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TWO SECTIONS

## Meisel Field may see improvements by September

By Brian Pedersen  
Managing Editor

If all goes well, the first signs of improvements to Meisel Avenue Park may be seen by September, and could eventually include the construction of a new track, playground and walking path.

The Springfield Board of Education announced on Monday night that the district was waiting for officials from Union County to tell them the results of spore samples taken from a study of the ground.

"There was a higher than expected level of zinc, however, it was only in the area of the bleachers," said board President Stephen Fischbein.

After receiving a call from County Manager Michael Lapolla, Fischbein was told that the county is still awaiting the final results of the data from the spore samples.

"Once he receives the information, we will proceed with getting the fields in shape for September," said Fischbein. For the fall season, "they will repair the track and make it functional."

Although track season doesn't start until the spring, Fischbein said some sections of the bleachers will be available for use in September as the football season begins. He said the bleachers are owned by Springfield while the track and a portion of the field are owned by the county.

In April, Matrix Environmental & Geotechnical Services of Florham Park performed the investigative testing and studies of the county portion of the land on Meisel Avenue Park, which is often used for sporting events.

According to Assistant Superintendent Judy Zimmerman, the board has had difficulty in getting a response from the county up to

this point. She suggested the board keep alternate plans in mind in case of further delays.

She proposed having the board's Building and Grounds Committee meet with the school business administrator and head of maintenance to set a timeline for how long they will wait for the county to come forward with the needed repairs.

Over the past couple of months, former Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland has had a series of correspondence with Lapolla concerning the fields on Meisel Avenue Park and the agreement they were trying to forge, with five to seven letters that went unanswered, said Zimmerman.

"We have to work cooperatively with the county on those fields because we have serious, pending issues this fall," said Zimmerman. "We have a football team that needs a place to practice, and if they are able to play

those games on that field, we need a grandstand where everyone can sit."

Selective Insurance was the insurance company which had sent an adjuster who studied the bleachers, track, and field, and deemed them a liability because of safety reasons.

"The bleachers are our responsibility and we will provide some alternatives to make them safe, whether it be repairs, rentals, or any other options," said Zimmerman.

The Board of Education was forced to close the track to its students during school hours due to its unsafe conditions. Millburn High School has been hosting Dayton High School's track practices since the closure of the track.

Despite the delay, the county funds are still available for the repairs.

"There's no guarantee what the ultimate

outcome will be," said Zimmerman, who is awaiting the results. Once the county agrees to work with Springfield on the land swap and complete the repairs, the county plans to trade acreage around the high school on Mountain Avenue with the township for land near the Union-Springfield border.

He said the county has been waiting to install a new track, playground, and walking path on Meisel Avenue Park for three years.

"We have gotten some preliminary results back, and there doesn't appear to be any major environmental issues," said Lapolla.

Previously, concerns were raised at Township Committee meetings about the potential contamination of the soil at the field where a chemical dye plant operated before the athletic field was developed.

## GL sends off its graduates

By Brian Pedersen  
Managing Editor

The last pieces of the puzzle known as the world of high school finally fell neatly into place for the Class of 2001 at Governor Livingston High School's graduation on June 21.

As student Allison DiVito said in her commencement message, "Tonight will complete our puzzle. We can all look back and realize that it was not as scary as it seemed. We met new faces and tried new things."

"As we experienced each step, we gradually began to fill in the puzzle of high school a little bit more...and so our puzzle is complete," she said.

Earlier in the program, Class President Christina Coviello presented the class gift and the flag salute while Courtney Levin also gave a commencement speech.

Reflecting a unique sensibility, some members of the Class of 2001 participated in a signing and singing to the song "How the Years Go By" by Amy Grant. The students used sign language as a way to convey the words of the song to the audience.

Principal Benjamin Jones presented the class of graduates and emphasized how much they had accomplished throughout their four years.

"As principal, I'm very proud of

the senior class," said Jones. "Since their entry as freshman, they have always been very academically motivated and have maintained a standard of excellence."

He listed the roster of accomplishments that the graduates have achieved this year, including students who won state and national competitions, 33 students who made the national honor society, four who received the President's 2001 Award for Educational Improvement, and 24 students who earned the President's Education Awards 2001 Program.

"They have demonstrated time and time again the maturity, sense of responsibility, and commitment," said Jones. "So many of them have expressed how much this school and community have meant to them."

Before presenting the certification of the Class of 2001 to the Board of Education, Superintendent of Schools Richard Bozza gave the students some advice before sending them off.

"Remember your public school days," he said. "You may not yet appreciate it, but your experiences in Berkeley Heights and Mountainside have been very special."

Members of the boards of education of Mountainside and Berkeley Heights helped hand out the diplomas to the awaiting seniors.

The members of the Berkeley Heights Board of Education who awarded the diplomas included President Helen Kirsh, Vice President Gayll Fisher and board member Louis Flora. Mountainside was represented by board member Frank Geiger and President Richard Kress.

Ecstatic upon graduating, the seniors couldn't wait to celebrate with family and friends.

"I'm happy it's over," said Stephanie Seasso of Mountainside. "I'm going to miss them but it was worth the four years."

Two other seniors were looking forward to taking it easy before heading off to college in the fall.

"I plan to go to Union County College," said John Vizcaya.

"I'm happy to get out of here,"



With much anticipation, graduates Tina Coviello and Faith Hubert announce the names of their fellow classmates who receive their diplomas as part of the Class of 2001.

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— Principal Benjamin Jones

added Mark Punsal of Mountainside. "I'm going to hang out and chill."

The Governor Livingston graduating class of 175 students included 50 Mountainside residents.

Afterward, the Class of 2001 headed off to Project Graduation where they boarded a bus to the Col-

lege of St. Elizabeth in Convent Station.

"This was a great class, a very bright class that's going to a lot of prestigious colleges and universities," said Jones after the ceremony. "The talent we have between Mountainside and Berkeley Heights is amazing."

## Kids get head start

By Joan M. Devlin  
Staff Writer

The Mountainside Board of Education had its monthly meeting Tuesday night, and besides the usual paying of bills, staffing was the main topic for the coming school year, as well as summer school.

Speaking of summer school, one unique program which began last year is to be offered again because it was so successful last summer. It is called "Beginnergarten," and as the spelling implies, it is for nursery-aged children, who are in between nursery school and kindergarten in scope, yet may or may not be emotionally ready to proceed as yet.

"Two dedicated and devoted kindergarten teachers will run the program," Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller said. "The children are about 4 years old and have never been in school before. The program is designed to get them an extra head start to see a classroom environment — be exposed to it."

Teaching the special class are Ann Gerding and Jana MacMillan jointly, yet the class will be divided in small groups. So far, there are 12 children enrolled so far, and the cost is nominal. Classes run from 9 to 11:45 a.m. for a total of 19 days.

According to Schaller, although experimental last year, it was tremendously successful, so it was decided to repeat the special class this summer.

"What it does is, it gives a boost for the child," said Schaller. "If the child is not ready developmentally for school, then they are recommended to give the child another year in nursery school before sending them to kindergarten."

And if the child is ready to proceed, they will be able to determine that fact as well. Either way, the child has a good time there. The teachers read to them, interact with them, and each child receives special attention. Schaller felt it was especially beneficial for the shy child, as it introduces them to other children and gives them a healthy start to school.

The program, held at Deerfield School, will run through July 20, and for more information, call the school at (908) 232-8828.



Brent Hayden embraces one of his fellow graduates at the end of the graduation ceremony at Governor Livingston High School on June 21.

## Taken out to the ballgame



James Caldwell School fourth graders Tara Bruno, Melissa Rodriguez, Casey Kennedy and Taylor Zilineck of Springfield recently visited the Yogi Berra Museum in Upper Montclair. The students used baseball cards and calculators to find the batting averages of baseball players.

## Residents complain of speeding

By Brian Pedersen  
Managing Editor

Hoping to deter speeding cars from going down Short Hills Avenue, the Springfield Township Committee came up with several possible solutions Tuesday night in response to residents' concerns.

Chief among the possible remedies is the placement of a "No left turn" sign for the parking lot of the office building of Dr. William Bohrod, on the corner of Morris Avenue and Short Hills Avenue. The office provides a valet parking service for its patients and has been the source of numerous parking complaints and speeding issues for the residents.

The paperwork for an ordinance for the "No left turn" sign is in the process of being completed by Township Attorney Bruce Bergen. Once it is finished, he will present the ordinance to the Township Committee who will then review it and decide whether to introduce it to the public at the next meeting on July 10.

Other suggestions made by the committee included the placement of a "No outlet" or "Dead end" sign at the entrance to Short Hills Avenue off Morris Avenue, putting a police car along the avenue at peak rush hour times, and placing a sign above the traffic light that points to the correct route for Route 78.

