

THIS WEEK

NEWS

Voicing opposition

County officials have voiced their opposition to legislation sponsored by two local assemblymen that would require the Dutchess County Improvement Authority to gain approval of two-thirds of the county municipalities when it issues more than \$10 million in bonds or 10 percent of its outstanding debt.

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A new contract

For the first time in almost a year and a half, Union County sheriff's officers are working with a contract. The Board of Freeholders adopted new three-year contracts in April with the county unions representing the county sheriff's officers.

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THE ARTS

Step out

Wondering what to do this weekend? Perhaps our calendar can help you decide.

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Teacher will appear

When the student is ready, the teacher will appear. As an old adage says, it works for this Union County resident, who has honed her skills throughout the years.

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NEW MEDIA

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WEATHER

Friday: Period of clouds and sun 44°
Saturday: Periods of clouds and sun 49°
Sunday: Partly cloudy 88°

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Colorful dreams



Third-grader Megan Izzo, left, displays her artwork with Caldwell School Principal Kenneth Bernabe and second-grader Kimberly Baldwin. Both students were selected as semifinalists in the national Crayola Dream-Makers Exhibition. For the complete story—see Page 5.

DARE returns to township schools

By Joe Ingara

After a month-long layoff, Springfield's DARE program is back.

The program, which instructs and supports schoolchildren of the avoidance of drugs, was suspended for two weeks last spring due to issues regarding scheduling in the Police Department.

Three township police officers were assigned the responsibility of administering the program at Jonathan Dayton High School, J.M. Gaudinier Middle School, James Caldwell Elementary School, and the Sandover Elementary School.

Concerned parents made their feelings about the program's suspension known at a March 23 Township Committee meeting. Mayor Gregory Clarke acknowledged the importance of the program as that time reminding parents that the program was being suspended, but cancelled, and that the township hoped to bring the program back with more officers in September.

Karen Stockl, wife of seven-year DARE officer Sgt. Steven Stockl, and a mother of two Springfield elementary school children was one of those who were dismayed by the suspension.

"I knew about the DARE program being suspended because of my husband's involvement," she said. "But I didn't know the program was being suspended by the schools. I wrote a letter to the editor for the Echo Leader, and if it weren't for that, a lot of the other parents wouldn't have known either."

Col. Dan Lawler, one of Springfield's DARE officers, indicated that the reason for the program's suspension was the department's reluctance to pay overtime to offset work on DARE.

"On April 1, Stockl and myself were referred to work duty days. The school was asked to change their scheduling to accommodate us. We weren't allowed to run the DARE program on our days off," she said. "But the way we're scheduling was the key issue with the scheduling."

Lawler pointed out that the township sheriff's third DARE officer, Ed McManis, did not have to pay overtime as the St. James School has agreed that the full time he was teaching during his regular working hours.

"The school sponsored a lot of cash pay for Dan and Stockl. We had to make up the amount of Stockl and I had to make up the schedule before the school had our classes. The school's secretary actually

'The DARE program was never suspended. There were scheduling conflicts and they were solved immediately.'

—Springfield Police Chief William Chisholm

dating, enabling us to finish the program," Stockl said. "We were backed up, but we finished the school year. We trained (all into the afternoon time we had left)."

"Beyond the DARE curriculum something that cannot be easily made up is the time the officers spend with the children and the trust that develops."

Part of DARE is building a trust, Karen Stockl said. "When the deputy agent-supervised DARE, they broke that trust. The officers weren't allowed to visit the kids and explain things. They didn't even get to say goodbye. That's why I wrote the letter to the Leader."

"Many of these students have approached my husband for answers to their questions," Stockl wrote in her letter. "Why aren't we having the DARE program, and are you coming back? It is with a profound sadness that his hands are tied by department rules and he has had to suspend the honest dialogue for which they worked so hard in the past to establish."

"The suspension came so fast we didn't have the opportunity to speak to the kids," Steven Stockl said. "The only thing we could say was that there were scheduling conflicts."

In regard to future scheduling issues, Downer said, Captain James Hurlig asked the DARE officers to set up a meeting between the superintendent, the principals and parents to get the scheduling straight for next year as there's no further intervention in the program.

Martin Stockl spoke about the fact that DARE has had a mother's perspective and from the perspective of a wife of a DARE officer and Springfield police officer.

There's a lot of bad press about DARE nationally," she said. "But how it does it is so good. But, you know, you're a responsible parent. I've seen a lot of places that don't have a job. From the other perspective, I'd like to see how a police officer's perspective is. I'd like to see how the community and the police department is on this."

Police Chief William Chisholm said, "The DARE program is not

Firm selected to repair Springfield sewer repair

By Walter Elliott

The Springfield Township Committee meeting took a major step when the executive session awarded a major contract to the regular engineering firm.

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What this will do is pay, in an effort to increase the number of at least the Marion Avenue and Main Street Avenue areas. Mayor Greg Clarke said, "We have had sewer

problems in the other sections of town where the sewer and sanitary lines have crossed each other and not properly they interconnect which is something we don't have."

Sanitary and storm water systems are to be kept separate by system. It should be the systems interconnect, the resulting outflow of the regional treatment plant in Rahway may exceed its present capacity.

That capacity is set by the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority, the body that maintains the plant. While Springfield, Mountainside and nine other Union County towns share the ownership, the authority is empowered to hire a member whose utility exceeds the limit 11 or more times a year.

Ronald Berger, Springfield's SVSA commissioner, was pleased with Keller and Kirpatrick's selection.

"The committee made a good choice," Berger said. "It is important to have these interconnections corrected. Springfield has come up every Board of Commissioners meeting and fellow member Kenworth has had

problems with the sewer system. We have had sewer problems in the other sections of town where the sewer and sanitary lines have crossed each other and not properly they interconnect which is something we don't have."

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daily operation problems. Clarke commended the authority for not getting into the actual repair work. That separate figure will be determined on a project-by-project basis.

Affordable housing. A large and full panel introduced an ordinance authorizing the state to purchase any future affordable housing development built in town. The measure, introduced by Councilwoman Lora Hatch, may be heard on in the July 13 regular meeting.

This is the main committee procedure for items who are faced with holding affordable housing. Clarke said, "I'd like to see the SVSA project for present only."

SVSA Council 14 apartments for the independent management to be constructed along Hillside Avenue, have been included in Springfield's list of affordable housing allocations. The allocations, calculated by the state's Council on Affordable Housing, was set at \$50,000. Some 20 units at the Fairmount Court townhouse complex, currently under construction, also has been included.

Speaking of Springfield. Other public actions include Springfield's Public Library Board of Trustees' President Bill Welsh thanking the committee for increasing its budget 4.75 percent to \$713,000.

Committee member Roy Hirschfeld announced that his public utility order has increased to 116 weekly patrons.

Hirschfeld, however, brought up a dilemma regarding the summer production of "Speaking of Springfield" in the executive session. He has been host and producer of the public access television show for two years.

"I don't have access to the Jonathan Dayton High School studio in the summer and the students are away," Hirschfeld said. "The SVSA Summer Show has no air conditioning and its schedule slot is going mostly unused since General Manager Genet McMahon quit. I don't want to be the sole decision maker on programming."

Hirschfeld asked the board to consider purchasing a \$1,800 portable video camera or hiring part-time hourly staff as possible remedies.

Mourners, officials are left wondering after Route 24 crash kills one teen

By Walter Elliott

A high-speed car accident on Route 24 in Springfield left a 16-year-old girl dead and three other people injured early Friday morning.

An eastbound Volkswagen Corolla struck a highway divider and collided head-on without insurance Mazda at 3:22 a.m. It began its pursuit and three miles earlier, with a Chatham Township police officer in pursuit of the speeding VW.

The collision at the westbound ramp from Route 78's local lanes, through police, fire and first aid crews from Springfield, Summit, Chatham, Millburn and the State Police to the scene minutes later. The rescue and investigation left the highway closed by late Springfield and Summit police well into the morning rush hour.

Declared dead by Original paramedics at the scene was Stephanie Hunter, 16, of Chatham, Hunter, was riding in the front passenger seat of the VW, which was driven by Anthony Macaluso, 19, of Madison. Macaluso had rear-seat passenger Ryan Gieger, 16, of Chatham, his second cousin in the car.

The three survivors, including Mazda driver James Carvin, 34, of Hopewell, were taken to the New Jersey University of Medicine and Dentistry Hospital in Newark. Hospital spokesperson Rogers Ramsey said, Macaluso, Gieger and Carvin were respectively listed in critical, stable and fair condition Sunday.

Local law enforcement officers and medical responders and family are left wondering how and why the accident took place.

"When something like this happens, we find ourselves asking questions we don't usually face on our day

to live," said Providence Presbyterian Chuck Senor Pastor Jeffrey Ebor said. "We are wondering if our prayers and actions have contributed to this tragedy that can be explained or unexplained."

Ebor spoke at Hunter's memorial service at the Chatham Township Presbyterian Church Sunday. Members of the Summit Volunteer Fire and Squad and Overlook Paramedics were among the overflow crowd.

Union County Prosecutor's Office Det. Brian Diaz said he has been interviewing friends and relatives of the occupants. Chatham Borough Det. Stephen Donnell said Tuesday, "We're trying to figure out what they were doing before they were detected speeding. All we know is they sped out of our homes when the driver and headed home."

Investigators report indicate Chatham Borough Patrolman Phillip Crouse was struck by a driveway on Main Street by Patrol Mid-Road when the red A-3 speed bus hit 22 a.m. Crouse struck the car as it was going 60 mph in 25 mph limit. He alerted area colleagues about the speeding car and followed it to read in speed plates.

