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TWO SECTION

Parking rules draw some criticism

Business owners complain about being denied ample parking spots

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Asking for something doesn't necessarily mean getting it.

The Short Hills Avenue parking situation was solved, at least in part, by an ordinance changing the street and neighboring streets to resident permit parking. The new regulations were created to prevent the employees of Morris Avenue offices from leaving their cars in front of local homes for eight-hour-plus-parking stints.

The new regulations prompted the owner of Morris Avenue's Joan Photographers, Marj Merrill, to ask the Township Committee for street spaces for his three tenants. Merrill's business is not among those considered by the neighbors to be adversely affecting the neighborhood. Short Hills Avenue residents have cited two Morris Avenue medical offices as the guilty parties in the matter.

Last week at the committee's regular meeting, Merrill referred to his building as a former residence, asking for it to be "grandfathered," which would allow it to have street parking.

Although Merrill only asked for one space per suite, the committee was not receptive.

"Why is it necessary for any business to infringe on the rights of residents in residentially-zoned areas?" asked Committeeman Gregory Clarke at the committee's executive meeting, the night prior to Merrill's public plea. "Why would we let Joan have what we denied the other businesses?"

Committeeman Steven Goldstein also believed that "doing this defeats the whole exercise."

"It doesn't make sense. I don't want to bust the guy's chops or be unfair on business, but we put a lot of thought into this," Goldstein also said that, in his opinion, Merrill's request represented "an artificially-created crisis situation."

"There was parking there that was taken away that was for our use as well," Merrill said in an interview. "We're obviously going to be able to park somewhere — eventually. Something was taken away from us that was our right too."

Merrill sympathized with the problems of the Short Hills Avenue neighbors, "but that doesn't mean everybody's right should be revoked."

During the committee's executive meeting last week, Mayor Clara Harelik expressed her support for the photographer.

"Joan has never been a problem expressed by the neighbors," Harelik said. "Is two or three spaces so unreasonable?"

Harelik cited the photographer's irregular hours, plus the fact that the business does not produce a big parking clientele, as reasons for allowing some street availability for its "overflow parking."

The mayor, however, stood alone on the matter, and the next evening, as Merrill and his tenant Lloyd Marinson looked on sullenly, the bad news was announced at the committee's regular meeting: no spaces.

One of the sore spots for both the Short Hills Avenue residents and Merrill is the fact that the owners of the Morris Avenue medical offices

have not been using their parking lots to capacity. Since day one, Short Hills Avenue residents have been referring to open spaces in those lots.

The ordinance allows for resident permit parking on Short Hills Avenue, Crest Place, Park Lane, Spring Brook Road and, until very recently, all of Tulip Road. Residents of Tulip descended on the Springfield Township Committee last week, imploring them to remove the street from the list. Tulip residents claimed that the medical offices, which are about a quarter of a mile away, would not present a problem for them.

The committee then amended the ordinance, removing resident permit parking from Tulip, except for its first 200 feet in a westerly direction from Short Hills Avenue. The ordinance is now set for a final hearing and vote at the committee's June 13 meeting.

One thing that does not change are the number of permits per household, which will be determined by the number of cars. Two visitor permits also will be issued per household.

Raising the flags



Commander Bob Farley of Mountainside's VFW Post 10136 raises the flags during a Memorial Day ceremony Monday. Members marched in Westfield's parade before proceeding to Fairview Cemetery for their own service. A wreath-laying ceremony and memorial service concluded their remembrances at Constitution Plaza.

Swimming program for disabled considered by township officials

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

The Springfield Municipal Pool is open for the 2000 season, but the Township Committee is looking ahead a little bit.

The committee is considering making an application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for a grant that would provide approximately \$2,950 for a swim program for individuals with disabilities during the 2001 season. The township would put in \$1,120 itself as part of the matching grant, bringing the total to \$4,070.

The program, which Mayor Clara Harelik described as "in the initial stages — molting concrete," would serve less a therapeutic role than a social one. No age limit has yet been imposed, although the mayor referred to the general category of "kids and up" as eligible. If instituted, the program would run at the township's pool in the morning hours, prior to public use.

At the committee's May 23 execu-

tive meeting, Township Administrator Richard Sheela described the grant as "competitive," while questioning the number of actual individuals with disabilities in the township who would be eligible to use it. Sheela called the program "wonderful for an indoor pool," and suggested the possibility of subcontracting the activities to the Summit YMCA.

Harelik expressed some concern with the pool's water temperature for "therapeutic purposes." "Hot water is part of therapy," the mayor said. "I'm not opposed to the idea, but I'd like to know who's going to use it. The wrong water temperature could be a detriment."

Recreation Director Mike Tennaro, however, is certain that any "therapeutic" aspect to the program is entirely social. "There are no heaters in the water anyway," he said. "We can't raise the pool temperature."

Committeeman Sy Mullman called the temperature comfortable, and recommended looking into the grant

further. Harelik said Monday that Tennaro is in the process of preparing a resolution. The mayor is expected to have a look at the resolution this week.

Another pool-related matter, currently on hold, involves the employment of developmentally disabled individuals at the pool, through the offices of the Occupational Center of Union County.

"The question is one of cost," Harelik said, citing the center's hourly fee of \$16.85. Mullman also was displeased with the figure, calling it "an outrageous amount of money."

Individuals from the center would be employed in cleaning services throughout the facility — in hallways, restrooms and possibly locker rooms.

Except for the money issue, Harelik has communicated her support for the idea, "providing the individuals are well-trained for these positions." She also remarked that she trusts the judgment of the Occupational Center in the matter of staffing. The possible

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Photo By Barbara Kikkala

The Springfield Township Committee is considering applying for a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs to start a swim program for individuals with disabilities during the 2001 pool season.

Friedland to match donations to new education foundation

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Gary Friedland might be leaving, but he's also leaving something behind.

At a Board of Education meeting last month, Friedland announced his intention to match funds, up to \$10,000, with donations given to the proposed Springfield Education Foundation — the first such foundation in the township's history.

"The school district has done a lot for me, personally and professional-

ly," the superintendent told the board. Friedland marks his 15th anniversary with the district today.

Friedland called the beginning of a foundation "an important part of the school system, for both the students and teachers." He has promised to match whatever amount is donated to the foundation, whether one dollar or \$5,000.

However, an initial donation of \$5,000 "to accrue interest, so we can fund projects," has already been made by the outgoing superintendent.

Friedland said he expects the foundation to have about \$20,000 in its coffers by the beginning of its second year. The foundation, in his words, is "currently under construction," with its bylaws being drafted in concert with the school system.

The foundation would provide for a scholarship for a high school senior who has demonstrated a quality of leadership, as well as five other grants, at \$500, issued to the teaching staff for "creative projects that promote learning." The dollar amounts will

be increased depending on how well the foundation does, the superintendent said.

"It's a token of appreciation for those kids who have shown their leadership. Leadership in high school students is important for helping society move along positively," Friedland said.

Board of Education President Jacqueline Shanes called Friedland's announcement "a very generous offer. It gives us something to strive toward."

Friedland publicly declared his intention to leave last December. In a letter read to the board, Friedland pointed out that his decision to leave did not reflect dissatisfaction or "lack of support from the community, staff or board." Friedland recently explained that he plans to teach at a higher educational level.

As Springfield's superintendent, Friedland oversaw the process of deregionalization, as well as the reorganization of the district's administrative structure and technology.



Gary Friedland

Parents want aides in classroom to address average class size

By John Celock
Staff Writer

Tuesday night's meeting of the Mountainside Board of Education was packed with approximately 50 parents' opinions on the state of teacher assistants in Deerfield School's kindergarten.

According to Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller, there are no plans currently to hire aides for the school's four kindergarten classes for next year. He said this is based on figures showing that the average class size will be 21.7 students.

