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TWO SECTIONS

Springfield yields year of unprecedented change and growth

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

The year 2001 showed Springfield residents the amount of power voters truly have, when the school budget was voted down for the first time in many years. This year also showed residents how much they may miss something when it's actually gone, such as with the closing of the Meisel Avenue Park, which prompted the cancellation of the high school football team season until it combined with Keelworth.

However, there were many high points to the year, including the progress made on the construction of the a firehouse, the appointment of a new mayor and Board of Education president, as well as the hiring of a new superintendent of schools.

January

- Township Committee member Sy Mullman is unanimously appointed as the new mayor by the Township Committee. However, the new mayor didn't have much time to relish in his new position, as members of the Policeman's Benevolent Association Local 76 and the Firefighters Mutual Benevolent Association Local 57 quietly march into the courtroom, roughly 15 minutes after the meeting starts. They arrive because they were dissatisfied with the state of their labor negotiations. The township's contracts with both organizations expired Dec. 31, 2000.
- The Board of Education unanimously votes to put its \$3.4-million track and athletic field referendum up for a vote again on Feb. 27. The referendum had previously been defeated by only 10 votes on the Dec. 12, 2000 election.
- The board officially accepts the resignation of Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland. The position will be vacant as of Sept. 1.
- The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, which represents about 38 clerical and public works employees,

speaks in front of the Township Committee, saying they are headed toward arbitration. They had originally filed for arbitration on Dec. 28, 2000, following the interpretation of a grievance by Township Committeeman Steven Goldstein. The grievance concerned several issues, including the question as to whether Christmas Eve should be considered a holiday.

- Springfield firefighters also say they are most likely headed toward arbitration since a new contract has not been reached and there has been no formal negotiation session with the township since September 2000.

February

- Residents of Severna Avenue address the Township Committee, hoping to seek relief from the parking chaos they feel has taken over their otherwise quiet street. In the summer of 2000, residents saw an increase in the number of cars being parked on their street and neighboring residential streets. The reason, they said, was because of a doctor's office on the corner of Morris and Short Hills avenues, which provides valet parking for patients.
- The Board of Education starts advertising for the superintendent of schools position with a deadline of March 12. The advertisement appeared in the Jan. 21 and Feb. 4 editions of *The Star-Ledger* and in Education Weekly the week of Jan. 24. The board hopes to name a new superintendent by July for the Sept. 1 start date.

- A proposed trade to swap nine acres of land near Jonathan Dayton High School for more than 11 acres near the Springfield-Union border, is put on hold until both sides can meet to discuss the specific details. The plan, presented by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, would let Springfield receive the property around Dayton, while the county would get the 11 acres on Morris Avenue, near the Union border.
- Two of the three incumbents whose terms are up on the Board of

Education this year plan to file for re-election to run in the April 17 public vote. Linda Duke will seek a second term on the board and Benito Stravato will run for his fifth, three-year term. Incumbent Richard Palkin says he is still undecided about a re-election but will come to a decision by the 4 p.m. deadline on Feb. 26.

March

- By a margin of 250 votes, voters defeat the \$3.4-million bond referendum that would have funded improvements to school athletic fields and the county-owned Meisel Avenue Park. The Board of Education will now have to evaluate the results of the referendum and assess the situation. The proposed referendum would have included \$1 million in funds from the county and state. The average Springfield home would have paid approximately \$80 a year for the five-year bond to fund the project.

In addition to Duke and Stravato, four other candidates file for the April 17 Board of Education election. The other candidates are former Committeeman Harry Pappas, Patricia Venezia, Irwin Sablosky and Benjamin Rulf. The lone incumbent not seeking re-election is Palkin.

- The school budget is totaled at \$23,279,878. This would result in a tax hike of \$200 increase for the average household. The budget will be put to voters on April 17.

- The Township Committee passes an ordinance to amend off-street parking in the hopes of pleasing both local merchants and the people who ride the jitney each day. Instead of keeping the restricted spots open from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., the spots are now open until 9:30 a.m. Roughly 15 spots were added by making the change.

- The Township Committee passes the balanced budget at \$18,519,739.40 and announces a tax increase of \$0.03 per \$100 of assessed value, roughly \$50 per year on the average home assessed at \$155,000.

- At the Springfield Public Library Board of Trustees meeting, a consultant talks about his recommendations as to how to improve the library. The top one addresses the lack of convenient parking. Other recommendations include the poor placement of signage, space needed in the lobby, poor lighting in certain places, and a relocation of the story-hour for the children's area.

- The Board of Chosen Freeholders approves a contract for environmental investigative services at Meisel Avenue Park. Matrix Environmental & Geotechnical Services of Florham Park receive the \$76,000 contract. There are five phases to the environmental study although no time table has been established. In the past, several concerns have been raised at Township Committee meetings over potential contamination of the soil at the field. A chemical dye plant was

housed on the property in the 1920s before it was developed as playing fields.

- The Township Committee introduces an ordinance that may curb the excess parking on Lewis Drive. The residents of that street may be issued a parking permit to enable them to claim parking spaces on their block. This parking incident is directly related to the Severna Avenue concerns in February, caused by valet parking used by a doctor whose office is located at the corner of Morris and Short Hills avenues.

- The school budget is narrowly defeated for the first time in years during the April 17 election. A total of 1,050 voted yes to support the \$23.3-million budget, while 1,069 voted no.

Newly-elected Board of Education members Irwin Sablosky and Patricia

Venezia join incumbent who retains her seat to begin her second term to, who served on th years, lost his seat.

The Board of Education votes to elect Stephen Fischbein the new president. Linda Duke is elected vice president.

- In light of the school budget being rejected by voters, the Township Committee agrees to take the initiative and protect the educational system from several budget cuts. The committee intends to maintain and improve the public school system. Committee members also say they are looking into ways to implement cost-effective programming without diminishing quality education programming.



Plans for a new firehouse on Mountain Avenue in Springfield was one of the most ambitious new projects introduced to the township in 2001.

