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Grads say goodbye

By John Celock
Staff Writer

The first senior class to be home-grown in Springfield graduated this week.

The Jonathan Dayton High School Class of 2001 graduated during a ceremony Tuesday night at the field behind the high school. The class is the first one to have its entire education provided for by the township, following the 1997 turnover of Dayton from the now-defunct Union County Regional High School District No. 1 to the local school board.

Senior Class President Alisandra Puliti remarked on the class' round of firsts during her address.

"We are the first class to go through Dayton without the regional system, the first class in 46 years to witness the tenacity of the boys' tennis team as they managed to win the state championship, and the first class in 54 years to watch the energy of the boys' basketball team to win the state finals."

Puliti touched on how some people in the school system did not have high hopes for her class, but the class managed to persevere in the end. She said the class as freshmen had pooled its

creative resources together for hall decorating contests, showed their school spirit during pep rallies and raised money for the prom and senior class trip.

"As each year passed, the unity and insyness of this grade strengthened, allowing for an unforgettable year," Puliti said.

Puliti told the assembled families, friends and staff members that while the class will be breaking up for the first time in their educational careers, she believes each member will succeed in life.

"No matter where you are going, now is the time to travel to the next path, to reach out for the next star, and to grasp the things that are so important to you."

Student Council President Ilissa Nico talked about her memories of her time at Dayton and how she has high hopes for her and her classmates. In addition, she touched upon her love for her hometown.

"What sets Springfield apart is that our schooling took place in a closeknit three-mile radius," Nico said.

Board of Education President Stephan Fischbein touched upon the same theme as Nico in his remarks to



Photo By Bob Helfrich

Senior Class President Alisandra Puliti delivers opening remarks at Jonathan Dayton High School's commencement on Tuesday.

the crowd. He said the school board has tried to provide Dayton students with a private school feeling without the cost.

"It gave us the opportunity to provide an atmosphere where no one was allowed to slip through the cracks," he said.

Tuesday marked the last graduation ceremony for Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland, who is retiring later this summer. In his address,

the outgoing superintendent discussed how the class has made Springfield a top district in the state and the class has made his tenure a memorable experience.

"Graduates of the Class of 2001, this is a wonderful evening, an event planned just for you and one you will remember for the rest of your lives. You are a class that will be remembered," Friedland said.

Student speaker Lawrence Bluestone said his class will now have to move on and make their own decisions in life. Urging his classmates to choose a passion, he said that with this passion they will be able to succeed in life.

"We all have the potential to be successful, if each of us works towards a goal that we set for ourselves," he said.

In addition, Bluestone touched upon how the class's future will not affect just themselves and the township, but others as well.

"Today is a milestone in our lives. For so many years we have been sheltered from the imperfect of the world and today we move to see the imperfect," Bluestone said.

Student speaker Sergey Khoroshevskiy, who immigrated to this country seven years ago not knowing a word of English, took time during his address to thank one segment of the audience on behalf of the class.

"I would like to thank the parents for encouraging and motivating the students," he said.

More spaces for residential use

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

Since the waiting list is full for residents who want to get a permit to park in the municipal commuter parking lot, the Mountainside Borough Council has decided to open up several spaces within the regular municipal lot to use for commuter parking.

The mayor and council decided to increase the number of permits for commuter parking from four to five.

The move came at the council's last work session meeting on June 12, where members decided there was not enough space for residents who wanted to use the lot for its intended purpose.

"When we first started it, we said that Mountainside residents would have priority on getting their spaces," said Mayor Robert Vigilanti. "The lot is completely filled. We have a waiting list for Mountainside residents now."

Vigilanti said that when the commuter lot first opened, borough had one non-resident using the lot. Since then, the one non-resident had been asked to leave so the spot could be opened to Mountainside residents.

Residents who use the commuter lot pay a fee of \$30 per month and often use the space for commuting by bus for day trips to New York City and other places.

The mayor suggested using the area where the pavers are located to the left of Borough Hall for commuter parking. Since vehicles often use the area for parking during court sessions, he asked council members if they would be interested in opening that area to commuters.

Councilman Keith Turner said there were 11 spaces where the pavers are, and he suggested using five of the 11 for residents.

"We can serve four people currently on our waiting list that are borough residents, if we started with five parking spaces of those 11," Turner said. "It would be one more than we currently need; it might not be a bad idea."

The four people currently on the waiting list will be notified by the borough that the change is experimental and may be modified to accommodate future needs.

Traffic a concern for Planning Board

By Jay-Me Brown
Staff Writer

A Commerce Bank and CVS drug store may jeopardize Black's Lane, a short one-way street running north to Academy Green. Planning Board members are concerned about the quiet residential area possibly being overdeveloped.

The Planning Board June 14 reviewed the developer's preliminary site plans for establishing the entrances for the new businesses which would be built where Stanley's Restaurant currently stands.

Jeffrey Leher, attorney for Site Development, presented the site plan's initial entrance into the drug store and bank, which would require a

two-way traffic flow design.

Board member Marcia Forman objected to the developers' editions and requested revisions concerning the entranceways. "I'm concerned about the closeness to Black's Lane," said Forman. "It's a disaster waiting to happen."

If the developers receive approval from the board, they must present their plans to the state Department of Transportation. Since the bank and drug store would be constructed along the state highways of Morris Avenue and Springfield Avenue, the developers would need approval from the Department of Transportation.

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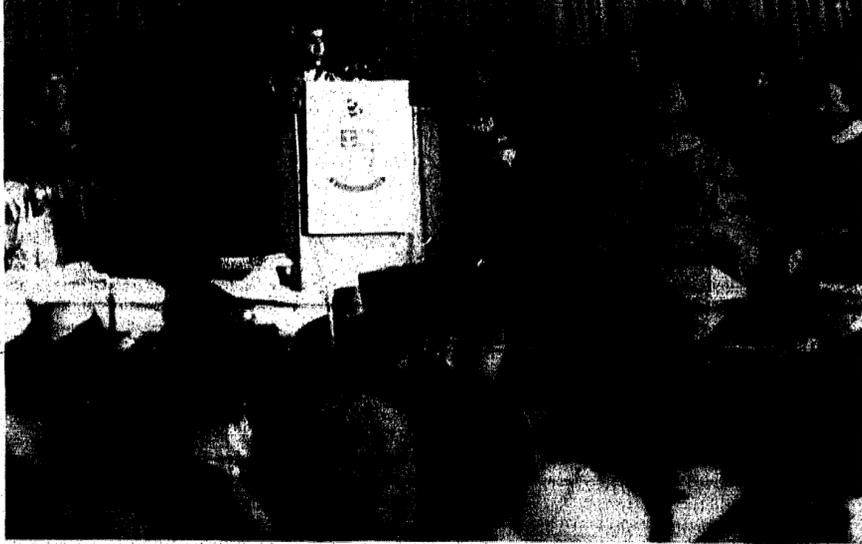


Photo By Bob Helfrich

Lawrence Bluestone addresses the Class of 2001 for Jonathan Dayton High School, the first class to graduate since dissolution of the regional district.

Zoning Board gets closer to decision on Stop & Shop site

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

After hearing testimony Tuesday night, the Springfield Zoning Board of Adjustment came one step closer to making a decision whether to approve the site plan for the proposed Stop & Shop development at 90 Millburn Ave.

Instead of protesting the actual construction of a supermarket on the site, John Rae, president of McDonough and Rae Associates, testified on the site plan that he was asked to review by the board and found it to be inadequate and unsafe.

As a licensed professional engineer representing the township of Millburn, Rae presented his case in front of the Zoning Board with supporting statements from his attorney, James Delia Wells, Jaworski, Liebman and Paton. A small strip of the former Saks Fifth Avenue property rests in Millburn while the majority of it is in Springfield.

Citing the proposed number and locations of loading docks and truck access routes in relation to pedestrian safety, Rae said the site plan should be redesigned.

"I do not believe it's safe," said Rae. "The loading docks are too few and should be on the rear. The area that's reserved for the vendor trucks is insufficient, based on the activity we observed."

Rae visited several Stop & Shop supermarkets in various New Jersey locations to compare loading dock configurations, truck and customer vehicle access, and traffic and pedestrian safety issues and presented photographs of his findings to the board. He discovered that unlike the

Stop & Shop site plan proposed by Royal Ahold which positions four loading docks on the side of the building, all of the loading areas were in the rear of the stores.

"Most of them, if not all of them, had access points that limited the interaction that the trucks would have to have with the main parking lot and customer traffic," said Rae.

Zoning Board Chairman Stuart Applebaum suggested finding out if other Stop & Shop stores in New Jersey are made with loading docks in the rear, aside from the design that Rae had proposed.

James Segreto, attorney for Royal Ahold, the parent company of Stop & Shop, cross-examined Rae, pointing out that his company has met all requirements of local ordinances.

"Nothing that you have said suggests that we should not be given permission to have a supermarket here," said Segreto. "We want to do the best we can to make this a premier supermarket site."

Even though the company has met and even exceeded the requirements of the ordinance by having four of the required three loading docks, Rae said most supermarkets need seven or eight to operate efficiently and safely.

"Clearly, the way this site plan has been designed, there are some inherent deficiencies in the plan itself which create unsafe conditions," said Rae. "It can be designed properly in my opinion."

The next witness who provided testimony on the site plan was Richard Lapinski, a private planner who was rep-

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Advice from a teen queen



Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

The graduating students of the Mountainside DARE program listen to Erin Abrahamson of Livingston, the Miss New Jersey Teen USA 2001 speak about the importance of staying drug-free at the DARE graduation on June 15 while Sgt. Scot Worswick and Officer Andrew Huber look on.

County seeks relief for parking during free summer concerts

Temporary driveway might spare Mill Lane

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

To alleviate traffic in the area during its free summer concert series at Echo Lake Park, Union County has requested permission from Mountainside to create a temporary driveway that would access part of the park to make room for about 150 cars.

Mayor Robert Vigilanti said during Tuesday's regular meeting of the Borough Council that the county would like to create a temporary driveway that would allow access from Mill Lane to a flat area on a hill near the concert area with enough room to park 150 automobiles.

Currently, a dirt road is reserved only for the handicapped, the mayor said. The county would cut a temporary driveway entrance on Mill Lane, near the top of the hill, almost directly across from where Mill Lane and Rutgers Avenue meet.

The county would remove one tree and a shrub, and install two poles with a chain, that would only allow parking during the 10 Wednesday nights when concerts are offered.

The mayor said Borough Engineer Mike Disko had some initial concerns about a storm sewer drain in the area of the proposed driveway, however, county officials said they would make sure it is not affected.

Police Chief and Borough Administrator James Debbie said there was a suggestion to move the driveway about 10 feet from its proposed location, however, that could cause cars exiting the parking area to shine their headlights directly at the front of a home on Mill Lane.

During concerts, Vigilanti said cars are parked along one side of the street for the entire length of Mill Lane.

This year's concerts begin Wednesday and due to the last-minute request from the county, the mayor suggested that the Borough Council give permission for the parking on a one-year trial basis, "to give us time to see what we're not happy with and what residents are not happy with," and ask for a formal pre-

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— Councilman Werner Schon

sentation from the county in January.

The Borough Council went along with the mayor's suggestion and Borough Attorney John Post was to draft the necessary paperwork this week.

"The fact that you're going to clear that area, it will be better for residents from the standpoint of traffic," Councilman Werner Schon said.

While concert goers arrive at various times,

the mayor said, when people leave the concert, they all exit within 15 to 30 minutes of the conclusion, creating a bottleneck of traffic along Mill Lane and within the park.

Vigilanti said traffic would be diverted toward Route 22 East, which connects from Mill Lane, to avoid the residential area.

"It would alleviate a lot of traffic," Debbie said of the proposal, "and be more beneficial to residents than detrimental."

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Scream for ice cream



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Mountainside fifth-graders Chelsea Aranjio and Madelyn Starkey wait patiently while D.A.R.E. officers Sgt. Scot Worswick and Officer Andrew Huber scoop out some ice cream for them. The pizza and ice cream party celebrated the Deerfield students D.A.R.E. graduation June 15.

