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TWO SECTION

Building to rise on Springfield Ave.

By John Celock
Staff Writer

A new building will be opening in Mountainside on Springfield Avenue.

Developer David Weinberg, the chief executive officer of Realty Concepts, is currently working to construct a one-story medical office building on Springfield Avenue. The site of the new construction is located near the borough's border with Springfield and Westfield. Across the street, but located in Westfield, is another new building which also will house medical offices.

According to Weinberg, the new building will be 6,250 square feet and has been designed to accommodate anywhere from one to three tenants.

"We have designed the building for medical purposes. It is a one-story brick building and it will be a first-class office building," he said.

The Mountainside Planning Board has granted approval for the new building, but construction has not started as of yet. Weinberg said plans for the building are presently under review for final approval in the next several weeks. Weinberg did indicate that before final approval can be granted, the construction office must review several documents, which the developer will soon provide to the government.

"They are waiting for some additional information on

plumbing and electrical services," he said.

Weinberg said that since Planning Board approval some work has commenced on the site. Work has centered around demolishing the house and greenhouse which was previously located on the site and regrading the land on the property.

"I am anticipating breaking ground on the project within the next 30 days and the building will take about six months to construct," Weinberg said.

The developer said he is currently in the process of looking for tenants to occupy the new building and hopes to have them in place soon.

Weinberg said he chose this location for several reasons. He finds Springfield Avenue in Mountainside to provide several positive attributes to siting a medical or professional office building on the road, including the fact that the road is heavily traveled and the borough is a good municipality to be located.

According to the borough's tax office, the new building will be located on two plots of land. The borough tax map indicates that the building will sit on Lots 9 and 10C of the municipalities' block 24D.

Lot 9 currently has an assessed value of \$126,900 and lot 10C has an assessed value of \$65,700. Based on the borough's tax rate of 3.493 per \$100 of assessed value, Lot 9 generates \$4,432.62 in annual property tax revenue and Lot 10C generates \$2,294.90 in property tax revenue.

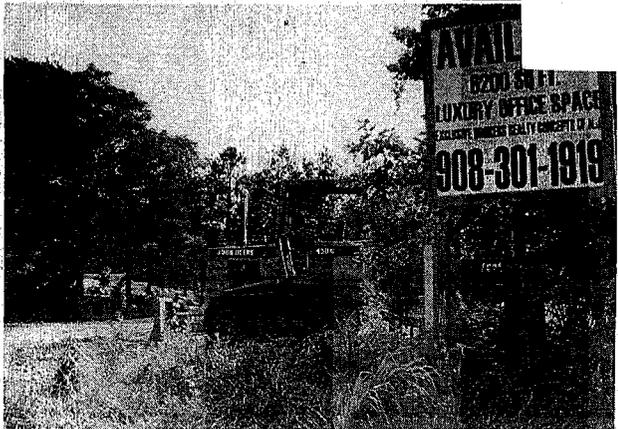


Photo By Liz Dries
A house and greenhouse once stood on this property on Springfield Avenue in Mountainside. A new building planned for the site will be a one-story medical office.

Senior housing plan on Black's Lane comes before Planning Board

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

Hoping to provide another home for Springfield's senior citizens, a site proposal application was scheduled to come before the Planning Board last night for a 40-unit apartment complex on Black's Lane where the current Statite Nursery is located. The meeting occurred after this newspaper went to press yesterday morning.

The zoning provides that on the 2.5 acres that are owned by Statite Nursery, the density of the property would be 16 units per acre. Of the 40 units, 32 would be market rentals, with eight units reserved for low and moderate income level under the township's Mt. Laurel housing plan.

Richard Colandrea, chairman of the Springfield Planning Board, emphasized that the township has been active in meeting its Mt. Laurel housing obligation for several years.

"We had the foresight to do this long before it was mandatory," said Colandrea.

'We had the foresight to do this long before it was mandatory.'

— Richard Colandrea, chairman
Springfield Planning Board

In addition, we have 137 senior citizen housing units not including the requirement that exists today."

The other housing set aside for senior citizens in Springfield is the Springfield Senior Citizen Housing Corporation, a development on Independence Way.

Township Attorney Bruce Bergen pointed out that since the property is privately owned by STS Investments LLC, under Leonard Statite, he is under no

obligation to build on the site.

Originally, the site was recommended for multi-family housing in Springfield's downtown master plan. Statite later agreed to re-zone the property for senior housing in 1994.

According to the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan for Springfield, prepared by developers Keller and Kirkpatrick, the site is considered an ideal location for senior citizen housing because of its proximity to the Sarah Bailey Civic Center and the commercial district along Springfield's Morris Avenue.

Pedestrian access to Morris Avenue and the nearby bus routes adds to the site's potential need for this type of housing. Also, senior housing on Black's Lane would require less traffic than housing for the general population, according to the plan.

"I think this is beneficial," said Mayor Sy Mullan. "It will give an opportunity to some seniors who want to get rid of their homes to stay in town."
"We have a large senior community and I think it's a plus."

Bring it on, small stores say

Despite rise of chains, local merchants ready to co-exist

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

Although big chain stores have lately become the norm rather than the exception, experts say both the little and large stores can co-exist together.

"Personalized service and knowledge is most important," said Richard Colandrea, a staff member at Colonial Hardware on Morris Turnpike in Springfield. "In the giant boxes, you're competing with people that don't have enough knowledge. Ninety percent of the comments that we get from customers who come in here are about the service."

Colonial Hardware, which has been in business for 20 years, has no problem competing with the big chains, said Colandrea.

Neither does Kay's Hardware on Morris Avenue in Springfield. The store has been in business for 51 years, outlasting big chains such as Ricket and Channel.

The business is co-owned by Louis Kravitz and his son, Ron, and is operated by True Value Hardware.

Ron has been helping his father, Louis, run the business for 28 years.

One of the things he has found the most gratifying is being able to help people find the things they need.

"Helping people is the rewarding part of being in this business," said Ron. "Small businesses affect people, not just corporations."

He said the store has a friendly staff with personality that cannot be found in the bigger stores.

The owners don't seem bothered by the rising developments of nearby chains such as The Home Depot and have so far not seen any negative effect upon their business or any other nearby small businesses.

The Home Depot opened a store on the former Union Market site in Union near the Springfield border, and last month another Home Depot opened its doors in Union, off Route 22 East near the Kenilworth border.

"They have a right to be in business," said Louis of the bigger chains, "but not everybody wants to be there."

He said smaller stores always stand a chance to remain in business along with the bigger chains.

"If they put their mind to it, there

should be no hard times if they get out there and fight for their share of the business."

Susan Jacobson, vice president of the Union County Chamber of Commerce, agreed there is an advantage to the small, local store as compared to the big chain.

"While it would appear that a big chain store has everything, sometimes the big stores get too big and they lose control," said Jacobson.

She pointed out that bigger stores often have more theft, since it is harder to control. Also, items are easier to find in smaller stores since there are fewer aisles to go through.

However, she said smaller stores often have to generate much more sales volume since they do not sell the big-ticket items the chains do. Also, chains are often popular with contractors who have to find specific items in bulk and people looking for a variety of items under one roof.

"There's a niche for everyone in the market," Jacobson said. "We will support all of our members and try to help

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Photo By Bob Helfrich
Louis Kravitz stands before the store on Morris Avenue that he has owned and operated for more than 50 years. Smaller stores always have a chance to stay in business despite the large superstores, he says.



Photo By Barbara Kakkala

Gerard Schaller, chief school administrator of the Mountainside School District, fields calls while handling paperwork and interacting with students.

Educator still enjoys thrill of learning

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

He has wanted to be a teacher ever since he fell in love with his own third-grade teacher, whose example has followed him through the years.

He is Gerard A. Schaller, chief school administrator of the Mountainside School District, and he still loves kids. "My biggest thrill even today is to watch their faces and see the light come on when a child suddenly understands what you are explaining, so I still frequent all the classrooms."

Now an executive with a ton of paperwork and administrative duties, he makes time for children. He loves to go straight into the classrooms, "to watch the children grow, to keep the feel of what teaching is all about," said Schaller.

The parents of two sons in college, he and his wife, Deborah, make their home in Princeton Junction, which gives him a 55-minute commute each day to his office at Deerfield School in Mountainside. He leaves for work about 6:15 a.m. and many times gets home 12 to 16 hours later, unless there

are meetings, and that makes the day even longer. "I don't mind a bit, I use the commute to play tapes and dictate, or to just unwind while driving."

Schaller came to Mountainside in November 1997, and loves both the community and his staff, but especially the children. His wife also is a teacher, in the Ewing school system, closer to their home, so she is not just understanding, she is very supportive about his intense interest. He never misses a school activity, and even on Dr. Seuss Day he could be seen setting up his tripod and taking his own pictures in the cafeterias of the children dressed in costumes for that special day.

Once Beechwood School opens, Schaller will have his office there instead of at Deerfield, and Deerfield will have its own full-time principal. This doesn't change anything for him; he will still be chief school administrator, and be back and forth in both schools, but at least he will have help.

The search is still on for this principal and it must be someone who is not only qualified for the job, but some-

one with whom he will have a close rapport, and who shares his dedication.

Although he holds a doctorate in education, he still emphasizes that before he was an administrator, he was an elementary school teacher. His first job was at a small country school in Connersville, Ind., where he was a classroom teacher for two years and was, at the same time, studying for his master's degree at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind. However, after that, he went home to Mercer County, where he taught in the Ewing Township school system.

"Then I became a Mercer County 'helping teacher,' kind of a floating teacher who goes in to help in all of the Mercer County schools," said Schaller. He found that job very exciting and challenging and after about two and one-half years, he moved up to administration, as assistant principal at Maurice Hawk School in Princeton Junction. In that job, he also covered the Dutch Neck School in the same district.

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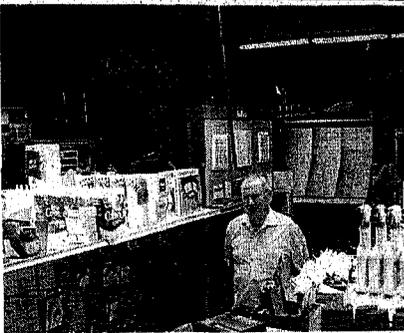


Photo by Bob Hellrich

Louis Kravitz stands in the aisles of his hardware store on Morris Avenue in Springfield. He says small stores can compete with the bigger chain superstores.