"We're so tired of the whole situation," said Short Hills Avenue resident Dan Kirk. "My biggest concern is with the speeding on Short Hills Avenue."

With more than three dozen kids under the age of 10 living in the area of Short Hills Avenue, he expressed urgent concerns about child and pedestrian safety. Strangers are not the only ones speeding through the street, Kirk

said, as some residents do as well.

Even though the speed limit on Morris Avenue is 35 mph, Kirk said the average speed is 50, and confused drivers are speeding on Short Hills Avenue in an attempt to get to Route 78.

Kirk suggested lowering the speed limit on Short Hills Avenue to 15 mph, but was told by Township Administrator Richard Sheola that such a change would be unlikely.

"15 miles per hour is not enforceable in this industry," said Sheola. "It goes by certain standards on the number of houses, the average frontage of the houses, and the width of the street. This is probably criteria for a 25 mile per hour speed limit."

Sheola said he would talk to the traffic officer to see what could be done about changing the speed limit.

Spring Brook Road resident George Pallis said changing the speed limit and putting up a "No left turn" sign would not deter valet parking accidents from speeding through the street.

"Even if we make the speed limit 15, even if we put a 'No left turn,' these valet drivers are going to make the turn regardless of what the sign says," said Pallis.

According to Kathy Jones, a Short Hills Avenue resident, the peak times of speeding are Monday through Thursday, with cars lining up for valet parking at 8 a.m.

"All around this town there are these streets where people cut off and they do well over the speed limit," said Committeeman Gregory Clarke.

Because of the number of young children playing on the road, Clarke suggested placing a police officer in a patrol car on the avenue during the peak hours of the speeding traffic.

## Offices closed

The offices of this newspaper will be closed Wednesday in observance of Independence Day. We will reopen July 5.

The deadlines for the July 5 edition are as follows:

- Lifestyle, including church and club news, etc. — today, noon.
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- What's Going On — Friday, 3:30 p.m.

- Display ads — Friday noon for Section B and 5 p.m. for Section A.

- Sports news — Friday, 9 a.m.

- General news — Monday, 5 p.m.

- Classified advertising — Monday, 3 p.m.

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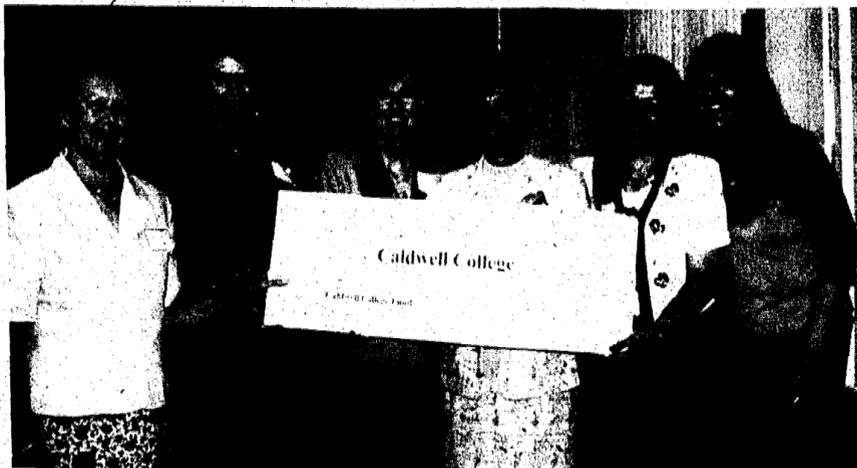
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**Showing support for the alma mater**



Nearly 100 Caldwell College alumnae returned to the campus last month to renew old friendships and celebrate their alma mater during Reunion Weekend 2001. Several members of the Alumni Reunion Committee presented President Sister Patrice Werner with a \$25,000 check in support of the Caldwell College Scholarship Fund. Showing their support are, from left, Teresa O'Boyle '51, Patricia Knodel '51, of Mountainside, Helen Demers, '66, Sister Patrice, Camille Cronin-Reinhold '81 and Lisa Kettell, '98.

**AT THE LIBRARY**

**New summer hours**

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will be closed Saturdays 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 on Tuesday 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 from "I Know What You Did Last Summer," stars in the 133-minute long "The Audrey Hepburn Story" as the gamine beauty with Frances Fisher from "Titanic" and Eric McCormack from television's "Will & 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.

**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."

**New vacation Bible program at Emanuel United**

A new family-friendly Vacation Bible program called "Water and The Word" is being offered by the Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church and the Springfield Presbyterian Church, both on Church Mall. It will feature five different water-oriented Bible stories — yes, children, wear your bathing suits — that will be reinforced using related crafts, games, music, drama and snack making.

The five scheduled Tuesdays are July 17, 24 and 31, and Aug. 7 and 14 from 5:15 until 7:15 p.m., and dinner will be served for the entire family.

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# Tool time for Walton students

By Jay-Me Brown  
Staff Writer

At 5 p.m. on Fox 5, Tim Allen gets battered and bruised in virtually every episode in reruns of the hit sitcom "Home Improvement." This challenged tool man may have spent less time in the emergency room only if there were a group of kindergartners on the set.

Kindergartners at Edward V. Walton School in Springfield are able to transform plain wood pieces into creative woodwork designs during the Kids Carpentry Center.

The hands-on experience allows the children to explore the areas related to carpentry. In the classroom, the children use a work bench and create their designs with hand tools. The children are able to develop and practice their math skills while measuring the wood.

A saw, drill and hammer are among the tools children use for their projects. All power tools are excluded from the program. Students have an opportunity to uncover their hidden talent in the carpentry field during May and June.

Recently, they drilled and nailed their woodwork masterpieces. Once the children are instructed on how to operate the tools, they hammer the nails into the wood. As a final touch, the children apply the sand paper to smooth out the rough spots.

Next, the novice carpenters decorated their wood creations. Some ribbons, buttons and glitter are a few of the decorating materials available.

The teachers designed another option for children who may be uncomfortable with the tools. If the children decide to use wood glue, no tools are required for assembly.

For six weeks, two kindergarten teachers envisioned bringing a carpentry class to their 5- and 6-year-old youngsters. Debbie Berger and Lisa Schoch are the pioneers that introduced craftsmanship to the kindergartners. The teachers presented a proposal to the Curriculum Advisory Council in hopes of receiving a grant. An Internet web site helped the teachers uncover the research needed for the proposal.

According to Berger, the Perpetual Preschool site introduced her and Schoch to the many programs dedicated to children's carpentry.



Kindergartners at Edward V. Walton School in Springfield transform plain pieces of wood into creative woodwork designs during the Kids Carpentry Center.

"We discovered 30 contacts on the Internet in only one day, she said. "The site really helped us with research for the proposal."

Over many hours, the teachers developed an objective with several components for the novice carpenters. Key components involve the children's further development of large and small motor muscles, exploring outlets to release tension, problem solving, and sharing ideas through communication. Another major aspect for the carpentry lesson focuses on generating self-esteem and the feeling of accomplishment.

Once the proposal was processed, the CAC required the teachers to submit a safety proposal. This particular proposal included a detailed outline of safety precautions intended to be used during the course. Adult supervision is constant when the children use the hazardous tools. The children must wear safety goggles at all times and the students must take turns using the work bench.

The educators earned a mini-grant from CAC in the amount of \$416.35. Berger stressed that the program invites every child to participate in the carpentry lesson regardless of experience.

"The majority of the class hasn't worked with tools, but in our lessons we teach the carpentry on an introductory level."

Allison Webber, 6, said she watched her uncle apply his carpentry

skills in her own home. "My uncle put in some doors in my bedroom and my sister's room."

Carpentry definitely runs in the family because Webber plans to design her project in the likeness of the cartoon crime-fighting trio, "The Power Puff Girls."

Matthew Stone, 5, is ready to get back to the work bench and finish up his project. "I already sanded and sawed my sailboat, but I need to hammer some nails and paint the sail white."

Another student said she is really proud of the urban wood design she created. Devon Cilinek, 5, made a city out of her wood pieces.

"I wasn't scared when I used the saw to make my city," she said. "Now the saw is my favorite tool."

### Used paperbacks wanted

The Friends of the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., would like donations of used paperback novels and also welcomes used magazines within a year's date.

The library is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday hours are from 1 to 4 p.m.

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# School board adds extra section of kindergarten

By Brian Pedersen  
Managing Editor

Striving to meet the surge of enrollment into the kindergarten program at Edward V. Walton School, the Springfield Board of Education voted Monday night to open an additional section for kindergarten for the next school year, increasing the total classrooms from seven to eight.

The move came about as a recommendation from Acting Superintendent Judy Zimmerman and former Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland.