AT THE LIBRARY

New summer hours

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will be closed Sundays starting this month and Saturdays starting July 1 for the summer. Saturday hours, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., will resume Sept. 8. Sunday hours, 1 to 4 p.m., will resume Oct. 1. For information, call the library at (973) 376-4930.

Video series continues with tragic screen star

Experience the struggles, triumphs and tender romances of beloved screen star Audrey Hepburn as the Springfield Public Library's summer lunchtime video series continues July 3 at noon.

Hepburn's rise to fame seemed like a fairy tale, but her childhood was filled with pain: from the estranged father whose love she desperately sought to her turbulent upbringing in Nazi-occupied Europe during World War II. Despite her past, Hepburn's grace and charm made her destined for stardom, with one memorable performance — her 1953 Oscar-winning role in "Roman Holiday" — leading to many others.

Jennifer Love Hewitt — "I Know What You Did Last Summer" — stars in the 133-minute long "The Audrey Hepburn Story" as the gamine beauty with Frances Fisher of "Titanic" and Eric McCormack of TV's "Will and Grace."

The series will continue July 17 with "Franklin D. Roosevelt" and "Babe Ruth," July 31 with "Irving Berlin," Aug. 14 with "Dwight D. Eisenhower" and "Harry S. Truman," and Aug. 28 with "Ella Fitzgerald." Bring a brown bag lunch to the performance. Coffee and cookies will be provided. For information, call (973) 376-4930.

Grant allows library to get books on tape

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., now has books on tape for young adults, thanks to a grant received from Toys "R" Us. The tapes are located in the young adult section to one end of the adult department.

Books on tape can be a way for families to share time together on long trips, but audio books have several other uses as well. Teens can listen to their own stories for pleasure. Books on tape are useful learning tools both for English as a second language students and for kids who have difficulty reading. Students can follow along in the books while listening to the tapes.

The books on tape also are useful for building vocabulary, since they help kids get the meaning and pronunciation of the words in the context of a story. In addition, audio books can help reluctant readers become more inclined to read if they get caught up in the story.

The library has purchased a number of titles on tape including the bestselling trilogy "The Amber Spyglass" by Philip Pullman and 2001 Newbery Award winner "A Year Down Yonder" by Richard Peck. More titles are to come, as well as Steady Readers, which are tapes recorded at a slower pace for patrons who are slower readers.

Videos now available

Next time you rent a video at the library, why not learn something new about protecting our planet? A number of environmental and animal videos were recently donated to the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., by the Springfield Environmental Commission. Many of them will be available to the public free.

Topics of the environmental videos include clean air, clean water, degradation of land, extinction, global warming, nuclear energy, recycling, the ozone layer, the rainforest and toxic waste. The videos explore solutions to serious global problems and help viewers discover how they can make a difference.

For animal lovers, the following videos are also available — "Woof" and its sequel "Woof Woof on Dog Training," "Bringing Up Puppy," "Uncle Matty's Guide to Doggy Problems," "Amazing Birds of America," "Attracting Butterflies to Your Backyard" and "Attracting Birds to Your Backyard."

The dog training videos offer humane and innovative, step-by-step approaches on everything from picking the right puppy to making him feel at home, basic obedience commands to nipping common behavior problems in the bud.

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 Echo Leader, Attn: managing editor, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

Today

- The "Great Books Discussion Group" meets at 10 a.m. in the meeting room at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. "Plato: Symposium" is the topic of discussion, with a three-volume Great Books reading set available for sale at a discounted price of \$20. For information, call (973) 376-4930.

- Registration for the Springfield Recreation 2001 Minutemen Football Program kicks off with a special registration today at the Chisholm Community Center, 100 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. This program is for boys in grades 4 to 8 for the fall 2001 school year.

Saturday

- The Springfield Recreation Department announces the opening of the Springfield Municipal Pool at 11 a.m. until Labor Day Sept. 3. Memberships are still available at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For information, call (973) 912-2227.

- To commemorate the 221st anniversary of the Battle of Springfield, The Historic Cannon Ball House, 126 Morris Ave., is now open for tours from 1 to 4 p.m. The house is maintained by the Springfield Historical Society and is open to the public four times a year and by appointment. For information, call (973) 376-4784.

Sunday

- Joseph Berger, author of "Displaced Persons: Growing Up American After the Holocaust," is the guest speaker in a program sponsored by the Holocaust Remembrance and Education Council of MetroWest, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield.

The public is invited and admission is free. For information, call (973) 884-4800, ext. 178.

Monday

- The Springfield Recreation Department sponsors the Summer Playground Program 2001, beginning today through Aug. 17, at the Chisholm Community Center in the playground area. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday to Friday and open to boys and girls living in Springfield, ages 5 to 12. The registration fee is \$20 for the entire eight-week program. For information, call (973) 467-3790, ext. 10.

- Day Camp begins today at the Springfield Community Pool and runs until Aug. 17. Hours are 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday, for children in grades pre-K

to five. Register at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, Springfield. For information, call the Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 467-3790, ext. 10.

- The Springfield Board of Education meets in the conference room at Jonathan Dayton High School at 7:30 p.m.

- The Springfield Township Committee meets for a workshop session at 7:30 p.m. at the Annex Building of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave., Springfield.

Tuesday

- The Mountainside Board of Education meets at the Deerfield School Media Center, 302 Central Ave. and School Drive in Mountainside at 8 p.m.

- The Springfield Township Committee meets at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave., Springfield.

Upcoming July 3

- Experience the triumphs and tragedies of a beloved screen star as the Springfield Public Library's summer lunchtime video series continues with "Audrey Hepburn" at noon. Bring a bag lunch for the performance. Coffee and cookies will be provided. For information, call (973) 376-4930.

- The Springfield Planning Board will meet in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave., Springfield, at 8 p.m.

July 4

- The Fourth of July Take Pride in Springfield celebration starts at 5 p.m. at Meisel Field. Proceeds from this year's celebration will be given to the Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad, Springfield Auxiliary Police, and Springfield Volunteer Fire Departments. For information, call (908) 352-0900.

July 10

- The Mountainside Borough Council will meet at the Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside at 8 p.m.

July 12

- The Mountainside Planning Board will meet at the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside at 8 p.m.

Ongoing

- The Springfield Recreation Department conducts blood pressure screenings the second Wednesday of every month at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, from 1 to 2 p.m. It is open to all residents of Springfield. For more information, call (973) 912-2227.

- The Friends of the Springfield Public Library would like donations of used paperback novels. Also welcome are magazines within the last year.

Berger gives talk on Holocaust

Joseph Berger, author of "Displaced Persons: Growing Up American After the Holocaust," a memoir of his family's experience as refugees in New York, will be the guest speaker in a program sponsored by the Holocaust Remembrance and Education Council of Metro West, Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m., at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield. The public is invited. Admission is free.

The program is the third step in an ongoing new series of meetings for descendants of the Shoah under the auspices of the United Jewish Federation of Metro West.

Born in Russia in 1945, a child of Holocaust survivors, Berger emigrated to the United States in 1950, with his parents and younger brother. In a *New York Times* book review on April 18, Jonathan Rosen writes, "This absorbing, deeply moving memoir artfully dramatizes how children of survivors are pulled back by a powerful undertow of sorrow toward their parents, toward the past, toward questions of Jewish identity, even as they paddle gratefully into the American mainstream."

Berger has been a reporter and editor with the *New York Times* since

1984, serving as a religion correspondent from 1985 to 1987. He later covered education and received the 1993 Education Writers Association award for exposing abuses in bilingual education. He is currently deputy education editor.

Before joining the *Times*, he worked as *Newsday's* religion writer and three times won the Supple Award, the highest honor given by the Religion Newswriters Association.

For reservations or information on the Sunday program, call Barbara Wind, coordinator, at (973) 884-4800, ext. 178.

Group of seniors are 'Young at heart'

The Springfield Senior Citizens singing group, "Young at Heart Singers," went to the South Mountain Health Care Center in Vauxhall to entertain the patients.

Fun was had by all and before they

left, they sang songs in the lobby for the people who didn't get upstairs to hear them perform.

The "Young at Heart" singers was started by Madeline Lancaster many years ago and it has been going ever

since. There are approximated 20 members involved. The singers meet the second and fourth Tuesday at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center for practice. New members are always welcome. For information, call Theresa at (973) 912-2227.

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Bulldogs still lack proper track facility

By Jay-Me Brown
Staff Writer

With five hurdles in the basement next to the weight room, the Bulldog track team trained for the season without the comfort of a functional track facility. The team practiced for hours deep inside the bowels of Jonathan Dayton High School. Only four mats cushioned the athletes' landings once they completed the physical challenge.

Since the team was required to share their mats with the shotput competitors, a mat shortage became another problem for the struggling group of athletes. "Running on the hard surface with less mats hurt my legs and knees during practice," said track team member Olga Oksov.

Since her freshman year, Oksov has been a strong competitor for the Bulldogs. As a former rookie, Oksov said the track team exuded tremendous confidence at the meets. However, this year the inadequate practice facilities contributed to a low morale among the team.

In late February, the season was under way and midway through the season, the team slowly died out. According to Oksov, team membership declined significantly.

"From the beginning of the season, we had 27 and towards the end only 15 girls stayed."

Besides the basement, the team gathered for practice at the Millburn High School track. At Millburn, the Bulldogs experienced more of an intense form of practice compared to the basement.

But on certain occasions, other students pushed the team off the track. Since the track belonged to Millburn, the students attending the school received precedence.

During the first three weeks of the season, the Bulldogs shared the track with Millburn and a private school. Boys' track coach Joseph Cozza, explained how the team dealt with the situation.

"Millburn was gracious to us throughout the entire season," he said. "It was difficult for the team to get in consistent practices when they had to wait in order to use the equipment."

When the Bulldogs were shut out of Millburn, Meisel Avenue Park became their next practice site. An area surrounding a pond at Meisel Park was a new training ground for the team.

They practiced their distance running around the circular, murky water pit. The Bulldogs were confined to the area in order since the track was ruled inadequate and unsafe by the school district's insurance company.

The Bulldogs said they could have avoided all the inconvenient practices if their track facility was operable. A dilapidated 42-year-old track stands on the grounds of Meisel park.

Springfield voters twice defeated a \$3.4-million bond referendum that would have funded improvements to school athletic fields and county-owned Meisel Park. The two defeated referenda tossed several students-athletes into makeshift practice facilities.

Sophomore track member Andrew Tile said the referendum rejections crippled the team as well as other Springfield athletes.

"It's a demoralizing fact that the team was unable to get a new track," he said. "Our inconsistent practices have lowered my self-confidence and my teammates."

Overall, the team had a record of 2-6 this season. Tile said if the team had adequate facilities the team would probably have had a stronger record.

Although Oksov will graduate and move on to Penn State University, she said she is concerned with the team's performance in future meets.

"The limited practice season presented less of a challenge for the team," she added. "A lot of people didn't experience the excitement of track this season."



The big winners are, from left, Delegate Melissa Loschiavo, Alternate Delegate Julie Marx and Delegate Gracemarie Alfano for this year's New Jersey Girls' State Program at Rider University in Lawrenceville, sponsored by Springfield's American Legion Auxiliary Unit 228.

Local American Legion supports girls' program

Springfield's Continental Unit 228 of the American Legion Auxiliary, will again participate in the Girls' State program at Rider University in Lawrenceville from Sunday to June 29. This year's delegates are Gracemarie Alfano and Melissa LoSchaivo. Serving as alternate delegates are Esther Aizenberg and Julie Marx. All are juniors at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield.

The unit's Girls' State Chairman Hazel Hardgrove stated, "Our local American Legion Auxiliary has participated in this excellent program every year since the founding of our Unit in 1950. This year's students will be staying on the campus of Rider University to hear lectures given by elected officials on the state, county, and municipal governments, and on career options by persons in the medical, legal and other fields."

The main focus will be on participation in a mock election where the students will be divided into the national and federal political parties. They will then have the option of running for an elective office or taking an appointive or supportive position such as campaign manager.