Schaller will consider looking for assistants when the class size reaches 23. State law says that assistants need to be used when kindergarten class sizes reach 25 students.

"I don't see how one person can handle 20 students," Deerfield parent Michelle Splendorio said, echoing the sentiments of the other parents in the packed board room.

Schaller said he has seen situations at Deerfield with both aides and no

aides and he does not see where it makes a difference.

He said that if the final decision is to not have aides, it can be revisited in the fall. Schaller will meet with the teachers in September to see if the class makeup determines that an extra person is needed.

"If you have the feeling that this is the end of the issue, that is not true," said Board member Richard Kress, noting that the money has been appropriated for the aides if needed.

Deerfield parent Lindy Kalaross was dismayed that the classes will only have one adult present in the room. She and other speakers said 20 kindergarten students would be too much for one teacher to handle during the school day.

"I don't understand why a recommendation has not already been made. If it is not a monetary decision, then why not hire the aides," Kalaross said.

Schaller said the kindergarten screenings are still taking place and he does not want to make a final decision

until after the screenings finish. Schaller did not offer a timeline for when the screenings will finish.

Board of Education President Patricia Teaschler told the parents that the board will take all of their comments under advisement when a final decision is made. She stressed that all seven board members have had children go through the kindergarten program.

"I hear that passion about the aides. We are concerned and we will keep abreast of this. You can always contact Dr. Schaller with your opinion," she said.

Teaschler did state that the board will look at any recommendations that Schaller gives them, but will be inclined to favor his recommendation.

"I'm distressed that you are coming here tonight. It is not our decision, we just bless the decision of the administration," Teaschler said.

Schaller did tell the parents that he will take the best interest of the children into any decision he makes.

Is the parade coming yet?



Photo By Mark Bryman

Waiting for Springfield's parade to start are, from left, Christina Montessano, Casey Sheehy, Christina Apicella, Shannon Boyle and Jessica Friedman. The Memorial Day parade wound its way down Mountain Avenue to Town Hall Monday morning.

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Tuesday
• The Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills hosts an informational session for prospective members at 7:30 p.m. at the Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills building, 105 Main Street, Milburn.
• Women are invited to attend and learn about how the women's organization is committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women and improving the community.

Refreshments will be served. For more information about the Junior League or the informational session call the league's office at (973) 379-9655.

Saturday
• Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, celebrates National Trails Day with a guided nature walk along trails in the Watchung Reservation or Lenape Park from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. From 10:45 a.m. to 3 p.m., volunteers can assist with bridle or hiking trail work projects.

The hike is open to all ages, but children must be accompanied by an adult. Trailwork volunteers must be ages 10 and up. Pre-registration for both the hike and trail work projects is required. Participants should meet at the nature and science center in Mountainside or the parking lot at Lenape Park in Cranford.

For more information, registration or directions call the center at (908) 789-3670.

Sunday
• The Mountainside Newcomers Club sponsors a tour at Watching Stable, 1160 Summit Road, Mountainside at 11 a.m. Children can see the horses and learn how they are cared for. After the tour, each child will have an opportunity to ride the horses.

A nominal fee will be charged, which will be determined by attendance. For more information call Susan McCarthy at (908) 654-4694.

• Trailside Nature and Science Center hosts two planetarium shows. At 2 p.m. and at 3:30 p.m., children ages 6 and up with an adult can learn about Earth's closest neighbor, the moon. Admission is \$5 per person and \$2.55 for seniors.

Monday
• The Springfield Board of Education meets for a conference meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room at Jonathan Dayton High School on Mountain Avenue.

Tuesday
• The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., hosts a book discussion at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room.
• "Tuesdays with Morris" by sports columnist Mitch Albom and "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly" by Jean-Dominique Bauby will be discussed. Both books are testimonials to the human spirit and copies are available at the library.
For more information on the book discussion call the library at (973) 376-4930, ext. 28.

Wednesday
• Trailside Nature and Science Center sponsors "Frogs by flashlight" from 7 to 8 p.m. Children ages 6 and up accompanied by an adult can learn about amphibians during a brief outdoor slide show before searching for frogs and toads in nearby wetlands using headlamps and nets.

Participants should bring a flashlight and appropriate footwear. Pre-registration is required by calling the center at (908) 789-3670.

• The Springfield Planning Board meets for a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

Upcoming events

June 8
• Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave., Mountainside will sponsor a talent show at 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. The event will benefit the Mountainside Education Foundation and will showcase talent from throughout the community.
• Volunteers of all ages are also needed to help with the sets and to be a part of the stage crew. For more information call Mrs. Maraffi at 232-8828, ext. 361.
• The Mountainside Planning Board will meet at 8 p.m. at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.
• The Berkeley Heights Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. for an executive session followed by a regular conference meeting at 8 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at Columbia Middle School.

June 10
• The Mountainside PTA will sponsor its annual spring festival at Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave., from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The festival will feature food, games, deejay, rides, crafts, pony rides and other amusements. Rain or shine.
For more information call Sue at (908) 789-8629 or Maureen at (908) 654-7262.

• The Mountainside Newcomers Club will host its annual June barbeque from 6 to 11 p.m. at the home of Susan Buchner and Jason Deigel, 244 Pembroke Road.

The cost is \$38 per couple. An RSVP is requested by Tuesday by calling Michelle Sale at (908) 389-0559. All checks should

be made payable to "Mountainside Newcomers Club" and sent to Sale at 513 Woodland Ave., Mountainside, NJ 07083.

June 13
• The Springfield Nature and Science Center will host a planetarium show at 3:30 p.m. Children ages 4 to 6 with an adult can hear sky stories from long ago cultures all around the world. Admission is \$3 per person and \$2.55 for seniors.

June 12
• The Springfield Township Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. for an executive session in the Municipal Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave.

June 13
• The Mountainside Borough Council will meet at 8 p.m. for a work session at the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22 East.

• The Springfield Township Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. for an executive session followed by a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the committee room at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

• The Mountainside Board of Education will meet at 8 p.m. for a regular meeting in the media center at Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave.

June 14
• The Trailside Nature and Science Center will host a planetarium show featuring the planet Mercury from 8:30 to 10 p.m. Children ages 6 and up with an adult can learn about the closest planet to our sun.

Participants should wear warm clothing and bring a blanket or lawn chair and binoculars or a telescope if available. Rain or cloud date is June 15. The cost is \$4 per person and pre-registration is required.

For information call the center at (908) 789-3670.

June 16
• Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, will host a special presentation at 8:30 p.m. called "B'nai Mitzvah in Cherkassy: rebirth of Yiddishkeit in the Ukraine."
Lori Klinghofner will present her impressions of a first-time over-Metrowest women's mission she led to Cherkassy, Ukraine during Shabbat.

For more information call the temple office at (973) 376-0539.

June 19
• The Springfield Environmental Commission will meet for a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave.

June 20
• The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will present "The Jolson Story" at noon in its continuing lunchtime video series "Hollywood movies: old and new."
Participants should bring a brown bag lunch to the show.

Board of Health plans to conduct Health Day on June 10

The Westfield Board of Health has announced that it will conduct a Health Day on June 10 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad St. in Westfield.

Extensive blood screening consisting of a SMAC 26, CBC and HDI will be offered. Medical Laboratory of West Orange will conduct the blood

testing. The SMAC 26 is an elaborate blood analysis monitoring several bodily functions.

The CBC test is a test including a red blood cell count, a white blood cell count, and differential count. The CBC test may indicate the presence of infection, anemia, allergies, lung disease, etc. The HDL test measures factors protective against coronary heart

disease. The SMAC 26 is used in assessing total cholesterol results, to determine possible coronary risk factors.