Currently, the district has 153 students in seven sections of kindergarten at the Walton school. By looking at the current class sizes and enrollment figures, the administrators were able to factor in a breakdown of six sections of 22 students and one section of 21.

"If we increase to eight kindergar-

tens, then that would give us seven class size is 18 students per class, so this would put the district at 19 to 20, not counting the students who may enroll or leave during the course of the year.

"The concern was that the numbers are high already," said Shanes. "We are now within the guidelines and it will be better for the teachers and the education of the students."

sections of 19 students and one of 20," said Zimmerman. "That would give us a really good class size."

"We were responding to the recent enrollment growth and just didn't want to let it go too late into the summer and miss any possibility of staffing," said Zimmerman.

Board member Jacqueline Shanes said there is usually an increase of enrollment during the summer months as more families with children move into town during that period.

# Springfield plans festivities for the Fourth

Several new attractions have been added to make this year's July 4th celebration in Springfield the most exciting ever.

The Take Pride in Springfield Committee has arranged to add many extra special effects to the annual fireworks display. "We expect the fireworks this year to be spectacular," said Scott Seidel, Springfield Emergency Management coordinator. "They are going to be the best we have ever had."

In addition to the fireworks display, other attractions include pony rides, clowns and a dunk tank. Anyone interested in volunteering to be "dunked" can contact members of the committee.

The popular petting zoo and trackless train ride will be returning to the celebration this year. Entertainment also includes bands and comedy acts. For real excitement,

rumor has it that Elvis Presley will make a special appearance during the holiday festival this year.

The fun starts at 4 p.m. on Wednesday at Meisel Avenue Park. Fireworks start at dusk.

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EDITORIALS

## Happy 225th

July 4 represents many things to many people, including a day off, a good barbecue, a good fireworks show, and the 115th birthday of the Statue of Liberty. But above all else, and at its most basic definition of the holiday, July 4 will mark 225 years since America declared its independence from the British Empire and began an unprecedented path in history.

As we proceed with the July 4 celebration of barbecues and fireworks, we also must reflect on what the celebration is all about. July 4 does not represent fireworks; it celebrates the ongoing prosperity of a country once thought to be unable to govern itself, and yet 225 years later is the strongest nation in the world.

It's easy to take our independence for granted today, since most Americans have always had it. But there are those Americans who have immigrated from other countries and know what it's like to be ruled by others.

It is those Americans who will tell you that being ruled by outsiders is a condescending and oppressing state that often leaves the people feeling claustrophobic. Despite the large explosions of independence and democracy around the world in recent years, there are still many countries that do not enjoy the same self-governing privileges that the United States achieved more than two centuries ago. And just as it was once said that America is unable to govern itself, the same is being said about the nations in the world that are still being ruled by others.

Much like when the French fought to help secure America's independence in the late 1770s, many veterans living in the area also have fought for the freedom and independence of other men, including those who served in Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf and Bosnia. July 4 represents the spirit of those who fought for American independence, as well as the equally poignant spirit of fighting for someone else's independence.

Enjoy the July 4 holiday, but be sure to think about the sacrifices that were made to achieve independence, as well as the fact that it is a privilege still not shared by everyone in the world of the new millennium. With time, the American way of government that is of the people, by the people and for the people will conclude its spread around the world so that all peoples will enjoy the freedom of choosing their own path.

## Realize the impact

Plans to construct a CVS and Commerce Bank on the site of Stanley's Restaurant in Springfield were rejected by the Planning Board June 14, but even when the developer returns to the board with a revised proposal, we hope planners realize the negative impact this development will have on the area.

If the developer has his way, Black's Lane, the one-way street running behind the property of Stanley's, will be in danger of falling prey to such an increase in unnecessary traffic that the entire neighborhood will undergo a dramatic change. With the approval of any plans catering to the kind of use proposed by the developer for this site, Springfield is in danger of seeing its distinctive, historic character ruined.

Besides endangering its historical character, the area will become a safety hazard as traffic increases and more drivers make the mistake of using Black's Lane as a potential entrance to the store.

People already use the road for a U-turn, jeopardizing the quality of life of the people who live there. Many senior citizens visit the facilities, and a nearby church is used for a daycare center for children.

The area has been proposed by the Springfield Environmental Commission to be designated as a historic district and would include the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield, the Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, the church's two parsonages, the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, and the houses in the surrounding perimeter of Black's Lane and Academy Green.

Although the developer's plans for the site were not approved by the Planning Board, they will return with further revisions. If they do get approval from the board, then the developer must present the plans to the state Department of Transportation.

Does Springfield really need a chain pharmacy at this site, especially when others exist all along the Morris Avenue corridor? Why not try to preserve that which makes a town unique?

Unfortunately, these days, a town's historical character is something that seems to fade a little bit more each day, trampled under the marching foot of overdevelopment.

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.



**MAKING FAST FRIENDS** — Kindergarten students from Edward V. Walton School in Springfield were paired together with their third-grade buddies to make friendship projects during the first-grade orientation at Thelma L. Sandmeier School. Waving their flags are, from left, front row, Michelle Tarantula, Jessica Videna, Jenny Bliznikas and Asha Kapengut; and standing, Brandon Pollock, Jonathan Lewis and Christopher Briceno.

## For Class of 2001, the best is yet to come

As I stand here looking at the 100 soon-to-be graduates, I cannot help but flashback and think about these past four years, and all the experiences and emotions that we have shared as a class.

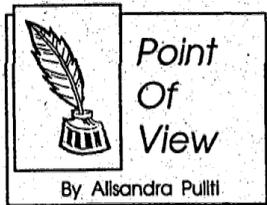
I remember very vividly the summer of '97 and how nervous and excited I was to be entering Dayton. I, as a scared freshman, came into this school with awe and wonder, ready to experience the world of high school.

I, along with my fellow freshmen, participated in and became active with the variety of clubs and sports. But, the sense of really belonging to JD didn't really take place until my sophomore year. That is when I considered JD my school, and awe and wonder were replaced by pride and possession.

Junior year came, and the fun, work, and activities were endless but enriching. And then suddenly, in a flash, I became a senior with all its responsibilities, stress, fun and challenges.

Now, that same feeling of apprehension that I had when I first walked the halls of Dayton is upon me. Although another journey in my life is about to begin, I will always remember my ride to this point has not been solo but co-piloted with my fellow classmates.

Throughout our high school careers, we have been the first class in many aspects. We are the first class to



By Alessandra Puliti

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 in the sectional finals. But most importantly, we are the first class of the new millennium.

Being the class of '01 says so much about the type of students we all are. Our grade is made up of a very diverse composition of people — athletes, scientific scholars, mathematicians, actors, artists, writers, poets, lovers, and last but not the least — jokesters.

Since freshman year, we all managed to put our ideas together to create the best halls in hallway decorating, most-filled bleachers during pep rally, and surprisingly enough, raised an exceedingly large amount of money for one of the best proms ever and a wonderful class trip. As each year passed, the unity and oneness of this grade strengthened, allowing

for an unforgettable senior year. Some doubted this grade and did not expect much of this class. But when these people gave up, our class advisor and teacher Mrs. Axelrad never stopped believing and trying. She has watched each one of us mature into the fine young men and women we are today.

In September of 1997, we all walked through the halls of this school not knowing what to expect. We shared all that goes along with high school life: the good and the bad, the ups and the downs, the excitement and the mundane, but we all experienced "high school."

These last four years have been spent with the same people and our destinations always led in the same direction. We have traveled the furthest distance together but this is where our roads must lead to different places.

After this day, we are all going to go our separate ways: some may never look back at these last few years of their lives, and others will always remember where they began. Most are continuing their education; some are off to serve the nation, and others are directly entering the work force. 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.

Here is a poem, whose author is

unknown, to which I know all of us can relate.

"Graduations can be bittersweet, reminding us of all that's come and gone: All our battles, whether lost or won, Days of bliss, and days we would delete. Undereath our pride there is the sense, Almost like a wound, of something past, The beauty of time that cannot last, In which we shared the joys of innocence Open vistas lie before our eyes; Now is the time for hopes and goodbyes."

And to my classmates, may I leave you with these parting words — I know our daily relationship is now over. As we all disperse, each of us will seek our goals and pursue our dreams, but no matter what dreams or goals are reached, we will be forever connected by the simple fact that we are the proud class of Jonathan Dayton 2001.

You are all unique individuals, and I know you will do very well in the future because the best is yet to come.

Alessandra Puliti is president of the Jonathan Dayton High School Class of 2001.

### Editorial deadlines

Following are deadlines for news: Church, club and social - Thursday noon. Entertainment - Friday noon. Sports - Monday noon.