World class skaters



Sliding across the smooth surface of the ice rink at the South Mountain Arena in West Orange are Mountainside residents, from left, Victoria Laguarda, Kristina Linares, Megan Laguarda, and Rebecca Cristino.

First Baby 2002

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The offices of this newspaper will be closed Tuesday, Jan. 1, in observance of New Year's Day. Our offices will reopen Wednesday, Jan. 2 at 9 a.m., and our newspaper will publish on Friday, Jan. 4.

The following are the deadlines for that edition:

- Lifestyle, including church and club news, etc. — Friday, today, noon.
- Letters to the editor — Monday, noon.
- What's Going On — Monday, noon.
- Display ads — Monday, noon for Section B and 5 p.m. for Section A.
- Sports news — Monday, 9 a.m.
- General news — Wednesday, 9 a.m.
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2001: one of the borough's best

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

It started off with the controversy over a racy sex education curriculum and finished with the announcement of the end of Mountainside's strictly volunteer Rescue Squad.

And on a crystal clear day in early September, the borough was shaken to its knees like every other community when two hijacked planes crashed into the towers of the World Trade Center, sending shockwaves of grief and terror too horrendous to comprehend.

But 2001 was also a year of continued growth and prosperity, marked by projects and issues that have come to define the tiny community of 6,000-plus people. Infrastructure and taxes became the focus, with plans for improving the borough's schools, recreation facilities, and general way of life for residents both young and old without compromising services.

January

- The year begins with the introduction of a new member to the Mountainside Borough Council. Bill Lane gets sworn in to his first term on the council on Jan. 2. He replaces Ronald Romak, who had served on the council for 14 years.
- Signaling the growing population of youth in the borough, a recent demographic study conducted by the Board of Education reveals the increase in the number of young families moving to the community. Reflecting this trend, Councilman Thomas Perrotta, who takes the oath of office for a second full term as councilman at the Jan. 2 reorganization meeting, says he would like to see the Borough Council focus more on expanding programs for Mountainside families.
- The long-range facilities plan gets approved by the Board of Education on Jan. 3, with a \$6,867,000 price tag. The five-year plan covers the scope of work and engineering fees along with the district's plans to reopen Beechwood School and make improvements to Deerfield School.
- A controversial sex education curriculum takes center stage at the Jan. 9 Board of Education meeting when two fathers complain to the board about the graphic content of their children's textbooks for the class. The board ultimately decides to pull the offending material from the sixth-grade sex education curriculum which hadn't been updated since the 1997-98 school year. It is later discovered that the district failed to conduct a state-mandated meeting with parents on school curriculum at the beginning of the year, and that the offending material made it into classrooms before the board actually reviewed it. At a Jan. 17 meeting with parents, school officials formally take the blame.

February

- A State Supreme Court ruling orders two districts within the former Union County Regional School District to receive a more equitable share of the former district's liquid assets. The decision reverses the amendments to the distribution made by the State Department of Education. Garwood and Mountainside, which both sent its students to high schools in other towns under the regional system, originally were slated to receive 24 and 76 percent, respectively, of the regional district's \$3.3 million in liquid assets under the original agreement.

- Under the original recommendation by the state Department of Education, Mountainside was to receive \$483,973 in liquid assets, but the ruling calls for the district to get more than \$2 million instead.
- Raging through the borough, a massive snowstorm reveals little damage on the morning of Feb. 6. All schools are closed that day, no fires are reported, but several wires are downed the night of the storm.
- In an effort to facilitate a \$6.8-million referendum in March for school expansion, the Board of Education approves contracts totalling more than \$400,000 to The Musial Group, a local architectural firm.
- The Borough Council introduces the 2001 municipal budget at its regular meeting on Feb. 20. The \$7.6-million spending plan will mean a \$48 increase for the average household.
- At least two incumbents on the Board of Education plan to seek re-election on April 17 as the district is in the midst of plans to expand schools and address increasing enrollment. Three of the seven seats on the board are up, all of them three year terms. So far, both board President Patricia Taeschler and Richard Kress have unofficial plans to seek re-election.

March

- In a surprise move, board President Patricia Taeschler bows out of the Board of Education election, having served for nine years. Raymond Hager steps to the plate to file for the election. Incumbents Richard Kress and Sally Rivieccio both officially seek re-election.
- Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller announces the date for the school referendum will be pushed back from March 27 to April 17. In other news, the board's budget figure for the 2001-02 school year is \$9,373,657, with no tax increase on the public.
- Television comes to the borough's sewer system after the council awards a bid for the inspection of the sanitary sewers in Mountainside in the amount of \$22,372, to Oswald Enterprises. The use of special television cameras will look for cracks or broken pieces of sewer pipe or any other structural damage.
- An infusion of \$90,000 from the state will cut the average projected municipal tax hike in the borough from approximately \$48 this year to \$16. The money is the result of a decrease for municipalities in their payments to the state's police and fire pension fund. Mountainside's share for 2001 will drop from \$137,318 to \$45,974. A public hearing on the \$7.6-million budget for 2001 is conducted at the Borough Council meeting on March 20.
- Last month, the council introduced a municipal budget that was 2.89 percent more than the 2000 spending plan, which was to impact the average home in Mountainside — assessed at \$154,000 — by \$48 this year. The payment reduction drops the increase to 0.089 percent.
- Despite the delay from the State Board of Education on the approval of the district's \$6.8-million referendum to renovate Beechwood School and expand Deerfield School, Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller remains hopeful.

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Voters reject school budget, while board gets two new members

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May
The Township Committee passes a \$18.5-million budget for 2001. Since 1998, the committee has produced a budget that represented a zero tax increase on the municipal level...

The Township Committee reduces the \$23.3-million school budget by \$31,471. The decision comes after several weeks of public testimony and meetings between the Board of Education and the committee.

Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedman urges the Board of Education to grant his request to maintain his salary at the current level for the remainder of the academic year and amend his retirement.

The Board of Education selects two finalists to become the next superintendent. The school board interviews 14 candidates in total.

The Township Committee moves forward with the proposed land swap with Union County, authorizing a land survey to determine the exact acreage involved. The township intends to produce a new map after the survey is concluded.