Robert M. Sharr, director of Health, has noted that anyone taking the blood test must fast 12 hours prior, with the exception of water. Pre-registration for the blood test is mandatory and will be conducted by the Westfield

Health Department, 425 E. Broad St., Westfield, from Tuesday to June 8 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The cost of the SMAC-26 test is \$16. Additional tests can be performed at the following specified cost: T4 (thyroxin test) \$5, TSH (thyroid stimulating hormone) \$10, PSA (prostate test) \$30 Blood Group/Rh Factor \$10, Iron \$5 Send Rate \$10

Hepatitis C \$25, Hepatitis B \$25. Urine analysis \$5. All fees must be paid upon registration.

The program is subject to cancellation, unless a minimum participation of 25 is achieved. The Health Day is open to residents of Westfield, Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Roselle Park and Springfield, exclusively.

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Sat 6/10	Lehigh Valley	6:05P
Sun 6/11	Lehigh Valley	1:35P

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EDITORIALS

Hear us roar

Since the mid 1980s, developers have been applying to the Springfield Planning Board for variances to existing township codes for the former Baltusrol Swim Club property.

In the latest string of proposals, the developer of a planned 96-unit condominium community has applied for a height variance to permit the construction of four three-story "high-rises" on the property along Wilson and Shunpike roads.

If preliminary site plans for the Pinnacle Condominium Community are approved by the Planning Board, construction of the tallest multi-family dwellings in the township would begin.

Some of Springfield's prominent private clubs, including Baltusrol Golf Club and Baltusrol Country Club, have actively opposed this latest development venture. They have let their thoughts be known before the mayor and Planning Board.

While concerned residents have regularly filled the seats in the upstairs chambers at the Municipal Building for the past three public hearings of the Pinnacle site plan, few, if any, have had the opportunity to voice their opinions for the public record. Instead, public comment periods at board meetings have been dominated by lengthy attorney cross-examinations of the planners, architects, engineers and other experts affiliated with the proposed development.

During the first week of May, a fierer was anonymously distributed door-to-door throughout the neighborhood surrounding the site.

"This will drastically affect your property and your way of life," the fierer announced. "We are a group of concerned citizens who wish to preserve the character of our beautiful township."

The two-page document went on to discuss a dozen different reasons the Planning Board has given for denying variances for the property's development in the past 16 years.

"Approval of the application would set a negative precedent for future similar construction in town. Additional police and firefighting equipment would be needed. Over-taxing of the sanitary and storm sewer facilities would occur, and potentially high storm water runoff could result in flood conditions," the fierer stated.

It seems that even in their silence from the public record, the people of this community have found a way to be heard.

The Planning Board has established a curfew. For all of its public meetings. No testimony will be heard by the board after 11 p.m. Maybe the board should also establish a rule to keep individual comments from the public to a reasonable length. That way, residents who have concerns about future development in the township will have an opportunity to address the issues with the governing body, which has the power to change things.

The next public hearing of the Pinnacle Community preliminary plan will be June 7 at 8 p.m.

Take it one step further

The Republicans are at it again. Two years ago, Union County GOP leaders embarked on a plan that would change the format of the county's government from freeholders elected at-large to freeholders elected by district. The plan was championed as County Chairman Frank McDermott prepared for a battle with Union Township Republican Chairman Anthony DiGiovanni to see who would lead the county GOP.

This year, at the state level, the idea has made further inroads than in the past. Two years ago, it died in committee, while this year it was released from the State Government Committee and may come for a vote before the full Assembly. Joel Weingarten of Millburn, who is seeking the Republican nomination in the 7th Congressional District in Tuesday's primary, has sponsored the measure in the Assembly.

Republicans should not put their efforts behind changing county government, but eliminating it altogether. Regionalization and shared services were the buzzwords only a few years ago, but it seems the idea has lost some steam.

Eliminating local governments rather than county government could yield more savings, but it would be much easier eliminating 21 entities versus 566.

A vast majority of residents do not know or understand what county government does for them or what a freeholder might be. County government is anachronistic. Even the title of freeholder refers to people who once owned large plots of land. In the Garden State, it likely will be more feasible to eliminate county governments before municipal governments are touched. They did it in Connecticut; we can do it here.

But don't expect either party to support eliminating county government anytime soon. Whether it's Republicans or Democrats in control of the freeholder board, there are just too many lucrative contracts doled out to ignore what's going on.



YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS MINE — Fourth-graders from left, Nate Sobel, Jay Williams and Robert Painter try to estimate how many pieces of candy are in each jar at recent math carnival, hosted by Sandmeier School in Springfield. Williams won a jar of Gummy Bears by estimating a number closest to the actual count.

Kudos to march organizers — keep going

Five dead at Wendy's. Swell.

Some people will claim that handgun availability had no part in it. I won't excuse that kind of ideology.

The Wendy's incident is just the most recent instance of proving the Million Mom March participants right. Every bullet proves their right.

One more thing they're right about: they vote.

Legislators should pay attention when an individual says that he or she votes. As a voter, I know I mean it: I've fired a few people since the day I registered, and I'll do it again this year.

But one more thing is vital. When you're dealing with a national infection such as handgun proliferation — be persistent. You can get out there in numbers that stagger the imagination.

Joe's Place

By Joe Lugard
Staff Writer

But if you don't continue to lean on your legislators, the issue that you so carefully brought to their attention will be allowed to die quietly. Government large and small are like that: like lawyers, they share your indignance only in your presence. If you only make your presence known once, you won't get any satisfaction at all.

You need to take your elbow and press it into your legislators' throats.

But while you're doing that, don't forget to whisper in their ear that you're a voter.

The march needed to happen, it needed to be done right, and it was done beautifully. But big as it was, and as well publicized as it was, it just isn't enough on its own: it needs a follow-up, and another follow-up, and another, all a little bit different in approach. Activism requires creativity. Repeat the same gesture too many times in a row, and the people you're trying to get through to will stop listening for sure. They'll call you a fanatic, and you won't really be able to blame them too much because you'll sound like a broken record.

For best effect, the event's organizers would be wise to devise a fresh strategy for their next communication.

But it should come in reasonable time — too great a gap in between and it's not worth it. You'll give your legislators the chance to forget you exist, and they will forget — especially in regard to the handgun topic, where governments, at every level, are scared to death of the NRA. They're cowering in the corner, and if they tell you otherwise, they're lying.

I'd like to take a survey to determine the percentage of voting NRA members. I'll wager it is lower than the number of individuals who participated in, and supported, the march.

Kudos to the march organizers. Exceptional work — keep it going. Keep it creative. And keep saying, again and again, that you vote. Tell 'em you vote like hell.

Passing the time with county history study

There are many ways to spend a rainy afternoon and some of them include falling asleep in front of the TV set accompanied by the family cat, or perhaps resting one's eyeballs while listening to a ball game on the radio, or even enjoying a cup of coffee while glancing through the pages of a book filled with interesting items of local history.

One such book was printed years ago by the now-defunct *Elizabeth Daily Journal* on the occasion of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the County of Union.

This momentous happening took place in April of 1857 and shortly after the new county created a Board of Freeholders to govern its affairs. This board was set up a bit differently from that of today, as it consisted of 14 members, who made a few rules that applied to themselves.

At this first meeting, with Samuel Williams of Rahway acting as chairman, the members unanimously elected Mr. Williams to be the director of the board. A quorum would need only the director, Williams, and any two other board members in order to do business. All matters were to be decided by a majority vote, and the director would have no vote except if there were a tie.

The members were warned by the director that the public expected them to attend to business and once they had come to a meeting they could not leave except for one 15-minute period. Any violation of this rule would result in a public reprimand.

Furthermore, each member would be allowed to speak only once on any measure before the board, unless special permission was granted by the other members. The director, however, was not allowed to speak in the discussions, unless asked to do so. This board also decided that \$12,000, to be raised by taxation, should be sufficient for the county expenses for the coming year.