## Building a healthier New Jersey for each child

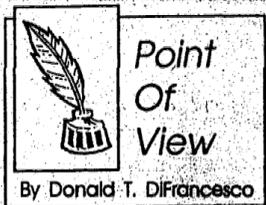
Giving birth is a unique experience, one that brings new joys and new responsibilities to families. As the father of three daughters, I can tell you first-hand the pride and elation that a parent feels after the birth of a child. And luckily, all my daughters were born healthy.

But many families are not as fortunate. Out of the 110,000 babies born in New Jersey each year, approximately 160 are born with metabolic disorders that can cause long-term damage or even become life threatening.

The State of New Jersey is dedicated to helping families learn more about potential health risks to newborn children. Early detection ensures that in most cases, our children can be treated immediately, which will reduce the likelihood that a potentially life-altering condition will impact their lives or become fatal.

Under current law, newborns are screened for four health disorders: sickle cell disease, PKU, hypothyroidism, and galactosemia. Since those tests were mandated many years ago, technology has come a long way and now allows us to screen for other potentially life-threatening disorders that prey on our youngest citizens.

In that spirit, I recently announced that as part of my KidsNeeds Initiative, New Jersey would move to the forefront of early detection and require that all 110,000 newborns born each year be screened for 10 additional disorders.



By Donald T. DiFrancesco

This new initiative will place New Jersey among the top five states in the nation for newborn screening. While that is a tremendous accomplishment, we will not stop here.

I have directed the Newborn Screening Advisory Panel to review five other disorders and report to the commissioner of health within 90 days. In addition, I recently signed an executive order creating the Newborn Screening Annual Review Committee which will monitor the latest developments in disorder prevention and make recommendations to the commissioner of health.

Along with the increased testing, we will provide follow-up diagnosis and treatment and support for families. Every mother will receive, within 12 hours of giving birth, an informational flier about potential disorders, testing and what newborn screening means to her and her baby.

In my work as senate president and now as acting governor, I have continually championed ways to build a healthier New Jersey. I took a leading role in passing our subsidized health insurance programs, New Jersey Kid-

Care and FamilyCare, as well as the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund Act. I have also proposed a 24-bill health care package, called "Building a Healthier New Jersey," which is working its way through the Legislature.

Expanding our commitment to newborn screening is one of the first actions to come out of my KidsNeeds Initiative, but it certainly won't be the last. I intend to make children's issues a priority of my administration,

because I believe every child should have the opportunity to enjoy a healthy start, a bright future, and a long, productive life.

I know you and your family expect no less.

A resident of Scotch Plains, Republican Acting Gov. Donald T. DiFrancesco also serves as president of the State Senate. He represents the 22nd Legislative District, which includes Mountainside.

### Our policy on letters and columns

The Echo Leader welcomes submissions from its readers. Either letters to the editor or opinion pieces on any subject will be considered for publication on the opinion pages.

This opportunity also is open to all officials and employees of the township, the borough and the County of Union.

The Leader reserves the right to edit all submissions for length, content and style. Writers must include their name, address and daytime telephone number for verification.

For publication, all letters and essays must be received before 9 a.m. Monday at 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, 07083.

The Leader also accepts letters to the editor and guest columns via e-mail. The address is WCN22@localsource.com.

Letters and guest columns must be received by 9 a.m. on Mondays to be considered for publication in Thursday's edition.

Letters received via e-mail must be on topics of interest, preferably in response to content that appeared in the newspaper. For purposes of verification, all letters must include a name, address and daytime telephone number.

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Joanna D'Achille

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Willie Johnson Jr.

"No, because I am 77, and it is the same lie they told about the George Washington Bridge tolls, and we're still paying them all."



Mary Papadeas

"I don't think so; I hope it will happen, but I really doubt it."



Louis Winarsky

"Absolutely not! How come no one has made a study in how much it costs to stand waiting in line at the tolls? It has to do with money."

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Board should vote against CVS

To the Editor:

Planning Board members should certainly be concerned about the area around Black's Lane being overdeveloped by a Commerce Bank and CVS Pharmacy coming in on the site where Stanley's Restaurant is currently located. Stanley's Restaurant is a great place to go for a delicious meal or a quick bite. It serves the families of Springfield and surrounding towns and the business community. Everybody knows Stanley's and losing it would leave a gaping hole in the heart of Springfield.

I can't even fathom why Commerce Bank or CVS would have any interest in that site. There is a Commerce Bank already up the road in Springfield and CVS minutes away in Union. They won't be picking up any foot traffic, as crossing Morris Avenue is a tricky proposition at best.

I certainly hope the Planning Board votes against this project that will do nothing to enhance the township of Springfield.

Mara Friedman  
Springfield

### New police rule will reduce stops

To the Editor:

Under new police rules, all Union County police will become "copious" record keepers of all police stops. It's intended to monitor minority stops. Watch how the number of police stops decline as will the apprehensions of various law breakers regardless of race.

Joseph C. Chieppa  
Mountainside

### Higher speeds create carnage

To the Editor:

I see Stephen Carrellas, the New Jersey coordinator of the National Anti-Traffic Safety Association, is at it again — trying to destroy any laws which protect the ordinary motorist from his fellow reckless cowboys of the road. Carrellas' National Motorists Association is not content with trying to overturn laws which protect us from drunk drivers, they insist on trying to create greater carnage on our highways by extending the 65 mph speed limit.

State Department of Transportation figures show an average 18 percent increase in accidents in areas where the limit already has been raised and a 36 percent increase on Route 78. This, all to save five minutes in commuting time. A typical commute of 30 miles at 55 mph takes 32.7 minutes, while the same commute at 65 mph would take 27.6 minutes.

Carrellas and his followers say 65 mph or greater is what most drivers travel anyway, so why not increase the speed to meet this? That's like saying in towns in New Jersey which have a higher murder rate, why not make murder legal since most folks are doing it anyway?

As for the lack-of-enforcement argument, maybe if the same officers who are stopping people of color because of profiling would concentrate instead on

making our roads safer, there would be far more effective enforcement and far fewer drivers breaking the law by driving at unsafe speeds.

Also, just because areas with 65 mph limits have not had an increase in fatal accidents does not mean the higher speed is safe. It's like the old expression, "They had to wait for someone to get killed to do something about it."

The Legislature only is chopping at the bit to raise the limit statewide because those lawmakers were voted into office by suburban-assault-vehicle-driving yuppies who are in a big hurry to unload their kids on soccer coaches so they can go play golf or rap on their cell phones about how rich they are.

Bob Faszczewski  
Springfield

### Augustine was there to help others

To the Editor:

Assemblyman Alan Augustine: honorable and humble, caring and compassionate, spiritual and courageous. Alan was a husband, father, friend and politician. He had a wonderful smile and a great sense of humor.

Alan was a politician for only one reason — to help others. He sought no higher office and shunned recognition. He worked quietly to fight for what was right and just. The physically challenged, the children and the terminally ill are only a few groups who benefitted from legislation Alan sponsored.

Our legislative district will never be the same, not because of redistricting but because we have lost a true American hero.

Alan led by example and our state is a better place because he cared. Alan Augustine made a difference and he will be missed.

Pamela S. McClure  
Westfield

### School board thanks township

To the Editor:

The Board of Education and the students of Springfield would like to thank you and the Township Committee for your diligence in reviewing the district's educational budget. As a board, we realize the task was arduous. We appreciate the long hours you spent individually and in committee reviewing the complex budget and concluding that only minimal adjustments were necessary. We are most appreciative that you realize the need to preserve the excellent programs available in the Springfield School District.

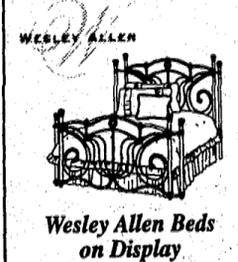
We would also like to thank you for the collegial approach you and the Township Committee took when meeting with the board representatives to discuss the budget. We look forward to building upon this foundation of compromise and cooperation.

The Board of Education looks ahead towards a stronger relationship as we continue to improve the community of Springfield within our respective spheres. We also look forward to working with you and the Township Committee concerning the acquisition of additional land around Jonathan Dayton High School and the establishment of a working contract with the county for the use of Meisel Field.

Keith Kurzner  
Springfield Board of Education

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**OBITUARIES**

**Verna A. Briggs**

Verna Adaline Briggs, 81, of Springfield died June 17 in the Little Brook Nursing Home, Calif.  
Born in Harrisburg, Pa., Mrs. Briggs lived in Springfield for 80 years before moving to Califon three months ago. She was an executive secretary with Ciba-Geigy, Summit, for more than 40 years and retired in 1985.

Mrs. Briggs was a Brownie and Girl Scout leader and active in the Children's Christian Fund, a worldwide organization, at Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, Springfield.  
Surviving is a stepdaughter, Ruth B. Blemings.