Crouse never got close enough to read the plates while on Route 24 East. He instead saw the car attempt an illegal U-turn before the merge with Route 78.

The VW crossed the westbound lanes and struck the outside guard rail, Donnell said. It became airborne, struck the Mazda and did a full 360-degree spin and through another guard rail in less than 200 feet.

Investigators and Summit Police officers are working to determine what the driver's eyes were doing at the time of the crash. Police are also looking for witnesses who saw the crash. Anyone who saw the crash should call Sgt. Gieger at 908-686-9898.

area right-of-way and a person right-of-way. Macaluso was arrested by North Jersey media on suspicion and under 48 hours of emergency surgery. He suffered severe head trauma and a broken right leg.

Carvin underwent six hours of surgery for his two broken legs. The ramp was closed until 8 a.m. when both cars were taken by the State Police. Traffic on Route 78 by then was backed up 6.5 miles to the Turner Boulevard exit in Newark.

State investigators have impounded the cars to search for any mechanical problems. No evidence of alcohol or drug use was found in the vehicles.

Toxicological tests are being conducted by Macaluso's blood. Livingston County Prosecutor Thomas Mahan said. The results, which are expected sometime in the earliest, will determine the number and type of motor vehicle violations Macaluso may face.

Because the initial violation occurred in Chatham Borough, the Morris County Prosecutor's Office is assisting in reporting the incident. Mahan said. Sgt. Edw and Fitzgerald of the Union County Prosecutor's Office are in charge of the case, along with Diaz and Donnell.

Friends and relatives of the accident are trying to deal with the necessary arrangements.

A funeral home may be sought of every professional right to provide services for how well we react. Minister Colleen Perry, who also spoke at Hunter's service, said, "We're holding our own prayers. There's nothing we can do to help. The only thing we can do is pray for the family and the community."

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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 3109, Union 07081.

Sunday

• Find out how the Earth moves in space to make the seasons, day and night, as well as its place in the solar system with the Trailside Nature and Science Center. Discover what causes the phases of the moon and solar and lunar eclipses. The program begins at 1:30 p.m. and goes 1/2 hour. Admission is \$1.25 for each person and \$2.75 for senior citizens.

Monday

• The Middletown Board of Education will hold its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Deerfield School Library.

Tuesday

• John Traillside's planetarium to watch the full moon and receive an introduction to the moon's features, history and little known lunar facts. Like its moon mountains and craters. The fee is \$4 per person. The program runs from 8:30 to 10 p.m. for children ages six and up with an adult. Bring binoculars or a telescope. If you have them, as well as a blanket or lawn chair.

Wear warm clothing. The rain or cold date is June 30. Ongoing

• Registration is available for Springfield Recreation's Summer Playground Program, June 28-Aug. 14 at the Chatham Community Center. The program is available for boys and girls ages 5-12. Activities include games, arts and crafts, athletic, special events, field trips and the playground summer olympics. For additional information and for an application, call (973) 912-2227.

• The Springfield Junior Baseball League is accepting applications for those people wishing to join the Baseball League's Board of Directors. Letters of those interested may be mailed to Springfield Junior Baseball League, Inc., P.O. Box 312, Springfield, NJ 07081.

• The Springfield Senior Citizen Nutrition Program is now located at the Sarah Bailey Recreation Center. A nutritional hot lunch is available for seniors \$2. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, at noon. Menus are available at the center, library and post office. Call (973) 912-2039 for reservations one day in advance. For more information about the program, call Maurine Meisner at (973) 912-2206.

Junior Achievement honors volunteers

Junior Achievement, serving Union, Middlesex and Somerset Counties, held a volunteer recognition luncheon in honor of its 1998-99 volunteers, teachers, and principals. Those in attendance were joined by Junior Achievement board members, Chairperson Andrea B. Karsin, of Avenel—of Springfield, and vice chairman William Roesch, assistant principal of Signerwile High School, presented awards to Junior Achievement's outstanding teachers and volunteers.

The following volunteers received awards for their outstanding dedication and service to Junior Achievement: Paul Steck, high school volunteer of the year from Joppatowne Dayton High School in Springfield; Jimmar Azev of Schweitzer-Mauduit, volunteer of the year from Spruwood High School; and Robin Rivers of B.B. Miller Company, elementary school volunteer of the year who volunteered in nine elementary school classes in Elizabeth.

The following teachers were honored for their outstanding commitment to economics education: Pat Darcy of Jonathan Dayton High School received the award for teacher of the year and Diane Rosoff of Elizabeth High School received the award for Outstanding Economics Educator.

The Springfield school district was recognized for its effort in piloting Junior Achievement's Teacher-Drop Strategy. Recognized were Judy Zimmerman, assistant superintendent

Union Hospital honors employees for services

Springfield residents Susan Butler and Leon Koutoumbis were honored by Union Hospital recently for their years of dedication at the hospital's annual Service Awards Dinner. Awards were presented to employees for five, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years of service.

"We congratulate our employees for their dedicated service and loyalty," said Union Hospital Executive Director Kate Coyne. "They are an essential part of the tremendous work our institution has achieved over the past several years. Butler was recognized for her 15 years of service and Koutoumbis for five years.

Union Hospital is an affiliate of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System.

For additional information about Junior Achievement and its programs, contact the Junior Achievement office in Elizabeth, at 289-6780.

Swing with the YMCA

The Summit YMCA and the Springfield YMCA are offering to teach swing dance lessons in one night from the Summit Y July 8 from 7:30 to 9 p.m., and the Springfield Y July 15 from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Under the instruction of Laura Swing, the dance class will include a basic intermediate lesson and time for practice for beginners or those who would like to improve their technique. "Retro Swing" is a combination of basic swing, smooth style, saavy and lindy-hop. Guiford, who has more than 20 years experience teaching, says to wear comfortable clothing and to bring water.

Pre-register now for this evening of swing. Summit and Springfield YMCAs members will be charged a \$5 pre-registration fee or \$6 at the door. The non-member fee is \$10. No dance experience necessary. Singles and welcome, as a partner will be provided. Space is limited.

To pre-register, or for additional information, call the Summit YMCA at (908) 273-3330 for the July 8 session. For the July 15 session, located at Springfield's Chisholm Recreation Center at 101 South Springfield Ave., call (973) 467-0834.

NEWS CLIPS

Clubs use SPL computer

Those organizations in Springfield that wish to have the latest information on their organization in the Springfield Free Public Library's computer, contact the library's reference department at (973) 376-4930, ext. 38.

The library needs the name, address and telephone number of the person to be contacted for anyone interested in further information.

Seniors organize events

The senior citizens of Springfield are alive and well. Join them Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, beginning in September.

The group also will sponsor the following trips:
• Oct. 17-18 — "The Wonders of the Connecticut Woods." This trip includes a one-and-a-half-hour tour to Newport R.I. Stops include the Foxwood casino and the Mohagan Sun.

• Oct. 25 — "Platzel Brauhaus" includes lunch, dinner and a day filled with many activities. The October Fest costs \$35 for each person.

• Dec. 13 — "City Lights." Enjoy dinner in Little Italy, a three-hour tour of the festive lights and a visit to Ferraris Bakery. The cost is \$65 for each person. All tips and taxes are included.

For additional information, contact Charlotte Fargenbaum at (973) 379-5241.

Civic groups offer prevention courses

Five New Jersey nonprofit groups will be the beneficiaries of a free workshop on abuse prevention given by Koenig Glassman, a Mountainville sociologist, educator and author whose research focuses on domestic abuse prevention. The two-day workshop is designed for parents and their daughters between the ages of 12-18.

To qualify for the workshop, an organization must be nonprofit, and have a presence in at least one of the following counties: Union, Spenser, Middlesex, Bergen, Passaic, Warren, Sussex or Hunterdon. To schedule the workshop, call Meryl Conover at 301-1991 immediately, as it must take place between July 1 and Dec. 18.

For additional information, call the Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227.

Register to swim today

Registration for the 1999 Spring field swim team, sponsored by the Recreation Department, is being accepted at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, Springfield.

The registration fee is \$25 for the first child in the family and \$20 for each additional child. Payment must be in check or money order made payable to the Township of Springfield.

Boys and girls from five to 17 years of age are eligible to participate in the team. All participants should be comfortable in deep water, though need not be Olympic-quality swimmers.

Any Springfield resident or anyone who attends school in Springfield is eligible to swim. Those residing and/or going to school outside of Springfield must be pool members in order to participate on the team.

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Have the Knicks gained from the short season?



Jim Mierschilling
"With the long bench they used to have, it probably helped."



Sean Smith
"Not at all. There are too many new guys that had to come together as a team."



Carlos Hornem
"No. They'd have done well either way. They have a lot of great young players, although I don't think they'll make it this year."



Lee Minster
"I don't know and I don't care. I just want to get over with so we can get in with the basketball season."

Dayton production is back by popular demand

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The June 11 final rehearsal for "Attention All Passengers" at Jonathan Dayton High School seemed like any other rehearsal session for Bulldog Productions.

With two hours before curtain rising, the Halsey Auditorium has several activities going on simultaneously. Co-director Daniel Kazem and faculty music advisor Ron Stabile are busy setting the musical score. Kazem also has his eye on the lighting and sound cues, plus several actors choreographing their own moves.

There is more activity in the backstage music room. Rachel Nehman, Dan Pollock and another eight cast members are going over their lines. Faculty theater advisor Gretchen Ruef walks between the two rooms to check two-way radio in hand.