Big and small stores can compete together

(Continued from Page 1) and promote them." "Smaller stores serve a need," added Scott Seidel, co-chairman of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce. "You go to a small, local store and chances are you will deal with the same person. I think that's why smaller stores survive, because of the level of service."

Schaller makes time to get into the classroom

(Continued from Page 1) Still going up the ladder of success, he then became principal at Wicoff School in the same district, and on up to acting superintendent. He and his wife married while she was teaching and he was her administrator. "We raised eyebrows at that, but there it is, and it worked out," he said laughing. Schaller is known for his sharp sense of humor and upbeat attitude, but most of all, he is sensitive to even the smallest problems which often arise. The teachers are encouraged to come to him and discuss anything and everything.

"The school board has been great to me; they will jump in and help if they can, and support me in almost everything," said Schaller. Just before the new budget had been approved, Schaller had made daily trips to Trenton, trying to get the State Board of Education to give final approval for

get an edge by providing such personal service. What sometimes happens in bigger stores, he said, is that if people have difficulty finding a product, then the store is not going to be able to sell it. Seidel emphasized that location and population of the area were two deciding factors contributing to either the success or failure of the big stores.

the expansion plans; the red tape was formidable, but he persisted, did all they asked him to do, with the full support of the people on the Board of Education, and the secretary, Florence Shukish, who accompanied him to Trenton on many of the trips. When all was approved, they all rejoiced together like a family. One of the reasons he believes he must still go into the classrooms, especially to the kindergartens, is best explained by him. "The kids have to see you as more than the principal...they have to see that I am as human as the next person, and that I care about what they are involved with and want to share with them the excitement of learning."

What about the future? "I am really looking forward with great hope to the finished renovation of Deerfield and the opening of the Beechwood School."

Rules set for pick up 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 the following requirements in order to facilitate that service:

- Only grass and green plant material can be collected. Branches and woody material should be set out for collection by the township's garbage contractor on bulky waste pickup day.
- Material set out in plastic bags will not be collected. Grass must be set out in biodegradable paper bags or loose in a clearly-marked receptacle. Special bags may be purchased at local hardware stores. Bags and containers should not exceed 40 pounds each.

Materials such as dirt, rocks, stones and sod are unacceptable for pickup.

• All material must be placed properly in containers; raking into the street is prohibited. Each street is canvassed weekly, Monday through Thursday, and the schedule is contingent on weather and volume. For information on grass and yard debris pickup, residents can call the Department of Public Works at 973-912-2224.

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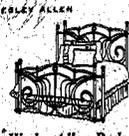
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The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings. To give your community event the publicity it deserves, mail your schedule to Echo Leader, Attn: managing editor, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

Today
• The Mountainside Public Library, Constitution Plaza, offers/storytime and crafts for children from kindergarten to grade four at 2 p.m.

Saturday
• The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of American Red Cross Chapter House, 321 Elm St., Westfield, offers CPR for the Professional Rescuer, a recertification class, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., intended for people who hold current certification but need to renew. Advanced registration is required. For information, call 908-232-7090.

A Babysitters Training Course also is offered at the same location from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
• Trailwork is a nature program from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed to assist with trail maintenance projects in the Watchung Reservation. Participants can meet at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, and are encouraged to bring lunch, a mug for a beverage, shovel, pickaxe, and gloves.
Call 908-789-3670 to pre-register.

Monday
• The International Film Festival continues at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., with "Not One Less," at noon and 7 p.m. The film is about a 13-year-old Chinese girl recruited to teach at her local school for a month during the teacher's absence. Admission is free.

For information, call 973-376-4930.
• Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, offers "Branching Out," a five-day camp for students entering grades three and four, through Aug. 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Children will learn the importance of trees, how to identify them, make tea from them, and create their own leaf print T-shirt.
For information, call 908-789-3670.

• The Springfield Board of Education meets in the Conference Room at Jonathan Dayton High School, 138 Mountain Ave., at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday
• "Summer Matinee 2001: A Reading Odyssey" continues with two voyages through the universe for grades five and up at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. "From Here to Infinity" is narrated by Patrick Stewart and uses advanced computer graphics to tell its galactic adventure, while "Voyager Odyssey" is an interplanetary music video experience.
For information, call 973-376-4930.

Wednesday
• "The Science of Suds," presented by bubble experts from the Garden State Discovery Museum, at 1:30 p.m. at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, shows spectators the mysterious composition of bubbles. The show is for children ages 4 and up.
For information, call 908-789-3670.

Upcoming Aug. 9
• The Mountainside Public Library, Constitution Plaza, will host its summer reading club finale party at 11 a.m.

• The Mountainside Planning Board will meet at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 West.

Aug. 12
• The Sisterhood of Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 So. Springfield Ave., Springfield, will conduct its annual rummage sale in the temple's social hall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The public is invited to attend.
For information, call the temple office at 973-379-5387.

Aug. 13
• The Sisterhood of Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 So.

Springfield Ave., Springfield, will conduct its annual rummage sale in the temple's social hall from 10 a.m. to noon, with a special "Brown Bag Day." A brown grocery bag can be filled up with assorted items for \$3. The public is invited to attend.

For more information, call the temple office at 973-379-5387.

• "Hokey for Herpules," a five-day camp for students entering fifth and sixth grades, has spaces available through Aug. 17, from 9 a.m. to noon at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside.

• "Backwoods Lore" is another camp for students entering fifth and sixth grades and has openings through Aug. 17 from 1 to 4 p.m. Students venture into the forest each day to learn about wildness. Survival. Participants will learn how to gather and prepare wild edibles, build an emergency shelter and fire, and track local mammals.

For information on both camps, call 908-789-3670.

• The International Film Festival at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will continue with a showing of the Japanese film "Kikujiro" at noon and 7 p.m. Admission is free.
For information, call 973-376-4930.

Aug. 14
• The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its summer lunchtime video series at noon with "Dwight D. Eisenhower" and "Harry S. Truman." Both videos are 55 minutes long and coffee and cookies will be provided.

For information, call 973-376-4930.

Aug. 20
• "Act Out!" is a special interactive dramatics presentation where kids can learn about the first steps on the moon at 10:30 a.m. at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave.

For information, call 973-376-4930.

Aug. 21
• "Drive-in movie night" will take place in the parking lot behind Jonathan Dayton High School, 138 Mountain Ave., at 5 p.m. The theme is "Nickelodeon Night" and will include an interactive village of rides, food, and games, plus a showing of the family-oriented film "Rugrats in Paris," with tickets at \$10 to \$12 per car and sold in advance. Tickets will be available at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center and the Springfield Community Pool. The rain date is Aug. 21.

For information, call 973-912-2227.

Aug. 21
• The Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library will sponsor a "No Frills Book Sale" at the library, 66 Mountain Ave., through Aug. 24. The sale will be of discarded library books in good condition, unsorted, with no children's books accepted. The hours of the sale are Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. and Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8:45 p.m.

For information, call 973-376-4930.

• "Summer Matinee 2001: A Reading Odyssey" will continue from 1 to 2:30 p.m. with two special programs: "Outer Space-Way Out There!," invites Bill Nye, the Science Guy, to share his stellar knowledge on space. "Wallace and Gromit, A Grand Day Out" is a presentation of Academy-Award nominated claymation by the creators of "Chicken Run."
For information, call 973-376-4930.

Aug. 23
• The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer a First Aid Basics class from 6 to 10 p.m. The course teaches participants how to check the condition of conscious and unconscious victims, as well as how to handle choking and breathing emergencies. All training takes place at the Red Cross Chapter House, 321 Elm St., Westfield.
For information, call 908-232-7090.

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Construction under way at condominium complex

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

Construction is under way at the Briant Park Commons 138-unit apartment complex and is expected to be completed by early next summer.

Most of the 5.3-acre property lies in Springfield, with Park Drive, the only access road, lying in Summit. Housed on the former home of the Carter-Bell Manufacturing Co., the site is surrounded by unused railroad tracks belonging to the Railway Valley Railroad, a Park-n-Ride, a stream, the Troy Village apartment complex, and county-owned Briant Park.

According to the site plan, which was dated 1994 and revised in 1997, if the site was developed at 16 units per acre, it would yield 85 units. The complex would then be a multi-family residential zone with uses that face on Troy Drive. The deed for the property reveals that there are two access points, even

though the developers are only using one for the complex.

Also, the plan states there is an additional 1.76 acres owned by the state Department of Transportation and 0.6 acres owned by Springfield. These lands may be made available to the developer and could bring an additional 38 units, with eight additional low- and moderate-income dwellings.

Previously, Short Hills-based K&K Developers and the Summit Planning Board had been at odds over whether to add a second access point to the property, with the city lobbying for an alternative access point based on safety and emergency concerns.

A series of hearings which began in November 1999 between the Summit Planning Board and K&K Developers concerning the site resulted in a decision by the board in March to grant the application with a condition requiring the developers to find a second access point. The approval took the form of a waiver

and was approved by Summit through the Residential Site Improvement Standards Advisory Board in Trenton.

Opposing the city's application, the developers sent a memo to the advisory board stating their disagreement.

Shortly after, both the developers and the board met for a hearing in Trenton before the Department of Community Affairs' three-member technical committee on July 20 of last year.

K&K Developers protested the fact that the Planning Board was requesting a second access point, stating that the property has had the same single access point for 70 years. K&K's lawyer, Bruce Pitman, further told the board during the hearings that Park Drive has met all requirements from the Residential Site Improvement Standards, the municipal land use law, and the city's ordinances.

The final site plan was approved by the Springfield Planning Board in November 1998 and the Summit Planning Board in January of this year.

RECREATION

Trailwork volunteers

On Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., trailwork volunteers are needed to assist with trail maintenance projects in the Watchung Reservation.

Meet at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside. Bring lunch, a mug for beverage, shovel, pickaxe and gloves, if you have them. For Ages 14 yrs and up.

To preregister, call 908-789-3670.

'The Science of Suds'

Ever wonder how thick the wall of a bubble is, or why there is a rainbow of colors in every bubble? Learn the answers and much more on Wednesday as you enjoy "The Science of Suds" presented by bubble experts from the Garden State Discovery Museum at 1:30 p.m. at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside.

Your child can become part of a giant water molecule to see how a bubble holds together. You also will learn the secret formula for making giant bubbles at home. And see if you can meet the challenge of "Bubble Trouble Bowl."

"The Wednesday matinees at Trailside are great summer outings for kids," said Freeholder Mary Ruotolo. "And the children learn about science and nature while they're having fun at the shows."

The show is for children ages 4 and up only. No younger siblings will be admitted.