At this first meeting the members agreed that they should confer on a for county seal that could be applied to all official documents. It is

The Way It Was

By William Frolich

rather interesting to note that, while through the years, four different seals were used by some of the county offices, no official seal was taken until 1933. The use of the four seals was noted at a meeting of the Union County Historical Society in May of 1932, and Callahan J. McCarthy of the society was asked to investigate and make a report.

Mr. McCarthy looked into the matter of the four seals and made his report at the October meeting of the society, suggesting that the seal showing the murder of Hannah Caldwell would be the most appropriate for the county. Naturally, he was asked to meet with the freeholders and submit his findings.

This he did, and a meeting of the freeholders in 1933 his recommendation was accepted, and the seal presently in use was made the only official Union County Seal. Both Mr. Callahan and the society were commended by the board for their work that ended a drawn-out process of 76 years.

Another interesting part of this book is the section about the population of the several communities in Union County. As this year is a census-taking year we will some day be able to compare the present population with that of 1860, the first year of the county census.

It may be a surprise to some to learn that only seven municipalities were listed in the recording of 1860, but that is because our other present 14 towns did not exist as towns at that time.

In 1860, Elizabeth is listed as having 11,567 residents, and Rahway had 7,130. Plainfield could claim 3,220. Union had 1,744, and Westfield was close with 1,728, while New Providence had 1,290 and Springfield

claimed only 1,020 persons to be living within its boundaries.

Shortly after the 1860 census was taken a few more municipalities were added to those in Union County, but they had to wait until the 1870 recording was made.

Linden was set up in 1861, and Clark Township was born in 1864. In the northern part of the county Summit made it made it to be listed in the 1870 census, having been incorporated in 1869. Among the other towns in the 1860 census are Cranford with 1,184 residents, and Farwood with 1,167.

There are a few oddities in the listings in this book: Roselle is listed in the 1890 census, yet Roselle was not incorporated until 1894. The number of residents is given as 996, but did that include those who lived on the north side of the Central Railroad?

Early maps show that area as North Roselle, but both were parts of other townships, with the north side as part of Union Township, with a population of 2,846, and Roselle as part of Linden Township.

Linden Township is listed separately from Roselle with only 125 residents, but Linden was unique, as it was a borough surrounded by a township, with both having the same name of Linden, and the borough had 936 residents.

However, in 1925 the township and the borough combined to form the City of Linden, and the 1930 census showed a population of 21,205 persons.

A resident of Roselle, William Frolich is a member of the Union County Historical Society.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

If only more guards were like Luigi

To the Editor:

On the corner of Mountain Avenue and Shunpike Road in Springfield, the children are so very lucky to have the most caring school guard in town.

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Dr. and Mrs. Robert Moss
Springfield

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STUDENT UPDATE

Andrasko to graduate Sunday from Delbarton

Joseph Andrasko of Springfield will graduate The Delbarton School at 3 p.m. on Sunday, during commencement exercises in the St. Mary's Abbey Church, at Delbarton, St. Mary's Abbey.

Cory Booker, a Newark Municipal Councilman representing the Central Ward, will address the graduates and guests.

Booker has served as a community lawyer in Newark's Central Ward and as a mentor and tutor at the Qulman Street School. He is also special counsel to the tenants at Brick Towers and attorney for the Low Income Tennis Association of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.



Joseph Andrasko
Hrywna earns master's at UNC-Chapel Hill
Mary Hrywna of Springfield, a

1991 graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, was awarded a master of public health degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill during commencement ceremonies for the School of Public Health on May 21.

Marx cited for academic achievement at Darmouth

Gregory A. Marx, a Dartmouth College senior from Springfield, has been cited for outstanding academic achievement during winter term of 2000.

Marx, the son of Jean and Leonard Marx of Springfield was cited for outstanding work in a course in history. Members of the Dartmouth faculty are invited to submit citation reports only when a student's work is sufficiently distinguished to merit special recognition. Such citations are rare; typically, only a few undergraduates receive citations each term.

Nicastro, Okada and Ducas make honor roll

Mountaineer residents Joyce Nicastro, Mitsue Okada and Lauren Ducas of Springfield were among the students who achieved honor roll status for the second trimester at Mount Saint Mary Academy, Watchung.

All three 12th-grade students maintained the required B+ overall average.

Ferreira, Hausman earn degrees at Berkeley

Springfield residents Suzanne Ferreira and Mary Hausman were among the students who received degrees at Berkeley College's 2000 commencement ceremony.

Ferreira earned a Paralegal Studies degree and Hausman was awarded a degree in Interior Design.

AT THE LIBRARY

'Kosher Franks' Sunday

Gary Shaffer Productions presents "Kosher Franks," one-act plays by Sid Frank of Springfield. The reading of selections of "Kosher Franks" will be at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., on Sunday at 2 p.m.

Franks has written lyrics for Frank Sinatra, Perry Como, Sarah Vaughn and Johnny Ray, who had a number-one hit with his song "Please Mr. Sun." He has authored several well-known children's books. Now he has "Kosher Franks," which enjoyed a successful off-Broadway run in the spring of 1999, and takes a laughable look at life, love and family.

Once you enter the comical world of 70-something playwright Sid Frank, you'll remember what fun a night at the theater can be. "Fibers of reality spun into Wit and Sentiment" quoted *The New York Times*, and "Quite Frank-ly, it's funny" from the *Asbury Park Press*.

Funding for this program has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

Admission is free by ticket only. Tickets will be distributed at the Circulation Desk one month prior to the program.

For information call (973) 376-4930.

Jersey Shore exhibit to be displayed in museum

An exhibit of photography by Betty Guemsey, of Irvington, The Jersey

Shore in 2-D and 3-D" will be on display at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., from Friday until July 13.

"The Jersey Shore in 2-D and 3-D" is a two-part exhibition in creative photographic processes which captures the essence — both the beauty and the offbeat funnies of New Jersey Shore communities and boardwalks.

The hours of the exhibit are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Until the end of June, the exhibit can be viewed on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Sundays from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

The museum will be closed in July on weekends.

Luncheon video series to feature Jolson movie

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will present "Hollywood Movies: Old and New," in its continuing luncheon video series. The series will start on June 20 at noon, with "The Jolson Story."

A pure delight, "The Jolson Story" is classic Hollywood biography at its best — a fast-paced, tune-filled extravaganza following the meteoric rise of the legendary performer Al Jolson. "The Jolson Story" was nominated for six 1946 Academy Awards, winning two — Best Musical Scoring and Best Sound Recording. The film stars Larry Parks and Evelyn Keyes.

This series continues at noon on the following Tuesdays of every other week as follows:

- July 11 - "On the Waterfront," 1954.
 - July 25 - "The Bridge on the River Kwai," 1957.
 - August 8 - "Ship of Fools," 1965.
 - Sept. 5 - "A Few Good Men," 1992.
 - Sept. 19 - "Armageddon," 1998.
- Bring a brown bag lunch to the performance. Coffee and cookies will be provided. For information call (973) 376-4930.

Two inspirational books to be discussed Tuesday

Two inspirational works of literature, both testimonies to the human spirit, will be featured at the next book discussion. The discussion will be held in the meeting room of the Springfield Public Library on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

"Tuesdays with Morrie: An Old Man, a Young Man, and Life's Greatest Lesson," written by sports columnist Mitch Albom, has inspired readers and has remained a bestseller since its publication in 1997.

Albom shares lessons on living that he learned from his mentor, Morrie Schwartz, and chronicles on their time spent together during the last months of Schwartz's life while he battled ALS — Lou Gehrig's disease. Journalist Tod Koppel has called Morrie Schwartz the "most memorable person he has ever interviewed."