**Josephine Zielenski**

Josephine B. Zielenski, 93, of Springfield died June 19 in Trinitas Hospital, Elizabeth.

Born in Utica, N.Y., Miss Zielenski lived in Holyoke, Mass., before moving to Springfield 42 years ago. She was a salesperson at S. Klein, a department store in Newark, for 17 years and retired 33 years ago.

Miss Zielenski served in the Women's Army Corps during World War II and attained the rank of sergeant. She received an American Service medal, a World War II Victory Medal and the WAC Service Ribbon.

**Julius Ginsberg**

Julius Ginsberg, 79, of Summit died June 16 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Mr. Ginsberg lived in Maplewood before moving to Summit 17 years ago. He owned Abco Construction Co., Maplewood, before retiring. Earlier, Mr. Ginsberg

had been employed with Johnson & Johnson, New Brunswick, and American Standard.

Surviving are his wife, Peggy; a daughter, Debby Mendez; two sons, Richard and Dale, and four grandchildren.

**Andy Mathews**

Andy Mathews of Chatham, formerly of Summit, died June 19 at home.

Born in New London, Conn., Mr. Mathews lived in Summit and New Providence before moving to Chatham in 1974. He was employed by Colvin Friedman Co., Springfield, for 52 years, most recently as vice president of production. Mr. Mathews also worked as a special officer with the New Providence and Chatham police departments for 20 years. He received a bachelor's degree in business from Seton Hall University, South Orange.

Surviving are his wife, Judith; two daughters, Paige Monsell and Stacey Pacio, and two grandchildren.

**Dr. Bloomstein**

Dr. Abraham Bloomstein, 90, of Walnut Creek, Calif., formerly of Summit, died June 19 at home.

Born in Waterbury, Conn., Dr. Bloomstein lived in Providence, R.I., Summit and Lauderhill, Fla., before moving to Walnut Creek three years ago. He had a private dental practice in Summit from 1948 through 1982, when he retired.

Dr. Bloomstein was a graduate of Loyola University Dental School in New Orleans, La. He was a captain in the Army Medical Corps during World War II and was stationed in Puerto Rico.

Dr. Bloomstein was a member of

the American and Union County Dental associations and the Alpha Omega Dental fraternity. He was a past president of the Parents Association of New York Medical School. Dr. Bloomstein was one of the founders of Temple Sinai in Summit and a member of its bowling league.

Surviving are two sons, Dr. Richard Bloomstein and Dr. Michael Bloomstein, and three grandchildren.

**Cenen A. Coto**

Cenen A. Coto, 67, of Summit died June 23 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Cuba, Mr. Coto lived there before moving to Summit in 1968. He was a mail clerk with Dun & Bradstreet in Berkeley Heights for 12 years and retired in 1986. Mr. Coto also worked part-time in the transportation department of Summit Child Care Center.

Surviving are his wife, Olga; a son, Julio; two brothers, Miguel and Angel; two sisters, Erenia and Lautelina, and two grandchildren.

**Construction signage prohibited in some areas**

The Division of Code Administration has reminded residents that temporary construction, renovation and repair signs are prohibited in single- and two-family zones. The prohibited signs are the ones identifying architects, engineers, contractors, builders, painters and other tradesmen engaged in construction, improvement, repair and refurbishing of residences.

In all other zones, only one temporary construction sign for each project is permitted. The maximum allowance size is 12 square feet.



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Photo By Bob Heffrich

Graduates await their diplomas during Jonathan Dayton High School's commencement on June 19. Right, Board of Education President Stephen Fischbein addresses Dayton's

Class of 2001. This year's graduating class was the first to complete their entire education within the local school district since the break up of the regional district.

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Patrick Francis Bellino  
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Mark Poveromo  
Alisandra Puliti  
Michael Damian Puorro  
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Aaron L. Rhodes  
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Dario P. Ruggiero  
Dana Marie Rutkowski  
Carmine Santarella  
Jodi Michelle Santo  
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## Resident to appear on public television

In a special series entitled "New Jersey: The New Century," three-time Emmy Award-winning anchor Steve Aduabato looks at the new immigrants who come mainly from Asia and Latin America, their economic and cultural diversity, how they are adapting to the educational system and their assimilation into America society.

The New Asian Americans is the second program in the series. "New Jersey: The New Century" is a Caucus; New Jersey special presentation which looks at key trends that are carrying the Garden State well into the 21st Century. Previous topics have included land use and demographics.

Joining the discussion is Summit resident Peter Suzuki, a corporate attorney and chairman of the Asian American Advisory Council to New Jersey Secretary of State, Buster Soaries.

"Despite being such a small state, New Jersey is one of the top five destinations of immigrants who come to the United States," said Caucus host and executive producer Steve Aduabato. "Most of the new immigrants are from Asian countries or Latin America."

"New Jersey The New Century, The New Asian Immigrants" can be seen on Channel Thirteen/WNET New York on Saturday at 12:30 p.m.; NJN-Public Television on Saturday at 6:30 a.m., and Sunday at 10 a.m.

Funding for "New Jersey: The New Century" has been provided by The Healthcare Institute of New Jersey, The Fund for New Jersey, New Jersey Natural Gas, Schumann Fund for New Jersey, The Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, Johnson & Johnson and United Water.

For more information, visit the Caucus: New Jersey web site at [www.caucusnj.org](http://www.caucusnj.org). The "New Jersey: The New Century" series will air on various cable outlets throughout June and July. Check your local listings.



Summit resident Peter Suzuki, a corporate attorney and chairman of the Asian American Advisory Council to New Jersey Secretary of State Buster Soaries, sits with Emmy Award-winning anchor Steve Aduabato. Suzuki will give commentary on a series entitled 'New Jersey: The New Century,' airing Saturday at 12:30 p.m. on Channel Thirteen/WNET New York, and on NJN-Public Television on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday at 10 a.m.

## A real achiever



3M Corporation was recently inducted into the Junior Achievement of New Jersey Northern District Hall of Fame at a ceremony at The Sheraton in Newark. Accepting the award for 3M was Summit resident Donald Weida, vice president of human resources, with Kirsten Davis, and 'Our Nation' participant of the Alexander Street School in Newark and Rosa Schmidt, chair-elect of JA of New Jersey Northern District.

## League of Women Voters elects officers

Members of the League of Women Voters of Berkeley Heights, New Providence and Summit met for their annual meeting on June 6 at the home of Trudy Hickox in Summit.

The budget for the coming year was adopted as was an updated nonpartisanship policy. For the local program, members approved the continuation and expansion of the Kids Voting

New Jersey Program that proved to be successful last fall.

Officers elected at the meeting were Barbara Packer, president; Tony Van Der Mude, secretary, and Diane Gallo, voter service/Summit. Officers and board members continuing in office were Pam Kuhn and Bernice Samelson, vice presidents; Ed Kessler, treasurer; Marlene Sincaglia, vot-

er service/Berkeley Heights; Barbara Johnson, local program; Marcia Kelly, membership; Jean Unger and Ruth Boroshok, bulletin; Hickox and Elsa Weinstein, budget, and Tracy Robinson and Jeanne Unger, nominations.

Van Der Mude gave a report on the state LWV convention in Newark, noting with pride that the League of Women Voters of Berkeley Heights,

New Providence and Summit had received a special award for its voter service activities. The meeting ended with the recognition of the outstanding contribution of Unger, editor of the bulletin. A potluck supper was then enjoyed by all.

The next meeting will be an evening with Steve Ma, the young activist who is crisscrossing every county in New Jersey on foot the Walk for Reform to inspire people to rally behind state campaign finance reform. The date is July 18 and the public is invited.

For information call 277-6773.



Officers elected at the June 6 annual meeting of the Berkeley Heights, New Providence and Summit Area League of Women Voters are, from left, Barbara Packer, president; Diane Gallo, voter service, and Anthony Van Der Mude, secretary, all Summit residents.

## TV show tackles topic of underage drinking

An interview with Summit High School Student Assistance Counselor Susan Angelo will be airing on TV-36 Communities on Cable.

The show will continue to be shown on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. and noon, Wednesdays at 9 p.m., Thursdays at 1:30 a.m., and Fridays at 6 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

## Social notices are sought for residents

Couples are encouraged to send their engagement and wedding announcements to the lifestyle editor. Announcements should be typed, doubled spaced or legibly handwritten and no longer than one page. All announcements should have a daytime phone number for verification or if questions arise.

For more information, call (908) 686-7700.



Officers and board members of the area League of Women Voters gathered at their June 6 annual meeting at the home of member Trudy Hickox of Summit. Attending were, from left, seated, Bernice Samelson, Tracy Robinson, Barbara Packer, and Trudy Hickox; standing, Barbara Johnson, Tony Van Der Mude, Jeanne Unger, Pam Kuhn, Marlene Sincaglia, Marcia Kelly, Ruth Boroshok and Diane Gallo.