Tickets are \$4 per person and may be purchased the day of the program.

Drive-in movie night

The Springfield Recreation Department will present Nickelodeon Drive-In Movie Family Night Aug. 20, with an interactive village of rides, food, and games plus a drive-in movie featuring "Rugrats in Paris" at Dayton High School.

Events begin at 5 p.m. and the movie begins at dusk. Admission is \$12 per carload and checks can be made payable to Event's Direct. Tickets will be available at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center and the Springfield Community Pool.

Due to a limited parking area, only 140 tickets will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. Rain date will be Aug. 21.

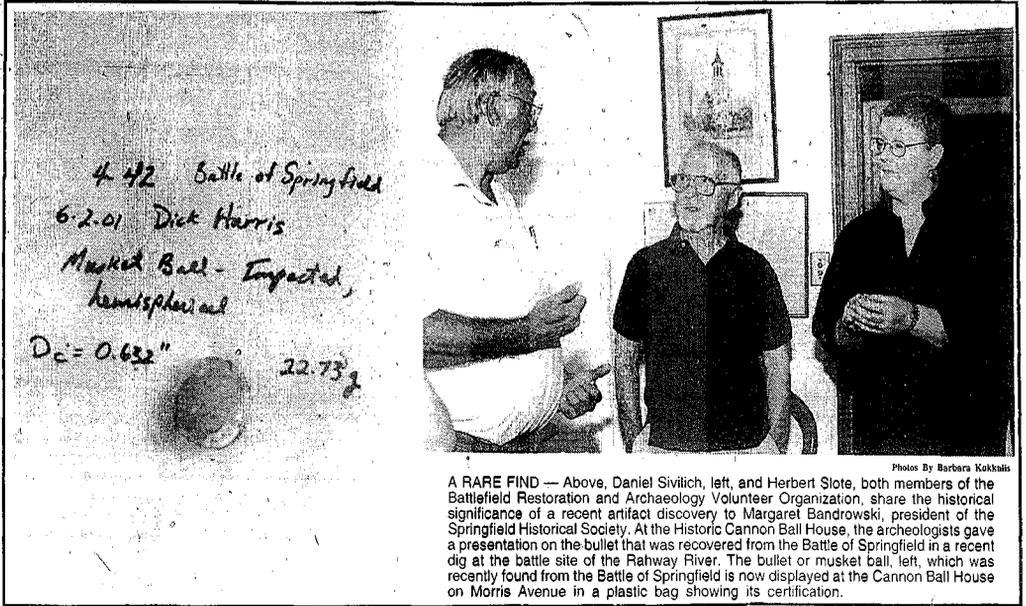
For information call 973-912-2227.

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.



Photos By Barbara Kuhlman

A RARE FIND — Above, Daniel Sivitch, left, and Herbert Slots, both members of the Battlefield Restoration and Archaeology Volunteer Organization, share the historical significance of a recent artifact discovery to Margaret Bandrowski, president of the Springfield Historical Society. At the Historic Cannon Ball House, the archeologists gave a presentation on the bullet that was recovered from the Battle of Springfield in a recent dig at the battle site of the Railway River. The bullet or musket ball, left, which was recently found from the Battle of Springfield is now displayed at the Cannon Ball House on Morris Avenue in a plastic bag showing its certification.

STUDENT UPDATE

Four on headmaster's list at Delbarton

Several local residents were named to the headmaster's list for the 2001 spring term at Delbarton.

Earning highest honors was 12th-grader Jason Sayanar of Springfield and 10th-grader Michael Margiolo of Mountainside.

Achieving high honors was eighth-grader Ryan Walsh of Springfield and 11th-grader Jonathan Doorley of Mountainside.

Newark Academy honors

Newark Academy, located in Livingston, has announced that 40

students earned high honors and 219 students earned honors for their academic achievements during the spring term, including several local residents.

Achieving high honors was Jacquelyn S. Dorsky, grade nine, of Springfield.

Earning honors were Jacob A. Feldman, grade 10, of Springfield; Christina N. Palermo, grade 12, of Springfield, and Kevin Zhu, grade 12, of Springfield.

Residents earn degree at Montclair State

Six local residents were among the approximately 2,400 students to

receive bachelor's and master's degrees at the Montclair State University's commencement exercises in May at the Continental Airline Arena. Bachelor's and master's degrees were awarded in more than 40 different areas of study.

Springfield resident Marianne Bibbo earned a bachelor of science

degree in business administration with a concentration in accounting. Pamela Anne LaVacca of Springfield was awarded a bachelor of arts in history. Springfield resident Vincent A. Parisi received a master of arts in administration and supervision with a concentration in educational trainer and James Robert Whitney of Spring-

field was awarded a master of arts in teaching.

Mountainside resident Stephen Edward Fowler received a master of science degree in mathematics with a concentration in computer science and Christine Mary Klaskin of Mountainside earned a bachelor of arts in psychology.

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EDITORIALS

A place for everyone

Imagine not having the ability to do the basic things that we take for granted every day, such as walking, seeing or hearing. Now imagine being younger than 40 and forced to live in a nursing home for the elderly or in an assisted living facility.

That's the usual pattern that most disabled people living in the state have had to face. Not only do they have to learn how to live with their condition, they often have to live dependently upon others.

Until now. For a segment of the population that is often overlooked when it comes to housing, the opening of Freeman Apartments by NJ Connect, a non-profit agency, is something to be celebrated.

What makes this 14-unit facility in Springfield different from an assisted living or senior housing complex is that it is not that type of development. It is designed specifically for younger people who are wheelchair-bound or similarly impaired.

Most of all, it is a place that allows them to live independently, with a range of items that makes for easy handicapped access.

Kitchen counters are low, bathroom mirrors can tilt downward, hallways and doors are wider, and Braille lettering under numbers and signs acknowledges the needs of the sight impaired.

The developers of Freeman Apartments should be commended for having taken every opportunity to make the complex look more modern and residential and less institutional and sterile. Each room opens onto either a spacious patio or balcony, and warm, colorful artwork dots the walls of the hallway. There's also a community gathering room for residents who want to have a party or enjoy some social time.

By acknowledging disabled people living in Springfield and the surrounding areas, NJ Connect has made an impact on increasing community awareness of the disabled. A site such as this is the physical embodiment of their dedication toward helping those less fortunate.

All of their efforts will only contribute to the sense that the tenants who will soon be filling these rooms will be given the chance to live life on their own terms, depending not upon others, but themselves.

Take back our neighborhoods

It has become an annual occurrence, almost like a holiday. But instead of celebrating a religious or patriotic event, National Night Out celebrates what all Americans desire: safe streets.

Municipalities celebrate National Night Out, usually the first Tuesday in August, in different ways: Block associations have planned neighborhood parties and await the arrival of police to share information or to mingle with the crowd, some departments form caravans and drive through town as a reminder police are present and have the same goals as residents. Other towns rely on the national celebration to commemorate NNO, and that is to turn on your front porch light and sit in front of your house during the evening hours.

Simply put, the purpose of National Night Out is for residents to get to know their neighbors. Not to be nosy and infringe on privacy, but to meet the people residing in the neighborhood so if any suspicious people enter the street or any activity occurs, residents will be more aware if something is out of the ordinary and call police.

It is really a shame an annual event such as NNO has to be staged to remind residents it is up to them to "patrol" their neighborhoods and report anything suspicious. There was a time when this was second nature to residents. Everyone knew everyone living on the block, parents watched children, even if they were not theirs. Sadly, fewer and fewer people are taking an interest in their neighborhoods — there are a lot of outside pressures and other activities vying for people's time these days — and adults who do take an interest in keeping tabs on the neighborhood kids usually are branded as being intrusive or are viewed suspiciously.

Every year, a call to "take back our neighborhoods" from crime is made.

Let's make this year the time when that commitment is made.

"Part of fighting censorship is urging everyone to think for themselves, even before they're 18."

—Bennett Haselton, First Amendment activist 1999

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POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Should the Parkway tolls be eliminated?

End the aggravation

Think about it. For every vehicle that goes through a toll on the Garden State Parkway, there's a 35-cent fee, with the exception of exit and entrance ramps, which is a 25-cent fee. Now that's just one car. Imagine how many cars go through one toll in a day, a week, a year.

No matter how you slice it, it all adds up to a hefty sum of money. For what? I've been riding the parkway every day for nearly five months and half the time, I still can't tell which lane I'm supposed to be in as I approach the booths. From the look of it, many other drivers can't either.

Some cars stop dead in their tracks, confused about which way to go. Others cut across five lanes, zipping past oncoming traffic in a never-ending quest to find the correct lane due to the wildly confusing curves of the toll lanes.

As you can see, the potential for accidents is quite immense.

How many times do we have to be distracted and dig in our pockets for the correct amount of change? Try doing this at night. It's not fun.

But is all the aggravation worth paying a 35-cent toll? Do we have to endure near-fatal crashes to help pay for the cost of construction, maintenance and operations of the parkway, something that should have been done decades ago?

If the parkway was built in 1952, why does it still need us to help pay for the cost of construction? For anyone who has driven on it lately, it's not hard to see that construction on the Garden State Parkway is an ongoing process that never ends.

Think again about the millions of cars that use the parkway in one day. Keep in mind that the number is growing each day. How can 35 cents per vehicle, per toll, justify the need for us to pay for the parkway?

Sure, there may be some people who don't use it on a regular basis, but what about the many millions who do?

Then, there's the EZ-Pass, that little square device you can stick on the inside of your windshield, which in reality, only adds to the parkway nightmare. Sure, drivers can zip through the lanes without actually stopping to pay a toll, but now, with the 5-mile-per-hour speed limit in that lane, drivers have to practically come to a stop anyway.

For

By Brian Pederson
Managing Editor

So what exactly is the point of having an EZ-Pass account if you can't pass through the lane easily?

Let's face it, EZ-Pass is a joke. When I saw how much less crowded the EZ-Pass lanes were, I rushed to open an account. What they do is set a replenishment amount based on how often you use the parkway and how many tolls you go through in one month. If you pay by, say, a credit card, they automatically deduct it from your account each month.

As an example, they set my limit to \$35, since I use the parkway five days a week. The problem with their plan was that they were taking an extra \$5 out of my pocket every month.

I found that if I went back to using coins at the tolls, I would be paying approximately \$28 to \$30 per month, versus having to pay \$5 more just to have the luxury of going through the EZ-Pass lane.

In addition to that, I noticed how many times I used it, and it failed to read that I had paid the toll.