The one real test is almost July 2. "Attention All Passengers" debuts for one night only back in January.

"Attention All Passengers" said Ruef and Kazem were brought back by popular demand. The first Dayton student-organized production also had been performed before the county and state teen arts juries last month.

"The audience and cast liked it so much they wanted another performance," Ruef said. "We're also proud of the play as it received an outstanding rating in the Union County Teen Arts Festival and went before the State Teen Arts Festival in May."

"We would've received it sooner but June 11 was the best date we could get," Kazem said. "This was also the end production for the first semester theater class so putting it on again means we're not doing it for class credit."

The concert part of the New York Metropolitan Opera Project, whereby students create and produce all-original plays, forms much of the project had been in the process at Gaudinzer Middle School but just debuted this school year at Jonathan Dayton.

"I had been in the opera project while at Gaudinzer," Kazem said. "When the deregionalization happened, the course was brought into Dayton."

One aspect of the two opera projects was implemented by the school system in the 1997-98 school year. District and school officials agreed to sponsor Jonathan Dayton students participating in Dayton's district productions at a familiarization meeting.

Gaudinzer's sole representative of the district is Matthew Shuck. The seventh-grader sat on a bench on a stage designed to look like an airport terminal.

They were presented by their teacher and mentor, Penina Neustadter.

Rachel Koenigsberg, the pre-school director, spoke about the individual components of every child, and Robert Alan J. Viter spoke about having the moral courage to be individuals as we grow to spiritual maturity.

Congregation Iserai's pre-school program is a warm, accepting, nurturing community that develops each child's uniqueness and potential with the warmth of the Jewish tradition.

Pre-schoolers graduate

On June 4, Congregation Iserai of Springfield a pre-school program held its annual graduation exercises.

The eight graduates are Michael Joseph Appel, Tavi Bochner, Noah Joseph Edelstein, Yona Kadofin, Joshua Jacob Kandi, Shirat Tová Mashever, Benjamin Aaron Rosenzweig and Elicorah Yafa Sandiman.

The graduates demonstrated to all assembled what they had learned in Hebrew and in English, as they move on to kindergarten. The graduates

Board approves moves

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Springfield's parents and students will see some staffing changes in some of the public schools buildings in September. The changes, part of an administrative restructuring plan, were approved by the Springfield Board of Education Monday night.

The plan was among 63 items approved by the board. Its adoption meant the following personnel moves be made on July 1.

• Edward Walton School Principal Michael Antolini is transferred to the Thelma Sandmeier School.

• Special Services Director Rosalmarie Krosche succeeds Antolini at Walton.

• Current Sandmeier Principal Elizabeth Young is released from the school system.

• Jonathan Dayton High School Guidance Director Dominick Seyville becomes one of two full-time guidance counselors at the Florence M. Claudimer Middle School.

• James Giordano from the Princeton Regional School District is hired as the mathematics teacher supervisor. He and high school administrator Kenneth Matfield will fill two of the six recently created teacher-supervisor posts.

Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland, after months of research and consultation, introduced the plan at the June 7 meeting. The board voted almost unanimously on the plan, as board member Robert Fish abstained, Keith Kurzer was out of the room and Ben Stravato was absent.

Krosche, Young and Matfield were present at the meeting but not for the vote. They were part of a 41-member long-range planning committee that made the five-year plan recommendations earlier that night.

The moves have generated public controversy among parents at the Walton and Sandmeier schools over the last two months. It continued into the first public comment segment when Walton parent Laura Delia presented a 115-signature petition to the board.

"The signatures represent at least one-third of Walton's parents," Delia said. "Michael Antolini is a positive role model for children meeting their first principal. We want him to stay."

Sandmeier PTA President Nancy Scleppi presented the board simple auditing reports on May 11. The majority concerned a free-auditing program provided by the state treasury and education departments.

"I understand you spent up to \$11,000 on private consultant Nexus on administrative restructuring," Scleppi said. "This program is designed to help school systems to more efficiently structure and operate. Some 33 school districts have taken advantage of this program, some of their reports I gave you."

Scleppi also commented on how the school district may have played out on obtaining grants for classroom equipment.

"I appreciate your constructive criticism but the Pocket Park grants are granted by the county to the towns," Friedland said. "We make choices in terms of time and energy on which grants we do or don't pursue."

In the same meeting, parents Nancy and Dominick Fabrizio inquired of the administration's handling of the video premiere of "Four Shadows" Friday. The Fabrizio asked why the video was screened and why they were not informed of possible content problems before the date of its release.

The issue of profanity in the production was brought to Friedland's attention three hours before screening. Faced with two divergent lawyer's opinions, Friedland screened the passages and asked the students to run a language disclaimer.

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EDITORIALS

Graduation is time of thanks, maturity

This week, members of the Class of 1999 at Jonathan Dayton and Governor Livingston high schools will fetch the end of a long road, namely their education in the Springfield and Mountainside school systems.

As these young men and women look to a future made brighter by the past, be wise, their continued success whether their individual and respective plans include higher education, vocational training or employment. The years spent in their schools have laid a foundation not only of education, but of preparation for adult life. We hope the graduates do not forget these lessons as their life experiences offer opportunities that may seem to make their high school days pale in comparison. No matter what is built on this foundation in the future, the foundation must remain intact if the structure is to stand.

Before leaving high school, we ask these students to pause and thank the many people whose work, time and love have paved the road to the future — teachers, parents, administrators, school board members, guidance counselors. Though at times the structure provided by these people may have seemed restrictive, the graduates will in time find that the values that were inculcated, the lessons that were taught and the potential that was nurtured will serve each and every member of the class of 1999 invaluable.

Lastly, we remind the graduates that this time of celebration should be handled in a manner becoming adults. For upon receiving their diplomas, the graduates will indeed be adults. Remember, drinking alcohol by anyone younger than the age of 21 is illegal; use of any controlled dangerous substance by persons of any age is illegal; driving under the influence of either drugs or alcohol is illegal.

Celebrations this weekend should focus on the potential within each graduate and the future that could be discovered once that potential is applied. Irresponsible behavior is an insult to the people who have sacrificed to ensure the continued success of the Class of 1999, and to the winner in each and every member of the class.

We congratulate the graduates on this major milestone and hope that only success and accomplishment await them.

What's your opinion about this subject? Call us at (609) 686-8888, and enter Selection 8000. Use our Infocourse hotline to express your opinions about this and other local issues. Responses will be published next week.



Postal workers should be thanked

We ask residents to take a little time out of their days to offer their appreciation to the mail carriers who are currently working without contracts.

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This is not meant to imply that we support the carriers' side in this dispute, nor does it mean that we are behind the U.S. Postal Service unquestioningly. This commentary has nothing to do with labor issues or mail delays. It's about courtesy and consideration; letting someone know, in the middle of their usually thankless day, that their work is appreciated and that their obstacles are understood.

It's called respect for commitment and a job well done. We advise all parties concerned in the labor issue to do all they can — and that includes the all-important word "compromise" — to resolve the matter so business can get back to normal.

Until a settlement is reached between the union and the Postal Service, it is incumbent upon each of us to let our mail carriers know we appreciate what they are doing. Saying "thank you" takes very little time, but its effects can last well beyond the sound of the words.

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GIVE AND TAKE — The Girls and Take Judges, a group of quick-handed performers, will dazzle visitors at the Trailside Nature and Science Center July 14 at 1:30 p.m. The show is part of Trailside's Wednesday matinee summer series for children ages four and up, accompanied by an adult. The fee is \$4 for each person. For more information, call Trailside at 789-3670.

'Clean' littering is not acceptable behavior

Such behavior is not encouraged in certain places, at least outdoors. You can drop your peanut shells, your Cracker Jacks, or your best cup of coffee on the ballpark and no one says a word to you about it. You're just expected to leave your seat and find a receptacle. Same thing goes in a movie theater. Who would ever insist on your being in the lobby disposing of your Raisinette and Gum? In Plenty boxes at the very moment the bad guys are about to receive their comeuppance?

In most places, of course, such approaches to waste disposal are frowned upon. Hokey for something. It was recently at Barnes and Noble in Springfield and had the very bad luck of being in the art section with two men, one probably in his 50s, the other in his 20s, who were sharing a Wendy's coffee. For anyone who happens to be reading this who doesn't know what that is, you shake thick

Joe's Place

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

enough to use with a spoon. In fact, it's necessary to eat it with a spoon. Now, as most of us in the semi-civilized world know, you don't bring food into bookstores. Food in bookstores is an oddity, like food in a funeral parlor. The two just don't go together.

Granted, Barnes and Noble has its little cafe, and people bring books and magazines to read while sipping their pet coffee. But that's a designated environment. Like the ballpark or the John Thunauerplex, the food and drink is permitted and you can either savor your own mess, which would be nice, or have it collected for you by

the employees there.

The bookstore proper is a different world. Seating arrangements, trash receptacles and waiter service are just provided. But these two guys' casual disregard that this wasn't an environment for dining, apparently, they thought they had special clearance for their frump. As they alternately snorted their way into a delicious chocolate high, my neck became red. The younger man finally finished the thing and put the cup, with the spoon protruding prominently, on one of the shelves. I right in front of an expensive-looking art book. The older one, at whose eye-level the cup sat in all its billigerent yellowness, paid no attention to it.

This is littering.

This is *waste* littering.