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### The creepy crawling project



Lindsey Williams, a fifth-grader at Washington School, and Summit High Achool art teacher Bob Walker admire the giant ceramic woolly caterpillar Williams created as part of the fifth-grade's Arthropod Project at the Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit.

### Domestic violence team seeks volunteers

The police departments of New Providence, Summit, Berkeley Heights and Mountainside in cooperation with Overlook Hospital, have developed the Northern Union County Regional Domestic Violence Response Team. The response team consists of community volunteers who will work with police officers to assist and support victims of domestic violence.

They provide victims of domestic violence with emotional support, information about options and assist victims in obtaining restraining orders, emergency shelter or other services. Team members are provided with comprehensive training.

To learn more call Lt. Anthony Buccelli at (908) 665-1111.

### Billiards team advances to nat'l tourney

As "Buzzy" Turner eyed the eight-ball, tension filled the air while nearly 100 other players and spectators watched in total silence. You could hear a pin drop. The cue ball was at one corner of the pool table, the eight-ball was nearly in the middle of the table, and the corner pocket looked like it was a mile away. Buzzy bent down, took aim, and stroked his cue smoothly and watched as the eight-ball dropped directly into the throat of the corner pocket.

There was a moment of stunned silence; then the crowd let out a roar! And why not? Buzzy had just clinched a state championship title for his team, the Hamilton Hammerheads, and a berth in the National Pocket Billiard Tourney to be in August in Las Vegas.

On June 2 and 3, top billiard teams in Union County battled each other at the Moose Lodge in Linden. Playing out of Hamilton's Tavern, Roselle, the Hamilton Hammerheads consist of eight sharpshooters who defeated scores of strong teams throughout the year to win a division title, then played the Linden against the best teams in the country to come out on top.

As a result, the team will travel to Las Vegas in late August to compete against over 500 of the best teams all over the country. Also qualifying for the national event were Ben's Hustlers from Ben's Bar in Elizabeth and Casio's Hard Eight from Casio's Tavern in Roselle Park.



The Union County pocket billiards team consists of, from left, co-captain Robert Lawrie, of Mountainside; Doug Weber of Roselle Park; co-captain Rick Heuser of Rahway; Bill Pappas; Shane Gannon; Bart McMamee of Roselle Park; and Paul Marel and Robert 'Buzzy' Turner. The team won a state championship in early June qualifying them to compete in a national event in Las Vegas later this year.

Managed by the Missouri-based American Pool Players Association, the league-play format incorporates a handicap system that allows players of various skill levels to compete on a level playing field. The APA will award over \$500,000 in prizes to teams competing in the national tournament.

Robert Lawrie, co-captain, said that over the year, various members had to manage the vagaries of life while trying to maintain their competitive edge in one of the most nerve-racking, pressure-packed sports that has ever been devised. Team members include Heuser, Lawrie, Bill Pappas of Bridgewater, Doug Weber and Bart McMamee, both of Roselle Park, and Shane Gannon, Paul Marel and Turner, all of Scotch Plains.

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Photos By Liz Dries

Courtney Levit, above, addresses Governor Livingston's Class of 2001 at commencement last week. Nurse Alice Hadley, below, hugs Tina Grammenos following the ceremony.



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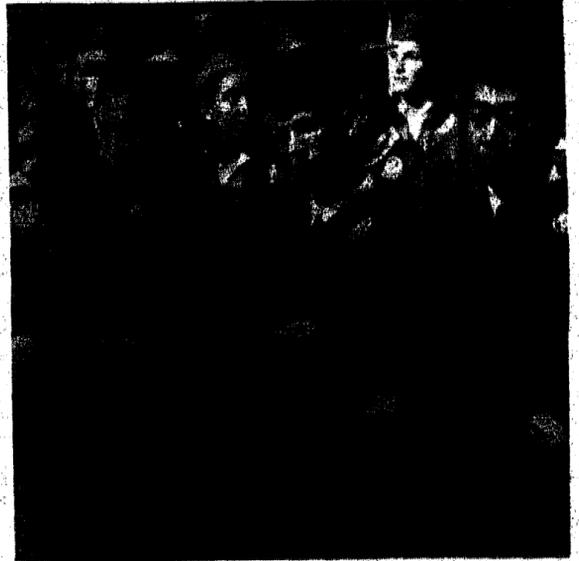


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Members of the Class of 2001, from left, Christine Lay, Billy Lentis and Yu-Cheng Lin, await the receipt of their diplomas following speakers at Governor Livingston's graduation ceremony June 21.

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## Dayton Football

Sept. 15 at New Providence, 1 p.m.  
 Sept. 22 Manville, 1 p.m.  
 Sept. 29 Immaculata, 1 p.m.  
 Oct. 6 Bound Brook, 1 p.m.  
 Oct. 12 at Roselle Park, 7:30 p.m.  
 Oct. 20 at Gov. Livingston, 1 p.m.  
 Oct. 27 Brearley, 1 p.m.  
 Nov. 3 at Johnson, 2 p.m.  
 Nov. 22 North Plainfield, 10 a.m.

## Dayton Boys' Soccer

Sept. 7 Brearley, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 11 at Roselle Park, 4  
 Sept. 13 at North Plain, 4  
 Sept. 19 Manville, 4  
 Sept. 21 New Providence, 4  
 Sept. 25 at Oratory, 4  
 Sept. 29 Bound Brook, 10 a.m.  
 Oct. 2 at Brearley, 4  
 Oct. 4 Roselle Park, 4  
 Oct. 5 at Cedar Grove, 4  
 Oct. 9 North Plainfield, 4  
 Oct. 11 at Manville, 4  
 Oct. 12 at Bernards, 4  
 Oct. 15 Summit, 4  
 Oct. 16 at New Providence, 4  
 Oct. 18 Oratory, 4  
 Oct. 23 at Bound Brook, 4  
 Oct. 26 East Side, 3:30 p.m.

## Dayton Girls' Soccer

Sept. 7 at Brearley, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 11 Roselle Park, 4  
 Sept. 13 North Plainfield, 4  
 Sept. 19 at Manville, 4  
 Sept. 21 at New Providence, 4  
 Sept. 22 at Mother Seton, 4  
 Sept. 25 Oak Knoll, 4  
 Sept. 29 at Bound Brook, 10 a.m.  
 Oct. 2 Brearley, 4  
 Oct. 4 at Roselle Park, 4  
 Oct. 5 Lacordaire Academy, 4  
 Oct. 9 at North Plainfield, 4  
 Oct. 11 Manville, 4  
 Oct. 15 at Hillside, 4  
 Oct. 16 New Providence, 4  
 Oct. 18 at Oak Knoll, 4  
 Oct. 23 Bound Brook, 4  
 Oct. 25 Solomon Schechter, 4

## Dayton Girls' Tennis

Sept. 7 Bound Brook, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 11 at New Providence, 4  
 Sept. 13 at North Plainfield, 4  
 Sept. 18 at St. Mary's, 4  
 Sept. 25 Oak Knoll, 4  
 Sept. 28 at Roselle Park, 4  
 Oct. 2 at Bound Brook, 4  
 Oct. 4 New Providence, 4  
 Oct. 9 North Plainfield, 4  
 Oct. 11 St. Mary's, 4  
 Oct. 12 Bernards, 4  
 Oct. 18 at Oak Knoll, 4  
 Oct. 23 Roselle Park, 4

## Dayton Girls' Volleyball

Sept. 11 at Mother Seton, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 13 at Johnson, 4  
 Sept. 14 at Hackettstown, 4  
 Sept. 20 at Roselle Catholic, 4  
 Sept. 21 Union Catholic, 4  
 Sept. 24 at Rahway, 4  
 Sept. 25 New Providence, 4  
 Oct. 4 Mother Seton, 4  
 Oct. 9 Johnson, 4  
 Oct. 11 at Union Catholic, 4  
 Oct. 16 Roselle Catholic, 4  
 Oct. 18 at New Providence, 4  
 Oct. 22 Verona, 4  
 Oct. 23 Rahway, 4  
 Oct. 25 Hackettstown, 4

## Dayton Cross Country

Sept. 17 RP/Bound Brook, 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 25 Manville/N. Central at Newark Central, 4  
 Oct. 2 Oak Knoll/Oratory at Oratory, 4  
 Oct. 9 New Providence/N. Plain at New Providence, 4

## Drake excels on college track team

Former Governor Livingston High School athlete Sarah Drake completed another stellar season as a member of the track and field team at College-Misericordia.

A sophomore occupational therapy major, Drake completed her sophomore year.