The delegates will be making their

own campaign posters and other advertising means while trying to gather as many votes as possible. There also will be the party caucuses, and political planning with the aim to win the office which each desires on the municipal, county or state governmental levels."

The Guidance Department of Jonathan Dayton High School cooperates with the unit's Girls' State Committee in making the final selection of the candidates.

Unit Girls' State Co-Chairman Elaine Auer said, "This program brings female students together from all over the state of New Jersey; and this year, there will be about 470 delegates at Rider University."

Churches prepare for new summer schedules

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

Springfield and Mountainside churches and temples will be having different summer hours, and they are each listed by town.

For Springfield, Congregation Israel, an Orthodox synagogue at 339 Mountain Ave., will conduct evening prayers at 7:15 p.m. daily during the summer months, said Rabbi Alan J. Yuter. After Labor Day, the time of sunset will determine the prayer hours. All else remains the same.

Temple Beth Ahm, a Conservative synagogue at 60 Temple Drive in Springfield, will maintain the exact same prayer and service schedule during the summer months, with the exception that casual dress will be permitted at all services through June, July and August. Rabbi Mark Mallach will officiate.

At the Reform Temple Sha-arey Shalom, 55 Springfield Ave., Springfield, hours will remain the same as always, but dress may be casual during July and August. Also, the congregants will be preaching during July and August. The rabbi, Josh Goldstein, will be on vacation.

St. James Roman Catholic Church at 45 Springfield Ave., Springfield, will have one daily weekday Mass, at 7:30 a.m., instead of two services. The pastor is The Rev. Robert Stagg.

The Evangel Baptist Church at 242 Shunpike Road in Springfield will maintain the 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday services, but the Sunday School will combine with one service at 9:30 a.m. There will be two classes at that time; one for children and one for adults. The pastor is The Rev. Frederick Mackey.

At the Emanuel United Methodist Church at 40 Church Mall in Springfield, there will be one summer service at 9:30 a.m. for July and August. Beginning July 1, the new pastor, The Rev. Kathryn Avery will preach her first sermon.

The Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, which holds services at Jonathan Dayton High School, 101 Mountain Ave., Springfield, will keep the 10 a.m. hour of worship during the summer months. However, while the pastor, The Rev. Joel R. Yoss is on vacation the first two weeks of July, guest speakers will be, for the first week, Kevin Cook of Concordia College, Bronxville, N.Y. and Bishop Roy Riley of the N.J. Synod of the E.L.C.A. for the second week of July.

The First Presbyterian Church at Church Mall and Morris Avenue will have one service only at 9:30 a.m. all through July and August, according to the pastor, The Rev. Daniel J. Russell, Jr., who will be preaching. There will be no Sunday School during the summer months.

For Mountainside, the Community Presbyterian Church at 1459 Deer Path, will conduct just one summer service at 10 a.m. during July and August. The Rev. Christopher Belden is pastor.

Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church, Central Avenue, Mountainside, will maintain its usual Mass schedules during the summer months, according to the pastor, The Rev. Patrick Leonard.

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Playing with fire

For firefighters, responding to any call is crucial. Seconds count when lives are at stake. That's why it's more important than ever for Mountainside to look for ways to share services or explore the idea of regionalization with other nearby towns.

Currently, the borough only has a volunteer staff that answers the relatively low number of fire calls that come from the nearly 7,000 residents scattered throughout the 4 square miles of Mountainside.

There's no doubt the volunteers are well-trained people who do their jobs well. Each of them puts their lives on the line every time they answer a call to rescue people and property from deadly blazes.

One case in point is the recent fire that raged through a home on Elston Drive. The home was burned to the ground and several pets were killed.

While it's bad enough that animals were killed, luckily no people were home at the time. If they were, it's unlikely they'd be alive. The blaze had gotten out of control and scorched the entire house a full 15 minutes before stopping and continuing for another half hour.

To provide for the maximum amount of safety within the borough, there needs to be a quicker response time when it comes to responding to fire calls. To do this, Mountainside must explore the idea of regionalizing fire services with neighboring municipalities.

For several years, the idea of shared services, regionalization or even consolidating municipalities has been discussed as a potential solution to rising property taxes. With the state offering various incentives to examine and study such efforts, it could be an opportune time to check into it. There are numerous obstacles facing such an effort — including the various types of departments, be it volunteer, full time or civil service — but the potential to provide better services at a lower cost is worth at least a try.

We don't doubt the abilities of the volunteers who risk their lives, but Mountainside should keep an eye on the possibility of consolidating or sharing services such as these.

What's your opinion about this subject? Call us at (908) 686-9898, and enter Selection 8000. Use our Infosource hotline to express your opinions about this and other local issues. Responses will be published next week.



Congratulations!

With the school year waning, it's important to see these last few days in June not as an ending, but as a beginning.

The beginning of a journey into life; the beginning of a journey into the next school year; the beginning of a world in which you are at least a year older and hopefully a year wiser.

Congratulations are in order to all of those who have achieved their goals, be it academic, athletic or other.

Some end the school year with little direction, others end the year with a focus and vigilance that will propel them to higher education, the workforce and responsible adulthood.

Enjoy your time away from the rigors of high school, and by all means enjoy the warmth of summer. The summer can be the source of endless and boundless fun, but it is also hot and unforgiving.

Don't be lulled to sleep by this hot and tempting season by making the mistake of feeding it with more wasted time and more apathy. Approach the summer with the same fervor in which it exists.

Feed its flames with an immediacy that comes with perpetuating its heat, but don't wait for the fall to take action because time can be a thief. Have your fun, but do so with proper due diligence and forthrightness. Respect this time as a focal point in your young lives and as your official rebirth as a human being.

No matter how old you thought you were before, members of the Class of 2001, you are now all young adults and must take full responsibility for your actions. In fact, everything you do from this point forth will shape your entire lives.

Feast on your boundless enthusiasm, idealism and power and do something that changes the world. If not the globe in its entirety, then just in your building, your block or neighborhood.

Show all of those doubters that you will amount to something and remind all of us older folks why your late teen years are a magical time, by achieving your greatest dreams despite adversity.

Rise and blossom like new budding flowers by following your desires, but just be careful not to step from the frying pan into the fire.

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BOWLS OF FUN — Third-graders at James Caldwell School in Springfield show off the bowls they created as part of the student exhibits at the art show on display in the gym on June 12. Holding their creations are, from left, Bradford Helfand, Alexander Sturm, Samant-ha Cariani, Patrick Fritzen and Rebecca Citrin.

To survive, economy must stay in motion

Editor's note: The following is an excerpt from remarks delivered at the Union County Alliance's eighth annual breakfast meeting on June 12.

Union County's economy must continually stay in motion in order to survive. More than any other New Jersey county, we need to adapt to changes in the world's markets and international economy in order to thrive. Consider this: each year more than 500 million tons of goods and materials come into the East Coast. Over 30 percent come through Port Elizabeth/Port Newark. This is not counting millions of barrels of oil coming into Grasselli Point each year.

Consider, also, that transportation comprises 10 percent of the total employment in Union County. If we factor in the thousands of men and women in manufacturing, refining and warehousing jobs, we begin to see the importance of our transportation resources.

Now here's our concern.

Over the past two decades, this region's transportation infrastructure has remained static. Businesses and government failed to make the needed investments in maritime, rail and highway transportation. And that has meant an aging and inefficient system. This was the situation when the current freeholder leadership began our work years ago.

Improving Union County's transportation infrastructure wasn't just a top priority for this board; it was the top priority.

Freeholder Forum

By Alexander Mirabella

Jobs and businesses had been leaving Union County for years and the county was not countering that loss.

And as jobs left us, our economy and quality of life faltered.

So we set about turning that around.

To stay competitive and keep businesses in Union County, we had to: improve transportation links so commerce could move more smoothly; highlight and improve our quality of life, so businesses could retain workers, and help businesses train workers and ensure that they could find qualified employees.

When she was chairman, our senior member, Freeholder Linda Stender began this process. She created the Department of Economic Development that focused government on bringing new jobs and businesses to Union County and helping businesses already here.

In addition, Union County began working closely with the alliance, with local business leaders and with federal, state and local officials to move on important transportation programs.

We lobbied aggressively for dredging in the Arthur Kill, so that Port Elizabeth remains the vital economic engine in this region.

Working with our federal representatives, we fought to improve commuter rail lines and develop Union Station on the Raritan Valley line. This will allow hundreds of residents to use mass transit, and will hopefully take many, many cars off of our congested roads during rush hour.

We worked with businesses and officials toward creation of the Newark-Elizabeth Rail Link and the cross-county rail link. We created a five-year, \$10-million program of improvements to county roads, bridges and culverts.

Working with Mayor J. Christian Bollwage and Elizabeth officials we made millions of dollars in improvements to what was once the Elizabeth Landfill. Today, that brownfields site is the Jersey Gardens Mall, which generates hundreds of jobs for area residents.

Working with Mayor John Gregorio and officials from Linden, we improved the road access and drainage and funded more than \$1 million in improvements to make Linden Airport Plaza a reality and with it, hundreds of jobs in that city.

After years of disrepair, we have made major improvements to two major bridges in Rahway, making them safer and more efficient.

But this is not the end of our commitment to better transportation; it's just the beginning.

We are working with the Port Authority to improve the roads lead-

ing in and out of Port Elizabeth so truck traffic access is safer and better. To improve mass transportation for residents, we are encouraging investment in ferry service from Elizabeth to Manhattan.

With the New Jersey Department of Transportation, we are working to create a trucks-only exit from the New Jersey Turnpike into Linden's Tremley Point area. This will open up hundreds of acres of brownfields for new businesses that can benefit from the area's rail and maritime connections.

Brownfield development is an important part of our economic development plan. For many municipalities, brownfields are obviously a source of concern, as they generate no ratables and are sometimes contaminated. Much of this land once provided us with jobs and revenues and now they sit dormant.

Of course, the Jersey Gardens mall in Elizabeth is a wonderful example of what we can do on these sites. IKEA and the stores around it are also signs of success.

We are now working with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to bring new life to brownfield sites in Plainfield and Hillside. We have funding available which can help us revitalize several industrial sites along the Raritan Valley line in those towns.

A resident of Roselle Park, Democrat Alexander Mirabella is chairman of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Autocratic rule by governing body?

To the Editor:

At the June 12 regular meeting of the Springfield Township Committee, two questions were asked which the mayor refused to answer, and none of the other Township Committee volunteered information during or after the meeting. Township Committeeman Gregory Clarke was absent.

1. "Would each of you explain your rationale or reasons for not removing the \$269,703 for the pre-K for 4-year-olds from the defeated school budget since it is not mandated by the New Jersey Department of Education; and why were the parents not requested to pay for this service instead of the taxpayers?" Many of us believe that such a program is beneficial, but the parents should pay for it. In some communities, parents are charged for this service.

2. "What can be done to make temporary repairs to the running track at Meisel Avenue field since the high school track team is being charged \$200 per day or \$1,000 per week to practice on the Millburn High School; and it will take months for the legal and other paperwork and construction scheduling to be done before a brand new track is usable?"

In April, members of the Springfield Improvement Association took photographs of the poor conditions of the Meisel Avenue Field running track, bleachers and field house. Letters were written to each Township Committee member suggesting the temporary repairs on May 2 and 11.

After bringing the photographs to three meetings of the Township Committee, they were finally viewed by Township Committee members at their June 12 meeting. We had no desire to ask about any potential land swap, thereafter, the mayor called for a recess to the caucus room. Upon returning, he announced that Meisel Avenue Field would not be discussed, and abruptly adjourned the meeting without asking for any other public questions.

These two questions require simple answers. The decision to keep the Pre-K program in the budget cannot be changed now. However, the voters have a right to know the Township Committee's reasons for not deleting the Pre-K amount. Action should have been taken months ago on the various aspects of Meisel Avenue Field. Do we now have autocratic rule by our governing body? More residents should attend public meetings.