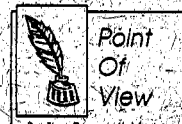
The difference, theoretically, between crushing the cup and throwing it on the ground and placing it on

the nearest available space is nil. The cup you can see carefully placed on the floor of the train or on the window ledge in front of a building, can in my opinion be the same as the calling card of the pig. A neat pig, but a pig nevertheless.

My two friends at the bookstore were not showing respect for the cartoning by using the shelf. The fact is, there are people who, sadly, don't entirely realize the meaning and scope of their unkempt behavior, and these people, like these gentlemen, who are aware of it just enough to think they can make the littering gesture look borderline civilized. It's not borderline civilized. It's arrogant and discourteous. It doesn't fool anyone, and it's much worse, in my book, than being 100 percent oblivious.

As they stood there reading an employee swept by and collected the cup.

Pastor urges spirituality in summer months



By The Rev. Jeff Markov

Now that the weather is warm, notice some new activity in the ball fields in Springfield as I did it on Church on Sunday morning.

People are out playing, playing tennis and enjoying softball games. Being that I love to play tennis and softball, I know that these activities can be experiences of peace, rest, fun and growth for our health and well-being. It is important for a human being to get out of our bodies. It also is important to take care of our spiritual lives.

I do wonder sometimes, out of heartfelt concern for their spirits, how these folks who are working out on Sunday mornings are nurturing their spiritual lives? If they are not connected to a faith community, how do they hear the life-giving and loving voice of God? How do they experi-

ence the peace, healing and wholeness that come from intentionally being part of a Christian community?

As I drive by, I sometimes pray God's blessings upon them even if they may not recognize the blessings as coming from their living and loving Creator. Perhaps our job, as faithful Christians, is to blanket people like us, our communities with prayer and invocation.

As we enter summer, at least in the midwest of the United States, the peculiar world influences Christians in a way that understands summer as a time off from everyday things, including attending worship. Even though we still have a deep spiritual need for corporate worship and intentional Christian fellowship, in our very busy lives, summer can offer opportunities for the spiritual life that may be more fruitful than at any other time.

I recommend the following ways to be intentional about being spiritually fit this summer:

- Give "to God" regularly.
- Take time to be thankful for all of God's blessings.
- Worship with other disciples of Jesus.
- Pray often.

- Serve someone in need.
- Practice random acts of kindness regularly.
- Pay the Parkway toll of the person riding behind you on your way to the beach.
- Read Scriptures and other spiritual books.
- Attend worship services while on vacation and bring good ideas back to your congregation.
- Take time to enjoy God's creation wherever you are.
- Invite your pastor, priest or rabbi for tea or lemonade.
- Remember, You are God's beloved child. You remain in my heart and prayers this summer.

The Rev. Jeff Markov is pastor at Springfield, Emanuel United Methodist Church.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Waste facility is not acceptable

To the Editor:

The Clark Environmental Commission strongly believes that public officials owe the public the unadorned truth. In particular, matters of the public health, such as the planned medical waste treatment facility in Linden, should not be manipulated in any way.

Building this facility will change how life-threatening waste is handled in the Northeast by encouraging hospitals to discontinue in-house decontamination of waste. As a result, 30 tons a day of infectious material will move into the general population in a daily torrent on the roadways of the state of our region.

The Clark Environmental Commission is therefore understandably upset when a public official who approved the project would suggest to the press that this entire operation will be "completely safe."

Fred, even the industry expert who advised the county admitted that there was risk involved, although the risk was "acceptable" to him.

Unfortunately, nobody asked the expert if the risk was acceptable to the people because he was from North Carolina, or if he was just a diehard body count and epidemic numberer.

Seriously, common sense alone would suggest that there is a problem when money, massive amounts of infectious waste on the streets and highways of a region with a population density and rate of vehicular accident that are among the highest in the nation.

The situation not only has flow lines, collisions, mechanical breakdowns and human error will cause human exposure to infection carried by air, blood or waste.

The Clark Environmental Commission is also concerned that the public may

be lulled into a false sense of security by statements that infectious material will be in "sealed containers."

The public needs to know that infectious medical waste will be transported in plastic bags in cardboard boxes, which are subject to puncture, leakage and rupture from mishandling or vehicular impact. It could cause human exposure.

Consequently, the Clark Environmental Commission supports the position that all infectious waste be decontaminated by steam autoclave before it leaves any major hospital or laboratory facility, and that untreated infectious waste should not be imported into New Jersey.

The commission urges all good people to tell their state legislators that law-enforcing these requirements are needed to protect the public health and safety.

William Fiderik, chairman
Clark Environmental Commission

Hail to the troop

To the Editor:

Congratulations and thanks are in order for Boy Scout leader Wayne Keller and the scout of Troop 173 for undertaking an "Adopt the Highway" program in Mountainside.

Keller, the Scout leader, worked diligently cleaning, mowing, trimming and planting shrubs and flowers on the island adjacent to Route 22 and New Providence Road. Their hours of hard work had paid off, making this well-used but also more attractive than a lot in years.

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Mr. and Mrs. Marc S. Greenberg
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Springfield's student artists dazzle professionals

By Joe Lugano
Staff Writer

Picasso once visited a children's art exhibition with a friend. "When I was a boy I could draw like Raphael," he remarked to his companion. "It took me many years to learn to draw like these children."

Students in Springfield's Sandmeier and Caldwell schools recently staged a large exhibition of their work in various media in the Sandmeier gym. On a gray day, the space exploded with brilliant primary colors and bold forms, a scene that would have easily pleased the 20th century master.

Iris Ting was among the student exhibitors. Ting, a fourth-grader at Sandmeier, was represented by a photographic reproduction of her painting, "Riding with My Family."

Ting's painting was absent for good reason. As a participant in the Crayola Dream-Makers Exhibition, she was one of only 40 young artists from the Northeastern United States chosen as a finalist. Ting's painting is still at the University of Toledo Center for the Arts, the competition's judging site, with six others scheduled to appear at an exhibition at the Kennedy Art Center in Ohio. Only 200 student pieces were selected in the nation.

Ting's painting is a complex composition of human and nonhuman animal forms. "Kids often use books for reference," said Marilyn Schneider, Ting's art teacher at Sandmeier. "Iris didn't. The painting just flowed from her brush."

Schneider pointed out that most children have "eidetic" ability. "Eidetic ability is an unusual ability to visualize," she said. "Children experience naturally what most adults need

to dream in order to experience." Megan Izzo and Kimberly Baldwin of Caldwell School and JIMin Hwang of Sandmeier were semifinalists in the competition.

The classroom theme for the student's work was "Family Memory and Experience." Izzo, a third-grader, produced "We Go to Pennsylvania to Visit Our Family," six smiling figures waving directly at the viewer, suggesting a welcoming arrival.

Baldwin, a second-grader, was represented by "The Family Reunion at the Amusement Park," a lively abstraction in yellows, greens and oranges depicting an aerial view of water rides and roller coasters.

In "Patterns for My Dream Robe," Hwang, also a second-grader, adapted a pattern from a Korean robe as the basis for a violet, turquoise and green abstraction.

Not all the works were products of art classes. Fourth-grade classroom teacher Keith Schuch had his students create spaghettisculptures, with various shaped pasta glued to different colored construction papers. The shell was the preferred pasta for the skull with the artist designing features — many comical — with marker.

Hamel Ginsberg's second-grade class also stood out with 17 portraits of students by students, all done with good cheer. One student, Umberto, was used as a subject at least twice, appearing in one drawing with a near beard.

Among the larger pieces were four 30-inch by 96-inch murals produced by students, each armed with his or her own color, working to the sounds of Native American music, and two large "papers" of positive/negative, black-and-white cutouts.



This painting, "Riding with My Family," by fourth-grader Iris Ting hangs at the University of Toledo Center for the Arts. Ting was one of 40 finalists nationwide in the Crayola Dream-Makers Exhibition.

Other individual pieces included Nurit Zabludovsky's six yet unfinished "An LBI Vacation," a crowded composition with bathers lounging by and swimming in a pool, and Michael Schwartz's collage, "Paradise Island in the Bahamas," with Schwartz himself as part of a landscape that includes a water slide and a blue and yellow castleside shelter.

Brendan Lou puts the viewer right

in the grandstand with his "Baseball Adventure." Just above three dark hairy heads, the game continues in full sunlight on an outrageously green infield. The crowd on the opposite side of the field is indicated with loose flicks of color, with the wall separating the grandstand from the crowd delineated by a relaxed swipe of pure blue paint.

"Springfield is very supportive of its young artists," Schneider said. "Dr. Gary Fredland, our superintendent, is extremely encouraging in regard to

the arts. He's asked the art department to set up a townwide art display. We chose 22 works — they're all going to be framed and exhibited at the Town Hall and the Board of Education offices. Then, in the fall, we're going to have a ceremony where the framed pieces will be presented to the artists."

Fredland, Schneider continued, "has inspired us here in Springfield to get the kids to produce better and better work."



Kenneth S. Javerbaum

Javerbaum navigates symposium

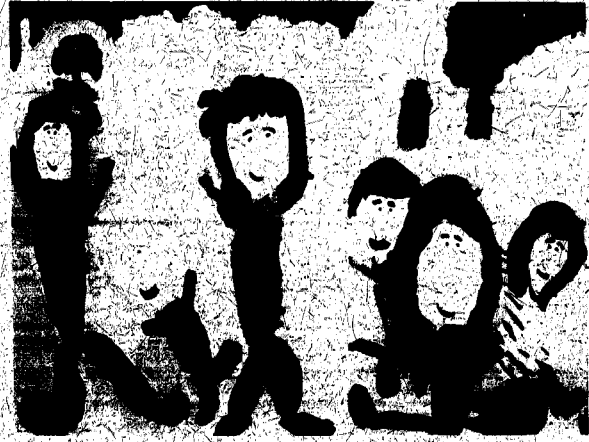
Kenneth S. Javerbaum, senior partner of the Springfield law firm Javerbaum Wurgal, Hicker & Zarin, and a member of the New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Professionalism in the Law, presented a symposium to the Union County Bar Association recently on professionalism called, "Navigating the Perils of the Practice."