Drake did well to earn All-East Coast Athletic Conference honors. She also achieved All-Academic status in the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference.

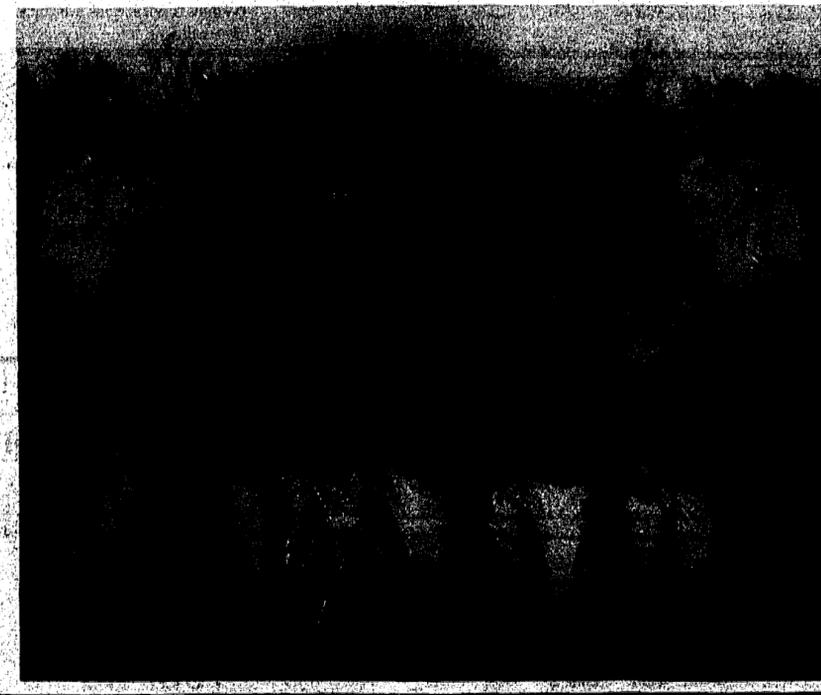
Drake earned All-ECAC honors as a member of Misericordia's 4x400-meter relay team. The unit did well to finish as high as eighth at the ECAC championships.

To be eligible for the PAC All-Academic team, a student-athlete must earn a minimum grade-point average of 3.20 while participating in varsity athletics.

Drake was a standout scholar-athlete at GL.



**TWO OUTSTANDING BASEBALL TEAMS** — The Cardinals defeated the A's two games to one to win the Springfield Junior Baseball League's Major Division championship. Above are the Cardinals. Kneeling, from left, are Joey Pulice, Adam Frank, Matthew Loffa, Nicholas Fiorenza and Lucas Biebelberg. Standing, from left, are Jay Williams, Evan Ring, Joel Loeshelle, Michael Miranda, Alex Neubauer and Thomas Walsh. Coaches, from left, are Harry Loeshelle, Rick Ring, Warren Frank and Jeff Neubauer. Team member not pictured is Jeffrey Horowitz. Below are the A's. Kneeling, from left, are Kenny Glennon, Aaron Weinbaum, A.J. Tettamonti, David Dougherty and Chris Kurzman. Standing, from left, are Matt Steiner, Elliot Grossman, Eric DuBeau, Stephen Suarez and Jacob Weersinghe. Coaches, from left, are Hal Weinbaum, Lloyd Grossman, Bob Steiner and David Dougherty. Team member not pictured is Doug Singer.



# A dream week in Cooperstown

## Mountainside Select All-Stars having a ball

By Jeff Wolfrum  
 Staff Writer

"Not only will this be a great baseball experience for our 12-year-olds, but also a wonderful social and cultural experience as they will meet and compete against players from across the nation," is what Mountainside Select All-Stars baseball manager John Amalfe said of his team's trip to Cooperstown, New York as they participate in the National Youth Baseball Invitational Tournament at Cooperstown Dreams Park.

A squad of 15 left to compete in the tournament last Saturday and will return this Saturday.

Participating in an eight-game round robin format, which includes two games played each day from last Sunday to yesterday, the week will conclude with a single-elimination tournament.

"Being there and seeing other teams from across the country will help test their skills," Amalfe said.

Teams that total 52 in all come from as far away as California, Florida and Canada. They are playing in one of the 11 weekly national tournaments at the Park, which are being held from June to the end of August.

Nine weekly champions, as well as 39 other championship teams, will qualify to participate in the National American Tournament of Champions in the last week of August. National and international teams will compete for the 12-and-under National Title at the Park.

Established in 1996, Cooperstown Dreams Park has 10 professionally groomed and lighted fields on 105

acres and features baseball diamonds with grass infields enclosed by eight-foot high stadium walls.

Staying at the barracks on the grounds of the Park for the week-long span, the team received a donation from The Town Bank of Westfield to off-set the expensive trip.

"The support from The Town Bank, along with the efforts from the many fundraisers the kids participated in, has really helped us out," Amalfe said. "The team is very excited and has really been looking forward to playing at Cooperstown for some time."

The 15 players on the team are Thomas Amalfe, Gregory Chilson, Anthony Corsi, Joseph D'Antonio, Robert Gilcrest, Andrew Jakubowski, Reid Kelley, Justin Quaglia, Steven Schrul, Brian VanderMeer, Phillip Vitale, Kevin Wheaton, Jamie Winter, Brian Wyvrat and Matthew Zimmerman. Joe D'Antonio, Bill Schrul, Rola Wheaton and Wayne Cantagallo are the assistant coaches.

"We have a unique team that has been playing together since they were 9," Amalfe said.

Playing in the Mountainside Youth Baseball League on different teams until the season ends on June 15, the players then assemble to make up the Mountainside Select All-Stars.

With a three-year record of 70-15, the team has won numerous titles and tournaments.

As 10-year-olds, the All-Stars won the Springfield Tournament and the Millburn-Short Hills League title. A year later, they captured the North Jersey League championship.

# Having fun while learning is key Message at tennis camp

By Jeff Wolfrum  
 Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD — "They're going to have fun and learn tennis," is what Dayton High School tennis coach Bill Prisco said about the camp he hosted this week at the high school tennis courts.

The camp, which concludes tomorrow, started at 9 a.m. and ended at 1 p.m. each day. The three different levels that Prisco and his staff taught at the sessions were beginner, intermediate and advanced.

Prisco taught the advanced players, while recent graduating senior Sergey Khoroshevsky taught the intermediate group and Rachel Mandel, another 2001 grad, tutored the beginners.

"Both of them are great kids and do a good job of teaching the game of tennis," Prisco said.

Khoroshevsky, who played second doubles on Dayton's Group 1 state championship boys' team this past spring season, was more than willing to help out.

"Coach Prisco asked me if I would like to participate and help out in a camp he was running and I said, 'definitely,'" Khoroshevsky said. "He taught me for four years, so I want to teach the kids the same things."

Mandel played at second singles for Prisco's girls' team last fall and finished with an outstanding record of 14-2. Helping out and teaching the younger kids at the camp was a natural for the Muhlenberg College-bound Mandel.

"I love tennis and kids, so that's why I'm doing this," Mandel said. "I gave some beginners lessons in the past, so I work well with them."

The agenda for each day of the camp was for the kids to incorporate something they learned and put it into a game situation.

Starting at 9 a.m., the campers would begin with stretching and agility and physical fitness exercises for about 20 minutes to a half hour.

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"They have to do this because without quick feet, you're not going to get to the ball," Prisco said.

Then there is a water break. This happens after each session.

"They do this because then there is no problem with dehydration or injuries," Prisco said.

The coach then starts off the campers with drills. For a half hour to 45 minutes each player will practice volleys, groundstrokes and serves.

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Tennis lead-up games such as king and queen of the court, spidefs and snakes and jai-l are then performed to help teaching skills in a fun way.

After another break, Prisco goes over strategies and how to keep score. Then, as of 12:15 p.m., the rest of the day is committed to putting what has been practiced into a live game situation.

To wrap up the week, Prisco will hold a two-fold tournament for the campers. The beginners and some intermediates will make up the junior tournament, while the advanced players and other intermediates will partake in a senior tournament. Trophies and awards will go to the winners and runners-up.

Some of the advanced players who participated were incoming freshman Melanie Shapiro, who will play at Mount St. Mary's in the fall, and Natalie Boyle, who played second doubles at New Providence as a freshman last season. Both said they attended the camp to better their games.

Because of problems that included gaining approval to host the camp and notices going out late, the turnout was small as only 15 kids registered.

"Being in its first year, I think it's a good start," Prisco said. "With word of mouth, I'm sure this camp will grow next year."