Salvatore Gibaldi Jr., co-chairman
Hazel Hardgrove, co-chairman
Springfield Improvement Association

Caldwell is a shining example

To the Editor:

One of our son's first experiences at Caldwell school was attending Bingo night in the fall of first grade. We all laughed as Principal Ken Bernabe donned a silver hat and called the numbers, but what really struck us was that it was only October and he knew all the kid's names — even the first-graders.

It has been four years since then and Colin is now leaving Caldwell to move on to middle school. We felt we should take this opportunity to publicly thank all the people who have made our son's experience at Caldwell so wonderful.

Mr. Bernabe has created a warm school environment where both the students and teachers are clearly comfortable and happy. Several of our extended family members have attended functions at Caldwell school and commented on how well behaved, helpful and respectful the students are. Mr. Bernabe has earned the respect of the student body, yet he is not afraid to roll up his sleeves and toss a football with the kids during recess.

But Mr. Bernabe is not alone in making Caldwell such a great school. "Bernabe's Bombers" are a great group of individuals who care about each other and the kids they teach. Our son had four excellent classroom teachers: Eve Lombardi, Ann Kwolek, Dave Campbell and Karen Hagan. Their teaching styles were quite different, but they each displayed a genuine enthusiasm for teaching and love for their students. We would also like to mention physical education teacher Steve Griffiths, who has been a wonderful role model for all of his students.

These individuals and the rest of the Caldwell staff have been a positive force in our son's life for four years. They have all gone above and beyond their jobs in ways that range from pizza lunches to early morning physical education tests, to coming to little league games to watch the kids play.

At a time when all people seem to talk about is what is wrong with education, James Caldwell School is a shining example of what is right in education.

Michael and Meg Greten
Springfield

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GETTING READY TO PLAY — Students from Thelma L. Sandmeier's third-grade string class get ready to perform for the fourth-grade concert last month at the school. Ready for the big night are, from left, Todd Bohrer, Jennifer Bleiwise, Michelle Tarantula and Alexandra Eiseman.

EVENTS

Cannon Ball House now open for tours

In commemoration of the 221st anniversary of the Battle of Springfield, The Historic Cannon Ball House, 126 Morris Ave., will be open for tours on Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m.

On June 23, 1780, two weeks after the Battle of Connecticut Farms and the murder of Hannah Caldwell, the British and Hessian forces made one final attempt to push through New Jersey and capture George Washington and his army at Morristown. After a daylong battle which raged over colonial Springfield — including Millburn and surrounding areas — 1,500 colonial forces repelled the 6,000 strong British army which retreated to Staten Island and never again fought on New Jersey soil.

During the retreat, the British burned the village of Springfield, leaving only four buildings standing: the Presbyterian Church from which the Rev. James Caldwell distributed Watts hymnals to the colonial forces to use as wadding for their guns, was burned; the farmhouse now known as The Historic Cannon Ball House — from the cannon ball lodged in a wall during the battle and now on display in the museum — was left standing probably for use as a hospital in which British wounded were tended.

The house is maintained by the Springfield Historical Society and is open to the public usually only four times a year and by appointment.

For information call (973) 376-4784.

Red Cross offers babysitter course

The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross will host a babysitter training course for youth ages 11 to 15 on Wednesday and July 28.

The course is ideal for current or future babysitters. It teaches them the best way to keep the children safe in their care.

Topics include making good decisions, supervising children, age-appropriate activities, keeping everyone safe inside and outside, handling emergencies, performing basic care

— diapering, feeding, infant care — and first aid.

The class will be at the chapter house, 321 Elm St., Westfield, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch is provided.

The cost is \$45 per student, and includes a course handbook, and a small first aid kit. Registration is limited and closes one week prior to class.

For information call Linda Johnson at (908) 232-7090.

Pool day camp opens Monday

The Springfield Community Pool Day Camp starts Monday to Aug. 17.

Day camp hours are 1 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, for children ages Pre-K to fifth grade. Child must be 4 years of age as of June 1.

Events include swimming, arts and crafts, dance, sports, games and much more. Camp is now under the direction of Traci Miller and Lisa DeNicolò.

Register at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, Springfield. You must register for a Family Pool Membership to register for day camp.

For questions about day camp activities, call the Recreation Program Coordinator at (973) 467-3790, Ext. 10.

Football registration kicks off today

Registration for the Springfield Recreation 2001 Minutemen Football Program begins today from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Chisholm Community Center, 100 S. Springfield Ave.

The program is for boys in grades four to eight for fall 2001. Teams will compete in the suburban football league. Teams are picked according to weight and age. Team practices will be at the Municipal Pool field. Home games will be played at the Meisel Avenue football field.

Registration also is at Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by mail.

Practices will begin Aug. 15. Games will be played September to November. For information call (973) 912-2228.

Nonrefundable enrollment in two separate checks with a \$20 check payable to 'Township of Springfield' and a \$75 check payable to 'Springfield Minutemen Organization' and a \$25 work bond check dated Dec. 1 to 'Springfield Minutemen Organization.' The check will be refunded at the end of the season if parents/guardian has volunteered to assist in team functions.

All registration fees must be submitted by Aug. 1. A \$25 late fee will be imposed after this date.

Registration for girls soccer opens

Registration begins this week for the Springfield Recreation Department, Springfield STARS Fall Soccer for girls grades three to eight. Register in person or by mail; by July 1, Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Players will compete in an Inter-county League with 13 towns. Nonrefundable registration fee is \$25, payable to Township of Springfield.

Springfield STARS Parent Organization fee is \$40 for new players, and includes uniform and professional soccer clinic. \$15 for players who have Springfield STARS Uniform, payable to Springfield STARS Parent Organization.

For information call (973) 912-2228.

Registration begins for boys fall soccer

Registration begins this week for the Boys Springfield Recreation Fall Soccer Program, grades three to eight.

Register at Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or mail-in form.

Teams for boys in grades three to eight will participate in the inter-county soccer league.

Nonrefundable registration fee is \$25 payable to Township of Springfield.

Springfield Boys Parent Organization fee is \$40, which includes full uniform and professional soccer clinic

payable to Springfield Boys Soccer Parent Organization.

Register by July 1. For information call (973) 912-2228.

Summer playground begins Monday

Summer Playground Program 2001 starts Monday to Aug. 17. Registration fee is \$20 for entire eight-week program.

The supervised outdoor playground operates at the Chisholm Community Center in the playground area. The program runs for eight weeks and is available for boys and girls in Springfield ages 5 to 12. Activities include games, arts & crafts, field trips, athletics, special events, morning trips to the Springfield Pool, color wars, parties, sports tournaments and more.

Playground hours are 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Children are to be dropped off by 12:30 p.m. Counselors will sign your child in to camp. Parents/guardian must sign their child out. Time changes on pool trip and field trip days may occur.

Return registration/medical form and a registration fee of \$20 before the first day of program. Checks only made, payable to "Township of Springfield." Send to: Township of Springfield, Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, Springfield, 07081.

Volunteers wanted

The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross, 321 Elm St., Westfield, is currently looking for people to become volunteers.

The Motor Works Program, which provides local residents with transportation to medical/professional appointments, is looking for drivers. Drivers are needed Monday through Friday, and hours and days are flexible.

Clerical and data entry volunteers are also needed. Volunteers can do as little or as many hours/days as they would like. No previous experience is needed, and training will be provided.

RECREATION

Registration to begin for swim team

Registration for the 2001 Springfield swim team, sponsored by the Recreation Department, is being accepted at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall. Registration fee is \$30 for the first child in the family and \$25 for each additional child. Payment must be in check or money order made payable to the Township of Springfield.

Boys and girls from 5 to 17 years of age are eligible to participate on the team. All participants should be comfortable in deep water, though need not to be "Olympic" quality swimmers.

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

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

Slots still open for summer camp at the Y

The Springfield YMCA is offering a full-day Summer Camp for children entering kindergarten through third grade. Camp weeks are filling up, but there is still space available.

YMCA camp encourages children to make friends, enjoy sports and games, learn to swim, create projects and more. The core YMCA values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility are emphasized through activities that help children build confidence and self-esteem. Theme weeks such as "Holiday Hoopla," "Frontier Frenzy," and "Under the Big Top" help give campers a summer to remember.

Registration is going on now at the Springfield YMCA, 100 S. Springfield Ave. Camp runs for eight one-week sessions beginning Tuesday.

Financial assistance is available for all YMCA programs.

For information call the YMCA at (973) 467-0838.

Recreation Department plans bus trip Friday

The Springfield Recreation Department plans a bus trip Friday to the Monmouth Race Track. The bus will leave Sarah Bailey at 10:30 a.m. and return approximately 5 p.m. The cost is \$6 per person.

Anyone interested in going can call Theresa Herkalo at (973) 912-2227, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and for more information.

Tennis badges available

The Springfield Recreation announces tennis badges are now available at the Recreation Department, 30 Church Mall.

All residents who use the township tennis courts are required to purchase a tennis badge. The fee is \$10 per badge set by township ordinance. There is a one-time charge and thereafter the badges are updated each year.

For more information call (973) 912-2227.

Golf memberships Par 3

The Springfield Recreation Department announces it now has memberships to the Millburn Township Par 3 Golf Course available at the Recreation Office, 30 Church Mall.

The cost is \$160 person for a full membership and \$80 for a limited membership.

For more information call (973) 912-2227.

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- Pet First Aid: Four-hour course to provide training for pet emergencies, topics covered include: rescue breathing, assistance for choking, poisoning, and bleeding; fee \$25 per person, or \$40 per couple; July 17, 6 p.m.

- At Summit Area Red Cross, July 13 and 20, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- At The Connection, Summit, Aug. 4 and 11, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

North meets South



Dressed in a typical Civil War Confederate uniform, Peter Paone, father of Oratory Preparatory sophomore Tom Paone, gave a presentation on military life to members of David Closs's U.S. History 1 class. Both Peter and Tom are members of the 19th Virginia Volunteer Infantry Regiment, a Civil War re-enactment group. They participate in re-creations of battles of the War between the States in the cause for Southern Independence.

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St. James The Apostle School Pre K-4 students are getting ready to soar into kindergarten. They have been studying the solar system and outer space. Sitting by their Astronaut Display are, from left, Michael Tanelli, Dylan Hardy, Jimmy Fischer, Jessica Nieto, Justine Quow and Brianna Perdomo.

Ballgame promotes donors

The New Jersey Organ and Tissue Sharing Network — The Sharing Network — New Jersey's organ recovery organization, has teamed with WBGO Radio in Newark to promote organ donor awareness. Representatives from The Sharing Network and WBGO will play a softball game on July 7, starting at noon at Echo Lake Park, Springfield Avenue in Mountainside. For information call (800) SHARE-NJ.

Let's be friends



Preschool children from Temple Beth Ahm in Springfield are treated to a breakfast with preschoolers from The Children's Institute in Verona. The Temple Beth Ahm children collected coins for their seduka project and saved enough to purchase a dollhouse, complete with figurines and furniture for the TCI students.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, N.J.

RESOLUTION FOR AWARD OF AN EXEMPT CONTRACT TO THE FIRST OCCUPANCY CENTER OF N.J., INC. BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield is in need of contracting for cleaning services for the various public buildings within the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., allows the awarding of a contract to a sheltered workshop employing handicapped persons without competitive bids;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and the Township Clerk of the Township of Springfield are hereby authorized, respectively, to execute and attest to an agreement with the First Occupational Center of New Jersey, Inc., for the following services: provide cleaning services for the various buildings (Municipal Building, including Police and Fire Departments; Municipal Annex Building; Department of Public Works Building; Sarah Bailey Civic Center) three days per week, during daytime business hours, pursuant to Proposal #1 in a proposal letter dated April 6, 2000, at a monthly fee of \$1,645.00, to be in effect April 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001, at a total cost not to exceed \$18,000.00. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as an exempt contract in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (n) of the Local Public Contracts Law.