June
The search is for a new superintendent of schools...

The Board of Education officially announced the hiring of Walter Muller. He will begin in his new position Aug. 1 with a five-year contract...

The Jonathan Dayton High School Class of 2001 graduates. The class is the first to have its entire education provided for by the township, following the 1997 turnover of Dayton from the now-defunct Union County Regional High School District No. 1.

The Planning Board voices its concern that residential, quiet Black's Lane might be jeopardized by a Commerce Bank and CVS drug store that may be built there...

John Rae, president of McDonough and Rae Associates, testifies on the Stop & Shop development site plan that he was asked to review by the Zoning Board...

The Board of Education announces the district is waiting for officials from Union County to tell them the results of the spot samples taken from a study of Meisel Avenue Park.

July
The township is in the process of litigation and is continuing negotiations with Pinnacle Builders...

contaminants in the soil. Wabeno Avenue Park and the athletic fields adjacent to Meisel Avenue Park also are closed as well as all the property, except the tennis courts...

The submission of a draft for the long-range facility plan to the state Department of Education is approved by the Board of Education.

The Township Committee awards a contract to A&S Rescortor Corp. to perform improvements on Sarah Ballou Civic Center for \$125,000. The bid is \$25,000 less than the township was expecting.

Springfield begins the installation of traffic lights throughout some of the busiest intersections in an effort to improve traffic flow, increase the level of safety, and reduce the township's electricity bill.

With construction complete and workers putting on the finishing touches, NJ Connect, a nonprofit agency to provide a facility in Springfield for disabled people that allows them to feel like part of the community...

August
The proposed senior housing project at the end of Black's Lane applies for approval and a change in the height variance.

With contract disputes between Springfield and the unions representing the township's police and fire departments in arbitration for months, no dates for any hearings have been set for the Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association.

The valet parking offered by one of the two tenants at the medical office building on the corner of Short Hills and Morris avenues has spread to the north side of Balmistray Way.

Meisel Field does not pass the tests done by Matrix Environmental & Geotechnical Services. The announcement comes from new Superintendent of Schools Walter Muller at a Board of Education meeting.

The township is in the process of litigation and is continuing negotiations with Pinnacle Builders, who wants to build a group of condominiums...

The Board of Education unanimously approves to allow a co-op football program with the Kenilworth School District. Due to the closing of Meisel Avenue Park, Dayton football has nowhere to practice or play.

Testimony continues for the proposed senior citizen housing complex on Black's Lane. The main issues that need to be addressed this time include the principle area of the height limitation on the roof...

In response to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, Springfield township does many things to recognize those who helped aid in the emergency efforts and those who were slain in the tragedy.

The Fire Department and Volunteer First Aid Squad are on hand to help with the rescue services. On the morning of the attacks, the Fire Department rushes to the first staging area being set up at the Goethals Bridge in Elizabeth.

A candlelight vigil is conducted on the lawn in front of the Municipal Building to remember those who perished and those who survived the attacks.

The Summit Area Chapter of the American Red Cross sponsors a blood drive at the Springfield YMCA. The doors open at 2 p.m. There is already a line out the door.

The Stop & Shop Supermarket debate continues as the issues of hour regulations and truck loading are most prominent at a Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting.

The Jiney park and ride service sees an increase in the number of passengers since the Sept. 11 tragedy. Citing how it is more difficult for one-passenger cars to enter Manhattan since the terrorist attacks, township officials explain that this is the primary reason for the increased amount of riders.

November
The fields behind Jonathan Dayton High School as well as the ones by the tennis courts are reopened. In the fall, these county-owned fields are used by Dayton's boys and girls soccer teams.

Democrats Clam Harelik and Steven Goldstein retain their seats on the Township Committee, beating out Republican candidate Michael Montanari and William Holmes Harelik.

The design stages for the new firehouses are complete and the township hopes to break ground in the construction process by the spring. Once the new firehouse is completed, the old firehouse will be renovated and turned into a new state-of-the-art Police Headquarters.

Several Springfield and Mountaintide residents receive the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal, the state's highest military award.

An abandoned newborn baby is founded on the doorstep of a Lynn Drive residence. Springfield detectives and investigators from the Union County Prosecutor's Office are trying to find any leads as to who is responsible.

With interest rates at their lowest point in decades, the Township Committee introduces a bond ordinance to borrow \$4.26 million for the construction of a new firehouse.

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Preliminary approval is granted for plans to build a Commerce Bank and CVS drug store where Stanley's Restaurant currently resides on Morris and Springfield avenues.

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Tuesday
The annual Springfield Township reorganization meeting takes place at noon in the Committee Room of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

Thursday
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Upcoming
Jan. 5
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Jan. 7
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Jan. 9
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The DAISE program will feature participation in fun activities such as fitness workouts, cooking demonstrations, arts and crafts, dance instruction, rock climbing and more. Call the Springfield YMCA at 973-467-0838 for more information.

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Budget, school referendum and expansion project dominate news

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ful that they will get it in time for the April 17 Board of Education election ballot.

On March 16, Union County Superior Court Judge John Trisanti sentenced Jian Lin of Elizabeth to five years probation after he pleads guilty to striking 22-year-old Michelle Margeritona with his vehicle as she crossed Route 22 in Mountaintide and he fled the scene on Aug. 2. Margeritona was killed at the intersection of Route 22 East and the Lawrence Avenue U-turn. Aside from five years probation, Lin will perform 100 hours of community service, in addition to losing his New Jersey driver's license for a year and paying \$2,600 in fines.

At the March 20 meeting, the Borough Council unanimously adopts the municipal budget for 2001. The budget of \$7,550,271.69 calls for a tax levy, the amount to be raised by taxes, of \$4,025,399.75. The average homeowner in Mountaintide, with property assessed at \$154,000, can expect an increase of approximately \$14 in the municipal portion of their tax bill.

On March 20, the Board of Education gets its long-awaited approval from the state to officially move ahead with the Deerfield-Beechwood expansion referendum. At the March 27 meeting, the 2001-02 budget officially passes, along with the bond referendum, to get both items ready for the vote at the April 17 election.

