 4:00
Nov. 2 Johnson, 4:00
Nov. 9 at Roselle, 4:30
Nov. 16 at Briarley, 3:30

Freshman Football
Sept. 25 Manville, 4:00
Oct. 30 at Immaculata, 7:30
Nov. 7 Manville, 2:00
Nov. 20 New Providence, 10:30

Girls' Soccer
Sept. 24 Roselle Park, 4:00
Sept. 26 North Plainfield, 4:00
Sept. 29 at Manville, 4:00
Oct. 1 at New Providence, 3:00
Oct. 2 Oak Knoll, 4:00
Oct. 6 at Bound Brook, 4:00
Oct. 6 at Mt. St. Mary's, 4:00
Oct. 9 at Roselle Park, 4:00
Oct. 13 at North Plainfield, 3:00
Oct. 15 Manville, 4:00
Oct. 17 Mohr School, 10:00
Oct. 27 at Bound Brook, 4:00

Freshman Football
Sept. 25 Hillside, 4:00
Oct. 2 at Roselle, 4:00
Oct. 9 at Johnson, 4:00
Oct. 16 Ridge, 4:00
Oct. 23 Dayton, 4:00
Oct. 30 Immaculata, 4:00
Nov. 6 at Manville, 3:30
Nov. 20 at New Providence, 4:00

Boys' Soccer
Sept. 24 Hillside, 4:00
Sept. 25 Johnson, 4:00
Sept. 29 at Immaculata, 4:00
Oct. 1 Ridge, 4:00
Oct. 2 at Newark Central, 4:00
Oct. 6 at Roselle, 4:00
Oct. 8 Roselle Catholic, 4:00
Oct. 9 at Hillside, 4:00
Oct. 15 at Johnson, 4:00
Oct. 15 Immaculata, 4:00
Oct. 16 at Union Catholic, 4:00
Oct. 20 at Ridge, 4:00
Oct. 22 Newark Central, 4:00
Oct. 23 at New Providence, 4:00
Oct. 27 Roselle, 3:30

JV Soccer
Sept. 25 Johnson, 4:00
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Oct. 1 Ridge, 4:00
Oct. 6 at Immaculata, 4:00
Oct. 8 Roselle Catholic, 4:00
Oct. 9 at Hillside, 4:00
Oct. 13 Johnson, 4:00
Oct. 15 at Immaculata, 4:00
Oct. 16 Oak Knoll, 4:00
Oct. 19 Roselle Park, 4:00
Oct. 20 Ridge, 4:00
Oct. 23 New Providence, 3:30
Oct. 27 at Millburn, 3:30
Nov. 3 Union, 3:30

Girls' Soccer
Sept. 24 at Hillside, 4:00
Sept. 25 at Johnson, 4:00
Sept. 29 Immaculata, 4:00
Oct. 1 at Ridge, 4:00
Oct. 2 at Union Catholic, 4:00
Oct. 8 at Roselle Catholic, 4:00
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Oct. 20 Ridge, 4:00
Oct. 23 New Providence, 3:30
Oct. 27 at Millburn, 3:30
Nov. 3 Union, 3:30

Field Hockey
Sept. 25 at Roselle Park, 4:30
Oct. 2 at Mt. St. Mary, 7:00
Oct. 8 at Mt. St. Mary, 4:00
Oct. 13 Johnson, 4:00
Oct. 15 Johnson, 4:00
Oct. 20 at Oak Knoll, 4:00
Oct. 22 North Plainfield, 4:00
Oct. 27 at Roselle Park, 4:00

Cross Country
Sept. 25 Hillside, 4:00
Oct. 6 at Union Catholic, 4:00
Oct. 13 Johnson, 4:00
Oct. 15 at MVC over at Ridge, 1:00

Michael Wallach; Jesse Weatherston, Carmel Wolfe. The home-opener are scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 4 against Millburn at Mendel Field.