"The Diving Bell and the Butterfly" is a memoir created by Jean-Dominique Bauby, a victim of "locked-in syndrome." A massive stroke causes Bauby to emerge from a coma after three weeks, unable to move, speak, eat or swallow. Using a special alphabet, he "dictates" his

thoughts to a speech therapist by blinking his left eye, the only movement he can control.

Bauby was released in France and was an instant hit. Sadly, Bauby died just two days later. Bauby said that writing the book freed his mind to "take flight like a butterfly."

Copies of these books are available at the library. For more information call (973) 376-4930 extension 28.

'Write Your Life Stories'

Zella R.P. Geltman will be bringing her consulting and training services to the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., to hold an ongoing course, "Write Your Life Stories," Memoirs Writing Made Easy on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 10:30 a.m. to noon. No writing experience is necessary, and no registration is required.

The dates are: Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, and June 21, July 5 and 19, Aug. 2 and 16, Sept. 6 and 20, Oct. 4 and 18, and continuing until further notice.

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Those being honored at the event include: Gary Whyte of Eouadonian Line Inc. to be honored with the SAGE Community Partner Award for outstanding support of SAGE, through financial contributions to the Branch 1a SAGE and volunteer support on SAGE's nominating committee.

Clare Wherley and Diabhan Lassus of Wherley and Associates, to be honored with the Corporate Good Neighbor Award through monetary and in-kind contributions, as well as volunteer support of SAGE's "Building Blocks for Independence" estate planning seminars.

The Agnes N. Badgley Memorial Award for outstanding volunteer service will be presented to Richard Grove of Berkeley Heights. Grove has volunteered for SAGE's Meals-on-Wheels program for eight years.

Summit resident Elizabeth Nolan, who is chair of SAGE's nominating committee, will conduct the election of new officers and trustees. Nominated for board membership is Chatham resident John Ziegler, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Willcox and Gibbs Inc., a large distributor of equipment, parts and supplies to the apparel, textile and sewn products industry.

The slate of nominated officers of the board is: Frederick Rosselle of Summit; President; Mike Moore of Chatham; Vice President; Mary

Scrupski of Red Bank - Treasurer. In addition, E. Robert Ernest of Murray Hill and Lou Del Rosso, Barbara Herbst, John Hill and Anne Marie Shiffen, all of Summit, will be honored for their many years of service to SAGE as both trustees and volunteers of the organization.

SAGE Inc. is a not-for-profit agency providing solutions for older adults and their families in Union, Morris, Somerset and Essex counties, with adult day health services, home health care, Meals-on-Wheels, and Shopping Service programs.

SENIOR NEWS

Summit Old Guard to host prolific inventor Tuesday

The Summit Area Old Guard, an organization for retired men, will meet at 10 a.m. for its regular meeting Tuesday. Dr. R.W. Lucky, vice president for Applied Research at Telecordia Technologies will be the guest speaker. A prolific inventor, Lucky will speak on "the telephone meets the internet."

Old Guard meetings are at the New Providence Municipal Center on Elkwood Avenue every Tuesday starting at 10 a.m. and ending at about 11:30 a.m. Coffee is available during a "fellowship" period from 9:30 to 10 a.m. The meetings are open to all retired men. Non-members are invited to call Bob Ragan at 204-5329 for information, or visit the website at www.summitoldguard.homestead.com. A descriptive folder is available by writing to P.O. Box 386, Summit, 07902-0386.

Old Guard meetings are characterized by fun, fellowship and short but interesting, thought-provoking subjects by well-known speakers who are attracted by the size and quality of the audience. In addition to regular Tuesday meetings,

Old Guard members, who come from Summit and 25 neighboring communities, participate in such outside activities as golf, bridge, bowling, fishing, swimming, tennis, trips and theater.

On June 22, a group will visit some Revolutionary War hot spots — the site of the Battle of Princeton, the old barracks in Trenton and then travel up the Delaware River to the Washington Crossing Inn.

New officers to be installed by AARP on June 12

On June 12, new officers of the Summit Area Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons will be installed by Irvin Breslow of the AARP of Union County Board of Directors at a luncheon meeting at Snuffy's Restaurant in Scotch Plains. The meeting will start at noon.

A slate of new officers was presented at the AARP's monthly meeting on May 22, with Bruce Rex for president, Kay Faber for vice president, and Terry Kandalata for secretary.

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Primary will narrow congressional field

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

The race to fill U.S. Rep. Bob Franks' Congressional seat in the 7th District will become much clearer after Tuesday's primary whittles the field of major party candidates.

Union County Manager Michael Lapolla of Westfield, former Fanwood mayor Marjane Connelly, Warren Township Councilman Jeffrey Golkin and Joel Farley of Westfield remain in pursuit of the Democratic nomination. As far as Republicans, the field has narrowed to four, leaving Assemblyman Joel Weingarten of Millburn, Thomas Kean Jr. of Westfield, Michael Ferguson of Warren and Patrick Morrissey of Westfield.

Democrats

Lapolla and Connelly are considered the front-runners, although Golkin is the only candidate besides Lapolla with an organizational line, that is in his home county of Somerset. Lapolla is on the organization line in Union, Essex and Middlesex. Connelly meanwhile has joined a line with U.S. Senate candidate Jim Florio to garner a better ballot position.

Lapolla has been endorsed by Union Council No. 5, the county's largest union, and the International Association of Fire Fighters, both of which are affiliated with the AFL-CIO. The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee has come out in support of Lapolla which ruffled the feathers of some New Jersey Congressional delegates, including William Pascrell Jr., D-S, and Robert Andrews, D-I, who said they should have been consulted before a decision was made.

Connelly had \$295,000 on hand as of March 31, the most recent filing. She has taken the county manager to task for accepting contributions from county employees and vendors doing business with the county. Connelly called on Lapolla to take a leave of absence while campaigning.

The Lapolla campaign had nearly \$400,000 on hand. Less than 15 percent of the overall contributions come from employees, said Lapolla's campaign manager, Angie Bowen-Piazza. Connelly accepted contributions as mayor of Fanwood with vendors who did work with the borough, she said.

Golkin and Farley were called for in fund-raising, both with less than \$25,000 on hand.

Democrats have called for stricter gun control measures and not investing Social Security dollars in the stock market.

Lapolla's platform includes gun safety, improving education and health care. He is opposed to school vouchers and seeks to improve technology for students and make college affordable, citing accomplishments in Union County like Access 2000 and the Freeholder Scholars program.

Farley is running on a line called "Capitol Hill experience and Mandatory trigger locks." He is a former U.S. Senate intern and staff investigator for the U.S. House of Representatives' Subcommittee on Employment and Housing. He has called for the end of discriminatory practices against homosexuals, particularly the military's policy on gays. He is the first openly gay congressional candidate in New Jersey.

Farley also wants to give a 100-percent federal tax deduction for public school teachers' salary.

Connelly has received endorsements from the Society of African American Governmental Employees, the New Jersey Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association, New Jersey Democratic Women Legislators, Irish American Democrats, National Women's Political Caucus, Women's Campaign Fund, and Plumbers and Pipefitters, and EMILY's List, the nation's largest financial resource for congressional candidates.

The former AT&T executive also earned the endorsement of the Business and Professional Women USA Political Action Committee.

Republicans

While the national Democratic party has put its support with Lapolla, the national Republican party has stayed away from any endorsement in the 7th District.

Ferguson has earned the organization lines in Somerset and Middlesex while

Weingarten has the lines in Essex and Union. Ferguson has compiled a slate of candidates at the county level in Union County to run on his line in order to garner better ballot positioning.

A former House Commerce Committee counsel, Morrissey has been endorsed by 100 small business owners within the 7th District. As part of his small business plan, Morrissey stressed four initiatives: putting an end to the Death Tax; allowing individuals who obtain their own health insurance to deduct 100 percent of their premium costs; reducing the regulatory burdens on small businesses; and placing caps on punitive damages recovered from small businesses. A major part of his platform is health care reform.