The district attempts to provide guidelines and safety measures for preventing violence in schools. Measures include an informative video presented to students and staff identifying warning signs, a security camera placed at the front door of the Deerfield School entrance, and the presence of a school resource police officer in the building during the school day.

April
A tour of Deerfield and Beechwood schools reveals the need for more space to meet the burgeoning student population, with school officials stressing the need for the referendum to be passed.

Shedding some light on the borough's athletic fields are several state grants expected to fund outdoor lighting for Little League fields throughout Mountaintide. The grants will also provide for other field improvements including drainage and grading. A reallocation of \$75,000 in state funds obtained last year will be used to put up lights at the field adjacent to Deerfield School in addition to some money for future maintenance. The upgrades are expected to be completed in time for the 2002 season.

At the April 10 meeting, the Borough Council agrees to increase its annual donation to Project Graduation, an annual drug and alcohol-free event following the high school's graduation ceremonies. The council decides to increase it from \$200 to \$300.

Relief for Mountaintide taxpayers will soon come in the form of dissolution funds due to the borough after a recent Supreme Court ruling in the wake of the deregionalization of the Union County Regional High School system several years ago. On April 10, board President Patricia Tashjian reveals the money will be used to pay down the debt on the taxpayers' portion of the \$6.8-million bond referendum for school expansion.

On April 17, Mountaintide voters overwhelmingly approve both the \$9.3-million school budget for next year and the \$6.8-million bond referendum to expand Deerfield School and reopen Beechwood School. The referendum was approved with 1,052 votes in favor and only 360 votes against while the 2001-02 school budget passed with 1,029 votes for and 376 against. Three unopposed candidates earned three-year terms on the school board, led by incumbent Sally Rivieccio with 969 votes, newcomer Raymond Hagger with 907 votes, and incumbent Richard Kress with 907 votes. Less than 30 percent of registered voters made it to the polls.

The Borough Council awards a bid for paving improvements on Old Tote Road and Sunny Slope Drive to Traditional Works Co. Inc. for \$197,827.26. Further reflecting its intention to improve the borough's infrastructure, the Borough Council introduces a \$160,000 ordinance from the Capital Improvement Fund and the state Department of Transportation for the resurfacing of a portion of Wood Valley Road.

May
The seven-member Board of Education elects Richard Kress for president along with incumbent Sally Rivieccio as vice president. Newcomer Raymond Hagger is sworn in to his first three-year term.

obtained last year to install lights on the baseball field near Deerfield School at the May 8 Board of Education meeting. The board owns the property where the Little League Field lies. Some feel it would be great for the kids, but the idea raises questions about Title IX and gender equity in sports, when some residents claim the field will only be used by boys' teams. Shortly after, the council makes a public announcement ensuring that all athletes, regardless of gender, have an opportunity to play on the renovated, and soon-to-be lighted field.

Blazing through a house on quiet Elston Drive on May 9, a deadly fire destroys a home, kills five dogs and six cats, and enlists the help of 40 firefighters from nearby departments, including Springfield, Westfield, Summit, Cranford, and Mountaintide. The borough's own trust to the scene and struggle to squelch the blaze. Four cats survive the deadly fire, along with the residents who were not at home when the fire began.

In a further display of the borough's infrastructure initiatives, the council introduces two bond ordinances and announces plans to use \$5,893,000 in bonds to improve all of the roads in need of repair. The first ordinance calls for improvements to the borough's framework of roads and the approval of \$2.7 million to pay for the cost of the bonds as well as their distribution. The second ordinance sets aside \$3.2 million to pay for the cost of the road improvement program and to make the same financing plans as the first ordinance.

June
Reflecting an aging trend, the latest Census 2000 data reveal an increase in the borough's elderly population, which has been rising at a fast rate since 1990. Now, senior citizens age 75 and older comprise 13 percent of the borough's population. Today, the median age lies at 46.4 percent compared to 44.5 just 10 years ago.

Hoping to improve both the main road to Beechwood School, the side-walks at Borough Hall and the library commuter parking lot, Borough Engineer Michael Dieko asks the council for approval on two Department of Transportation state aid grant applications at the June 12 work session. The council approves and the applications are sent.

The council decides to open up several parking spaces within the regular municipal lot for use for commuter parking. The move comes at the June 12 work session where members decide to make the lot more accessible for its intended use for residents.

The Governor Livingston Class of 2001, which includes 50 Mountaintide residents, celebrates their graduation on June 21.

July
Assistant Principal Elizabeth Keshish bids farewell to Deerfield School on June 30 after two years of service.

The Borough Council gives final approval on a second bond ordinance introduced last month for nearly \$3.2 million, creating the financing for the second half of one of the largest infrastructure projects in the borough's 106-year history. The council also authorized the repayment schedule for the bonds, and \$5 million in general improvement bonds for the borough will be paid off on an annual schedule, ending in 2017.

Renovations to the Public Library allow for a new media room to house audiovisual materials and the ability to get new uses out of older spaces. Audiovisual items, such as books on tape, compact discs, and DVDs all are increased while books get new shelves for fiction and nonfiction.

Board members and the public get a look at updated plans for the renovation and expansion project at Deerfield and Beechwood schools, courtesy of The Musial Group at a July 24 Board of Education meeting. Architect Noel Musial assures the audience that Beechwood is on schedule to reopen in September 2002. For Deerfield, some of the plans include adding new classrooms, expanding the media center, and new classroom configurations.

August
A one-story medical office building gets approval for construction on Springfield Avenue, to be developed by David Weinberg, chief executive officer of Realty Concepts. The new building will be located on two plots of land.

Priscilla Church becomes the new principal of Deerfield School, replacing Assistant Principal Elizabeth Keshish.

Aug. 21 council meeting for the installation of lighting and other recreation improvements, setting aside \$100,000 to pay the costs for the improvements, allowing the borough to continue on their schedule of lighting projects.