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Oct. 16 North Plainfield, 4:00
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Oct. 30 at Johnson, 4:00
Nov. 6 Roselle, 3:30

Boys' Soccer
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Oct. 2 at Oratory Prep, 4:00
Oct. 6 at Bound Brook, 4:00
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Oct. 15 at Manville, 4:00
Oct. 20 at New Providence, 4:00
Oct. 22 at Oratory Prep, 4:00
Oct. 27 at Bound Brook, 4:00

Girls' Volleyball
Sept. 26 Manville, 9:30
Sept. 28 at Edison, 9:30
Oct. 2 South Brunswick, 7:30
Oct. 5 at Briarley, 4:00
Oct. 7 Old Bridge, 7:00
Oct. 10 at East Brunswick, 10:00
Oct. 14 at Bishop Allen, 4:00
Oct. 16 at Bridgewater-Raritan, 4:00
Oct. 19 at Mohr School, 7:00
Oct. 21 New Providence, 7:30
Oct. 24 Chatham, 9:30
Oct. 26 at Verona, 9:30
Oct. 28 Johnson, 7:30
Oct. 30 at Whippany, 4:00
Nov. 5 Briarley, 7:30
Nov. 9 East Brunswick, 7:30

Gymnastics
Sept. 25 at Bonton, 4:00
Oct. 1-5, Plains at Briarley, 4:00
Oct. 6 Westfield at Briarley, 4:00
Oct. 8 at Piscataway, 4:00
Oct. 13 Union at Briarley, 4:15
Oct. 16 at Cranford, 4:15
Oct. 20 at Linden, 4:15
Oct. 23 Bound Brook at Briarley, 4:15
Oct. 26 at Union Catholic at Briarley, 4:00
Cooperative sport with Briarley

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Nov. 3 Union, 3:30

Girls' Soccer
Sept. 24 at Hillside, 4:00
Sept. 25 at Johnson, 4:00
Sept. 29 Immaculata, 4:00
Oct. 1 at Ridge, 4:00
Oct. 2 at Union Catholic, 4:00
Oct. 8 at Roselle Catholic, 4:00
Oct. 9 Hillside, 4:00
Oct. 13 Johnson, 4:00
Oct. 15 at Immaculata, 4:00
Oct. 16 Oak Knoll, 4:00
Oct. 19 Roselle Park, 4:00
Oct. 20 Ridge, 4:00
Oct. 23 New Providence, 3:30
Oct. 27 at Millburn, 3:30
Nov. 3 Union, 3:30

JV Soccer
Sept. 24 at Immaculata, 4:00
Sept. 25 at Johnson, 4:00
Sept. 29 Immaculata, 4:00
Oct. 1 at Ridge, 4:00
Oct. 2 at Union Catholic, 4:00
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Field Hockey
Sept. 25 at Roselle Park, 4:30
Oct. 2 at Mt. St. Mary, 7:00
Oct. 8 at Mt. St. Mary, 4:00
Oct. 13 Johnson, 4:00
Oct. 15 Johnson, 4:00
Oct. 20 at Oak Knoll, 4:00
Oct. 22 North Plainfield, 4:00
Oct. 27 at Roselle Park, 4:00

Cross Country
Sept. 25 Hillside, 4:00
Oct. 6 at Union Catholic, 4:00
Oct. 13 Johnson, 4:00
Oct. 15 at MVC over at Ridge, 1:00



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Pack Wars: The popular sports card game which has been sweeping the nation, will be making its debut at the Union Center Saturday, September 26. **ATTACK OF THE BASEBALL CARDS**, the sportsman sports cards and memorabilia store located at 519 Chestnut Street in Union, will host the event. Pack Wars has been playing in 100 cities, including some leagues where it has been named "the game" magazine cover. Steve McGuire calls "the evening with collectors." "So, winners" is scheduled to run from 7:00pm thru 10:00pm with one opening at 8:45pm. Refreshments and advance admission tickets is required and are available on a first come basis.

The evening begins with customers given a free Mark McGuire card and a pack of cards. Customers are told to open their pack and find a specific player statistic. The pack can range from most home run or touchdowns to fun stats such as, the player who jumps the most in the air, was "shortlisted" to Union, etc. The winner receives an entry form which is placed in a box. The player who receives an entry form which is placed in a box. The player who receives an entry form which is placed in a box.

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The above describes a typical day's event schedule with opening hours thru 10:00pm. Comments and questions will be welcomed at 908-686-4373.



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