Finally, after cancelling the account and going back to regular coin tolls, I've noticed how empty the EZ-pass lanes are and how much money I've saved.

But all of this aggravation could be eliminated if we just got rid of the tolls. Think about it, it's that simple. No tolls means no need for an EZ-Pass. It means not paying toll workers to sit in a hot, stuffy booth to collect money. It means a lot less disgruntled drivers having to stop and pay a toll. It means a lot less traffic, accidents and pollution.

Acting Gov. Donald T. DiFrancesco has made plans for a "no toll day" on Labor Day, and has said previously that getting rid of the tolls would be a process that could take eight to nine years. Why the long wait? Why not just do it?

Republican gubernatorial candidate Bret Schundler has aggressively made it part of his campaign for governor to get rid of tolls completely.

I, and I'm sure, lots of others can only hope that day comes soon.

Someone's got to pay

State officials are examining the possibility of giving drivers on the Garden State Parkway a free ride on Labor Day. It seems like an experiment to see how a toll-free Parkway would work and perhaps eliminating the tolls for good.

A toll-free Labor Day is a scheme dreamed by the same politicians who pandered to the anti-HOV lane crusaders a few years ago and gave us the NJ Saver tax rebates — our money they're mailing back to us just weeks before November's election because they're just so swell.

According to a daily newspaper report, the New Jersey Highway Authority estimates it would cost more than \$800,000 to provide free tolls on Labor Day. Nearly \$500,000 of that is lost revenue and another several hundred thousand for expenses, such as overtime for State Police and toll collectors, as well as the installation of signs, among other things.

This is the problem sometimes with the way government thinks. If there are no tolls, why pay collectors overtime to stand in front of the toll booths with light sticks, waving cars through? Signs aren't enough?

Then there are a few thousand dollars to have tow trucks standing by in case of an increase in car accidents. I know it may seem like motorists are really confused these days, but I fail to see how not having to pay tolls one day will confuse us to such an extent that we'll be running the booths.

I don't have a problem paying a toll to maintain a road I use. It's the toll plazas that bother me. Who came up with the brilliant idea of stopping every 15 minutes to toss a coin in a basket? On other roads, such as the New Jersey Turnpike and New York State Thruway, you get a ticket when you enter and pay a toll when you exit.

I give Bret Schundler, the Republican candidate for governor, credit. He put his campaign on the map by being among the first to jump on the anti-tolls bandwagon and likewise the anti-toll movement gained speed on a major-party candidate was aboard.

But the problem isn't so much the tolls, it's the congestion they create. The Parkway should do the same as other highways, or at the very least

Against

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

knock down a few booths and raise the toll.

Think of the traffic congestion on the Parkway from Union to Bergen that could be alleviated. That stretch is terrible during any time of day and a nightmare at rush hour. It makes no sense.

Although I don't use the Parkway much, I did just get EZ-Pass. I get a discount when using Parkway tokens, but I just got tired of sitting in line watching EZ-Pass users go right past. It's bad enough negotiating the lanes at each booth, never mind digging for change or looking for tokens.

I know the tolls were supposed to come down after construction of the Parkway, which opened a half-century ago, was paid. And that's government for you; they get used to having that money, and they can't let go. But if tolls are eliminated, revenues will have to be made up somewhere, like from my pocket. Many of the motorists on the Parkway, particularly this time of year, are not from New Jersey.

Rarely do I use the Parkway, so why should I have to pay for its maintenance and upkeep? I'm sure my taxes already fund the maintenance on the Parkway and other roads I use to some extent, but they also fund work on the roads I use all the time. Someone has to pay. Why not make it the millions of motorists who come from out of state? Tourists flock to the Shore and Atlantic City every summer.

Once tolls are gone, New Jersey taxpayers will be paying the entire bill for maintaining the road while millions of dollars in revenue from out-of-state drivers vanishes. Even people in places such as Sussex and Warren counties, who probably use the Parkway rarely, if at all, will be paying for it.

If the tolls are gone, costs must be reduced as well, and the first to go must be the patronage jobs at the Highway Authority. That's probably one of the reasons the road is still being "paid off." That's the worst example of government bureaucracy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hold utility companies responsible

To the Editor:

Now that we've had some Mountside's local streets resurfaced, let's hold the utility companies responsible to restore the roads they tear up. Cash bonds ought to be posted by anyone that needs to dig up our streets, to guarantee full restoration.

Joseph C. Chieppa
Mountside

The museum should be preserved

To the Editor:

With much interest, I read your comments in your editorial about the possible

E-MAIL

Enthusiasm needed on other things

To the Editor:

Let's hope the forum on recreation in Mountside does not turn into a grab bag on the budget for narrow interests. Most of recreation can best be left to individuals and families to handle; not the majority of taxpayers to provide for a minority of taxpayers. That is not financially responsible.

The Recreation Department has done a fine job using minimal financial resources but I'll bet there have been a number of events, over the years, that did not cover their costs. But even before the forum is held, it may already be too late.

Already over \$100,000 will be spent on lighting and other improvements to the ballfield with a commitment to spend more for girls softball — activities done part of the year by a part of the township. Some towns fund this through private donations/fund-raisers and local company sponsorship.

I wish the same enthusiasm and commitment could be found for other activities like leaf removal, a "cleanup day" and other services.

Frank Marchese
Mountside

closing of the Donald B. Palmer Museum and Gallery of the Springfield Free Public Library. Apparently, there are some people on the Library Board of Trustees who are considering this move on the basis that the library needs more space.

The Donald B. Palmer Museum with its gallery is a very popular setting with its programs featuring art of various media, music, literature, drama, etc. Its programs are well-attended, and its schedule for bookings for artistic displays are well over a year in advance.

It has a part-time curator, and its exhibits are very interesting. Among its features are a well-preserved Franklin Stove, a single-wheel bicycle, and many other artifacts which were the cherished possessions of Donald B. Palmer himself. Sometimes on display, you will see the George Washington Cup, the large pin cushion covered with part of the embroidered satin dress of Martha Washington, and many more treasures of that era. Remember that George Washington and his Continental Army did march and fight in Springfield.

If the library board feels that more space should be needed for storage, book-stacks, and computers, here are a few suggestions:

1. They could use the front lobby meeting room. The movies that they show in there, and other events could be easily transferred to the large middle space in the Donald B. Palmer Museum. This is now done anyway.

2. If more storage and office space should be needed, the library board should remember that the taxpayers are spending a lot of money on the new firehouse, which will leave extra room in Town Hall which is a few steps away from the library.

3. The nearby Jonathan Dayton High School has extra rooms. Remember that it used to have about 2,000 students under the regional system, and now only has about 450 students.

4. With the advent of the Internet, an evolution is rapidly taking place. Will we need public libraries in future years? Right now, one can do all kinds of research work including entering the Library of Congress, reading books, scanning built-in encyclopedias, and obtaining scans of information right on one's home computer. This cyberspace revolution is akin to the Industrial Revolution of the mid-1800s. Many offices are now providing employees with computer equipment in their homes so that commuting to work will be a memory of the past. Will libraries shrink too?

Hazel Hadgrove, past president
Springfield Historical Society

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Mark Ferrara

"Yes, it is terrible. It's contrary to your whole lifestyle. Being a tourist is vastly overrated. I have been in Italy, Canada and New England. It is almost a necessity, you have to do it, but this summer I am not traveling."



Dorothy McLaughlin

"I guess I have been a tourist; our whole family has. Emily, 4, Christy, 2, and Jonathan the baby, because we visited London, England. We were treated well when we traveled, and while there, stayed with my parents."



May Daniels

"All my life I have been a tourist. It is my passion, as I love traveling."



Madeline O'Connor

"No. Actually we always spent our summers right here in this area."

Commission tours quarry

The Springfield Environmental Commission and staff from the Union County Parks and Recreation Department toured the Houdaille Quarry in June. The commission wished to interest the county in creating recreational areas in the quarry such as walking paths and picnic areas.

Touring the site from the county were Betty Ann Kelly, environmental specialist; Catherine Alexander, geographic information specialist, and Sean Ryan, assistant park planner. Members of the Environmental Commission were Eleanor Gural, chairwoman, Julia Powers, Bernard Kotler and Helen Heumann.

At 170 acres, the Houdaille Quarry is the largest piece of open land in Springfield. It is surrounded by Sluip-Tike Road, Mountainview Road, Tree Top Drive and Hidden Valley Park. Because the property contained large quantities of basalt, which was used for paving, it was mined from early in the 1900s well into the 1970s.

In 1982, it was purchased by the state Department of Transportation



Members of the Springfield Environmental Commission and Union County staff recently visited the Houdaille Quarry, including, from left, Helen Heumann, commission secretary; Betty Ann Kelly, county environmental specialist; Bernard Kotler, commission member, and Sean Ryan, assistant park planner.

and used for fill and storage during the construction of Route 78. After completion of the highway, part of the property was given to the Union County in exchange for loss of areas in Watchung Reservation. The rest of the quarry has been leased to the county for 99 years.

At present, the quarry is used for

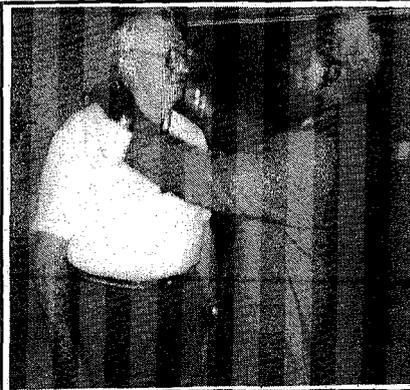
multiple purposes, including a pistol range, model airplane flying area and a county composting facility which was recently privatized.

The Springfield Environmental Commission is interested in opening the quarry for public use.

"There are many animals and birds

in the open areas," Gural said. "The views are beautiful and there is a picturesque lake where the basalt was mined. We hope the county will permit the public to enjoy these amenities on a permit basis."

The commission is planning to host a tour of the quarry for the public in October.



AN HONORABLE MENTION — Raymond Schramm of the American Legion Continental Post 228 in Springfield was one of several members who proudly received a commemorative medal and citation from Freeholder Vice Chairman Lewis Mingolo. Schramm got the award for his participation in the June 6, 1944 Normandy D Day invasion of France. The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the French government, along with the Federation des Anciens Combattants Francais honored the local veterans at a ceremony this summer.

Health Department awards excellent ratings

The Westfield Regional Health Department announced that an excellent posting was issued to Jolly's Pizzeria, 271 Morris Ave., Springfield, and Manno's Seafood, 905 Mountain Ave., Springfield.