TAKE NOTICE, that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, held on Tuesday evening, May 22, 2001. KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI, RMC/CMC Township Clerk (\$20.75) US395 ECL June 21, 2001

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT SPECIAL MEETING JUNE 27, 2001

The Township of Springfield Board of Adjustment has scheduled a special meeting on June 27, 2001, to be held at Springfield Town Hall, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ starting at 7:30 p.m. The applications to be heard are the following:

- Application #2001-8 for Joseph & Jennifer DeJohn, 40 Milltown Rd., Blk. 1908, Lot 11 for a front yard fence variance; Application #2001-9 for Tatiana Yuda, 73 Kew Dr., Blk. 1702, Lot 4 for a rear yard variance for a deck; Application #2001-10 for Lawrence & Gail Lockhart, 70 Meckes St., Blk. 2904, Lot 23 for a rear yard variance for a deck; Application #2001-11 for Elizabeth Eberle, 151 Baltusrol Ave., Blk. 808, Lot 14 for a side yard variance for a deck.

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variance for an A.C. unit; Application #2001-12 for Circle of Friends, LLC, 40 Stern Ave., Blk. 3102, Lot 1 for an interpretation for use in the I-20 General Industrial Zone.

Formal Action may or may not be taken. Robert C. Kirkpatrick Board of Adjustment Secretary US510 ECL June 21, 2001 (\$12.50)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, NJ

RESOLUTION FOR AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO KELLER & KIRKPATRICK, INC. BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield, is in need of contracting for engineering and related services for various Roadway Improvement projects within the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., requires a resolution authorizing the award of the contract for professional services without competitive bids and that the contract itself must be available for inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and the Township Clerk of the Township of Springfield are hereby authorized, respectively, to execute and attest to an agreement with Keller & Kirkpatrick, Inc. for the following services: surveying \$4,500.00; engineering \$14,000.00; construction coordination \$12,000.00; and stakeout \$3,500.00, and inspections regarding Roadway Improvements at Latak Avenue, Mapes Avenue, Washington Avenue, Silver Court and Center Street, at a fee not to exceed \$34,000.00; pursuant to Proposal for Professional Services dated May 11, 2001. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Services Contract" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1)(a)(i) of the Local Public Contracts Law. KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI, RMC/CMC Township Clerk (\$18.50) US399 ECL June 21, 2001

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, NJ

ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT AND EXTINGUISH UTILITY EASEMENTS BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

TAKE NOTICE, that the foregoing Ordinance was passed and approved at a Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield in the County of Union and State of New Jersey, held on Tuesday evening, June 12, 2001. KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI, RMC/CMC Municipal Clerk (\$7.25) US500 ECL June 21, 2001

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, NJ

RESOLUTION TO AWARD CONTRACT PURSUANT TO PUBLIC BIDDING TO TOMARO CONTRACTING COMPANY, INC. FOR FADEM ROAD IMPROVEMENTS BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield did advertise for and accept bids for Fadem Road Improvements (SP01-03); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq., and upon recommendation of the Township Engineer, Tomaro Contracting Company, Inc. has been determined to be the lowest responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, a Certification of Available Funding has been presented;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that a contract is hereby awarded to Tomaro Contracting Company, Inc. for the bid amount of \$131,000.00, for Fadem Road Improvements (SP01-03), and that the Mayor and Township Clerk of the Township of Springfield are hereby authorized, respectively, to execute and attest to an agreement with Tomaro Contracting Company, Inc. pursuant to bid specifications, and a form approved by the Township Attorney.

TAKE NOTICE, that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, held on Tuesday evening, May 22, 2001. KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI, RMC/CMC Township Clerk (\$18.00) US395 ECL June 21, 2001

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, N.J.

RESOLUTION FOR AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO KELLER & KIRKPATRICK, INC. BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield is in need of contracting for engineering and related services for various Municipal Improvement projects within the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., requires a resolution authorizing the award of the contract for professional services without competitive bids and that the contract itself must be available for inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and the Township Clerk of the Township of Springfield are hereby authorized, respectively, to execute and attest to an agreement with Keller & Kirkpatrick, Inc. for the following services: surveying not to exceed \$800.00, engineering \$6,000.00, construction coordination not to exceed \$5,000.00, construction stakeouts \$1,000.00 and inspections regarding Municipal Parking Lot Improvements at Center and Hannah Streets, at a fee not to exceed \$12,800.00; pursuant to Proposal for Professional Services dated May 11, 2001. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Services Contract" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1)(a)(i) of the Local Public Contracts Law. KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI, RMC/CMC Township Clerk (\$20.25) US394 ECL June 21, 2001

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, NJ

RESOLUTION TO AWARD CONTRACT TO TEKTRON CORPORATION FOR SPRINGFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT RADIO SYSTEM CORRECTIVE ACTION BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield did receive a proposal from Tektron Corporation for necessary corrective action to the radio system of the Springfield Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq., the amount of such proposal falling below the threshold requiring public bidding, and a majority of the work to be performed falling within the New Jersey State Contract provisions;

WHEREAS, subject to provision of a Certificate of Available Funding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that a contract is hereby awarded to Tektron Corporation for the proposed amount of \$5,828.80, for Fire Department radio system repairs, pursuant to the proposal of Tektron Corporation of May 2, 2001, and the Mayor and the Township Clerk of the Township of Springfield are hereby authorized, respectively, to execute and attest to an agreement with Tektron Corporation, pursuant to proposal, and a form approved by the Township Attorney.

TAKE NOTICE, that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, held on Tuesday evening, May 22, 2001. KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI, RMC/CMC Township Clerk (\$19.25) US397 ECL June 21, 2001

PLANNING BOARD BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that decisions...

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TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, NJ

slons were made at a public meeting by the Mountainside Planning Board on May 10, 2001 at the Mountainside Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, NJ 07092.

Larry Stevens, 1534 Route 22, Block 3.A, Lot 12 - Appealing Land Use Administrator's decision for a horoscope reading business in a residential dwelling. DENIED

A. K. Stamping Inc., 1159 Route 22, Block 23.C, Lots 8.D, 34, 35, 24 & 21 - 2nd floor of newly approved addition. APPROVED (\$8.00) US509 ECL June 21, 2001

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, NJ

RESOLUTION FOR AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO EMPLOYE ASSISTANTS RESOURCES, INC. BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield is in need of contracting for mandatory employee drug and alcohol testing services as concerns employees of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., requires a resolution authorizing the award of the contract for professional services without competitive bids and that the contract itself must be available for inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and the Township Clerk of the Township of Springfield are hereby authorized, respectively, to execute and attest to an agreement with Employee Assistants Resources, Inc. for the following services: all drug and alcohol testing necessary to ensure compliance by the Township of Springfield with New Jersey Department of Transportation regulations concerning holders of a commercial drivers license, pursuant to proposal, at a set monthly fee of \$120.00, not to exceed \$840.00. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional services contract" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) of the Local Public Contracts Law.

TAKE NOTICE, that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, held on Tuesday evening, June 12, 2001. KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI, RMC/CMC Township Clerk (\$19.50) US396 ECL June 21, 2001

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE OFFICIAL MEETING OF THE RENT OFFICIAL BOARD SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 28, 2001 HAS BEEN CANCELLED. MURRAY FROMER SECRETARY RENT LEVELING BOARD US511 ECL June 21, 2001 (\$4.25)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, NJ

RESOLUTION FOR AWARD OF CONTRACT TO FRED HODGES' RUBBISH REMOVAL BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield, in connection with the litigation matter of Township of Springfield v. Walter Porter, is in need of contracting for cleanup services for the property at 31 Tooker Place; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 48:11-1 et seq., authorizes the award of a contract under the threshold without competitive bids, upon review of three (3) quotes; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield Department of Public Works has obtained three (3) quotes for an initial one-time major cleanup of the property and monthly remedial cleanups thereafter; and

WHEREAS, Fred Hodges' Rubbish Removal has provided the lowest quote for both services, and is experienced in cleaning this property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that as concerns 31 Tooker Place, Springfield, New Jersey, and the cleanup thereof, that the Mayor and the Township Clerk of the Township of Springfield are hereby authorized, respectively, to execute and attest to an agreement with Fred Hodges' Rubbish Removal for an initial cleanup on or after June 1, 2001, at a set fee of \$2,500.00, and monthly cleanups for the months of July through December, 2001, at a rate per month not to exceed \$500.00, pursuant to the quotes received by the Department of Public Works, at a total fee not to exceed \$5,500.00. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law.

TAKE NOTICE, that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, held on Tuesday evening, June 12, 2001. KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI, RMC/CMC Township Clerk (\$22.50) US398 ECL June 21, 2001

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Diabetes Support Group

The diabetes support group features topics of special interest and group discussion. Loved ones are invited to attend. Registration is not required. Monday, July 2, 7 p.m. For information, call (908) 522-5277.

Creative Home Planning - Arthritis Support Group

Tips on identifying and correcting potentially dangerous situations in the home. Thursday, July 12, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Location: Madison Plaza Shopping Center, 300 Main Street (Route 124), Madison. Presenter: Marie Herbert Bartello, R.N., M.S. Sponsored by The North Jersey Regional Arthritis Center at Atlantic Health System.

Bone Density Screenings

Women 40 years and older or those determined to be at high risk after completing a risk assessment form are encouraged to attend. Please wear something that can be removed to expose the foot and heel. Pre-registration is required. Wednesday, July 18, 10 a.m. to Noon. Location: Madison Plaza Shopping Center, 300 Main Street (Route 124), Madison.

Diabetes Screenings

No fasting is necessary. Pre-registration is required. Wednesday, July 25, 10 a.m. to Noon. Location: Madison Plaza Shopping Center, 300 Main Street (Route 124), Madison.

After Viagra: Options When Medical Management Fails

Learn other highly effective treatment options for erectile dysfunction. Thursday, July 26, 10 a.m. to Noon. Presenter: Barry R. Seidman, M.D., urologist, Overlook Hospital.

Look Good, Feel Better

Help with appearance and related side effects for women undergoing cancer treatment. Monday, July 30, 10 a.m. to Noon. For information, call (908) 277-3663. Co-sponsored by Overlook Hospital and Pathways Breast Cancer Organization.

Breast Cancer Support Groups

Support group for women at any stage of recovery. ● Mondays. Facilitators: Lenore Lerner, L.C.S.W., and Mindy Novick, R.N., C.N.S.C., C.G.P. ● Tuesdays. Facilitators: Suzanne Koerner, L.C.S.W., and Vaughn Schwartz, Ph.D. For information, call (908) 522-5277. Co-sponsored by Overlook Hospital and Pathways Breast Cancer Organization.

Women at Post Treatment

A support group for women who have undergone treatment for cancer. Thursdays, Noon to 1:15 p.m. Location: The Connection for Women and Families, 19 Maple Street, Summit. Facilitators: Kay English, M.S.W., and Mary Hill, R.N., Ph.D. For information, call (908) 277-3663. Co-sponsored by Overlook Hospital and Pathways Breast Cancer Organization.

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NEWS CLIPS

BNI meets every Wednesday at diner

The Summit Area Chapter of Business Network International meets Wednesdays at 7 a.m. at the Broadway Diner, 55 River Road. Meetings are held occasionally at members' offices.

For information, call Lucy Thompson, Prudential New Jersey Properties, at 273-7794, ext. 245.

Wednesday Watercolors, yoga at arboretum

Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165 Hobart Ave., is offering shorter summer sessions of two of its popular adult classes.

Wednesday Watercolors, instructed by local artist Jutta Hagen, uses both still life and arboretum scenery as subject matter. Composition, value and color theory will be discussed. Materials list will be sent upon registration. Five Wednesdays, starting Wednesday and July 11, 9 a.m. to noon. The fee is \$80 for arboretum members, \$88 for non-members.

Call 273-8787 for information.

Yoga Series teaches breathing techniques and postures to help stretch and tone, enhance relaxation, and encourage a deeper connection to the world. The series is suitable for beginners and those with some yoga experience. Six Thursdays, July 12 to 26, 7:30 to 9 p.m. The fee is \$60 for arboretum members, \$66 for non-members.

Call 273-8787 for information.