Javerbaum, who has long been active in bar activities, presented the seminar to Union County Attorneys and judges utilizing an interactive video format, fostering and encouraging provocative discussion focusing on the balancing of zealous client representation with the bounds of professionalism.

The program was instituted as part of an initiative by the Union County Bar Association to encourage respect for the law and the legal process.

Javerbaum, a certified civil trial attorney, is a member of the prestigious Million Dollar Advocated Forum. He limits his practice to personal injury and professional malpractice representation.

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Waving hands represent third-grader Megan Izzo's "We Go to Pennsylvania to Visit Our Family." Izzo, a student at Springfield's Caldwell School, was selected as a semi-finalist in a national exhibition. Her artwork, along with that of other students, will be on display throughout the township.

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STUDENT UPDATE

OBITUARIES



Toner awarded diploma at Gill St. Bernard's
Mountaineer resident Kelly Toner was among the graduating seniors from Gill St. Bernard's School in Gloucester. She plans to attend Dickinson College in the fall.



Gabbett receives degree
Jennifer Blake Gabbett, daughter of Maureen and D. Blake Gabbett of Mountaineer, graduated from Mount Saint Mary Academy in Washington, D.C. She plans to attend Palm Beach Atlantic College in West Palm Beach, Fla. in the fall.

Students earn degrees from Rider University

Two Springfield residents were among the 1,001 students receiving graduate or undergraduate degrees at Rider University's 134th commencement last month.

Christopher DeMauro earned a bachelor of science in finance while Daniela Korman was awarded a bachelor of science in marketing.

Receiving Honorary Degrees of Laws degrees at commencement were Rush Holt, a first-term U.S. Representative from the 12th Congressional District, and Ronald Berman, chairman and chief executive officer of the Trenton-based commercial development firm, R. Berman Development Company, L.L.C.

Good makes the list

Springfield resident Martin E. Good, daughter of Barbara T. Good, was named to the death's list at Emory College in Atlanta, Ga.

Students must be in the top 20 percent of Emory College or have approximately a 3.2 grade point average or higher to receive this honor.

Local students excel

Mountaineer residents Profs Swaminathan and Springfield's Soth Desai, Barbra Susskind and Lindsey Whalen were among the 136 students to graduate from The Pinery School June 13.

Swaminathan, winner of the Union College Camille A. France Award for Excellence in English, the Spanish Prize, a member of the Cum Laude Society, an AP Scholar with Distinction and a National Merit Commended Scholar, plans to attend Columbia University in the fall.

Desai plans to attend Brown University in the fall. Susskind, a National Merit Commended Scholar, plans to attend Brandeis University. Whalen plans to attend Colorado College.

Maul' noted at academy

Springfield resident Barbara Maul, an 11th grader at The Academy of Saint Elizabeth in Convent Station, was honored with an honorable mention for the fourth quarter of the 1998-99 academic year.



Caputo receives degree

Tricia Caputo of Springfield was among the 56 young women who were graduated from Kent Place School in Summit June 5.

Caputo is a member of the Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad and is an active member in her church where she plays, sings, Sunday school. She played softball for three years and served as an ambassador at Kent Place.

Aylward named to list

Mountaineer resident Brandee M. Aylward was named to the dean's list at Bloomsburg University in Pennsylvania. To qualify for this honor, Aylward earned a quality point average of 3.5 or higher, during the semester.

Students honored at UD

Local students were honored as college at the University of Delaware during their top scholars during Honors Day May 7. At the ceremony, students were commended for their accomplishments in scholarship and leadership, and for their personal contributions to their respective colleges and to the entire campus community.

Springfield resident Amy M. Kirsh received a Class of 1999 Scholarship. This \$1,000 award is sponsored by that class. Selection is based on academic performance and financial need.

A Nursing Alumni Award was presented to Springfield's Courtney E. Reinisch-Robinson. This award is given to both an undergraduate and a graduate nursing student in recognition of superior scholastic achievement and professional accomplishments.

Honor society inducts 27

Twenty-seven Summit High School students were inducted last month into the World Language Honor Society. Admission to the society requires a grade of A for the final average in grades nine, 10 and 11, and no mark lower than a B.

The annual induction, which is held in the school, features a candle procession and recessional, the reading of personal sketches of each inductee and a recitation of the oath in French, Spanish, German and Latin. Refreshments are served to the inductees and their guests at the conclusion of the ceremony.

The following is a list of newly inducted members:
French: Jessica Arnold, Aron Bell, Marisa Bell, Kate Gartside, Beth Hatem, Jennifer Kowal, Abigail McDonough, Kiley Smith and Tammy Wood.
German: Hilary Bojler, Ryan Keifer and Adam Malch.
Latin: Ray Allogramonio, Edward Brit, Alexander Hardy, Meghan Hatfield, Charlotte Hodde, Samantha McCoy and Heather Thompson.
Spanish: Jon Campagna, Beverly Halpern, Kevin Keating, Letizia Lutz, Laura McDonough, Charles Santusi, Chris Stephens and Matt Tice.

Attention churches and social clubs

This newspaper encourages congregations, temples, social and civic organizations to inform the editors about scheduled events and activities. Releases should be typed, double-spaced, and include a phone number where a representative may be reached during the day.

Eugene A. Foley

Eugene Anthony Foley, 91, of Springfield, a retired engineer, died June 14 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Jersey City, Mr. Foley lived in Union before moving to Springfield 48 years ago. He was an associate engineer for AT&T, Western Electric, in Kearny, where he worked for 45 years and retired 26 years ago. Mr. Foley was a life member of the Bell Telephone Pioneer of America and a member of the Springfield Senior Citizens Group. He also was a foster father for the Jewish Child Care Association of Newark.

Surviving are two sons, John P. and Eugene A., a brother, Joseph; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Patrick McCafferty

Patrick L. McCafferty of Springfield died June 14 at home.

Born in Bellshill, Scotland, Mr. McCafferty lived in Madison, Keansy and Summit before moving to Springfield 26 years ago. He was an ironworker with Ironworker's Union Local 180 of Elizabeth for 32 years, and retired 13 years ago. Mr. McCafferty was a member of the Irish-American Club of Kearny.

Surviving are his wife, Mary, and three sisters, Susan Doherty, Margaret Quigley and Kaitlyn.

Elizabeth Smith

Elizabeth Allen Smith, 34, of Annapolis, Md., formerly of Mountaineer, died June 18 in Johns Hopkins University Hospital, Baltimore, Md.

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Smith lived in and grew up in Mountaineer and moved to Annapolis eight years ago. She worked in the Maryland State House, and before that, for the American Field Service, New York City, in the early 1990s. Mrs. Smith was a 1987 graduate of Duke University, Durham, N.C., where she received a double degree in political science and psychology. She also had graduated from the Pinery School, Marlinton, where she was named a scholar-athlete. In 1982, Mrs. Smith was an exchange student in France.

With her husband, Andrew Paul,

exchange student from Brazil in 1994 and 1995, and another from Norway in 1997 and 1998.

Also surviving are a son, Henry Winfield, a daughter, Hannah Katherine, nieces, Patricia, David and Connie Allan, and three brothers, David, Robert and Christopher Allan.

Cecilia M. Downing

Cecilia Margaret Downing, 97, of Denville, formerly of Summit, died June 3 in St. Francis Health Resort.

Born in East Orange, Mrs. Downing lived in Summit for 20 years before moving to Denville in 1981. She lived from 1920 to 1936 at National Lead Industries, New York City, where she was secretary to the president.

David C. Payne

David C. Payne, 82, of Mountaineer died June 18 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Lawrence, La., Mr. Payne lived in Cedarhurst, L.I., before moving to Mountaineer many years ago. He was employed in the sales department of Jack Ballantine Inc., New York City, for 30 years before retiring. Mr. Payne attended Hofstra University for two years. He served in the Army Air Corps with the 8th Army in England and France during World War II, achieving the rank of staff sergeant. Mr. Payne was a member of the Old Guard of Westfield.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years, Shirley M.; a daughter, Cynthia Payne Howell; a son, David Bradford, and two grandchildren.

Junia M. Chapin

Junia M. Chapin, 97, of Mountaineer, formerly of Summit, died June 18 at home.

Born in New York, Mrs. Chapin lived in Short Hills, and Summit before moving to Mountaineer. She was a librarian for AT&T in New York for 12 years before retiring many years ago. Prior to that, she had worked for the Mapewood Public Library. Mrs. Chapin received her certification of library science from Columbia University. She was a charter member of the Community Congregational Church and the Mapewood Women's Club.