The rating of excellent was established by the Board of Health to recognize local retail food establishments that have maintained an exemplary record in compliance with the New Jersey State Sanitary Code, and local Ordinances and regulations governing the operation of retail food establishments.

A retail food establishment that has received continuous satisfactory postings — formerly the highest rating — for two consecutive years becomes eligible for consideration of the issuance of an excellent posting, at the discretion of the health inspector conducting the current inspection.

AT THE LIBRARY

Ike, Truman videos

The 33rd and 34th presidents of the United States, Ike and Truman left lasting impacts on the country through military reform and international policy. Springfield Public Library's summer lunchtime video program continues to sizzle at noon on Aug. 14 with "Dwight D. Eisenhower" and "Harry S. Truman."

Both Eisenhower and Truman entered politics after serving in the military, experience that gave both crucial insight into wartime strategies. During World War II, Ike became Chief of the War Plans Division, "the brains of the army."

Truman became president after FDR's unexpected death and oversaw the end of World War II. Following the war, President Truman devised NATO and the Marshall Plan, aimed at containing Soviet expansion. He then appointed Ike to build up NATO forces in Europe. During his presidency, Ike honored one of his campaign pledges by overseeing the Korean War truce, but his policies also continued the hardening of relations between the United States and the Soviet Union.

The series will continue on Aug. 28 with "Ella Fitzgerald."

Bring a brown bag lunch to the performance. Both videos are 55 minutes long. Coffee and cookies will be provided.

For information, call 973-376-4930.

Book sale Aug. 21-24

Sponsored by the Friends of the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., the library will sponsor a "No Frills Book Sale" from Aug. 21-24. The sale will be of discarded library books in good condition, unsorted — no children's books.

No donations needed. The hours of the book sale are as follows: Tuesday and Friday 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. and Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8:45 p.m.

For information, call 973-376-4930.

Reading club finale

The Mountaineer Library, Constitution Plaza, offers children's programs throughout the summer as part of "2001: A Reading Odyssey," the summer reading club. Today at 2 p.m., there will be storytime and crafts for children kindergarten to grade four.

The library will host its summer reading club finale party on Aug. 9 at 11 a.m.

'Not One Less' Monday

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its summer International Film Festival with "Not One Less" on Monday at noon and 7 p.m.

In a remote mountain village in China, a 13-year-old girl is recruited to teach at her local school for a month during the teacher's absence. She is promised extra money if all 26 pupils are still there on the teacher's return, and is determined to keep her class intact. When one of the students leaves for the city to beg, Wei goes looking for him.

Performed by non-professional and semi-professionals, the film is a window on real life and the authentic story of the quietly unheroic heroism

of someone young, frightened and poor.

Directed by Yimou Zhang, the 106-minute film is a Mandarin Chinese with English subtitles.

Funding for the film festival has been made possible in part by the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library.

Admission is free for all films. Space is limited to 60 people at each showing.

For information, call 973-376-4930.

Children's programs

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will have two special programs in August for kids in conjunction with the summer reading program. On Aug. 17 at 10:30 a.m., kids can learn about the first steps on the moon through a fun, interactive dramatics presentation with Act Out! Also, join puppeteer Steve Abrams on Aug. 27 at 7 p.m.

Jacqueline Petras and Erin Ferrara of Act Out! will get kids ages 5 to 8 involved in "A Walk on the Moon." Children will design a name tag for their "astronaut uniform," find out about the first steps on the moon, and hear the story "The Bear on the Moon" by Joanne Ryder. Kids will use theater skills such as pantomiming and stage directions and learn new theater terms.

In "Puppets from the Inside Out," a brave mouse, a lazy fox, and a very determined turtle are featured players in a puppet version of Aesop's fables.

The classic animal stories are presented with a light modern touch that is delightful to audiences of all ages. The puppet show, made possible in part by the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library, will be a part of the celebration of the Summer Reading Club 2001. A Reading Odyssey. Two summer matinees will be shown as well. The movies "From Here to Infinity" and "Voyager Odyssey" will be shown on Tuesday at 1 p.m., and are appropriate for grades five and up.

International film festival

The Springfield Free Public Library summer International Film Festival continues with "Kikujiro" on Aug. 13 at noon and 7 p.m.

Written and directed by Takeshi Kitano, the 1999 Japanese film is a surprisingly gentle, ultimately uplifting story about faith and hope. Masao, played by Yusuke Sekiguchi, is a lonely 8-year-old boy who decides to spend his summer vacation looking for his estranged mother, whom he has never met. Kikujiro, played by Takeshi, is an insurance man who has never had any serious responsibilities. When his wife gives him 50,000 yen to travel with Masao, the journey begins.

Brash, loudmouthed and opportunistic, Kikujiro hardly seems the ideal companion for little Masao. Their excursion to the cycle races is the first of a series of adventures for the unlikely pair which soon turns out to be a whimsical journey of laughter and tears with a wide array of surprises and oddball characters to meet along the way. As the two slowly grow to accept one another, they both learn powerful lessons about life and friendship.

Funding for the film festival has been made possible by the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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'SonCreek Junction'

"SonCreek Junction" is this summer's theme for a week of special fun music, daily Bible story lessons, recreation and skills, refreshments, live action skits, friend-making, and more at Mountaineer Chapel, 1180 Spruce Drive.

Director of Ministries Nick Campagna announces this family- and community-oriented program will be Aug. 6-10 from 9 a.m. to noon. The theme focuses on the adventure of living in God's family through the Book of Acts.

Summer Bible class is offered to children pre-kindergarten, age 4, through those entering grade five in the fall. A special junior high program for those entering sixth through eighth grades is conducted during the same week from 7 to 9 p.m.

Dorothy E. Malakoff

Dorothy E. Malakoff, 84, of Medford, formerly of Mountaineer, died July 24 in Medford LaS.

junior high program and Ladies' Class upon request. A staff of more than 60 dedicated and responsible Christian adults, professionals, collegians, high school students, and helpers stand ready to welcome your family to take part in our annual Bible School.

Vacation Bible program at Emanuel United

A 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.

Mrs. Malakoff was employed by Lenox Hill Hospital, New York City. She served in the Army Nurses Corps during World War II.

PUBLIC NOTICE

House 22, 21st Floor, Mountaineer, N.J. Bidders will be furnished with a copy of the Plans and Specifications by the Engineer, upon proper notice and payment of a check for the fee...

The action has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing a mortgage dated 05/18/1987, made by Henry Hansen and Mary Hansen to Union Mortgage Services, Inc. and duly assigned to Plaintiff, First National Bank, FSB, and certain real estate located at 126 Greenwood Road, Mountaineer, N.J.

SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC NOTICE

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RELIGION

congregation, celebrate the Sabbath, and learn and see first hand what Sha'arey Shalom has to offer. The congregation has a vibrant and growing religious and Hebrew school program.

Sabbath services on Friday

Summer services at Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, will continue through Aug. 31. During this period, Friday night Sabbath services will start at 8 p.m. and will be led by lay members of the congregation.

Conducting services on Friday will be Karen Levine; Aug. 10, Fred and Marge Saito; Aug. 17, Jonathan, Linda Kraushar and family; and Aug. 24, Barry Tornick.

OBITUARIES

brother, Charles Zelinski, and three grandchildren. Mr. Irene attended the University of Miami in Florida and was a graduate of the Leo Strassburg School of Acting in New York City.

Michael L. Irene

Michael Lawrence Irene, 42, of Morris Township, formerly of Mountaineer, died July 23 at home.

Born in Newark, Mr. Irene lived in Mountaineer before moving to Morris Township a short time ago. He was the executive vice president of sales at Managed Health Data Associates,

and Saturday Sabbath services. For information, call the temple office at 973-379-5387. The congregation has a vibrant and growing religious and Hebrew school program.

Beth Ahm Teen Institute

Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, is taking registration for its new Teen Institute starting Sept. 16. The program is designed for Jewish students in the eighth, ninth and 10th grades to continue their education past their Bar or Bat Mitzvah, and it is not intended to be ordinary, traditional Hebrew High School.

Plains, formerly of Springfield, died July 25 in Rumlens Specialized Hospital in Union County, Berkeley Heights.

Lorraine Clark

Lorraine Clark, 81, of Scotch Plains, formerly of Springfield, died July 25 in Rumlens Specialized Hospital in Union County, Berkeley Heights.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINEER 2001 TAX SALE NOTICE. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Collector of Taxes of the Borough of Mountaineer, Union County, New Jersey will sell at public auction on the 23rd day of AUGUST, 2001 in the Mountaineer Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountaineer, N.J. 07071, the following described lands...

Table with columns: ITEM NO., LOCATION, OWNER, BLOCK, LOT, TOTAL ACBQTY. Lists property sale details for various lots in Mountaineer, NJ.

WILLIAM E. POWERS, JR., CHARTERED REALTOR... 277 S. State Road P.O. Box 1088 Medford, New Jersey 08055

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT Superior Court of New Jersey... STATE OF NEW JERSEY vs. WILLIAM E. POWERS, JR.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear to serve upon WILLIAM E. POWERS, JR., CHARTERED REALTOR, for Plaintiff, whose address is 277 S. State Road, P.O. Box 1088, Medford, New Jersey 08055.

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MOONLIGHT MADNESS
Bill Rea of the Weis Ecology Center in Ringwood, above, shows an owl to the crowd of 283 people who attended Moonlight Madness, a family event on July 20, featuring discoveries of nocturnal wildlife at Reeves-Reed Arboretum on Hobart Avenue. Derek Hitchner, 1 1/2 of Summit shows his mother, Susan, left, some fish in the goldfish pond at the event. For more information about summer programs at the arboretum, call 908-273-8787.

RELIGION

Sinai Shabbat services.
Temple Sinai, 208 Summit Ave., will host Shabbat services on Fridays, Aug. 10 and Aug. 17. The Aug. 10 service begins at 7 p.m.; the others begin at 8 p.m. The summer services are short, casual and friendly and are led by temple members.
The services are open to anyone interested in attending. Temple Sinai welcomes all people interested in learning more about Judaism.
For information about the service

or about membership, call the temple office at 908-273-4921.
'Stones from the River'
On Sunday, Barbara Kopt will present and lead a discussion on the Ursula Hegi book, "Stones from the River." The epic novel is filled with insights about what it was like for Catholics, Jews, and Protestants in love, life and die in a small German village between the two World Wars. Kopt has noted that "Stones from the River" teaches readers what to re-

quish and what to embrace as remarkable characters in the book face the horror brought on by their beloved Fatherland.
The session, which begins at 9 a.m., will be presented as part of a summer book series at St. John's Lutheran Church, 587 Springfield Ave.
Call 908-918-2500 for directions. The general public is invited. There is no admission fee. Guests are invited to remain for the 10 a.m. worship service that follows the presentation and discussion.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

BAPTIST
EVANGEL-BAPTIST CHURCH • CHRIST OUR HOPE AND PEACE • 242 Shawnee 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 Services & Nursery care; Wednesdays: 7:15 PM Prayer, Praise and Bible Study; Junior/Senior High Ministry, Active Youth Ministry; Wide-Range Music Program; Super Services; 3rd Thursday at 11 AM followed by Lunch, Ample Parking. Choir LHM provided with assistance. All are invited and welcomed to participate in worship with us. For further information contact church office: (973) 379-4331.

JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE
TEMPLE BETH AMI 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, 973-376-0539. Mark Mallich, Rabbi, Richard Nadel, Cantor. Dr. Scott D. Zinberg, President. Beth Ami is an egalitarian, Conservative temple, with programming for all ages. Weekday 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. Family and child services are conducted regularly. Our Religious School (K-8th 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 grade, and a boys' Adult Education program. For more information, please contact our office during office hours.

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

LUTHERAN
HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 07081, 201-379-4522, Fax 201-379-8887. Joel R. Yost, Pastor. Our Sunday Worship Service takes place at 10 a.m. at JONATHAN DANTON REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information about our midweek children, teen, and adult programs, contact the Church Office Monday through Thursday, 8:30-4:00 p.m.
REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL, 259 Coopersville Pl., Westfield, Rev. Paul E. Krutich, 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 programs are handicapped accessible.

METHODIST
THE SPRINGFIELD EMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, located at 40 Church Hill in Springfield, NJ invites ALL people of all ages and backgrounds to join us in their spiritual journey. Sunday Worship Service starts at 10:30 A.M. with children available for babies and toddlers. Offering Educational opportunities for children begin during the Worship Service with a special time for children led by the Pastor before they depart for classes. Services of Prayer and

Healing held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM. Please call and ask about our 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 McKay 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 Plaza Boulevard and DeForest Avenue. Church School and Bible Study is held at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Worship is held 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 "for ALL things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose". The children 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 908-273-7100.

PENTECOSTAL-NON-DENOMINATIONAL
REASONS OF GOD FAMILY WORSHIP "RAISING PEOPLE OF POWER FOR THE 21ST CENTURY". 242 Shampfle Road, Springfield (located at Evangel Baptist Church). Office located at 1132 Spruce Drive, Moonanside, Phone: 908-328-6212. Pastors: Paul & Sharon Deas. Worship Service • Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study • Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Announcements: Single, married couples welcome. Men: We welcome everyone who is anxious to come and worship with us.

Blood drive Monday

The Summit Area Chapter American Red Cross is sponsoring a community blood drive to help alleviate the critically low blood inventory. The blood drive will be Monday from 2:30 to 8 p.m. at the Summit Area Red Cross chapter house, 695 Springfield Ave. Everyone who is eligible is urged to donate.
Blood shortages severely compromise health care delivery and can result in cancelled surgeries, emergency room closures, administering type-mismatched transfusions to hospital patients to work.
Donating blood is safe and between the ages of 17 — 17 with parental consent — and 76 you can donate every 56 days. Remember one hour of your time can mean a lifetime for someone in need of blood transfusion. Donors will need to know their social security number and have ID.
For information, call the Summit Area Chapter Red Cross, at 908-273-2076.

Red Cross courses

Injuries occur daily in both homes and workplaces. How prepared are you? The Summit Area Red Cross offers its final summer course to help people be as prepared as possible to deal with everyday emergencies.
Included in the roster for the first time at the Summit Area Chapter is Pet First Aid. This is a four-hour course that will teach pet lovers how to care for their dog or cat in an emergency. Some of the topics covered include how to keep your pet from injury; how to perform rescue breathing and CPR; what to do when your pet is choking; how to stop bleeding; splint broken bones; treat for shock; and how to handle sudden illnesses, including car sickness. Su-

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denis will practice techniques on dog and cat mannequins.
• At The Connection, Summit, Saturday and Aug. 11 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
• The Summit Area Red Cross Chapter provides service to five communities: Berkeley Heights, New Providence, Long Hill Township, Springfield and Summit.

Community health events

As part of Atlantic Health System's ongoing community health education efforts, Overlook Hospital will host community health events in July.
• Pre-registration is required, and unless otherwise noted, those interested must call 1-800-247-9580 to register by requesting program name, date, time and location. Individuals also may visit Atlantic's web site at www.AtlanticHealth.org to register for any of the free health education programs, which are posted in the Community Health section. All programs are conducted at Overlook Hospital, 99 Beaverov Ave., unless otherwise specified.

• Breast cancer support groups, Mondays, with facilitators Lenore Lerner and Mindy Novick; Tuesdays with facilitators Suzanne Koepfer and Vaughn Schwartz.
• For information and specific time, 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 from noon to 1:15 p.m. at The Connection for Women and Families, 19 Maple St., with facilitators: Kay English and Mary Hill. For information, call 908-277-3663. Co-sponsored by Overlook Hospital and Pathways Breast Cancer Organization.

'Living well with arthritis'

"Do you suffer from rheumatoid arthritis or osteoarthritis? Many older Americans live with the chronic pain of osteoarthritis. People of all ages can suffer from rheumatoid arthritis and the limitations caused by it.
SAGE is presenting "Living well with arthritis," a discussion on rheumatoid and osteoarthritis and suggestions for dealing with these two illnesses, on Aug. 9 at 10 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 587 Springfield Ave. The educational presentation will be given by Ellen Weinman, head therapy manager with Morris Area Rehabilitation Association Inc.
Weinman will discuss the two kinds of arthritis and give an overview of joint protection. She will also offer suggestions for dealing with arthritis, including energy conservation techniques, medication, diet and exercise and the mind/body connection.
The seminar is part of SAGE's Women's Issues Series, a bimonthly series that deals with women's challenges at midlife and beyond. The SAGE Women's Issues Series is presented free to the public, however, seating is limited. To make a reservation or to receive information, call Ellen McNally, at SAGE InfoCare, at 908-273-4598.
SAGE is a private, not-for-profit organization that provides solutions for older adults and their caregivers, through services that promote independence and a dignified quality of life for older adults.
SAGE offers 10 programs, including Spend-A-Day Adult Day Health Center, Home Care and Meals-on-Wheels; and serves almost 5000 elders and their families annually in Union, Morris, Somerset and Essex counties.

EDUCATION

Success For Girls

Success For Girls in Middle School, for girls entering grades six and seven, is designed to help girls make a smooth transition into middle school, both academically and socially. "Girls at this age are vulnerable to a decline in their self-esteem and confidence," said Camp Director Karen El Kouary.
Co-sponsored by a new school situation or transition, it often results in a stressful beginning to the middle school years," she added. The Success For Girls in Middle School summer program provides the introduction and skills necessary to get a good start on the year.
In the two-week program, which runs Aug. 6-17 from 9 a.m. to noon each day, students learn study skills with emphasis on time management, organization, note taking, problem solving and test preparation. Building writing skills and a math review, are also a part of this unique program. Girls spend ample time daily in the computer labs working on assignments. Discussion and activities addressing social adjustment and successful interaction with teachers and peers help to dispel anxiety about a new school situation.
The cost of the program is \$300 for the two-week session. For registration information or details about Success

For Girls in Middle School, call 908-273-0900, Ext. 272; e-mail sus@kentplace.summitnj.us, or visit on the web at www.kentplace.org/summer.

Arboretum offers classes

Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165 Hobart Ave., offers classes and outings for adults this summer. This summer Reeves-Reed Arbore-

um is initiating a series of garden outings. Limited-size self-drive or car-pool jaunts will go to nearby gardens, arboreta and parks. The trips are designed to suit the busier person's schedule. Use comfortable shoes and bring your camera or sketch book.
As part of the arboretum's focus this summer on butterflies, butterfly enthusiast Janne McCarron will teach a class called "Monarch Mania" at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

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Dayton Football

Sept. 15 at New Providence, 1 p.m.
 Sept. 22 Manville, 1 p.m.
 Sept. 29 Immaculate, 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 p.m.
 Sept. 13 at North Plainfield, 4 p.m.
 Sept. 19 Manville, 4 p.m.
 Sept. 21 New Providence, 4 p.m.
 Sept. 25 at Oratory, 4 p.m.
 Sept. 29 Bound Brook, 10 a.m.
 Oct. 2 at Brearley, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 4 Roselle Park, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 5 at Cedar Grove, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 9 North Plainfield, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 11 at Manville, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 12 at Bernards, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 15 Summit, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 16 at New Providence, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 18 Oratory, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 23 at Bound Brook, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 26 East Side, 3:30 p.m.

Dayton Girls' Soccer

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

Dayton Girls' Tennis

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

Dayton Cross Country

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

Dayton Girls' Volleyball

Sept. 11 at Mother Seton, 4 p.m.
 Sept. 13 at Johnson, 4 p.m.
 Sept. 14 at Hackensack, 4 p.m.
 Sept. 20 at Roselle Catholic, 4 p.m.
 Sept. 21 Union Catholic, 4 p.m.
 Sept. 24 at Rahway, 4 p.m.
 Sept. 25 New Providence, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 4 Mother Seton, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 9 Johnson, 4 p.m.

Swim season near

The YM-YWHA of Union, located at 501 Green Lane, is proud to announce plans are actively under way for the 2001-2002 swim team season, under the coaching of Gene Tavera. The first official meeting of parents and applicants is set for Sept. 23 at 1 p.m.

Practices are held Monday through Thursday evenings and Sundays from 1-2 p.m. Most meets, with the North Jersey Swim League, are held with other Y's and ICC's on Sunday afternoons.

The official season is October, through March and the fee is \$285 for Y members and \$385 for non-members. There may be, additional costs. The team boasted over 25 members last season, many of whom came in first and second in their events. Parents are active participants and encouraged to come to meetings.

The swimmers, who range in age from 6-18, enjoy many social events and parties. For those interested in a pre-camp, it will begin Aug. 7 and continue through Sept. 6 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. More information may be obtained by calling health and recreation director Terry Markowitz at 908-289-8112.