Ferguson is running on a platform which includes cutting taxes, improving schools, paying down the national debt and preserving Social Security and Medicare.

All four Republicans favor investing at least part of Social Security taxes in a private investment account, as well as eliminating the marriage and death tax. In terms of fund-raising, Ferguson was leading the pack according to the latest finance reports, filed March 31, with \$242,000 cash on hand; followed by Weingarten with \$200,000, Morrissey with \$190,000, and Kean with \$150,000.

Nearly three-quarters of Morrissey's itemized donations originated from individuals outside of New Jersey while Ferguson transferred \$200,000 from his previous campaign for the 6th District seat in 1998; both points that did not escape Kean. "My campaign is not based on money transferred from another district or excessive support from special interest monies."

A main point of Kean's platform is campaign finance, including rapid disclosure of campaign contributions and independent third party expenditures.

Weingarten has drawn the ire of the New Jersey Committee for Life whose representatives said the assemblyman waffled on abortion during a debate earlier in the campaign. He has consistently declined to express his opinion on the subject, saying his personal views are not the issue. Morrissey and Ferguson are pro-life while Kean favors abortion rights.

Weingarten has emphasized his record in the Assembly, cutting taxes 16 times, and never losing an election at any level, including when he served on the Millburn Township Committee. He was appointed to fill a vacant seat in the Assembly before winning election in 1996. He was re-elected to a two-year term last fall.

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The friends hope to collect household items, furniture, children's toys, games, etc.

Donations — only items that are clean and in working condition — can be dropped off at the library on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday during the library's regular hours. Clothing and books will not be accepted.

In case of rain, the sale will be June 11.

activities for all ages, including food, games, deejay, rides, amusements, pony rides and Father's Day crafts.

For more information, call Sue at (908) 789-8629, or Maureen at (908) 654-7262.

Newcomers Club plans activities for June

The Mountainside Newcomers Club has announced the following member activities for the upcoming month:

- Saddle up for a tour of the Watching Stables on the Watching Reservation on Saturday at 11 a.m. The children will see the horses and learn how they are cared for.

After the tour, each child will have a chance to ride the horses. A nominal fee will be charged, which will be determined by the number of children attending.

For more information Call Susan McCarthy at (908) 654-4694.

- The club will sponsor its annual barbeque June 10. This year's barbeque will be at Susan Buchner and

Jason Beigel's home, 244 Pembroke Road, on June 10 from 6 to 11 p.m.

The cost is \$38 per couple. RSVP to Michelle Sale at (908) 389-0559 by Tuesday. All checks should be made payable to "Mountainside Newcomers Club" and sent to Michelle Sale, 513 Woodland Ave., Mountainside.

The Mountainside Newcomers Club is a social organization whose purpose is to extend a friendly greeting to newcomers in town, to help them meet other newcomers, and to do everything possible to make them feel welcome and part of the community.

Membership is open to new residents of Mountainside or established residents who have experienced a change in lifestyle, such as the birth of a child, or a change in employment or marital status.

For membership information call Heather Piskano at (908) 389-0455.

For free ad advice call 908-686-7700.

Time out



Photo By Milton Shtis

Taking some time out to discuss the Memorial Day program for the Mountainside VFW are Vice Commander Sal Cavallero, center, and Commander Bob Farley, right. Members participated in a memorial service at Constitution Plaza Monday after marching in Westfield's parade.

Mountainside PTA plans annual spring festival

The Mountainside PTA will sponsor the annual spring festival at Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave., on June 10 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. All are invited.

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Armed robbers sought

Springfield
Suspects from an armed robbery at Eckard's Drug Store at Route 22 West and Hillside Avenue at approximately 8:12 p.m. Sunday fled in what has been described as a brown or maroon Pontiac. One male and one female have been reported as the vehicle's occupants. At approximately the same hour, a blue or black Lincoln was reported stolen from the parking lot of the Lido Diner. No connection between the two incidents has yet been determined.

- A vehicle leased to a Vista Way resident rolled down a hill and overturned on Memorial Day. Day is a 20-foot embankment.
- A shopping spurt attempting to turn onto Route 22 East from Springfield Plaza by passing on the left, struck a vehicle driven by a Springfield resident May 28. The sus-

POLICE BLOTTER

pect, from Toms River, fled the scene, but was later identified by the license plate, police reported.

- Brian A. Green, 28, of Plainfield, was arrested at the Colonial Motel on Route 22 East May 22 and charged with allegedly using a false name and hindering arrest. He was found to be in possession of a number of credit cards, according to police reports.
- Two attempted motor vehicle thefts occurred at close intervals May 20. A 1995 BMW and a 1994 Jeep both suffered damage to their door locks and ignition. The same day, a Union resident lost a CD player, \$100 cash, a MAC card, a Walkman, weights and sneakers when their vehicle was stolen from the Bally's Inn on Route 22 East.

OBITUARIES

Gertrude Schulman
Gertrude Schulman, 84, of West Orange, formerly of Union, Cranford and Springfield, died May 20 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston. Born in Newark, N.J., Schulman lived in Jacksonville, Fla., Newark, Maplewood, Union, Cranford and Springfield before moving to West Orange two years ago. She was a travel agent for many years and most recently, she worked for the Travel Center, South Orange, for more than 10 years, and retired in 1993. Mrs. Schulman was a life member of Hadassah and the Sisterhood of Congregation Beth El, South Orange.

Surviving are a son, Marvin; a daughter, Carol Yanow; two brothers, Jerry and Nal Shulman; and five grandchildren.

Save your newspaper for recycling.

Evelyn Rothspan
Evelyn Rothspan of Springfield died May 21 at home.

Born in Vitha, Poland, Mrs. Rothspan lived in Germany, Newark and Hillside before moving to Springfield 30 years ago.

Surviving are her husband, Herman; a son, Allan; a daughter, Sharon Kutzman; a sister, Helen Erdman; and five grandchildren.

Helan Anderson
Helan Anderson, 73, of Springfield died May 25 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Scotland, Mrs. Anderson lived in England, Brooklyn and Belleville before moving to Springfield seven years ago.

Surviving are a daughter, Colleen T. Ruggieri; and a sister, Mary E. Dillon.

Department given erroneous report

Springfield
Springfield firefighters were forced to readjust their actions May 21 when the driver of a burning 1988 Volkswagen Jetta on Dundar Road reported four passengers as still being inside. The report resulted in firefighters switching from a hose line to dry chemical extinguishers and foam. Police examined the vehicle after the fire was extinguished, but no remains were found, nor was any explanation given for the driver's erroneous report. There were no injuries.

- Calls for an activated fire alarm and a water heater problem were both answered Saturday.
- The department responded to South Springfield and Hillside to scrub an oil spill in the roadway May 26.
- A gas spill at Lawrence Road was absorbed Thursday morning. A tree limb took down some electrical wires on Balduvay Way at 11:30 a.m.
- Two motor vehicle accidents, one car fire and three medical service calls

FIRE BLOTTER

- were handled May 23.
- The department responded to a Route 22 West business for a medical service call May 22. One call for an activated alarm was also handled.
- Mountaineer
- A Memorial Day propane tank fire was extinguished by a Coles Avenue resident Monday.
- The department responded to Pleasant Hill Road for a reported stove fire Saturday.
- The department notified PSE&G of a downed wire caused by a tree May 26.
- One activated alarm and one call reporting a burning odor at a Park Slope residence were handled Wednesday. No fire was detected in either case.
- Steam from an overheating vehicle at Lawrence Avenue and Route 22 was incorrectly reported as a car fire May 21.