Phyllis Carlini

Phyllis Carlini of Summit died June 10 in Overlook Hospital, Summit. Born in Hollis, N.Y., Mrs. Carlini lived in Summit since 1946. She was a music teacher at the Oak Knoll School and Kent Place School, both in Summit, for 10 years and retired in 1981. During this time, Mrs. Carlini also was the music therapist for Runnells Specialized Hospital, Berkeley Heights. She taught piano to all levels of students, both professional and amateurs in Summit and the surrounding communities for more than 50 years.

Before that, Mrs. Carlini performed as a concert pianist with various groups in Manhattan, playing many times at the Hotel Pierre in New York City. She also performed as a concert pianist in the Minneapolis Symphony under conductor Dimitri Metropolis.

Mrs. Carlini was a 1938 graduate of the Manhattan School of Music. She received a degree in piano performance. Mrs. Carlini attended the Juilliard School of Music in New York City in 1943.

Surviving are two sons, John L. and Peter J.; a sister, Marion E. Mansfield, and a grandchild.

Francis I. Perier Sr.

Francis I. Perier Sr., 76, of Summit died on June 14.

Mr. Perier was a certified public accountant and a partner in the Westfield firm of Perier & Lynch. He received a bachelor's degree from Seton Hall University, South Orange, in 1950.

Mr. Perier served as a master

sergeant in the Army during World War II. He was a member and former trustee of the St. James Foundation, Newark, past president and founding member of The 200 Club of Union County and past president of the Lions Club of Westfield.

Mr. Perier also was a member of the board of trustees of the finance committee of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C., New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and Echo Lake Country Club, Westfield.

Surviving are his wife, Mary P.; a son, Francis I. Jr.; two sisters, Dorothy P. Brahney and Edith, and three grandchildren.

Mary McKinney

Mary McKinney, 91, of Summit died June 16 in the Summit home of her daughter, Janet Ciuffo.

Born in Woodbridge, Mrs. McKinney lived in Summit for many years. She was an inspector with Azoplate of New Providence for 15 years and retired in 1972.

Mrs. McKinney was a member of the Rosary Altar Society and the 60-Plus Club, both of St. Teresa's Church, Summit, and the Summit Senior Citizens.

Surviving are another daughter, Evelyn Fondaco; a son, Lorann Pike; a sister, Anne Schwartz; 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Angelo Gargano

Angelo Gargano, 77, of Livingston, formerly of Springfield, died June 12

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in the Inglemoor Care Center, Livingston.

Born in Italy, Mr. Gargano lived in Newark and Springfield before moving to Livingston 11 years ago. He was a tool and die maker with Breeze Eastern, Union, for 14 years and retired in 1994.

Surviving are his wife of 53 years, Antoinette; a daughter, Lucy Melillo; a son, Anthony; two brothers, Giuseppe and Antonio; a sister, Maria Casarella, and four grandchildren.

Robert A. Miller

Robert A. Miller, 81, of Mountainside died June 12 at home.

Born in Duluth, Minn., Mr. Miller lived in Mountainside for 44 years. He was a senior engineer technician for Aircro, late BOC Gases, Murray Hill, for 35 years and retired in 1985.

Mr. Miller was an Army veteran of World War II. He served as a gunner on The Queen Mary.

Surviving are his wife of 55 years, Janet; a son, Richard; a daughter, Lynne Pruitt; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Hazel Nolte Ingram

Hazel Nolte Ingram, 87, of Clark, formerly of Mountainside, died June 14 in Rahway Hospital.

Born in Westfield, Mrs. Ingram lived in Westfield and Mountainside before moving to Clark last year. She was a volunteer with the Mountainside School District and with the Westfield TWIGS at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Surviving are a daughter, Jan Nolte; two sons, Richard and Bernard

Nolte; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Patricia Ann Rugh

Patricia Ann Rugh, 56, of Watchung, formerly of Springfield, died June 15 at home.

Born in Summit, Mrs. Rugh lived in Springfield and Plainfield before moving to Watchung in 1974. She was a special education teacher at the Jefferson School in Plainfield for many years.

Mrs. Rugh received a bachelor's degree in special education from Chatham College, Pittsburgh, Pa., and a master's degree from Columbia University. Mrs. Rugh was a member of the New Jersey Education Association and the Religious Society of Friends Meeting, Plainfield.

Surviving are a daughter, Amy Rugh; a brother, Kenneth Bandomer Jr., and two grandchildren.

Elaine Jacobs

Elaine Jacobs, 90, of Manalapan, formerly of Springfield, died June 15 in the CentraState Medical Center, Freehold.

Born in Tasnad, Hungary, Mrs. Jacobs lived in New York City, Margate, Springfield and Aventura, Fla., before moving to Manalapan 21 years ago. She was a designer for Robert Hall Clothing, New York City, and retired in 1971.

Surviving are her husband, Max; two daughters, Barbara Weiss and Marcia Goodfriend; a sister, Chari Berger, and five grandchildren.

Paul S. Mitti

Paul S. Mitti, 75, of the Lyons Head

South section of Brick Township, formerly of Mountainside, died June 12 in JFK Medical Center, Edison.

Born in Passaic, Mr. Mitti lived in Mountainside for many years before moving to Brick eight years ago. He was employed by New Jersey Semiconductor Products Co., Springfield, and retired in 1990.

Mr. Mitti was an Army veteran of World War II and served in the European Theater. He saw action at the Battle of the Bulge and was an interpreter for the military.

Surviving are his wife of 42 years ago, Johanna; a brother, Robert, and a sister, Catherine DeMarco.

John W. Phillips

John W. Phillips, 81, of Springfield died June 15 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

Born in Newark, Mr. Phillips moved to Springfield in 1952. He was a lithographer with Newark Printing and retired 19 years ago.

Mr. Phillips was an Army veteran of World War II. He served as a sharpshooter with the M1 rifle with Company C, 70th Tank. Mr. Phillips received the Purple Heart, the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with a Bronze Star, the American Theater Ribbon, the Good Conduct and the Victory Medal.

He was a 50-year member of F&AM Atlas Pythagoras Lodge 10 in Westfield and an ambassador of the Salaam Shrine in Livingston.

Surviving are his wife of 53 years, Nellie; two daughters, Susan Gubernat and Maurine C. Peake; a son, William, and two grandchildren.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

BAPTIST

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH - "CHRIST OUR HOPE AND PEACE" - 242 Shunpike Rd., Springfield. Rev. Frederick Mackey, Sr. Pastor. Sundays: 9:30 AM Bible School for all ages - Nursery through Seniors: 10:30 AM Worship Service and Nursery care - 5:30-7:00 PM AWANA Club Program for Children ages 4-11; 6:00 PM Evening Service & Nursery care. Wednesdays: 7:15 PM Prayer, Praise and Bible Study: Junior/Senior High Ministry. Active Youth Ministry; Wide-Range Music Program; Super Seniors 3rd Thursday at 11 AM followed by lunch. Ample Parking. Chair Lift provided with assistance. All are invited and welcomed to participate in worship with us. For further information contact church office (973) 379-4351.

JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE

TEMPLE BETH AHM 60 Temple Drive, Springfield. 973-376-0539. Mark Malach, Rabbi. Richard Nadel, Cantor. Dr. Scott D. Zinberg, President. Beth Ahm is an egalitarian, Conservative temple, with programming for all ages. Weekly services Mon.-Fri. 7:00 AM Sun-Thurs. 7:45 PM Shabbat (Friday) 6:00 PM & 8:30 PM Shabbat day 9:30 AM & sunset; Sundays, 8:30 AM. Festival & Holiday mornings 9:00 AM. Family and children services are conducted regularly. Our Religious School (third-seventh grade) meets on Sunday and Tuesday. There are formal classes for both High School and pre-Religious School aged children. The synagogue also sponsors a Pre-School Women's League, Men's Club, youth groups for sixth through twelfth graders, and a busy Adult Education program. For more information, please contact our office during office hours.

JEWISH - REFORM

TEMPLE SHARAY SHALOM 78 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield. (201) 379-5387. Joshua Goldstein, Rabbi; Amy Daniels, Cantor/Education Director; Nina Greenman, Pre-School Director; Murray Bell, President. Temple Sharay Shalom is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC). Shabbat worship, enhanced by volunteer choir, begins on Friday evenings at 8:30 PM, with monthly Family Services at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning Torah

study class begins at 9:15 AM followed by worship at 10:30 AM. Religious school classes meet on Saturday mornings for grades K-3; on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for 4-7; and Tuesday evenings for post bar/bat mitzvah students. Pre-school, classes are available for children ages 2 1/2 through 4. The Temple has the support of an active Sisterhood, Brotherhood, and Youth Group. A wide range of programs include Adult Education, Social Action, Interfaith Outreach, Singles and Seniors. For more information, call the Temple office, (201) 379-5387.

LUTHERAN

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REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL, 229 Cowperthwaite Pl., Westfield, Rev. Paul E. Kritsch, Pastor. (908) 232-1517. Beginning Sunday, July 6, Summer Worship Times are as follows: Sunday Worship Services, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning Nursery 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 Mall in Springfield, NJ invites ALL people of all ages and backgrounds to join us in their spiritual journey. Sunday Worship Service 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 7:30 P.M. Please call and ask about our Adult Christian Education, Young Adult Ministries, Bible Studies, Small Group Ministries, Prayer Chain, Music Ministry and other opportunities to serve. If you have any questions, interest in

opportunities to serve others, or have prayer requests, please call the Rev. Jeff Markay at the Church Office: 973-376-1695.

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Summit is located in the heart of town on the corner of Kent Place Boulevard and DeForest Avenue. Church School and Bible Study is held at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Worship is at 10:30 a.m.; the emphasis of which is to always have a "good week" because of Paul's reminder to us in his letter to the Romans "that ALL things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose". The sermons are uplifting, Biblically sound and guaranteed to keep you awake. The music and weekly children's message are memorable. All are welcome to hear the Good News of God's love and salvation through Jesus Christ. Our church also offers nursery care, after worship refreshments and fellowship, and many lively programs for everyone. Come worship with us and find out how you too can have a "good week". Call the church office or Pastor Lee Weaver for more information at 908 277-1700.

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Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m.; Ladies' Evening Group - 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.; Kaffeeklatsch - 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.; Choir - every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel. The Rev. Daniel J. Russell, Jr., Pastor.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JAMES, 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081. 201-376-3044. SUNDAY EUCHARIST: Sat. 5:30 p.m. Sun. 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 12 Noon. Reconciliation: Sat. 1:00-2:00 p.m. Weekday Masses: 7:00 & 8:00 a.m.

ST. TERESA'S OF AVILA, 306 Morris Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901, 908-277-3700. Sunday Masses: Saturday, 5:30 PM; Sunday, 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon, 1:15 (Spanish), 5:00 PM in the Church; Children's Mass - 9:30 AM Memorial Hall will resume September 14th; Weekday Masses: 7:00, 8:30 AM; 12:10 PM; Saturday weekday Mass, 8:30 AM; Holy Days: Same as weekday masses with a 5:30 PM anticipated Mass and a 7:30 PM evening Mass. Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 PM.

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Margarita Pappas, financial services manager for Unity Bank in Springfield, accepts the tickets for the July 4th Take Pride in Springfield celebration, along with Mayor Sy Mullman, left. Scott Seidel, right, the co-chairman of the committee, gave Pappas the free tickets to thank Unity Bank for its donation of \$499 toward the committee.

Bank gets free tickets for 4th of July event

Unity Bank has donated \$499 to this year's Take Pride in Springfield's annual 4th of July celebration. In return, the Springfield Committee has given Unity's Springfield branch 80 adult tickets and 33 tickets for children.

The celebration is at Meisel Field and attendees will enjoy food, a petting zoo, rides and more.

Margarita Pappas, branch manager of the Springfield branch, will give the tickets free to customers and non-customers alike while supplies last.

For more information call (800) 618-BANK, or visit Unity's web site at www.unitybank.com. E-mail may be addressed to the bank at info@unitybank.com.

Fire department aids in two Route 78 accidents

Springfield

• June 10: 3:40 p.m., firefighters went to Route 78 West, milepost 48, for a motor vehicle accident; 4:20 p.m. Route 78 West, milepost 49.8 for an accident involving several motorcycles.