September
Although school is already in session for several days, the new teachers' contract for the district have not been settled. Salaries increased 4 percent for the 1998-99 school year with 3.7 percent increases for both 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 in the last contract. The Mountaintide teachers have been working without a new contract since June 30.

The state's uniform crime statistics roll in and overall, the news stays the same for Mountaintide. No murders or rapes occurred at all in 2000. The statistics revealed two incidents of robbery, up from a zero robbery rate in 1999.

Sept. 11 needs no introduction, as life in Mountaintide and elsewhere was remarkably different before that date. Like other nearby towns and cities, Mountaintide, little more than 30 minutes away from Manhattan, helped out in any way they could in the critical terrorist attacks occurring that day.

Six firemen and one truck are deployed to the Goatshead Bridge in Elizabeth, to go to wherever they are needed, or to possibly relieve the New York City firefighters. Both Police and Fire Departments are put on full emergency alert and the Rescue Squad remains on standby to perform Mutual Aid at the surrounding communities.

In the aftermath, houses of worship in the area gather residents together, offering solace and hope in the face of sudden terror and uncertainty. Schools take extra steps to ensure the safety of the children, and Mountaintide, like many other towns, prays for peace in an uncertain future.

The Board of Education approves of the final drawings and education specifications by the architects working on the renovations at Beechwood and Deerfield schools.

Disgruntled by the delay in the drafting of a new teachers contract, more than 50 teachers walk into a Board of Education meeting wearing bright red T-shirts to show their solidarity on Sept. 25. The teachers strike for better benefits and salary increases.

October
Emphasizing the severity of the attacks on America Sept. 11, the Borough Council agrees to declare Oct. 11 a National Day of Unity and Mourning. The resolution calls the attacks the deadliest assaults ever launched on the United States.

The Recreation Department gives residents a chance to share their opinions on what recreation programs and services the borough should offer with an open public forum. At the top of the list of what the people want is the construction of a recreation center to house a variety of activities.

Citing the need to move quickly, the council announces its application to Union County for a Field of Dreams grant of \$100,000 that would fund improvements at the Echo Brook Field next to the Municipal Building at the Oct. 9 meeting.

Fleet Bank is robbed by a lone

person on Oct. 12 at 9 a.m. The man aggressively enters the bank, shouts "Hold up, get down!" and although has no weapon on display, leaps over the teller area rail and removes an undisclosed amount of cash. The suspect enters a late model Ford pickup which is waiting in the parking lot of the bank. Officers respond and notice the getaway vehicle stranded in the roadway. The FBI is alerted and a search of the area fails to yield the suspect.

The Police Department, together with the Union County Narcotic Strike Force, arrests seven people on Oct. 11 when officers break up a suspected marijuana distribution operation at a private home on Charles Street.

A smattering of suspicious letters brings torrents of police calls from worried residents in the grip of the anthrax scare. FedEx packages containing glass jars of clear liquid, letters with no return addresses, soiled envelopes, and strange packages all are reported to the police, with no anthrax discovered.

Representatives from the Mountaintide Education Association and the Board of Education plan to sit down and meet with a state mediator on Oct. 29 to resolve the contract dispute after both sides recently reached an impasse. The long awaited date comes and goes, teachers meet with the mediator, but the dispute over the new contract is still not resolved.

November
Election Day arrives on Nov. 6 with Democrat candidates John Shackelford and Steve Brociner giving it another try to gain seats on the

all-Republican Borough Council. They challenge Republican incumbents Werner Schon and Glenn Mortimer. Once again, Republicans take the lead in the election, with Mortimer and Schon defeating Brociner and Shackelford. Mortimer, who returns for a second term, gets a total of 1,560 votes while Schon earns 1,555. Brociner ends up with 930 votes while Shackelford gets 945. A total of 2,678 residents let their voices be heard by casting their votes.

Citing the lack of volunteers, the Borough Council announces plans to enter into an agreement with Atlantic Ambulance Corp. to have paid Emergency Medical Services in the borough, since the Volunteer Rescue Squad cannot respond to calls between the hours of 4 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Atlantic Ambulance Corp., a subsidiary of Atlantic Health Care, has been contracted by the Borough Council as a last resort at the request of the Rescue Squad members to provide paid ambulance services to residents of Mountaintide.

Cartoonist Harry Devlin dies of lymphoma at 83 at his home in Mountaintide on Nov. 25.

December
The negotiating teams for the teachers' union and the school board reach a tentative agreement for a new contract in the district. Both sides await a final meeting.

To meet the community's demand for playing outdoor sports at night, the Borough Council announces the awarding of a bid for lights to be installed at Echo Brook Field. The contract is awarded to Lucas Electric for \$114,975.



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EDITORIALS

Anything is possible

Springfield and Mountainside both saw a number of changes for 2001, even though they were different for each town. What 2001 showed us is that anything can happen at any time, and it's not always positive.

The most devastating event was, of course, the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Both towns responded immediately by sending their police, fire and rescue departments to wherever they were needed, keeping some units in town to hold down the fort.

But aside from the broader threat of terrorism, both towns are faced with new issues for 2002.

Springfield faces the task of dealing with the closure of Meisel Avenue Park, where testing of the soil for contaminants is not yet completed. Even though the park is owned by the county and was closed by county officials after contaminants were found, its closure in September revealed the larger problem of maintaining and improving the township's other fields.

In June, Springfield was planning to upgrade the bleachers and a portion of the track by September in time for the football season. It just shows how much can change in the space of a few months, and how much was different before Sept. 11.

But for 2002, the township can look forward to a new mayor, the construction of a new firehouse, and what we hope will be the eventual reopening of Meisel Avenue Field and a greater effort at improving athletic parks and fields throughout the township.

Mountainside enjoyed quite a prosperous year with its ambitious infrastructure project, various grant acquisitions, and initiatives at lighting fields and trying to provide more recreational facilities for the community's youth, without neglecting its elderly population.

Already, the borough has provided a senior citizen community exercise and activity room in Borough Hall, and plans to have lights at Echo Brook Field for the 2002 baseball season.