Surviving are a daughter, Marjorie Francis; four grandchildren and five

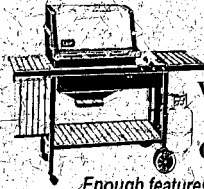
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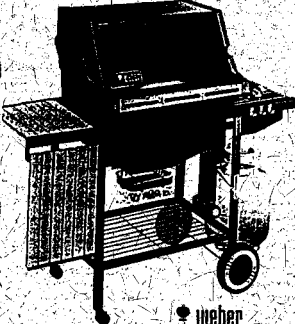
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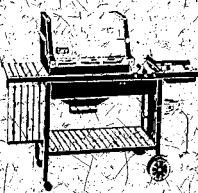
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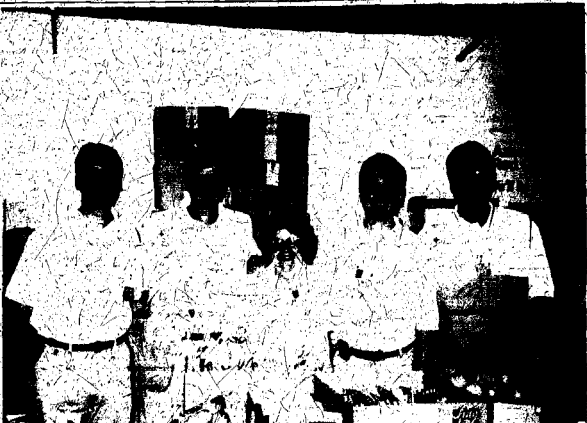
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Kent Place School graduates 56

Fifty-six young women were graduated from Kent Place School June 5. Headmistress Karan Ashford Merry presided over the outdoor ceremony held on the school's Summit campus. The Citizenship Cup, which is presented to a member of the senior class who, during her years at Kent Place, has shown herself to be the outstanding example of student citizenship, was awarded to Katherine Rocketts of Summit. Considered "one of the school's highest honors, the Citizenship Cup is voted on by all Upper School faculty and students. The Montgomery Award for leadership was given to Mansa Guber of Montclair, and the Olyver E. Miles Award for academic commitment was presented to Stacy Hepburn of Jersey City. Seniors Ruby Henry, Cynthia Keenan, Meredith Murphy and Katherine Spaine delivered remarks from the "Class" Class, president of Vespertine and vice president Laura Cappetta presented a plaque to the school as the class gift.

Art prizes established in memory of alumna Cary P. Durbin were awarded to Maxine Lewis of South Orange and Wendy Weisner of Madison. The Music Prize was awarded to Allison Hunter of Summit. The Pat Conley Athletic Award was shared by Lind-
 sey Goward of Bernardsville, Katherine Swayne of Basking Ridge and Lorena Weber of Short Hills.
 Inducted into the Cum Laude Society were Taina Lippman and Valerie Schlicher of Summit, Allison Cochrane of Chatham, Meghan McKernville of Long Valley and Wendy Weisner of Madison. Lily Blair and Katherine Rocketts of Summit, Caroline Snell of Morristown, Emma Span of Montclair and Kern Thompson of West Orange were inducted into Cum Laude Society as juniors last year.

This year's honorees, Katherine Durbin, Cary P. Durbin, Allison Cochrane, Allison Cochrane of Newark, Jennifer Lakosa of Union, Sarah Penningill of Summit Hills and O'Neil Starkey of Port Jervis were inducted into the society. Additionally, faculty member and Latin teacher Lee Slery was inducted into the Cum Laude Society. With the students' recognition of his accomplishments and commitment to excellence in education.
 Graduates receiving departmental honors include the following students:
 History: Laura Anderson of Radcliffe.
 Art, History, Music and Science: Victoria Balson of Summit.
 Art: Sara Bernan of Montclair.
 Music: Daniela, Blanche of Summit.
 Drama, History, English and Music: Iris Bhasi of Summit.
 Music: Kathryn Green of Westfield.
 French, History and Science: Allison Cochrane of Chatham.
 Music: Whitney Dodd of Morristown.
 Art: Katherine Dreifuss of Chatham.
 Music: Mansa Guber of Montclair.
 French, History and Spanish: Ruby Henry of Colonia.
 Latin: Stacy Hepburn of Jersey City.
 Spanish: Uzial Haigh of Summit.
 Music: Allison Hunter of Summit.
 Drama and Music: Cynthia Keenan of Mendham.
 Latin: Amanda Lanning of Maplewood.
 Art and Latin: Maxine Lewis of South Orange.
 Math: Laura Lippman of Summit.
 History and Science: Meghan McKernville of Long Valley.
 History: Barbara Mellen of Warren.
 History: Meredith Murphy of Chatham.
 Music and Science: Marjorie Rathgeber of Mendham.
 Drama, English, French, History, Math, Music and Science: Katherine Rocketts of Summit.
 Drama, French, History and Science: Valerie Schlicher of Summit.
 English, French, History, Math and Science: Caroline Snell of Morristown.
 Drama, English, French and History: Emma Span of Montclair.
 Music: Katherine Swayne of Basking Ridge.
 Music: Brianna Tammaro of Summit.
 English, History, Math, Science and Spanish: Kerry Thomson of West Orange.
 Art: Rebecca Veaza of Westfield.
 Art, French and History: Lorena Weber of Short Hills.
 Art: Wendy Weisner of Madison.



Dr. John Tabachnick, chairman of the Westfield/Mountinside Chapter of the American Red Cross, left, assembles drinks and snacks with Dennis Kinsella, executive director, and board members Linda Guiditta, Scott Beresford and Donald Vantarelli at Doughboy Gym in Fort Dix.

Local Red Cross aided relief effort

The Westfield/Mountinside Chapter of the American Red Cross participated in the relief effort at Fort Dix last month. The Red Cross assisted in the Mass Care Function of the operation that is run by the military at Fort Dix.

Members of the chapter arrived at 6 a.m. to greet a planeload of Kosovo refugees at Doughboy Gym on Fort Dix. Dr. John Tabachnick, chapter chairman said, "I am proud of our chapter's commitment to the relief effort. Our volunteers and board members load trucks with stacks of clothing and food for the military at Fort Dix. We all felt it to be a very moving experience for our volunteers who were lucky enough to participate. The response has been overwhelming by those who are participating in 'Friendship Buses' and the 'Shoebus of Hope' collection for all the refugees that are arriving at Fort Dix. Anyone interested in the 'Shoebus of Hope' can call the chapter at 212-7094.



Supporting the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit are, from left, Joan Dufley, executive director of the center, Tom Gormley, group general manager of Panasonic, Lynn Wielinga, personnel manager of Panasonic, and Joseph Taylor, president of Panasonic.

Komen offers grant funds

The North Jersey Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation has announced the availability of grant funds for projects in the following areas:

- Breast cancer education
- Educational outreach to specific populations that focus on underserved and uninsured women
- Screening and early detection
- Support programs
- Increased access to diagnostic treatment

Grants are available to non-profit organizations within the Komen Foundation's North Jersey Chapter service area of Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren counties.

Applications are now available, and grant requests are due no later than Sept. 15. A technical assistance program will be offered by the North Jersey Affiliate on June 25, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Tiffany's Restaurant, 447 Springfield Ave., Summit. A light luncheon will be served. Registration is required.

To receive a grant application or register for the technical assistance program, call 272-2904. The North Jersey Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation is located at 447 Springfield Ave., Summit, in the Strand Mall.

Junior Achievement



Working on a Junior Achievement activity with teacher Andral Neumanis are, from left, fourth-graders Tiffany Dodson, Mariana Gorn, Emily Neimanis and Shannon O'Connor. These students from James Caldwell School in Springfield were instructed in six lessons by Neimanis including natural resources, human resources and capital resources. The purpose of Junior Achievement Inc. is to educate and inspire young people to value free enterprise, understand business and economics and be workforce ready.

City art center serves students

Since 1990, the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts has provided an award-winning arts education program serving individuals with developmental and physical disabilities. With the "Artist with Disabilities" program, these classes enable more than 50 students from the Association of Retarded Citizens of Union and Essex Counties to experience and benefit from drawing and painting in a studio atmosphere.

The results have been far-reaching. Over the past nine years, the art center has witnessed a growth of response and enrichment that spills over every one involved and into the community at large.

The students are exhilarated to be a part of the art center and feel a certain freedom and sense of accomplishment through their artwork. Program instructor, Irma Ostroff teaches her students "with a strong belief in open-ness, sensitivity and opportunity."

NICVA hosted its annual luncheon and program presentation May 21 for Panasonic Industrial Company. The generous underwriting support from Panasonic makes this important program possible.

A hands-on art session with over 50 students from the ARC continues throughout the luncheon.

The public is encouraged to call and visit the art center to learn more about this innovative program.

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Borough man arrested for cashing false checks

Two borough residents were apprehended by Mountaintop police the week of June 14. Pasquale Pallino, 41, Knickerbocker Road, Mountaintop, visited a neighbor June 15 and allegedly took a sheaf of business checks from the neighbor's home office. The checks from the 21st Trucking Company, contained three checks.

Pallino then reportedly attempted to cash one of the checks at a check-cashing establishment in Hillside. Suspicious employees contacted 21st Trucking, only to be informed that no check was issued to Pallino.

Two Mountaintop detectives went to Hillside and discovered Pallino walking along Route 22. He was arrested without incident and was released on his own recognizance pending a July 1 court date.

Jamie Estrada of Elizabeth, a three-

POLICE BLOTTER

year-plus employee of the Barre Corporation on Sheffield Street, was apprehended by Mountaintop police June 17 for allegedly taking another employee's wallet. The wallet, containing \$67 cash, credit cards and various personal information, was taken from Barre's employee locker room while he was out along with Estrada, were changing a tire at a gym. Two other employees also were in the locker room at the time.