• June 11: 7:15 a.m., a Garden Oval residence for a medical service call; 9:23 a.m., Morris Avenue business for a medical service call.

• June 12: Midnight, Meisel Avenue business for an activated fire alarm; 10:41 a.m., Pitt Road residence

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for a medical service call; 2:03 p.m., Mountain Avenue near Kipling for a car fire.

• June 13: 9:25 p.m., Walton School for an activated fire alarm.

• June 14: 5:46 p.m., Morris Avenue for a motor vehicle accident with a spill.

• Friday: 12:03 p.m., Laurel Drive residence for a natural gas leak; 2:15

p.m., Meisel Avenue and Milltown Road for a medical service call; 3:32 p.m., Walton School for an activated fire alarm.

Mountainside

• June 6, 4:45 p.m., the Mountainside Fire Department reported a car fire at Fleet Bank. The fire was reported in the wrong town and the Westfield Fire Department responded.

• Friday, 6:01 a.m., the department responded to a Sawmill Road resi-

dence on an activated alarm. The homeowner reset the alarm and there was no fire.

• Saturday, 12:44 a.m., firefighters went to Ackerman Road and Forest Court, where a tree branch on a wire was found smoldering. PSE&G was notified.

• Sunday, 2:34 a.m., the Fire Department went to the Watching Stables on the report of an activated alarm, which could have been activated by the electrical storm. There was no fire at the location.

Mountainside police cite various driving violations

Mountainside

On Saturday, Michael A. Dillon, 51, of Orange, was stopped for an improper turn on New Providence Road, and was arrested for allegedly driving while intoxicated. He must appear today in Mountainside Municipal Court.

• On June 11, Raul A. Jaramillo, 41, of West New York, was arrested on Route 22 East for driving with a suspended license in an unregistered vehicle. He was released on his own recognizance.

• On Sunday, Kenneth J. King, of Elizabeth, 39, was stopped on Route 22 East for hitchhiking and was arrested on an outstanding warrant from Elizabeth in the amount of \$102. The charge was contempt of a judicial order, and he is to appear in Mountainside Municipal Court on July 11.

POLICE BLOTTER

• On Sunday, Thomas N. Bellinger, 24, of Newark, was stopped for careless driving on Route 22 East, and arrested for allegedly driving with a suspended license and registration. Court date is for July 11 in Mountainside Municipal Court.

• Abdullah S. Holmes, 23, of Orange, was arrested on Sunday, on Route 22 East, for contempt of a judicial order, an outstanding warrant out of Union for \$250.

Springfield

A resident reported damage to his lower window during a burglary at 2:58 p.m. on Becker Road on June 10.

• On June 7, the owner of a business along the 700 block of Mountain

Avenue reported his phone lines cut at 1:15 p.m.

• A resident of London Terrace reported a portable basketball goal and base worth \$400 stolen from in front of her house at 3:25 p.m. on June 11.

• A Morristown resident reported

her wallet, including a New Jersey picture I.D., a Visa card and multiple cards missing. The wallet was recovered on June 13 at 5:36 p.m. by a Springfield resident along the 100 block of South Maple Avenue, who had found the wallet on an undisclosed street.

Zoning decision a step closer

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resented by Stephen Barcan, the attorney for Village Supermarkets.

Lapinski cross-examined by Segreto and agreed that the site plan requires more than four locations for loading docks.

"I visited the facilities and saw the same exact conditions," said Lapinski. "If one looks at the other three new facilities in New Jersey, they require or need more than four different locations for trucks."

The Royal Ahold application was carried over from May 15 and will continue at the Board of Adjustment's next meeting on Aug. 21 at 7:30 p.m. where closing arguments will be given.

CVS developer will return

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ger Brett Skapinetz briefly mentioned the type of security features that are expected to be installed at the bank. Lights will be added to the bank's vestibule containing the automated teller machine.

"We are working with the Fire Chief William Gras to provide a fire line and establish an adequate water system," said Skapinetz.

Several Black's Lane residents said the new buildings would increase the traffic in their neighborhood. Joe Balanda Jr. informed the developers about their lack of explaining how the entrances would control the traffic on Black's Lane.

"A lot of drivers are making U-turns along our property and this reckless driving has become a safety concern among myself and other residents."

Planning Board Chairman Richard Colandrea assured Balanda the board

would cover all areas needed to protect the neighbors and restrict the use of illegal U-turns on their private property.

Andrew Ditre mentioned the many traffic woes that occur within the area. According to Ditre, daycare and senior centers are in the heart of Black's Lane. He later indicated how motorists would increase the traffic tie-ups along Morris Avenue. "Drivers won't read the signs and end up turning into Black's Lane."

Although Black's Lane is currently a place for Springfield residents of all ages, the Springfield Environmental Commission proposed the street as a historic district. Besides Black's Lane, Church Mall and Academy Green were considered part of the age-old community.

Margaret Brandrowski, president of the Springfield Historical Society, cited the historical significance of the two streets.

Program offers services for special ed

Handicapped pre-schoolers ages 3 to 5 who are need of special education and related services are being sought by the Springfield School District. The preschool child with disabilities demonstrates delays in cognition, speech, language, vision, hearing, motor or social/emotional development. Springfield offers a program for pre-school handicapped youngsters, Springfield School Readiness Opportunities for Unique Tots.

Anyone who knows a preschooler who may be eligible for this program, may call the Springfield School District, Department of Special Services at (973) 376-0948 to request an evaluation of the youngster.

RAISING FUNDS — Members of the Student Council at the James Caldwell School in Springfield helped raise money for earthquake relief efforts in India and El Salvador by collecting a total of \$702.05 in donations from fellow students. The Summit Area Red Cross Chapter Chairman Robert Regan was happy to receive the check from the students in early March. Standing in the back of the enterprising volunteers are, from left, student advisor Marcia Bright, Robert Regan of the Red Cross and Principal Ken Bernabe.

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LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Cards defeat A's for baseball title

The Cardinals defeated the Athletics two games to one to capture the Springfield Junior Baseball League's Major Division championship.

The Cardinals defeated the A's 4-3 on June 11 and then the A's bested the Cardinals 5-3 on June 13.

The Cardinals downed the A's 5-2 last Friday to win their title.

In the first game, Matt Steiner reached on a walk in the top of the fifth and eventually scored when Elliot Grossman put the ball in play. That run tied the game at 3-3.

The Cardinals scored what turned out to be the winning run in the bottom of the fifth when Matt Loffa, who reached on a walk, stole home. Evan Ring, Michael Miranda and Joey Pulice pitched well for the Cardinals.

Grossman, Stephen Suarez, Jacob Weersinghe and Doug Singer drove in runs to pace the A's to a victory in the second game. Joel Loshelle drove in one run and Ring two for the Cardinals.

The Cardinals took the lead for good at 3-2 in the title game when they scored two runs in the bottom of the third. Alex Neubauer and Ring drove in the second and third runs.

Suarez singled in a run and Singer brought in another with a sacrifice as the A's took a quick 2-0 lead in the top of the first. Kenny Glennon and Grossman scored the runs.

Summer squads set
 For the first time in recent memory, Springfield will be fielding five summer traveling teams, all proudly wearing the Minutemen logo.

Two of the squads are Pony League teams, one coached by John Kronert and sponsored by Louis J. Poupolo Land Surveyor and the other coached by Drew Stern and sponsored by Care Station.

The Major League squads are the Red team and the Blue team and there is an ages 9-10 team.

Red Team: Manager: John O'Reilly. Coach: Scott Steinman. Sponsor: Thurston International. Players: Eric Dworkin, Brandon Gincel, Jimmy Guarino, Teddy Hopkins, Chris Kurzman, Adam Moss, Ryan O'Reilly, Evan Ring, Ryan Sabinsky, Kyle Seeley, Danny Shabat, David Steinman, Mickey Stromeyer, Stephen Suarez.

Blue Team: Coach: Robert Butler. Sponsor: Northern Glacier. Players: Chris Butler, Matt Butler, Jason Cappa, Robert Krebner, Joel Loeshelle, Matt Loffa, John Mannarino, Anthony Nieto, Joseph Pulice, Robert Rogers, Alex Silverman, A.J. Tettamonti, Ben Zweiman.

Ages 9-10 Team: Coach: Mark Bujnowski. Sponsor: Frontier Beverage. Players: Casey Buckley, Brandon Bujnowski, Tom Clark, Marvin Cruz, Michael Diamant, Jordan Gelband, Ryan Godfrey, Alex Gonzalez, Colin Greten, Chris Hering, Billy Kirk, Tom Magers, Matt Netta, Chris Neville, Dylan O'Brien, Matt Pallis, Jordan Sack, Robert Yannazzone.

Summit youth lacrosse excels

Summit Middle School lacrosse teams continue to impress as the 7th grade Gold and Maroon teams posted victories among games they played.

The Gold team defeated Mountain Lakes 6-2 to end their season with an impressive record of 12-3. The win came in the Hunterdon Mohawk Tournament in Clinton.

Summit also defeated Somerset Hills 4-0 and was defeated by Randolph 4-3.

In the win over Mountain Lakes, Logan Bartlett scored three goals, while Phil Powers, Ross Anderson and Tod Reynolds played well defensively.

Justin Oplinger scored twice in the win over Somerset Hills.

The Maroon team defeated Chatham 5-2, scoring three goals in the second half after a 2-2 tie. Casey McGuire scored twice in the second half and Jeremy McAuley once. Mark Kinney, Michael Keane, Charlie Gano and Scott Garibaldi also played well.

Summit also posted wins over Westfield 4-3 and Chatham 9-3.

Will Gruetzmacher scored twice and Mark Garcia, Andrew Jones and Morgan Griff once against Westfield.

Miller living out his dream

Baseball standout signs with Pittsburgh Pirates

By Jeff Wolfrum
 Staff Writer

Jeff Miller is living out his dream. That dream is to play professional baseball and on June 5 his dream became a reality as he was selected in the 15th round of the Major League Baseball Draft by the Pittsburgh Pirates.

"Me, my mom and a friend listened to the draft on the computer and even though I thought I would be drafted around that time, the thrill of hearing your name called is a great feeling," said Miller, who grew up in Springfield.



Jeff Miller was selected by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 15th round of this year's Major League Baseball Draft held June 5. He signed with the National League team last week and will report to the club's Single A affiliate in Williamsport, Pa.

Having signed last week, the former Seton Hall Prep star is set to join the Pirates' Single A affiliate in Williamsport, Pa.

"I feel fortunate to be in this organization because there's a good chance of moving up quicker," Miller said. "But I'm certainly going to take things as they go."

Pittsburgh envisions the 6-4 athlete as a pitcher.

"I played the outfield in college and pitched a total of only four innings," Miller said. "But they liked my arm and know that I can throw hard."

That's because Miller has been

clocked in the 90-91 miles per hour range.

"Not having pitched in so long, they think the more I pitch, the more my velocity can reach 92 to 93 miles per hour," Miller said. "So I think I'll be used as a reliever."

With an arsenal that consists of a fastball, slider and change-up, Miller feels that he must work on his breaking ball.

"I just started throwing a slider and change-up," Miller said. "Now I'm learning how to string them during certain patterns."

Having been drafted out of college after a successful junior season at the University of New Orleans, Miller is coming off a year in which he batted .340 with 20 doubles and four home runs.

"We finished the season at 25-32 and really struggled and never came together," Miller said. "Even though we beat Notre Dame, we played nine Top 20 teams and none of them were easy."

Miller played his first two collegiate seasons at Seton Hall University. "That team had a tight bunch of guys on it," Miller said. "In my freshman season we were in the Big East Tournament and in my sophomore year we went 40-18 and got into the regionals."

Seeing similarities between playing at the two schools, Miller also noticed a lot of differences.

"The weather is always warm down south and you're outdoors all the time," Miller said. "You practice all year long."

Another big difference is the atmosphere surrounding the players.