The Mountainside Select All-Stars left Cooperstown, N.Y. last weekend to compete in the National Youth Baseball Invitational Tournament at Cooperstown Dreams Park. The players include infielder Thomas Amalfe, infielder Gregory Chilson, infielder Anthony Corsi, outfielder Joseph D'Antonio, outfielder Robert Gilcrest, pitcher Andrew Jakubowski, pitcher Reid Kelley, infielder Justin Quaglia, outfielder Steven Schrul, outfielder Brian VanderMeer, pitcher Phillip Vitale, catcher Kevin Wheaton, infielder Jamie Winter, outfielder Brian Wyvrat and infielder Matthew Zimmerman. The manager is John Amalfe and coaches include Joe D'Antonio, Bill Schrul, Rola Wheaton and Wayne Cantagallo. Also pictured are Town Bank of Westfield representatives Robert W. Downs Sr. to the left and Nicholas A. Frungillo Jr. to the right. The bank presented a donation to the team and manager Amalfe to help pay for expenses for its trip to Cooperstown.

The All-Stars finished second in the Roselle Park Tournament this year.

"To come from a town where the population of players playing league baseball is small and to really excel is outstanding," Amalfe said.

Another way Amalfe feels his team is special is in its dedication.

"From the first week of January until the middle of March, the kids worked out from 10 a.m. to noon

every Sunday at the Bill Park in Springfield," Amalfe said.

The coach hopes the trip to Cooperstown will serve as more than just a baseball tournament.

"I want the kids to get to know the other players and the things they do," Amalfe said. "This could be a great lesson in learning what it's like to grow up elsewhere."

When returning from the event, it's back to league play and the chance to

make it to Williamsport, Pa. and the Little League World Series.

"To do that we must first win the district, the section and then eventually the state," Amalfe said. "This team has a lot of confidence and feels it can play with anybody."

Competing among other excellent teams in Cooperstown will only help the Mountainside Select All-Stars when they return to their competition in New Jersey.

# Police make DWI arrests

## Mountainside

On Saturday, Eugene R. Harmon, 20, of Springfield, was charged with driving while intoxicated, under the age of 21, for operating a vehicle with at least 0.01, but less than 0.10 percent of alcohol blood level. He was arrested on Route 22 East at the Springfield/Mountainside line.

On June 20, Victor Otero, 30, of Plainfield, was arrested for disorderly conduct and improper behavior, on Route 22 East. He also presented a fraudulent insurance card, police said.

On June 21, Cedric Knight, 44, of Edison, was arrested on Route 22 East for contempt of a judicial order, an outstanding warrant out of Piscataway, with bail set at \$532.

On Friday, George F. Torres, 21, of Union, was arrested for driving with a suspended license and registration. He was stopped for driving through a red light at Lawrence Avenue and Route 22 East, according to authorities.

On Friday, Matthew D. Karpa, 18, of Westfield, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, at the 7-11 parking lot on Mountain Avenue in Mountainside, police said.

On Saturday, Melvin Mathew, 23, of Newark, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicants, authorities said. He had been stopped on Route 22 West for failure to maintain a lane. He was also found to have an active warrant out of Essex County for theft.

On Saturday, LaKeesha R. Johnson, 24, of East Orange, was arrested in Mountainside for contempt of a judicial order, on an outstanding warrant from Irvington for shoplifting.

On Sunday, Rasheed Y. Reddick, 23, of Newark, was arrested for driving with a suspended license and registration. He had been stopped for speeding on Route 22 West.

It was found he had an outstanding warrant from Verona for \$1,135 and also an outstanding warrant from Newark for \$900. Bail was set in Mountainside for \$1,000. A court date of July 25 was set for Mountainside Municipal Court.

## Springfield

Parts were damaged and stolen from a 1999 Acura by unknown suspects at Springfield Acura on Route 22 East on Monday. The removed parts included the front end of the vehicle and two headlight assemblies.

On Sunday, several items were reported stolen from Bob's Stores on Route 22 West in Springfield. The items included two Embassy quartz watches valued at \$17.99 each, one

## 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.

To place a classified ad call 1-800-564-8911 by 3 p.m. Tuesday

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pair of Nike Air sneakers at \$69.99, and one Plug Zip Off at \$27.99. The merchandise was later retrieved by the owners, with an estimated value of \$133.96.

On Saturday, a Summit resident had several items stolen from her purse at the ShopRite on Morris Turnpike in Springfield. The items included one black Coach wallet valued at \$130, \$80 in cash, various credit cards, and a driver's license.

Another Summit resident had several items stolen from her purse on Saturday while she was at the ShopRite on Morris Turnpike, including a brown leather bi-fold wallet containing various credit cards, a driver's license, approximately \$50 in cash, credit receipts, Medicare, Social Security and insurance cards issued to the victim.

On Saturday, an Irvington resident reported his gym bag stolen from Bally Total Fitness on Route 22 East. The gym bag contained a locker key that held his keys, wallet and a pager. Other stolen items included miscellaneous clothes, a T-shirt, shirts, shorts, a towel and a blue gym bag.

On Friday, a Springfield resident had her pocket book stolen from the front seat of her vehicle at Irwin Park in Springfield. Inside her pocket book was a red leather wallet, a credit card and \$80 in cash.

On Friday, a Springfield resident had damage done to his motor vehicle when the passenger side of his vehicle was keyed while it was parked along the block of Tudor Court.

On June 21, 10 locks were cut from the lockers in the men's locker room of the YMCA on South Springfield Avenue.

# Best buddies



Alexandra Policastro, a third-grader at Thelma L. Sandmeier School in Springfield works with Amanda Stein, a kindergarten student, to make their buddy projects during the first-grade orientation at the school.

## Registration begins 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 form 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.

## Rules set for pickup of grass clippings

The Springfield Department of Public Works has begun its residential curbside collection of grass and non-woody garden debris. This material is ultimately composted, and residents are requested to comply with requirements in order to facilitate that service.

For information on grass and yard debris pickup, residents can call the Department of Public Works at (973) 912-2224.

# Firefighters respond to various activated alarms

## Mountainside

June 19: 7:42 a.m., responded to a Sunny Slope residence on an activated alarm. Unattended cooking found to be the cause; 4:36 p.m., responded to Evergreen Court on report of a mattress on fire. A juvenile said he was lighting cologne when mattress caught on fire. Fire extinguished and house ventilated. The juvenile was to be referred to fire starters program.

Friday: 12:32 p.m., responded to Route 22 West on report of a van on fire. A motor vehicle accident caused gas on engine when ignited. The fire was extinguished with the help of the Springfield Fire Department. 12:48 p.m., responded to Mountain Avenue on report of a transformer fire. Investigation revealed scorch marks: 1:04 p.m., responded to Route 22 East of report of a wire down. Investigation revealed primary down and still energized. Fire department stood by for PSE&G.

Saturday: 7 p.m., responded to Borough Hall to supply upper floors with fans as air conditioning was inoperable.

## Springfield

June 16: 6:02 p.m., all units responded to a Tudor Court apartment complex for an activated fire alarm; 6:35 p.m., Tudor Court apartment complex for an activated fire alarm; 9:37 p.m., Tudor Court apartment complex for an activated fire alarm.

June 17: 9:32 a.m., responded to a Smithfield Drive residence for an activated carbon monoxide detector.

June 18: 1:16 p.m., responded to a Garden Oval residence for an activated fire alarm; 2:11 p.m., Morris Avenue residence for a medical service call.

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June 19: 11:18 a.m., responded to Tudor Court apartment complex for a gas leak; 12:12 p.m., South Springfield Avenue residence for a medical service call; 12:35 p.m., all units responded to a Northview Terrace residence for a natural gas leak; 2:24 p.m., Crest Place residence for an activated fire alarm; 5:13 p.m., South Springfield Avenue residence for a medical service call.

June 20: 8:11 a.m., responded to a South Springfield Avenue residence for a medical service call; 12:38 p.m., to Route 78 East milepost 49.5 for a motor vehicle accident with spill; 12:50 p.m., to a Battlehill Avenue residence for a medical service call; 6:17 p.m., to a South Springfield Avenue residence for a lockout; 6:36 p.m., to Morris and Meisel avenues for a motor vehicle accident with injuries; 7:13 p.m., to a Victory Road business for an activated fire alarm; 7:21 p.m., to a Mountain Avenue business for an activated fire alarm; 8:24 p.m., to a Laurel Drive residence for smoke in the basement.

June 21: 9:52 a.m., responded to a Park Place condominium complex for a wall collapse; 10:54 p.m., to a Gail Court residence for an activated fire alarm; 1:39 p.m., to Rosner Field for a propane gas grill fire; 7:10 p.m., to Meisel Field for a medical service call.

Saturday: 11:49 p.m., all units responded to a Chimney Ridge drive residence for an activated fire alarm and at 4 p.m. to a Wabeno Avenue apartment complex for an activated fire alarm.

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