Outstanding athletes



Jimmy DeCastro and Chrissy McCurdy of Mountside were awarded the Deerfield Middle School 2001 Outstanding Athlete trophies at its annual awards assembly. Top honors went to both athletes as they played and started in three sports — DeCastro in soccer, basketball and baseball and McCurdy in soccer, basketball and track and field. Both also placed first in the 50-yard dash and the long jump. The trophies were presented by Kit Carson of the Deerfield physical education department. DeCastro is now playing baseball for the Central Jersey Cardinals, an AAU League in Berkeley Heights and the Island Junior Baseball League in Lavallete. McCurdy is now playing soccer on the Mid New Jersey U-14 Girls Select Soccer Team. Jimmy is the son of Patrice DeCastro and the late James DeCastro. Chrissy is the daughter of Diane and Jack McCurdy.

Springfield swimmers splash Morris Twp., New Providence

The following is a look at how Springfield swimmers performed in their North Jersey Summer Swim League meet against Morris Township July 12:

- 12-under girls individual-medley: Anni Demberger, first.
- 13-over girls: Catherine Andrasko, first; Katie Palito, second.
- 13-over boys: Louis Puopolo, first; Nick Paolino, third.
- 8-under girls freestyle: Anella Fishkin, second.
- 8-under boys: John Hoehn, first.
- 9-10 girls: Amanda Grywalski, first.
- 11-12 girls: Anni Demberger, first.
- 13-14 girls: Catherine Andrasko, first; Nicole Greten, third.
- 13-14 boys: Steven Stockl, first; Matt Bocian, second.
- 15-over girls: Dina Galante, second; Raquel Domaratsky, third.
- 15-over boys: Mitch Hofflander, first; John Cottage, second.
- 8-under girls backstroke: Mallory DelMauro, first; Alex Rodriguez, third.
- 8-under boys: John Hoehn, first.
- 9-10 girls: Taylor Zilinek, first.
- 11-12 girls: Ann Marie Corcione, first.
- 13-14 girls: Carolyn Maul, first; Katie Palito, second.
- 13-14 boys: Steven Stockl, first; Matt Bocian, second; Nick Paolino, third.
- 15-over girls: Karen Bocian, first; Dina Galante, third.
- 15-over boys: Bryan Demberger, first; Billy Hillman, second; John Cottage, third.
- 8-under girls breaststroke: Gina Corcione, first; Dina Kanerput, third.
- 8-under boys: Kevin Ricciardi, second; Matt Sulkowski, third.
- 9-10 girls: Amanda Grywalski, first.
- 9-10 boys: Nate Sobel, third.
- 11-12 girls: Amanda Rodriguez, first; Ann Marie Corcione, third.
- 13-14 girls: Carolyn Maul, first; Nicole Greten, second.
- 13-14 boys: Louis Puopolo, first; Matt Bocian, second.
- 15-over girls: Karen Bocian, first; Raquel Domaratsky, second.
- 15-over boys: Drew DeCagna, first; John Cottage, second.
- 8-under girls butterfly: Casey Friedman, first; Ariella Fishkin, second.
- 8-under boys: Matt Sulkowski, first; Skyler Apicella, third.
- 9-10 girls: Taylor Zilinek, first; Clare Demberger, second.
- 9-10 boys: Kyvann Gonzalez, second.
- 11-12 girls: Amanda Rodriguez, first.
- 13-14 girls: Katie Palito, first; Rita Huber, third.
- 13-14 boys: Steven Stockl, first; Nick Paolino, second.
- 15-over girls: Dina Galante, third.
- 15-over boys: Bryan Demberger, first; Billy Hillman, second.
- 12-under girls medley relay: Second: A. Grywalski, T. Zilinek, A. Demberger, A. Rodriguez. Third: N. Cozzi, S. Apicella, L. Aloisio, J. Seale.
- 13-over medley relay: First: K. Bocian, C. Maul, B. Demberger, L. Puopolo.
- 8-under co-ed freestyle relay: First: J. Hoehn, M. Sulkowski, A. Fishkin, M. DelMauro. Third: K. Ricciardi, P. Farley, G. Corcione, H. Lynn.

- 12-under girls freestyle relay: Second: A. Czarny, J. Palermo, C. Demberger, A. Corcione. Third: J. Cottage, A. Cacciato, M. DelMauro, L. Adler.
- 13-over co-ed freestyle relay: First: N. Greten, M. Hofflander, C. Andrasko, B. Hillman.
- The following is how Springfield performed against New Providence July 17:
- 12-under girls IM: Anni Demberger, second.
- 13-over girls: Carolyn Maul, second; Katie Palito, third.
- 13-over boys: Nick Paolino, third.
- 8-under girls freestyle: Casey Friedman, third.
- 9-10 girls: Clare Demberger, third.
- 9-10 boys: Nick Garlano, first.
- 11-12 girls: Amanda Rodriguez, first; Julie Palermo, third.
- 13-14 girls: Joanna Galante, first; Catherine Andrasko, second.
- 13-14 boys: Louis Puopolo, first; Matt Bocian, third.
- 15-over girls: Karen Bocian, first; Nicole Greten, third.
- 15-over boys: Bryan Demberger, first.
- 8-under girls backstroke: Mallory DelMauro, second.
- 8-under boys: John Hoehn, first; Kevin Ricciardi, second.
- 9-10 girls: Taylor Zilinek, first; Kim Baldwin, third.
- 9-10 boys: Kyvann Gonzalez, second.
- 11-12 girls: Amanda Rodriguez, third.
- 13-14 girls: Carolyn Maul, second; Catherine Andrasko, third.
- 13-14 boys: Steven Stockl, second; Matt Bocian, third.
- 15-over girls: Karen Bocian, first.
- 15-over boys: John Cottage, third.
- 8-under girls breaststroke: Gina Corcione, second.
- 8-under boys: Kevin Ricciardi, first.
- 9-10 girls: Kim Baldwin, first; Meredith DelMauro, third.
- 9-10 boys: Nick Garlano, second.
- 11-12 girls: Julie Palermo, second.
- 13-14 girls: Carolyn Maul, first; Raquel Domaratsky, third.
- 13-14 boys: Matt Bocian, second; Nick Paolino, third.
- 15-over girls: Nicole Greten, second.
- 15-over boys: John Cottage, second.
- 8-under girls butterfly: Casey Friedman, first; Ariella Fishkin, second.
- 8-under boys: John Hoehn, second; Matt Sulkowski, third.
- 9-10 girls: Taylor Zilinek, first; Clare Demberger, second.
- 11-12 girls: Anni Demberger, first.
- 13-14 girls: Joanna Galante, second; Katie Palito, third.
- 13-14 boys: Louis Puopolo, first; Steven Stockl, third.
- 15-over boys: Bryan Demberger, second.
- 12-under medley relay: First: T. Zilinek, K. Baldwin, A. Demberger, A. Rodriguez.
- 8-under co-ed freestyle relay: Second: J. Hoehn, M. Sulkowski, A. Fishkin, M. DelMauro.
- 13-over co-ed medley relay: First: K. Bocian, L. Puopolo, B. Demberger, J. Galante.
- 13-over co-ed freestyle relay: Second: J. Cottage, N. Greten, C. Andrasko, S. Stockl.

Talented swimmer is a record-setter

Wilson makes splash for Seals

By Jeff Wolfrum, Staff Writer

"He's very talented and versatile," is what Summit YMCA Seals swimming coach Hank Buntin said about swimmer Brian Wilson.

Wilson, 12, established nine different 11-12 age group records in five consecutive weekends of championship meets which ended in April. Wilson presently holds the records for the 50 and 200 freestyle, 100 and 200 individual medley, 50, 100 and 200 butterfly and 100- and 200-yard backstroke events.

"I really feel good about the records," Wilson said. "I attribute a lot of my success to the hard work I do at practice."

Practice runs Monday through Thursday, with two optional practices on the weekend.

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— Summit Seals swimmer Brian Wilson

At the YMCA National Junior-Senior Meet, Wilson became the Junior National Champion in the 100-yard butterfly with an impressive time of 57:18. "Brian is one of the most outstanding swimmers we've had in our program," Buntin said. "He's really made his mark on this team."

Wilson will be a 7th grader in the fall and will attend Oratory. He joined the Seal squad five years ago after trying out with a friend.

"That's when I learned how to swim," Wilson said. "So I asked my mother to sign me up and she did."

That request paid off as Wilson has had much success since.

This past weekend, Wilson competed in Junior Olympics competition held at Rutgers University in Piscataway. He took first place in the 100 backstroke and the 50 butterfly. Wilson had a second-place finish in the 200 IM.

"It was a three-day event and I swam each day," Wilson said. "After each day I got more relaxed and knew what I wanted to do."

That relaxation is prevalent in Wilson's 50 butterfly swims, which he considers his best event. What Wilson thinks is his weakest event is the breaststroke.

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"Brian's big and strong and since he's so young, he can work on his technique," Buntin said.

Buntin, who's been at the helm of the Seals for 37 years, feels that Wilson has the potential to set even more records.

That's because Wilson has broken Summit YMCA age group records set in 1968 by former Seals Mike Jensen and Dan Goble.

"Those records stood for a long time," Buntin said. "For Brian to set new ones is just outstanding."

Off to Buffalo, N.Y. in two weeks to compete in the East Coast Tournament. Wilson feels that he will have success.

"It's going to be a long course, so I think I'll do pretty well," Wilson said.

Wilson's younger brother, Kevin, is also an outstanding swimmer. He competes at the age 10 level.

"Kevin is going to be one of our best swimmers at the 10-year-old age group," Buntin said.

Not turning 13 until November, Wilson will be practicing with the senior Seals this coming September.

"It's great to see the senior kids paying attention to Brian's success," Buntin said. "They realize that he's not far behind from joining their squad."

Wilson, who also likes to play video games and fish, enjoys swimming the most because that's where all his friends are.

"I like to have fun and win at the same time," Wilson said. "Especially when it comes to swimming."

On the move at camp



Springfield resident Tyler Bujnowski dribbles to the hoop, at last month's third annual Bulldog Basketball Camp at Dayton High School. Bujnowski, 6, was one of nearly 140 campers who participated in two weeks of basketball training and instruction. "I went to the Bulldog Camp for two weeks to learn more about basketball and I did," said Jesse DiCocco, a 7-year-old Springfield resident who attended the camp along with his brother Daniel, 11, and sister Amanda, 13. "Working at the camp helps to get kids excited about basketball and gives high school staff members a summer job," said Sarah Steinman, the starting point guard for Dayton's girls' team, who worked at the camp. Information about Bulldog Basketball Camp 2002 may be obtained by calling Dayton girls' basketball coach Dave Rennie at 908-851-0258.