In 2002, the borough will be looking forward to reopening Beechwood School and enjoying the expansion of Deerfield School. Once these long-awaited projects are completed, the borough can look ahead to examining the possibility of a recreation center, something in which the public has expressed interest during a recreation wish list forum.

Now, all we need to do is look ahead to 2002 and wish both communities the best at achieving their goals.

New Year's tidings

This year's New Year's Eve festivities will find many people giving thanks for making it through another year. It's a time for reflection and an opportunity to begin planning for the year to come. A mix of revelry and melancholy, New Year's Eve is a time to put the past to rest and welcome the promise of future into our lives.

The festivities that seem to have been dreamed by Dick Clark and network executives actually trace their roots to the Romans. In ancient Rome, every Dec. 12, a priest stood before the temple of Saturn and called, "Io, Saturnalia! Io, Saturnalia!" So began 12 days of the festival of Saturnalia. The Romans lit candles to Saturn, the god of the harvest, and decorated their houses with wreaths of laurel and evergreen. No one had to work and everyone feasted, paraded, danced and exchanged gifts and made merry for 12 days.

The tribes of Germany celebrated these same 12 days and nights in honor of the victory of the sun god and the south wind during winter and the storm god, destroyer of life. They gathered around roaring fires and toasted their good fortune with a spirited punch.

The Scandinavians, their ships icebound in the harbor for the winter, built a fire from an entire tree trunk. The fire ward off the dreaded Frost King. They drank a beverage called mead and told ghost and werewolf stories.

The Druids, in what is now Great Britain, cut boughs of sacred mistletoe at the end of every December.

These ancient traditions of celebrating the end of the year, the time of the winter solstice, are still with us today. We may call the celebration by different names than Saturnalia — Christmas or Hanukkah or Kwanzaa — but the spirit of the celebration remains the same. Even traces of these ancient customs can still be seen today, such as lighting candles or decking the halls with boughs of holly.

And, in the spirit of hope and thanksgiving that we celebrate the end of 2001 and the start of 2002, we wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.

"I don't think the government should be in the business of rationing speech."

—Gloria Tristani, commissioner, Federal Communications Commission, 1999

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A GREAT GRAND OPENING — On Dec. 1, representatives of Valley National Bank were joined by local community leaders to celebrate the Grand Opening of Valley's new Mountainside branch office at 882 Mountain Ave. Participating in a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the branch are, from left: Councilman Glenn Mortimer; Mayor Robert Vigilanti; Gerald Lipkin, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Valley National Bank; Councilman Keith Turner; Valley's Mountainside Branch Manager Carolyn Grisafi; Regional Manager Cindy Ledis; and Peter Crocitto, executive vice president, Valley National Bank.

Hard luck has followed Union County governors

Editor's note: This is the first of two parts.

Hard luck and strange political twists of fate have been a part of the story about every one of the seven New Jersey governors from Union County. They encountered everything from death in office, a prison sentence for debt, a governor's resignation to circumvent a provision of the state constitution, and deadlocked elections including even picking a governor by drawing lots.

The first governor from what is now Union County when it was still a part of Essex County was William Livingston. He first took office in 1776. The seventh Union County governor is Acting Gov. Donald T. DiFrancesco, who will be stepping down on Jan. 8. The five governors in between were Charles Clark, an acting governor; Aaron Ogden, Isaac Williamson, Foster M. Voorhees, an acting governor who became governor, and William N. Rynyon.

Like DiFrancesco, four of these seven governors were acting governors who came to office when there was a legitimate vacancy in the governor's post due to an outright resignation of the sitting governor before them. Voorhees was the only one of the four acting governors to ever become a full-fledged governor in his own right. Livingston, Ogden and Williamson never served as acting governors.

Until 1844, the elections for New Jersey governor were conducted by members of the two houses of the Legislature meeting in joint session. The elections generally took place in late October with the oath of office being administered shortly thereafter. Union County broke away from Essex County in 1857.

William Livingston, 1776-1790
William Livingston, the first New Jersey governor and the first from Union County, experienced hard luck from the very outset. He was caught up in a deadlocked election. He also has the unfortunate distinction of being the only New Jersey governor to die in office.

A New Yorker by birth, he lived from 1723 to 1790. He moved to New Jersey in 1760, moving to Elizabethtown in 1772. His election as New Jersey's first governor once he attained statehood, only came about after he emerged victorious from a deadlocked election with Richard Stockton, a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

There were a series of problems surrounding that first election in 1776 that went beyond merely being a dead election. Initially the Legislature was unable to meet due to a lack of a quorum. This delayed the election. When the two houses did meet on Aug. 31 and voted, the results were an equal number of votes for each candidate.

The deadlock was broken when a plan was devised to allow Livingston to become governor and for Stockton to become chief justice of the court system. They each were elected by the Legislature to those posts but Stockton, apparently still not happy with what transpired, turned down the post. Livingston went on to be elected 13 more times — a total of 14 consecu-



By Walter E. Boright

tive one-year terms — a record for the state in both terms held and years served. He died in office, however, on July 25, 1790 and was succeeded by Acting Gov. Elisha Lawrence of Monmouth County.

Livingston and his wife, Susannah French, had 13 children. He served in the first and second continental congresses and also commanded militia in the Revolutionary War. Livingston's home while governor was located on Morris Avenue across from Kean University near where Elizabeth, Union and Hillsdale converge. It still stands today as Liberty Hall and serves as a museum open to the public for a nominal fee.

Charles Clark, 1812
A war and a resultant resignation made it possible for Westfielder Charles Clark to become governor, albeit an acting governor. Joseph Bloomfield, a 10-term governor in the early 1800s, resigned as governor about the time the War of 1812 was declared in June 1812 against the British. Bloomfield stepped down to accept President James Madison's appointment to command American troops in the war.

According to the state constitution at the time, the next in line to fill the governor's post was the vice president of the legislative council — the legislative body that was the forerunner to the state Senate. The president of the council, when Bloomfield resigned was Charles Clark who resided in the West Fields of Elizabethtown; today known as Westfield.