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REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL, 225 Croyden and Pl. Westfield, Rev. Paul E. Krueger, Pastor. (908) 232-1517. Beginning Sunday, July 6, Summer Worship Times are as follows: Sunday Worship Services, 8:30 and 10:00 AM. Sunday morning Nurses available Wednesday Evening Worship Service, 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion is celebrated at all worship services. The church and all rooms are handicapped accessible.

METHODIST

THE SPRINGFIELD EMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, located at 40 Church Hill in Springfield, NJ invites ALL people of all ages and backgrounds to join in their spiritual journey. Sunday Worship Services starts at 10:30 A.M. with childcare available for babies and toddlers. Christian Education opportunities for children begin during the Worship Service with a special time for children led by the Pastor before they depart for classes. Service of Prayer and Healing held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 P.M. Please call our staff about our Adult Christian Education, Young Adult Ministries, Bible Studies, Small Group Ministries, Prayer Chain, Music Ministry and other

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LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

As many as 85 Dayton athletes earn varsity letters

A total of 85 Dayton High School student-athletes were honored at the school's annual spring sports awards program held at Halsey Hall last Wednesday.

Listed below are the varsity-letter winners from their respective sports:

Baseball: Keith Allen, Brian Berger, Chuck Beyer, Ian Cordoni, Rich Shanley, Adam Slater, Jesse Stromeyer, Lorenzo Williams, David Wyche, James Canello, Kahl Goforth, Russ Haywood, Brian Birch, Sean Cordoni, Ryan Stromeyer, Justin Woodruff, Joe Yonessa, Yury Portugal, Christy Dellonaco, Lia DeNicola, Aylea Johnson.

Softball: Karyn Schichman, Alana Steele, Rachel Tiss, Jamie Yospin, Christina Florio, Dana Rukowski, Christina Tomasino, Esther Aizenberg, Lauren Bellevue, Stephanie Weiss, Maria Zolotarevsky, Juliana Sepyato, Valerie Zitsky, Karen Bibbo, Lisa Neville.

Boys' Tennis: Dan Deliacono, Dan Otti, Lawrence Blustone, Chad Freundlich, Sergey Khorochevsky, Felix Mil, Adam Cohen, Chase Freundlich, Jared Weisman, Brian Sperber.

Boys' Track: Justin Azran, Matt Fischer, Richard Jones, Jeff Marx, Scott Kessel, John Laurencelli, Cliff Melendez, Dara Mirjahanipour, Jonathan Zipkin, Mohamed Abdelaziz, Bryan Demberger, Scott Hohlender, Raghav Sharma.

Girls' Track: Laura Molisev, Rachel Nahmer, Lindsey Parman, Sara Abraham, Lindsey DeCoster, Maria Gonnella, Tara Listowski, Rachel Mandel, Nicole Naggar, Olga Oksov, Marina Handeli, Julie Marx, Rena Steinback, Agata Jakwiec, Allison Lau, Staci Max, Jamie Neville, Tina Hopson, Ayla Vigilante, Allison Conant, Amber Green.

Golf: Richard Bickel, Michael Sharpe, Dan Poltrock, Ross Kravetz, Jack Wolfolk.

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Randi Schur of Springfield, a member of the Muhlenberg College women's tennis team, has been named to the Centennial Conference Academic Honor Roll for success in the classroom and on the courts.

The junior, who is a Pingry School graduate, is a psychology major with a 3.606 GPA. Schur was troubled by an ankle injury for most of the season and played in only four matches. She compiled a 1-3 singles record and was 1-1 in doubles.

To be named to the Academic Honor Roll, a student must be a sophomore, junior or senior, must be a starter or key reserve on her team and carry a cumulative grade-point average of 3.40 (on a 0-4 scale) or higher.

The InterCity Baseball League is a 10-team league consisting of 7th and 8th grade players from Summit, Springfield and Berkeley Heights. League play is scheduled to continue through June 10 at five fields: Wilson in Summit, Sandmeyer and Ruby in Springfield and Sandstone and Floyd Taylor in Berkeley Heights.

The top eight teams will qualify for the playoffs that are scheduled for June 12-16.

The championship game is scheduled to be played on Saturday, June 17.

Here's a look at the remaining regular-season schedule:

- June 1: Twins vs. White, 6:00, Sandmeyer; Giants vs. Mets, 6:00, Ruby.
- June 3: Twins vs. Bears, 11:00, Sandmeyer; White vs. Mets, 11:00, Taylor; Bulls vs. Giants, 1:00, Wilson; Hawks vs. Lions, 3:30, Wilson; Falcons vs. Blue, 6:00, Wilson.
- June 5: Giants vs. Blue, 6:00, Sandmeyer; Mets vs. White, 6:00, Ruby; Hawks vs. Twins, 6:00, Wilson.
- June 6: Bulls vs. Falcons, 6:00, Wilson.
- June 7: Hawks vs. Bears, 6:00, Wilson.
- June 8: Lions vs. White, 6:00, Wilson; Twins vs. Blue, 6:00, Sandmeyer.
- June 10: Falcons vs. Bulls, 10:30, Wilson; Giants vs. Twins, 11:00, Sandmeyer; Bears vs. Blue, 1:00, Wilson; Hawks vs. White, 3:30, Wilson; Lions vs. Mets, 6:00, Wilson.



Christine Stracey of Springfield was one of 93 scholar-athletes from The College of New Jersey who were honored for academic accomplishments and post-graduate plans at the school's annual Academic Honors Luncheon in Ewing Township. Here she is pictured with her parents.

Springfield's Stracey earns TCNJ scholar-athlete honor

Is recipient of post graduate scholarship

Christine Stracey of Springfield has had some athletic and academic career at The College of New Jersey. The former Dayton High School, class of 1996, scholar-athlete was honored for academic accomplishments and post-graduate plans at TCNJ's annual Academic Honors Luncheon in Ewing Township.

Stracey was one of 93 TCNJ scholar-athletes who were honored at the affair.

For academic accomplishments and post-graduate plans, the senior was named the 2000 recipient of the Pete Apostolides Post Graduate Scholarship.

Stracey, who has a 3.381 grade-point average as a biology major, was a co-captain of the women's swimming team this year. She excelled for the Lions in the water and just missed an NCAA Tournament invitation with her performance in the 100 butterfly.

Stracey was also a candidate for the GTE Academic All-America Fall/Winter All-Large Team, as well as the National Swim Coaches Association Scholar-Athlete Team.

Stracey was also named the co-recipient of the Dick Kempecki Award as the top senior performer. At the meet, she helped the Lions set several new school records

and NCAA B Qualifying times.

Stracey helped the lines take first place in the 200 freestyle relay with a new school record as they recorded a time of 1:40.68, besting the old mark of 1:40.88, which was set in 1991.

She was also part of the new school record and winning 400 medley relay in 4:06.16, breaking the old TCNJ record of 4:07.31, which was set in 1993.

Stracey also won the 100 butterfly for TCNJ in 1:00.27, an NCAA B time cut. She capped the meet off with a first-place showing in the 200 butterfly in 2:18.93 and was part of the winning 400 freestyle relay, which posted a time of 3:40.11 to win the race.

Others from Union County that were among the 93 scholar-athletes were Kellianna Brennan of Clark (soccer, freshman/elementary education); Andrew Kasney of Berkeley Heights (swimming, freshman/UNDA); Kristin Melly (swimming, junior/political science), Kathy Pellerito (softball, senior/EDS) and Andrea Perger (track, sophomore/BIOA) of Union; Danielle Chiusini (track, junior/WJA) and Kerry Drexler (football, junior/BIOA) of Cranford and Victoria Nusse of Westfield (soccer, sophomore/BIOA).