Discovering his wallet missing, the owner posted a note at work the following day asking for its return. Estrada returned the wallet, minus the cash. Mountaintop police were summoned, interviewing Estrada and one of the other men who was in the room at the time of the theft. Estrada con-

fessed to taking the wallet and was discovered to be in possession of the \$67. Estrada was charged with theft and was given a court date of July 1. The Barre Corporation told police that Estrada had always been a good employee — until they fired him.

• Raymond Lighty Jr. of Newark was arrested and charged Sunday for having a suspended driver's license. He was stopped for having no high lights and was found to have \$850 in warrants from Irvington.

• Somerset resident Joel Lanza was arrested and charged for having a suspended driver's license Saturday. He was pulled over on Route 22 West for driving in the "turn only" lane.

• Jeffrey James of Easton, Pa. was arrested at Hunterdon County Jail Friday on Automated Traffic System warrants out of Mountaintop. Jeffrey

Pokrysko of Millington was arrested and charged for having both a suspended registration and license. He was released on his own recognizance.

• Michael Bartholmeo of Louisvile, Ky. was spotted driving erratically by Mountaintop police on Route 22 last June 17. He was given a breathalyzer test and was arrested and charged with Driving While Intoxicated. At police headquarters, he was found to be in possession of under 50 grams of marijuana. He was charged with possession and held in \$1,000 bail, which was reduced to \$500 at a court appearance the following day. Bail was posted and Bartholmeo was released pending a court appearance.

• Mack Baldwin of Teaneck was stopped on Route 22 West June 16 for maintenance of lamps and was found to have a suspended license, with a warrant out of Paterson for \$35. A court date for July 15 was set.

• Frederick Fraley of Hillside was arrested June 15 after a two-car motor vehicle accident involving a vehicle he wasn't supposed to be driving. Fraley allegedly took the company vehicle from Affordable Cleaning without permission. He was arrested and charged with a disorderly person's

County grant will aid borough courts, trail

By Joe Lugara Staff Writer

Mountaintop will be receiving \$39,000 for improvements to Borough Hill Park as part of Union County's 1999 Project Pocket Parks grant.

The borough engineer, the front part of tennis courts will be resurfaced in the traditional fashion, with green color-coating in the center and a red exterior with white striping. The back two courts will be hand-dyed, somewhat differently.

The improvements in Borough Hill Park, focus on three different areas, said Recreation Director Sue Winans. "We're going to have the four tennis courts resurfaced using a hard court surface. The fitness trail next to the Municipal Building will also be resurfaced using a jogging track mix, which is similar to play courts in tennis — it's softer and less abusive to the joints."

Last year, at Mayor Vigilant's insistence, we put a skating rink on the back two courts. Disco skid: We put down a plastic sheeting with a 12-inch wooden edge around and flooded it. When it froze, there were six or eight inches of ice for skating. Since the tennis courts are in the borough could offer skating not only in the daytime, but also sometime early evening.

"We'll also be making improvements to the softball field. The fencing around the first and third baselines will be replaced; we'll be putting a warning track in the outfield and the team bench area, which have been steadily deteriorating, will also be replaced."

What we're proposing this year, Dvorko continues, is to put an additional thickness of paving on those back two courts to take them more level, then surface them for tennis. The additional paving will give us a greater thickness — 12 inches or so — for skating. If the price is reasonable, we'll



Traffic along Morris Avenue was rerouted June 15 after a driver had a heart attack, causing his car to crash into a telephone pole, depositing eight 3,500-pound spools of steel wire in the street. The 58-year-old man was pronounced dead at the scene.

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Volunteers needed to take pride

By Walter Elliott Staff Writer

Officials involved with the Take Pride in Springfield Day festivities July 4 say they have most of their organization in place — except in one key area.

"Things are coming together," Fourth of July Committee Co-Chairman John Cottrage said. "The one place where we're lacking is in volunteers."

"The committee has staged the fireworks display five years, and they've had some extra attractions from the Springfield Chamber of Commerce recently," Chamber president Pat Paletella said. "This year has an ambitious program which requires the assistance of more people."

This year, the Independence Day celebration will be more than the annual 9 p.m. fireworks display. Renamed

Take Pride in Springfield, admission gates will open at noon for regularly continuous activities. They include: Several kiddie rides, including a simulated rock climbing wall, petting zoo and a moonwalk.

• Musical entertainment and make-up ceremonies work from two live bands and a radio personality from New York radio station Q-104 FM.

• Outback Steakhouse, the Millburn-Springfield Krautwurst and hot/water vendors are to offer food.

• Special tickets featuring beavers in uniform and a choice of hot Outback hamburger or a chicken sandwich with a soda during the afternoon.

Proceeds of the 55 adult and 53 children under-12 tickets are to establish a Springfield Education Achievement Award program.

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LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Springfield elections Sunday

Elections will be held this Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center for the 1999-2000 Board of Directors for Springfield Junior Baseball League, Inc.
The slate for officers is as follows: President — Mickey Chmura; Vice-President — Arthur Kravetz; Secretary — Julie Bernstein; Treasurer — Neil Weiss.
Pony League — Bob Hough; AAA — John O'Reilly; AA — Fred Silverman; Inactional — By Mulvaney; K-T Ball — Mark Bugowski; Equipment — Lou Popolo; Clinician/Registrar — Joe Mioronzo; Umpires/Schedule — Mike Sitar; Fundraising — Pam Cirielli; At Large — Ron Faxon; George Pallis; Coach Warren Frank.

Springfield fall registration

Registration for fall programs sponsored by the Springfield Recreation Department is now being accepted at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center at 30 Church Mall in Springfield.

Registration flyers are available for the following programs: Girls' Soccer; grades 3-8; Co-ed Soccer; grades 1-8; Minutemen Football; grades 4-8.

More information may be obtained by calling the recreation department at 973-912-2227.

Soccer camp in Berkeley Heights

U.K. Elite Soccer, New Jersey's only professional coaching organization, will host its annual soccer camp at Passaic River Park in Berkeley Heights July 6-10.

Travel team and recreational players ages 5-13 are welcome. All coaching is provided by USSF and NSCAA licensed professional British coaches.

Each player receives a free Reebok ball, a free U.K. Elite T-shirt and a free NY/NJ MetroStars sticker.

To register or receive a director brochure, call 973-631-9802.

Basketball camp in Summit

The Rams Basketball Camp, under the direction of Oratory Prep basketball coach Bob Conway, will be held July 12-16 at Oratory Prep in Summit.

The camp will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is open to students presently in grades 4-8.

Conway, the coordinator of the Rams Basketball Camp, has been named in high school basketball for the last 17 years and had earned Coach of the Year honors from two newspapers.

The camp has been designed to help the 4th-8th grade basketball player hone his skills in the basics. Strong emphasis will be placed on ball handling, passing and, of course, shooting the basketball.

During the week the players will be introduced to the basics of the Oratory Prep motion offense; the foundations of man-to-man defense as well as the sides of a variety of zones. This should make the players more attractive to coaches at the next level.

The cost for the camp is \$100 for the week.
More information may be obtained by calling Conway at 908-273-1064.

Springfield Sports Programs

The Springfield Recreation Department, in cooperation with Skyhawks, presents Summer Sports Programs for the months of July and August.

The programs will take place at Clinton Park on 100 S. Springfield Ave. and each has a different individual fee.

Here's a look at the programs offered:
Flag Football: July 5-9, 9 a.m. to noon; ages 7-14, \$7.
Mini-Hoops: July 12-16, 9 a.m. to noon; ages 4-7, \$5.
Baseball: Aug. 2-6, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; ages 7-14, \$6.

Call Ann 9-13, 9 a.m. to noon, ext. 1-14, 576.
Call 973-912-2227 for more information.

Standout track athletes



Summit Lincoln-Hubbard School 5th-graders, from left, Maddie McCreary, Katie Hayes, Claire McCreary and Gina Sciosola proudly display the medals they won at last month's Summit Track and Field Elementary School Championships. The event at Tallock High was sponsored by Summit's Elementary Physical Education Department and featured Summit 4th- and 5th-graders.

Standout swimmer Slonaker achieves All-America status

By Andrew McGeann
Assistant Sports Editor
As a freshman swimmer at the University of Virginia, Summit's Katie Slonaker picked up right where she left off at Oak Knoll High School as she achieved her second All-America status in the 800 freestyle relay and the 100 breaststroke this past season.
After she was named the 1998 New Jersey Swimmer of the Year by The Star-Ledger and was featured in the Pages in the Crowd section of Sports Illustrated in the April 20, 1998 issue, it comes as no surprise that Slonaker achieved such overwhelming success as a freshman.



Katie Slonaker excels at Virginia

However, becoming an All-America athlete certainly wasn't in the forefront of her mind.

"I was excited that we qualified for the NCAAs," Slonaker said. "I never even thought about being an All-American. I just went to school hoping to improve and swim faster than I ever have before. I figured I would just let everything else happen on its own."

Slonaker helped her University of Virginia team, which won its second straight Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) title this season, to a 10th place finish in the country at the NCAA meet held at the University of Georgia.

In individual events at the ACC Meet, Slonaker finished second in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:01.9, sixth in the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:03.9 and sixth in the 200 breaststroke with a time of 2:16.9.

Slonaker's stellar time in the 100 breaststroke, which she considers her favorite event, qualified her for the Olympic Trials next year in Indiana and she is hopeful to qualify in more events at the Nationals, which are slated for late-pace August 6-10 at the University of Minnesota.

During her four-year varsity career at Oak Knoll, Slonaker was a five-time state champion as she won the 50 freestyle events three times and the 100 freestyle twice.

She holds all of the Mountain Valley Conference, Union County and state prep sprint freestyle records.