Although the exact date when Clark began serving as acting governor is unclear, he served for a period of about five months until Oct. 27, 1812 at which time James Schirmerman of Middlesex County became vice president of the legislative council. Schirmerman then served briefly as acting-governor until the newly-elected governor, Aaron Ogden of Elizabethtown, took the oath of office on Nov. 3.

Clark lived from 1752 to 1821. He married Ann Yeomans and they had two sons, Samuel and Charles. A soldier in the Continental Army, he served in the Westfield volunteer company known as the New Jersey Greens during the Revolutionary War. In addition to his service in the upper house of the Legislature, the legislative council, he also served in the Assembly, rising to the post of assembly speaker.

Aaron Ogden, 1812-1813
Aaron Ogden's elections for governor could possibly be compared to a world championship boxing match. Three times state legislators voted in races that pitted Ogden against William N. Pennington. It was akin to the person winning "the best out of three" becoming the "undisputed" world champion. Some years after completing his service as governor he ended

up in a New York state prison for non-payment of debt.

Ogden competed for governor in 1812, 1813 and 1814. He had been nominated by the Federalist Party at least one additional time but withdrew. Ogden bested Pennington by a vote of 30-22 in the first race between them in 1812. In a return match the next year, the tables were turned on Ogden when legislators chose Pennington over Ogden by a vote of 30-20. The final "best of three" contest took place in 1814. Pennington again prevailed by a vote of 29-23.

Ogden's term as governor included frequent clashes with his own Federalist-controlled Legislature which was opposed to the War of 1812. Ogden, it is reported, exerted great effort, although unsuccessfully, to enlist some support from them for the war effort.

After leaving office he was engaged in a number of business ventures including steamboating. He was a man of considerable wealth but costly litigation over steamboating rights cost him dearly. Years later he was imprisoned in the state of New York for his debts. His Princeton classmate, Aaron Burr, had a law passed by the New York state legislature that prohibited the imprisonment of Revolutionary War veterans for debt. Ogden was freed. He lived out his years in Jersey City.

Ogden lived from 1756 to 1839. His family had been in the Elizabethtown area since at least 1664. His father before him was active in colonial politics. He fought in the American Revolution. He served in the Assembly and also in the U.S. Senate. He and his wife, Elizabeth Chittwood, had seven children: two daughters and five sons.

Isaac Williamson, 1817-1829
Isaac Williamson's first election for governor in 1817 had a somewhat rocky beginning. When he last ran for office in 1829 it was an even rockier finish which resulted in two elections for governor being within about a one-week period. Of his first election, one can easily say he became governor through the back door.

Williamson's first election in 1817 came about when Gov. Madison Dickerson resigned mid-term in February 1817 to take a seat in the U.S. Senate.

An election was promptly held and Williamson was elected for the unexpected term. But it wasn't easy.

Williamson failed to get a majority of the votes on the first ballot. He came up one vote short in a three-man race: 26-21-6. On the second ballot Williamson narrowly defeated Joseph Melvaine 29-26. After that cliffhanger

elections went smoothly for Williamson for nearly a dozen years until 1829.

Elected 12 times, Williamson was closing in on Livingston's record-setting string of 14 terms as governor. Minutes of the Legislature indicate that Williamson had either no opponents or was unanimously elected for all but his first and last elections. But something happened on his way to the record.

Williamson found himself in political trouble later in his service as governor after he sided with the John Adams' faction of the divided Democratic-Republican party. Not long after his decision, the opposing wing of the party, that loyal to Andrew Jackson, was in command of the Legislature and wanted Williamson out as governor. When the election of 1829 rolled around it could be described as one of New Jersey's most bizarre. The Legislature ended up conducting two separate elections for governor within a one-week period.

On Oct. 30, the Jacksonian-dominated Legislature elected Garret D. Wall in a vote of 39-15-2. Williamson received 15 votes and a William Chetwood gained two. But the fight wasn't over. Within a few days Wall caused turmoil by rejecting the opportunity to become governor. A second election became necessary. On Nov. 6 Williamson's face off against Peter D. Vroom. Vroom overwhelmed Williamson by a vote of 42-13.

Born in Elizabethtown, Williamson lived from 1767 to 1844. He and his wife, Anne Crossdale, had two sons, Benjamin and Isaac. Originally a Federalist, he was elected to the Assembly and later as governor as a Democratic-Republican.

After leaving the governor's post he went on to serve as mayor of Elizabethtown and later as a member of the legislative council from Essex County. He turned down an appointment to the state supreme court and later served as a member of the constitutional convention that drafted New Jersey's second constitution, the Constitution of 1844, but resigned and died before it was completed.

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"For people to be nicer to one another."

STUDENT UPDATE

Osit named October Student of the Month

Senior Nicole Osit has been named Student of the Month for October at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield. She has been nominated for the National Association of American School Principals' Leadership Award. Her selection was based on her leadership skills, and she will compete nationally for this honor. She has always proven herself to be a leader in title and by example.

As a member of the Student Council Executive Board since 2000, Osit was active in all Student Council activities for four years. She is currently the president. She willingly gave her time to see that Spirit Week and the Fall Festival were successful. She is a strong, fair-minded and dependable leader upon whom faculty and students can rely for fulfilling her responsibilities. Being voted Fall Festival Queen is a tribute to her accomplishments.

The two words that best describe Osit are "personality plus." Her ability to meet each new challenge with determination and a smile is testament to her unflappable nature and strength of character. She organizes and gives the school announcements every morning.

Other activities Osit participates in are Peer Leadership, Springfield Community Alliance and the Alternatives Club. She is a gold letter winner in tennis, a four-year member of the varsity team.

As a member of the Volunteers Club at Dayton, she participates in providing breakfasts to senior citizens in the community, walking in the March of Dimes Walk and volunteering at the Children's Specialized Hospital.

Osit also participates in community service by serving on the Springfield Recreation Committee and the Temple Sha'Aray Shalom youth group and volunteer group. She has worked as a summer camp counselor for four years.

After graduation, Osit would like to attend college and major in clinical psychology, with the goal of private practice in the future. She is the daughter of Terri and Michael Osit.