EDUCATION

Anderson attends annual public education meeting

Michelle Anderson, a fourth-grade teacher at Thelma L. Sandmeier School in Springfield, joined nearly 10,00 other voting delegates in Los Angeles at the 139th annual meeting of the National Education Association July 2-7 to debate and decide issues vital to public education in the United States.

The NEA is the nation's largest single employee organization, and its annual representative assembly is the world's largest democratic deliberative body. The representative assembly took place July 4-7. Events held prior to that included an exhibition of education-related products and a number of special conferences and meetings.

NEA members residing in Union County elected Anderson. She came together with colleagues from across the country to hear, debate and vote on issues affecting their role in improving student performance and public education.

Their decisions on some 200 resolutions and new business items will help chart NEA's course for the coming year. The NEA represents some 2.6 million teachers, retired educators, higher education faculty, administrators and other employed in education-related jobs, ranging from school bus drivers to cafeteria workers.

This year's event was built around the theme "NEA 2001: Making Every Public School Great." Among the chief items of business conducted at this year's representative assembly was the adoption of a charter school policy and action on an NEA agenda to improve low-performing schools and to turn the salaries and professional development of the nation's educators.

Babysitters training

The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross will host a babysitters training course for youth ages 11 to 15 years old on Saturday.

The course is ideal for current and future babysitters. It teaches youth the

best ways to keep the children in their care safe. Topics include making good decisions, supervising children of different ages, keeping everyone safe inside and outside, handling emergencies, age appropriate activities, performing basic infant care such as feeding, diapering and burping, basic first aid and more.

To give adolescents the feeling of how to interact with a real baby, the course uses dolls called "Baby Think it Over." These are infant simulators or "babies" that cry at random, unpredictable times. They also cry if held in the wrong position, if the head is not supported or if the baby is handled roughly. The infant simulators were purchased with a grant provided through the Westfield Foundation.

The class will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Chapter House, 321 Elm St., Westfield. Lunch will be provided as well as a course handbook and a small first aid kit. Registration is limited and on a first come basis.

The chapter offers the babysitters training course every month. Interested individuals may call the chapter at 908-232-7090 or stop by the Chapter House.

Red Cross classes

The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross has scheduled its summer course classes in lifesaving skills.

- Adult CPR class will be Aug. 22 from 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. The course teaches participants how to deal with choking, breathing and cardiac emergencies, with the addition of automated external defibrillation training included.
- An Infant/Child CPR class will be Aug. 14 from 6 to 10 p.m. The course will cover choking, breathing emergencies and CPR for infants and children.
- A First Aid Basics class will be offered on two dates: Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Aug. 23 from 6 to 10 p.m. The course teaches participants how to check the condition of conscious and unconscious victims, how to recognize and care for life-threatening illness and injuries as well as handling choking and breathing emergencies.

Springfield police make arrest at supermarket

Springfield

Devon Samarco, 18, of Maplewood, was arrested and charged with a warrant for allegedly shoplifting, hindering arrest, and giving false information to the police. The suspect was arrested at Foodtown at 211 Morris Ave. on July 21 at 11:55 a.m.

• The rear window of a 1997 Ford Explorer parked at Bagels 4 U on Stern Avenue was reported damaged on July 25 at 9 a.m. as a result of a burglary. Among the items stolen were a Milwaukee drywall screwgun, a half-inch variable speed drill, a Milwaukee sander, a Dewalt, 18-volt cordless drill with a flashlight and an 18-volt battery, and a bucket of tools including several Klein screwdrivers and a screwdriver bit set, pliers, metal cutters, a wall board saw, sheet rock knife, a tape measure, tube cutter, hex

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key set, 20-piece wrench set and a drive socket set.

• On July 26, Mountainside Police responded to a report of criminal mischief by a Grouse Lane resident. The victim reported to police that while she and her husband were away from home, someone had damaged her windshield. An investigation revealed that the vehicle had what appeared to be a petroleum substance smeared all over it. There were no fingerprints and no other damage to the vehicle. The matter is under investigation.

• A car stereo/compact disc player reported to be stolen from a vehicle on July 25, which had been parked at the Loew's Theater lot in Mountainside.

The owner of the vehicle gave the approximate value of the stereo as \$130. Entry to the vehicle appeared to have been gained by prying down the driver's side window, according to police. There were no signs of tampering with the ignition and the meter is under investigation.

• On July 26 at 12:58 p.m., Mountainside police responded to the Loew's Theater lot on Route 22 East for report of theft from a motor vehicle, belonging a resident of East Hanover. The car was the victim's father's Honda Civic and he found the vehicle had been forced open and radio removed.

Entry was gained by prying driver's side door, and power door locks were damaged in the process, according to authorities. Value was estimated at about \$205. No fingerprints

were visible, and the theft is under investigation.

• On July 23 at 2:50 p.m., on Route 22 West, Mountainside Police came to the scene of an accident involving Ewa Motowska of Linden, who was found running from her vehicle which was on fire in the left lane of the highway. She reported that as she entered the slow lane, an unidentified vehicle, traveling west struck her on the back. She was able to run into the Getty Station at 1112 Route 22 West. She was unable to determine the type of vehicle that struck her and then left the scene.

The Mountainside Volunteer Rescue Squad was called to the scene and they transported the patient to Overlook Hospital.

Car fire extinguished at movie theater

Mountainside

The Mountainside Volunteer Fire Department responded to Loew's Theater on July 25 at 8:24 p.m. on the report of a vehicle on fire. Firefighters found that the engine compartment was the location of the fire, and they extinguished it. Smoke had damaged the entire car.

• On July 25 at 9:30 p.m., firefighters responded to assist the Mountainside Police Department by directing traffic on Route 22 East near a broken down motorist.

• On July 26 at 11:36 a.m., firefighters responded to the Ambulatory Surgery Center on an activated alarm, where they found that steam from an autoclave may have set off the detector. The system was reset.

• On July 26 at 12:15 p.m., firefighters responded to a police request to go to Borough Hall and remove a lock and bolt on outside property which was unauthorized.

• On Sunday at 9:29 a.m., an alarm brought firefighters to a Meeting House Lane residence where a resident had burnt food on the stove while making breakfast for her dog. The fire was put out and the area was ventilated.

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• On Monday at 8:45 p.m., volunteer firefighters responded to a Saddle Brook Road address on a report of a strange odor emitting from clothing. Upon arrival, the source of the smell was found to be fumes from varnish reacting with the gas clothes dryer. There was no fire, however, and the homeowner was advised to ventilate the home.

• Friday: 7:01 a.m., Linden Avenue residence for a medical service call; 8:52 a.m., Stonehill apartment complex for a medical service call; 10:31 a.m., Morris Avenue business for a medical service call; 11:22 a.m., Morris Avenue apartment for a medical service call; 1:13 p.m., Echo Plaza shopping center for a brush fire.

• July 26: 8:31 a.m., Mapes Avenue residence for a medical service call; 9:33 a.m., Route 22 East business for an activated fire alarm; 12:59 p.m., South Maple Avenue residence for a medical service call; 2:27 p.m., Dayton Court residence for a medical service call; 6:31 p.m., Morris Avenue

near Maple for a motor vehicle accident with a spill.

• July 25: 8:52 a.m., Mountain Avenue and Shunpike Road for a medical service call; 2:55 p.m., Ladder Truck responded to Mountainside on a request from Union County Mutual Aid; 3:05 p.m., South Springfield Avenue apartment complex for a medical service call; 3:24 p.m., Mountain Avenue business for a medical service call; 3:41 p.m., Springfield and Morris avenues for a motor vehicle accident with injuries; 3:54 p.m., Mountain Avenue business for a medical service call; 9:02 p.m., Baltusrol Way for an overturned vehicle.

Emergency tips from First Aid Squad

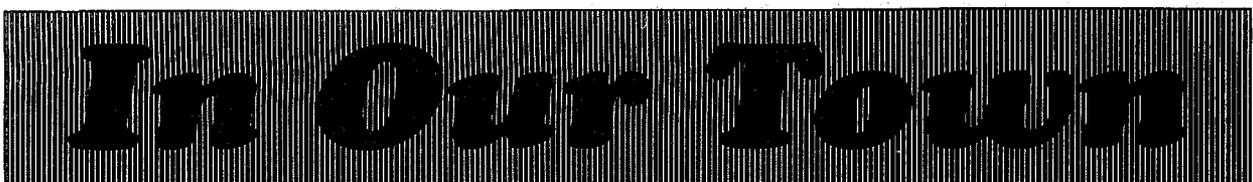
Prepare now for emergencies. The Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad reminds residents that they are an important link in providing emergency medical services to the township.

Just the few simple following steps can make all the difference in the world:

- Remember to stop emergency numbers on each phone.
- Learn first aid and CPR.
- Support your emergency First Aid Squad.

The squad would like to remind the public that it is a volunteer organization dedicated to providing emergency first aid services to the people living in town, their families and those working in or passing through the township.

The squad responds to more than 1,000 emergency calls each year and to date there has never been a charge for its responses.

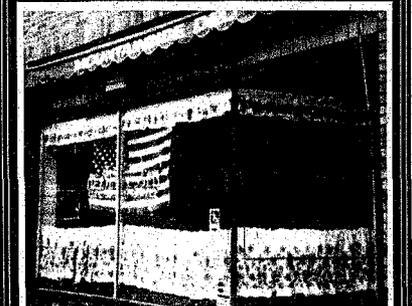


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There is a place that offers more value, though, that's "in our town," in Mountainside. I have heard Mountainside referred to as "an oasis." We have a fire department that protects our town, made up of volunteers. We have a rescue squad that cares about our well-being, made up of volunteers. May God bless and keep close to HIM all you people that do this from your heart.
We have an Honorary PBA whose membership approaches 100 strong. Through the efforts of residents and police officers alike we have a PAL which last fall sponsored a "Cop Trot" that brought together kids, families, and seniors. Ten years ago our Little League Program had three All-Star teams. Today we field six All-Star teams. Today eleven of the fourteen names on the Governor Livingston High School Freshman Baseball Team are from Mountainside.
These few, and certainly not all, simple amenities help to make Mountainside "an oasis." And I haven't even mentioned where you can drop off your car for repair, shoot down to the Post Office, drop your clothes at the dry cleaner's, get your hair cut, get a homemade lunch at the Mountainside Deli, relax and eat at the park, grab a bottle of wine, pick up your car, eat dinner, gas up and head home — and only get in and out of your car once! The center of Mountainside.
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