"At the University of New Orleans, if we play Tulane or LSU we get around 7,000 to 8,000 people watching," Miller said. "At Seton Hall, our biggest rival was Rutgers and we got only a few hundred to show up. Everybody comes to the games down south."

Reflecting on his high school career in which he was named one of New Jersey's 50 greatest athletes of the 20th Century by *The Star-Ledger*, the three-sport star — who garnered All-State status in football and baseball — is happy to have attended Seton Hall Prep, where he graduated from in 1998.

"They have a great program with



Jeff Miller had an outstanding season at the University of New Orleans this year, batting .340 with 20 doubles and four home runs. He played at Seton Hall in 1999 and 2000 after a stellar three-sport career at Seton Hall Prep.

some really good coaches," Miller said. "A lot of guys want to come to the Prep because they have good teams and always challenge for a state championship."

Even though Miller had won a couple of county tournaments in baseball and a conference title in football in his senior year, he feels that winning the Parochial A championship in basketball as a sophomore was the highlight of his high school career.

"With seconds left in the game, I grabbed a rebound and passed it to a teammate at half court, where he drilled it from at the buzzer to win the game," Miller said. "Everybody went crazy and people ran all over the court in celebration."

Another highlight that stands out for Miller happened this year as he got to shake hands with President Bush. "We were playing Tulane at a Triple A ballpark and he was there

giving a speech before the game," Miller said.

Loving the game of basketball because of its excitement, Miller will stop playing the sport he likes most and concentrate strictly on baseball.

"I was playing pick-up games at Seton Hall Prep just before the start of the baseball season and sprained my ankle," Miller said. "It took some time to get back into action and it bothered me all season long."

While presently concentrating on what he hopes will be a gradual ascension to the Major Leagues, Miller also has designs on coaching after his playing days are over because he likes teaching kids.

"I have a long road ahead of me," Miller said. "If I work hard and get up and do the things I've been doing my whole life, I feel everything will be great."

Conway signs with Jackals after standout MSU career

By Jeff Wolfrum
 Staff Writer

You can go home again. That's what former Montclair State University baseball standout Craig Conway proved last week after signing with the New Jersey Jackals of the independent Northern League.

"After not being selected in the recent Major League Baseball Draft (June 5-6), I still wanted to play pro ball, so MSU coach Norm Schoenig talked to the Jackals head man George Tsamis and got me a workout with the team," Conway said. "The coach liked what he saw and the team signed me that day."

Conway, who grew up in Mountainside, should feel right at home playing for the Jackals at Yogi Berra Stadium in Little Falls. After all, the co-tenants are his old MSU teammates.

"It will definitely benefit me knowing the park so well," Conway said.

At MSU this past season, the third baseman was named the 2001 National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association's Division 3 Mid-Atlantic Regional Player of the Year.

Conway, who is playing second base for the Jackals, was also named the player of the year for the New Jersey Collegiate Baseball Association and the ECAC. He was also a First Team Division 3 All-America selection.

"I knew that I deserved recognition, but I didn't expect to get all the big honors," Conway said. "It's unbelievable."

In his senior season, Conway batted .446 with nine home runs and 54 RBI. Conway's 91 hits established a school record, while his .446 average was the fourth-best single-season mark in MSU history.

In all, the recent MSU graduate now holds five Red Hawk batting records, including most career hits,

for me," Schoenig said. "He's an outstanding fielder and reminds me of a young Brooks Robinson."

The former Governor Livingston High School standout now makes his home in Bloomfield.

"I started on the varsity level in my sophomore season by accident because my brother Tim, who was the third baseman, got hurt," Conway recalled of his days at GL. "After that I played a little shortstop and second. That gave me some good experience."

The only thing Conway was disappointed about in high school was not winning a state championship.

"We always had a pretty good team, we just never got the job done," Conway said.

Conway, a 1997 GL graduate, helped the Highlanders reach the 1996 Union County Tournament championship game his junior season.

Having been overlooked in the Major League Baseball Draft, Conway moved forward in his search to play professionally.

"It's a shame he didn't get drafted after having excelled here at MSU for four years," Schoenig said of the four-year starter. "Now as a member of the Jackals, he got himself into a good situation."

Conway signed with the Jackals on June 12, becoming only the third MSU player to sign with the club. Outfielder Dan Wydner two years ago and current Jackals first baseman David Kennedy are the other two players.

Kennedy starred at Glen Ridge and led the Ridgers to the Group I state championship his senior year in 1988.

Having played in six of the Jackals' first 15 games, which included one start, Conway hopes to crack the starting lineup soon.

"I'm hitting the ball well and am really excited about getting a opportunity to play," Conway said.

Seeing himself coaching the sport

he loves down the line, Conway likes to help others in their development of the game.

"Besides being a great athlete, Craig is an excellent student of the game," Schoenig said. "People don't come any better."

"When I first came to MSU, I looked at the record book and saw a lot of big numbers with a lot of big names to go along with them," Conway said. "So to have my name go into it after breaking a few, is a great honor."

MSU came up a little short in defending its NCAA Division 3 championship as it dropped a 3-2 decision to Marietta of Ohio at Fox Cities Stadium in Appleton, Wisconsin on May 30. The Red Hawks had to settle for a third-place finish.

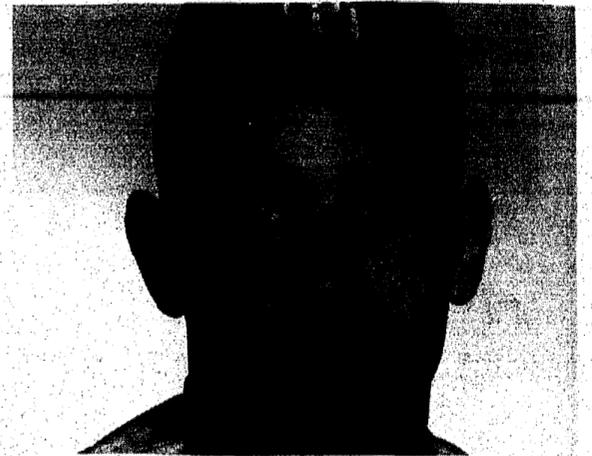
"We had pretty much the same team as the year before with a really good defense," Conway said. "The only difference was that we relied more on our pitching than our offense. That's where we had a little dropoff."

In the game against Marietta, Conway went 2-for-4 as MSU finished the season at 38-11.

In the Red Hawks' opening round game on May 25, Conway fared much better as he went 4-for-5 with an RBI and a run scored in a 5-1 blasting of Chapman University. The contest marked Conway's sixth four-hit game of the season.

MSU earned the trip back to the College World Series when it defeated Gwynedd-Mercy 15-13 in the Mid-Atlantic Regional. Conway had another outstanding game as he went 3-for-4 with two RBI. Those numbers helped earn Conway a spot on the All-Tournament team.

Conway led the Red Hawks to the 2000 Division 3 championship by driving in 75 runs (the second highest total in team history) and banging out 27 doubles, a school record. Conway



Craig Conway, one of the top players in Division 3 baseball this year and a First Team All-America selection, is now a member of the New Jersey Jackals of the independent Northern League.

garnered Second Team All-America honors for his efforts.

MSU has won the Division 3 national championship in 1987, 1993 and 2000.

"Winning the College World Series in 2000 was the greatest experience of my life," Conway said. "That numbing feeling and moment of surprise after winning is so great. I wouldn't trade that feeling for anything."

Conway is one of only two MSU players to earn All-America honors for three seasons, the other being John Deutsch. Conway was MSU's first freshman All-America player, earning that honor in 1998.

During his freshman season, Conway batted .445, had 81 hits, 15 doubles, nine homers and 52 RBI as he started all 44 games.

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STUDENT UPDATE

Shann gets grant



Denise L. Shann, a resident of Mountainside and a student at Kean University, was recently awarded a \$2,500 accounting scholarship by the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants at the Woodbridge Hilton on April 25. The grant is part of the NJSCPA's annual scholarship program, which awarded more than \$240,000 this year to 84 New Jersey high school and college athletes.

side, son of Antonio and Maria Pinheiro, was awarded a bachelor of science in electrical engineering.

Jill C. Sieffert of Mountainside, daughter of Thomas and Nancy Sieffert, received a bachelor of science in management, cum laude.

Drake makes dean's list

Sarah Drake of Mountainside has been named to the Spring 2001 dean's list at College Misericordia.

To be named to the dean's list, students must attain a grade point average of 3.55 on a 4.0 scale.

Ortiz earns honors at Kean University

Tara Michelle Ortiz of Springfield was named to the dean's list at Kean University for her sixth semester in a row. She has also been inducted into Lambda Alpha Sigma, the Liberal Arts and Science Honor Society.

Sayanlar earns awards from Delbarton

At a Delbarton School awards convocation for graduating seniors on May 24 in Morristown, several students were recognized for their outstanding performance in academics and activities, including Jason J. Sayanlar of Springfield.

Sayanlar was given the National

Scott an MVP



Springfield resident Nicholas Scott, third from left, was named the Most Valuable Participant for St. Peter's Prep's TV studio, at the annual MVP awards dinner. Joining him are, from left, Principal John Raslowsky, President Father James F. Keenan and moderator James DeAngelo.

Kessel makes dean's list for freshman year

Michael Kessel, son of Marc and Leona Kessel of Springfield, was named to the dean's list for the spring semester of his freshman year at Pennsylvania University, University Park, Pa.

In order to qualify for the dean's list, students must maintain a 3.5 grade point average or higher. Kessel is a 2000 graduate of Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield.

Graduate from Class of '41 returns to MSU

Johan deGraaff of Springfield recently returned to the Montana State University campus in Bozeman to attend the diamond reunion of his graduating class of 1941. The class members were honored and recognized during MSU's graduation ceremony on May 12.

deGraaff graduated from Montana State State College with a degree in electrical engineering. He retired in 1979 as an electrical engineer at Bell Labs.

Residents get degrees from Bucknell U.

Two Mountainside residents were among the graduates to receive degrees as Bucknell University con-

ferred 766 bachelor's degrees and 24 master's degree during commencement ceremonies May 20. Degrees were awarded for studies in liberal arts and professional programs in engineering, management and education.

Anthony J. Pinheiro of Mountain-

Student of the quarter



The Mountainside Rotary recently honored Deerfield School Student of the Quarter Michael Kolanko. Mountainside Chief School Administrator and Rotary Club member Gerard Schaller presents Kolanko with the certificate.

Merit Phelps Dodge Scholarship and also won a senior service and ministry award for his hospital volunteerism.

At the June 3 commencement exercises, a Delbarton medal and Abbot Patrick M. O'Brien Award was given to Sayanlar for excellence in religious studies and musical drama.

ly held investment management firm in the United States.

While at Columbia, he was a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, the Graduate School of Business's honor society.

Scott graduates from St. Peter's College

Springfield resident Nicholas Scott was among the 190 members of the class of 2001 to graduate from St. Peter's Preparatory School during its 123rd annual commencement ceremony on June 6 in the Yanitelli Life Center at St. Peter's College in Jersey City.

Scott is a 1997 graduate of St. Rose of Lima School in Short Hills and is the son of Robert and Lucretia Scott of Springfield. He will be attending Loyola College of Maryland in the fall and plans to major in electrical engineering.

Schnakenberg earns place on dean's list

Mountainside resident Christopher

Schnakenberg, a sophomore at Rutgers College, has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2001 semester.

Walsh gets awards at Delbarton dinner

Ryan Walsh of Springfield was presented with two awards for educational excellence at the Delbarton Middle School Recognition Dinner on June 10.

Walsh received highest honors for two years and a medal and certificate from the American Classical League and the National Junior Classical League for outstanding performance on the National Latin Examination, maxima cum laude.

Residents graduate UCC

The following Springfield residents were among the graduates who received degrees at Union County College's commencement last month:

Barbara Bihuniak, Sonja Bogojski, Julia W. Egan, Ahmer M. Khan, Elizabeth Kowalewska, Glenn Monticello and Raquel Sanchez.

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Admission: Sat - \$3 & Sun - \$4 Children Under 12 - Free

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