Game-winning hitter



Governor Livingston High School standout senior softball player Gina Piccirillo drove in both runs to spark the Highlanders to a 2-0 win over Westfield last Friday night in the Union County Tournament semifinals at Linden's Memorial Field. The leftfielder drove in Shabi Ghaffari and Keri Moore with a single in the fifth to snap a 0-0 deadlock. GL lost to Union 2-1 in last Saturday's championship game at Linden. The Highlanders put their 20-5 record on the line at top-seeded Jefferson Tuesday in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 semifinals. Fourth-seeded GL advanced by winning at home against fifth-seeded West Essex 2-0 last Thursday.

Forsyth, Moroney, Azran place first

Athletes among best in UC

By J.R. Parachini
 Sports Editor

Track and field standouts Kurt Forsyth of Summit and Marty Moroney of Governor Livingston managed to finish ahead of their competition, while Dayton star Justin Azran placed second in one event at last Wednesday's Union County Boys' championships held at Williams Field in Elizabeth.

Forsyth captured the 400-meter run for the second consecutive year, finishing first in 48.7. Forsyth has not lost a 400-meter dash yet this season.

Moroney was one of a number of GL standouts, capturing the javelin throw with an impressive mark of 168.5.

Azran, who has excelled in the shot put throw all season long, placed second with a throw of 49-2.75. Bernard Subocko of Linden was first with a mark of 53-3.75.

Other Summit standouts included Gereno Tan fourth in the javelin at 151-4 and Doug Williams third in the pole vault at 11-6.

Other GL standouts included Mark Pezzella sixth in the shot put at 45-9.75, Ed Barrett sixth in the discus at 125-6, Brian Bereski fifth in the javelin at 147-8, Bill Lord sixth at 142-0 and Steve Bergeski second in the pole vault at 11-6.

In the North 2, Group 2 meet last Saturday at Hub Stein Field in Plainfield, Forsyth was a triple-winner and Moroney won the javelin.

Forsyth won the 200 in 22.3, the 400 in 49.3 and the long jump at 20-8.5. Moroney won the javelin at 170-9.

Other Summit standouts included John Melcon second in the high jump at 6-0, Sean Kerr fifth in the shot put at 44-11 and Brian Stymacks sixth in the shot put at 44-6 and Doug Williams fifth in the pole vault at 11-6.

Other GL standouts included Mark Pezzella second in the shot put at 46-11.5, Michael Lauricella fourth in the javelin at 155-10 and Steve Bergeski sixth in the pole vault at 11-2.

Summit was fifth with 42 points and Governor Livingston sixth with 33. Hanover Park won with 116.

Dayton was 10th in North 2, Group 1 with 16 points as New Providence won with 121.

Azran won the shot put at 50-4.5 and was fourth in the discus at 120-2. Teammate Jeff Marx was fifth in the 3,200-meter run in 10:48.7.

On the girls' side, Amanda Coppertite of Summit was second in the 100 in 12.9. Also for Summit were Coppertite fifth in the 200 in 27.8, Coppertite second in the long jump at 15-2 and Ashley Holmes third in the discus at 105-10.

GL standouts included Dana McCurdy second in the 400 in 59.9, Megs DiDona second in the 1,600-meter run at 6:33.1, Jessica Talaris sixth in the 3,200-meter run at 12:53.0, McCurdy first in the 100-meter high hurdles in 15.5, McCurdy second in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles in 1:05.8, Maya Monroe sixth in the high jump at 4-10 and Margaret Goodspeed sixth in the javelin at 96-10.

Last month GL captured the Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division championship.

Mendham won the team standings with 63 points and GL was second with 55.5. Summit was ninth with 22.

Dayton standouts in North 2, Group 1 included Olga Oksov third in the high jump at 4-10.

Dayton's Bickel second in MVC-Valley golf.

Dayton High School standout golfer Bickel shot a 79 to finish second in the Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division match last Thursday at the Warrenbeck Golf Course in Warren.

Bickel shot a 38 on the front nine and a 41 on the back.

Roselle Park won the Valley Division title with a 341 and Marc Henkel of Roselle Park was the individual winner with a 78.

Inmaculata won the Mountain Division championship with an even score of 300. Eric Kubilus of Inmaculata shot a 73 for the individual victory.

Dayton boys' tennis falls in section final.

The Dayton High School boys' tennis team was defeated by defending champion Mountain Lakes 3-2 May 23 at Whippany Park in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 final.

The Bulldogs finished another impressive season with an outstanding winning record of 11-2 overall and 7-1 against Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division competition.

Dan Delioacono won at third singles for Dayton as he downed Mike Fischer 6-0, 6-1. Felix Mil was defeated at first singles by Justin Chan 6-4, 6-1 and Dan Osti was stopped at second singles by Liam Cushing 6-0, 6-3.

Sergey Khorochevskiy and Jared Weisman defeated Herb Sylvester and James Wang 6-2, 6-4 at first doubles, while Chad Freundlich and Chase Freundlich were defeated by Jack Schumann and Liam Hanley 6-4, 4-6, 7-5.

Here's a look at Dayton's results this year, eight of their wins coming by shutout:

- April 5 Cranford 3-2 (A), April 6 Union Catholic 5-0 (A), April 7 Bound Brook 5-0 (H), April 13 Roselle Park 5-0 (A), April 14 Johnson 5-0 (A), April 25 Rahway 5-0 (H), May 1 New Providence 3-2 (H), May 2 North Plainfield 5-0 (A), May 9 Roselle Park 5-0 (H), May 16 New Providence 1-4 (A), May 17 North Plainfield 5-0 (H), May 18 Oratory 4-1 (H), May 23 Mountain Lakes 2-3 (A).

Dayton baseball falls in section quarterfinals.

The Dayton High School baseball team, seeded seventh, fell at second-seeded Cedar Grove 15-5 in last Thursday's North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 quarterfinal in Cedar Grove.

The Bulldogs finished with a winning record of 12-10, a nice improvement from last year's 6-13 squad that failed to qualify for the states.

GL diamond teams played in sectional semis.

Both Governor Livingston High School diamond teams were scheduled to play in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 semifinal games Tuesday.

The baseball team, seeded 10th, entered its game at third-seeded Chatham with a 17-1 record. After a 3-9 start, the two-time defending sectional champions went on to win 14 of 16 prior to Tuesday.

GL already won at seventh-seeded Pequannock 10-6 and at second-seeded Dover 6-5 Friday. In between, the Highlanders downed Mountain Valley Conference-interdivision foe Roselle Park 7-2 at home last Thursday.

Last year GL, which was the top seed, defeated second-seeded Chatham 15-1 in the final at Williams Field in Elizabeth.

The softball team, seeded fourth, entered its game at top-seeded Jefferson with a 20-5 record. The Highlanders lost to Union 2-1 in last Saturday night's Union County Tournament championship game after beating Westfield 2-0 the night before in the semifinals at Linden's Memorial Field.

GL advanced to the semifinals after beating visiting and fifth-seeded West Essex 2-0, exacting some revenge. Last year West Essex ended GL's season with a 5-3 win in Berkeley Heights in the semifinals.

Summit lacrosse teams triumph in states

Both Summit High School lacrosse teams won their first NJISAA Tournament contests last week.

The boys' team, which earned the second seed, opened with a convincing 17-2 win at home over 31st-seeded Dwight-Englewood, which eliminated 34th-seeded Vernon with a bonus victory in Bergen County.

Summit won its 16th consecutive game to improve to 16-1.

Standout senior attacker Ned Britz, who will continue at Yale, scored five goals and assisted on three others for the No. 3 ranked team in the state.

J.P. Covello scored four goals for the Hilltoppers, who are seeking their third NJISAA Tournament championship.

The girls' team, defending NJISAA Tournament champions and the fifth seed in North Jersey, Section B, shut out fourth-seeded Jefferson 14-0 in Jefferson in a second-round contest.

Alli Ballantyne scored five goals and had one assist to help Summit improve to 13-4 with the victory.

Liz Sheridan scored three goals and Liz Gamble had two goals and two assists.

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