As far as her transition from high school to college is concerned, Slonaker found it to be difficult at first, as many incoming freshmen do, especially athletes, but she adjusted nicely.

"The training is much more intense in college and that, along with the academics and the new surroundings, took some getting used to," Slonaker said. "It's a little tough at first, but you love school."

Slonaker started her swimming career under the guidance of Mark Bunin and the Summit YMCA Seals, with whom she swam for eight years and still holds 13 team records across different age divisions.

Slonaker's former team, the Summit Seals, recently sent six elite swimmers to the prestigious YMCA Nationals in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. and sent 31 more to the YWCA Junior-Senior Nationals in Charlotte, N.C., where they placed ninth overall.

Senior softball players excel

The following are Union County Senior Softball League results and standings of games played through June 11.

AGE 40-PLUS DIVISION
Union Center National Bank 16, Crest Refrigeration 15; Bob Renaud belted two home runs among his five hits while Tom Rapana blasted a double and triple among his five for UCNB; Rick Sevorniga banged out three runs.

Nilesen Detective Agency 17, Legg Mason 5; Dave Dempsey led four hits while Bruce Blittell, Frank Ciampi, Jerry Heurick, Lou Kirk and Ron Ivory had three for Nilesen. Ivory and Jerry Barrett blasted home runs. Jack Gogginigan had a multiple-hit game for Legs.

Antones Pure & Grill 31, Jacobson's Roofing 14; Joe Turilli went 3-for-5 with a home run and John Patreco had four hits. Vic Gorman had three hits and Gary Weiss' a home run among his two hits for Antones.

Nilesen Detective Agency 16, Legg Mason 9; Bruce Blittell belted two home runs among his three hits, while Brian McDermott and Mike Valpe had three hits each for Nilesen.

Comcast Cablevision 14, Bottoms Up 2; Bob Cassano, Don Deo, Charles Lehman, Carlo Melia, Ron Virgilio and Wayne Romkiewicz had two hits each for Comcast.

Union Center National Bank 17, Cheques 16; Jerry Arski had four hits including a double, Karl Grossman had three hits including two home runs and Bill Minshie belted two home runs and a double to spark UCNB. Chip Weiss belted a grand slam. Howard Smith had three hits and Ted Fernandez, Gary Halpinny, Lou Koehler, Dennis Kozickiw, Tom McNulty, Tony Oliva and Art Wesley two for Cheques.

Rehabco 18, Cheques 17; Peter Osborn had five hits including a two-run triple in the last inning to tie the score. Bill Orsatti delivered the game-winning hit. Richard Lopezki, Mike Ward and Buddy Brazins had three hits. Gerry Halpinny and Lou Koehler had four hits. Howard Jones and Tom McNulty, Greg and Chip Weiss a three-run triple for Cheques.

Comcast Cablevision 24, Crest Refrigeration 4; Comcast belted 31 hits as Ron Virgilio had four home runs and seven RBI. Matt Spencer and Charles Lehman had four hits. Larry Mandling hit a double and a double among his four. Her Mattson and Bruce D'Antonio had three hits. Mandling belted a home run and driving in five runs.

Bottoms Up 18, Jacobson's Roofing 23; Bottoms Up must up for the 14-2 loss it suffered at the hands of Comcast Cablevision.

AGE 35-PLUS DIVISION
L.L. Giardino's 16, Marion Roofing 9; Charles Lindner, Jim Wickens and Dean White had three hits. Lionel Cassin, Joe Carter, Frank DeDomenico, Ed White and Ralph Eisenberg had two hits. Eisenberg belted a game-winning double while Susan Esminger and White pitched well against Marion's.

L.A. Law 14, Pioneer Transport 16; John Wood had four hits, while Roy Carney, John Scatton and Joe LaPacca had three for L.A. Law. LaPacca belted a home run.

STANDINGS
5th Division: 1. Comcast Cablevision (9-2), Nilesen Detective (9-1), Antones Pure & Grill (7-2), Union Center National Bank (2-4), Cheques (2-7).
6th Division: 1. Bottoms Up (5-3), Rehabco (3-6), Jacobson's Roofing (2-2), Comcast Cablevision (2-1), Legg Mason (0-9).
7th Division: 1. A. Law (6-1), Pure & Grill (5-2), B. Cassino's (2-3).

Springfield boater first to make team Marshall on Select squad

By Mike Geurlo
Staff Writer
Zach Marshall of the Springfield Tornados has been chosen to compete on the Morris County Youth Soccer Association Summer Select 11U and under 13U Team. It is the first time a player from the Soccer Club of Springfield has been chosen to represent the league and club on the summer squad.

Marshall, who will enter the P.M. Gaudinor Middle School in the fall, has played many positions for the Tornados this year.

"He plays any number of positions for us from goalkeeper all the way up to said Marc Marshall of the Soccer Club of Springfield, Zach's father.

As many as 24 players were selected to make up the 11U team fielded in Morris County. Players from 50 11U and under teams in the Morris County Youth Soccer Association were eligible to try out. Professionals' evaluators picked the players based on skill and ability. Marshall lined up for the position of striker during the two day evaluation period.

"His job is to get in there and score goals," Marshall said.

Marshall will compete against national and international teams in Connecticut, New York, New Jersey and Rhode Island next month. He will also compete in the Metro Cup Tournament to be held in Bergen County later this summer.

"We are doing a lot of miles," Marshall said. "It is a fabulous opportunity for the players. They really get a chance to experience high level soccer."

Marshall has been a part of the Soccer Club of Springfield, which just finished its second year in existence.

The Springfield Soccer Club is made of three competitive traveling teams and an age 6-and-under non-competitive team. About 45 players play on the traveling teams that compete against teams in Morris County and other parts of northern New Jersey.

Two Olympic practices, one in the fall and one in the spring, make up the teams' schedules.

The 6-and-under seasons in the fall and the spring as well. This program is designed to teach fundamentals and let the children have fun.

"It is designed to attract kindergarten players and expose them to the sport," Marshall said.

Both programs have been successful early on. Players are improving their game and also being exposed to higher level coaches and players, according to Marshall.

"A lot of these players get the exposure here," Marshall said. "We started this club for two reasons. One was for the exposure and the other was to improve the interscholastic programs."

Marshall also said Zach as just one of many talented players in the club.

"Zach was the one who was chosen for the select team, but he will have many other skilled players," he said. "While he has the glory at this point, he really shares that glory with his teammates."

Minutemen baseball team wins

The Springfield Minutemen's ages 11-12 baseball team captured its season opener last Friday as it downed host South Orange 14-4.

Sara Steinman and Lee Silverman hit singles and Ben Mike Mannarino belted a two-run triple. Mike Tish brought home Mannarino with a sacrifice to lead the Minutemen an early 3-0 lead.

South Orange came back with four runs in the bottom of the second to take a 4-3 lead.

Springfield came right back with three runs in the top of the third to take the lead for good 6-4. Kenneth Suarez led off with a single and went around to an overthrow.

Steinman hit a double that brought home Suarez and then she scored when Silverman produced a double. Mannarino's sacrifice advanced Silverman to third. Silverman then stole home for Springfield's third-run of the inning.

Silverman took over the pitching duties in the bottom of the third after Jeremy Marx belted the third two-run home. Keith Orange did not score again. Springfield did score again and as many as eight more times. In the fourth inning, Cory Berger belted a double and Ben Mike Kronin walked and Suarez reached base to lead the bases.

Steinman delivered a hit that scored Berger and then Silverman walked to bring in Kronin. Mannarino walked and, as a result, Suarez scored.

Silverman Tammami then followed with a two-run run, followed by a dual home by Mannarino.

After Springfield shut down South Orange in the third fourth and fifth innings — striking out six — he came to bat in the top of the sixth and started a two-run rally with a single.

Mannarino followed with an RBI triple, his second three-bagger of the contest. Matt Parman extended the lead and the final score up 14-4 with an RBI single.

Springfield had scheduled to host New Providence on Sunday and then play at Mountaintop on Wednesday.

Remaining schedule: June 25 Millburn, June 26 Rockland, June 27 Glenmont, June 28 Cranford, July 5 Scotch Plains-Fairwood, July 7 at New Providence, July 9 Mountaintop, July 12 at Millburn, July 14 at Rockham Park, July 16 at Union, August 7, 19 at Cranford (7:30 p.m.), July 21 at Scotch Plains-Fairwood, July 23 Livingston.

All home games are played at Rockland Field, starting at 6 p.m.

The ages 9-10 Springfield Minutemen team was scheduled to play its first game, Tuesday at home against Livingston. The squad is scheduled to play today at Millburn-Amerasia.

Remaining schedule: June 24 at Millburn, June 28 (TBA) South Orange, June 29 at Mountaintop, July 1 at Millburn-National, July 6 at New Providence, July 7 West Orange, July 8 Rockham Park, July 13 at Livingston, July 14 Union, July 15 at South Orange, July 20 Maplewood, July 22 Millburn-Amerasia.



TEAMMATES FOR A CHANGE — Governor Livingston High School standout baseball players Bob Phipps, left, and Terrence Pally, right, flank Johnson's Dave DiAmico at the Westfield Southfield Baseball Game last week played earlier this month at Princeton University. The standout efforts of Phipps and Pally, and the hard work of Johnson, DiAmico and a second consecutive North Jersey Section 2, Group 2 champion in 1998 and a first-year Group 2 state champion in '99, swept Johnson in Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division play, winning 14-1 and 14-5 in routs to an outstanding 2-4 record.