Nicole Osit

Mountainside residents inducted into NHS

Three Mountainside residents — seniors Andrea Keller and Taras Puzyk, and junior Michael Puzyk — were inducted as 2001 National Honor Society members at Union Catholic Regional High School in Scotch Plains.

To qualify to become a member of The National Honor Society at Union Catholic, students must have a yearly grade point average greater than 6.5 and they must be active participants in three or more school activities.

Bookbinder named Student of the Month

The first student of the month for the 2001-02 school year at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield is Pamela Bookbinder, an exceptional member of the senior class. As a sophomore, she was chosen to participate in the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar in New Jersey. She then represented the state of New Jersey at the Seminar in Washington, D.C., where she spent a week in the summer with students from other states and counties. This past summer, she attended the Governor's School on the Environment, where a select number of students from the state participated.

Bookbinder also was the 7th Congressional District representative to

the Mothers Against Drunk Driving National Youth Summit. She met with over 400 students from the United States who care about preventing underage drinking and drunk driving.

Bookbinder helped start the Emergency Response Team at the high school with Principal Charles Serson and Social Studies Supervisor Barry Bacheneimer, advisor for the team, and emergency medical technician. The ERT is the first one of its kind at a high school in the state. She served as lieutenant of the team last year and is currently the captain. Certified in CPR, First Aid and defibrillator use, she is on call twice a week and has responded to several emergencies.

After the Sept. 11 tragedies, Bookbinder collected food for the fire, police and emergency workers. She also led the coordination of the blood drive for victims and workers, collecting over 90 units of blood.

Bookbinder's dedication to help others is demonstrated in many ways. She volunteers at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside once a month, is a candy stripper at Overlook Hospital in Summit, and tutored a student while his mother was recovering from surgery. She also volunteers at the senior citizen home in Springfield and helps with the senior citizen breakfast at Jonathan Dayton. She is a member of the executive board for the Kivani's Key Club. Her dedication to politics encouraged her to volunteer for the McGreevey for Governor and the Connelly for Congress campaigns.

Her service to the school is exemplary. She has been a member of the Mock Trial team for four years. Last year, the team won second place in the county. Bookbinder also is a member of the Quiz Bowl team, the executive board of the Student Council and Student Auxiliary. A peer leader for two years, she was instrumental in organizing the peer mediation group, which will begin this year.

Bookbinder hopes to attend Washington University in St. Louis, and major in political science. Her interest in politics stems from her enrollment in the Institute for Political and Legal Education at Jonathan Dayton. She is the daughter of Nancy and Mitch Bookbinder.

Bernstein to appear among 'Who's Who'

Todd Bernstein of Springfield is scheduled to appear in the 35th annual edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students, 2000-01."

"Who's Who," published by Educational Communications Inc. of Lake Forest, Ill., is the largest high school recognition publication in the country. Students are selected by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches or by the publishing company based upon students' performance in scholarship award contests or extracurricular activities.

Final selection is determined on the basis of criteria which include high achievement in academics and leadership in school activities, athletics or community service. Traditionally, 99 percent of "Who's Who" students have a grade point average of B or better and 97 percent are college-bound.

The 34th edition of "Who's Who," published in eighteen regional volumes, featured approximately 769,000 students, or 5 percent of the nation's 14,000,000 high school students. They represent over 20,000 of the over 24,000 public, private and parochial high schools nationwide.

"Who's Who" students also compete for \$200,000 in scholarship awards and participate in the publication's annual opinion poll of teen attitudes. The book is distributed on a complimentary basis to over 15,000 high schools, colleges, universities and public libraries throughout the country.

Area residents enroll at Syracuse University

Chad Frensdlich of Springfield and Alexander Grunberg of Mountainside are among approximately 2,800 new first-year and transfer students who have enrolled at Syracuse University in Syracuse for the 2001-02 academic year.

Frensdlich is enrolled at SU's College of Arts and Sciences majoring in arts and sciences while Grunberg is enrolled in SU's College of Arts and Sciences, majoring in psychology.

A special visit



David Maas, fire subcode officer for the Springfield Fire Department recently visited Edward V. Walton School for a demonstration with Sparky, the fire dog. Students, from left, Zachary Samansky, Amanda Tocci, Nina Mozin, Dwight Maldonado, and Dominic Mozin saw Maas in full firefighter gear and got a chance to squirt the fire hose.

RECREATION

Blood pressure tests

The Springfield Recreation Department has been notified by the Westfield Board of Health of a date change for blood pressure screenings at Sarah Bailey QD Center, 30 Church Hill. The screenings have been changed from the second Wednesday to the third Wednesday of each month from 1 to 2 p.m. For more information, call 973-912-2227.

The Springfield Senior Citizens are looking for members to join the "Young at Heart Singers." They meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays at Sarah Bailey from 2 to 4 p.m. They are also looking for card players to play pinocle Fridays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If anyone is interested or has a question, call Theresa at 973-912-2227.

Registration opens for youth baseball

Mountainside Youth Baseball will conduct its 2002 season registration at the Deerfield School cafeteria, 302 Central Ave., on Jan. 5 and 12 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Jan. 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. Children registering after the above dates will be placed on a team if space is available.

The number of teams and spaces available for participants depends on how many volunteer coaches/helpers sign up. Fees are payable at the time of registration. The association has five divisions from ages 6 to 14: Intro-

Ball, 8-year-olds; American League, 8- to 9-year-olds; Major League, 10- to 12-year-olds, and Pony League, 13- to 14-year-olds.

A parent or guardian must accompany youths. Youths registering for the first time must provide a copy of the child's birth certificate. This is an all-volunteer association and all parents are required to volunteer for at least four hours of time during the season.

Any questions about Mountainside Youth baseball can be directed to Sandy Burdge at 908-232-4373 or John Amalfi at 908-273-3262.

YMCA begins fitness program for girls

The Springfield YMCA, 100 S. Springfield Ave., will begin a new fitness/healthy lifestyle program specifically for girls, sixth to eighth grade. The DAISE program will feature participation in fun activities such as fitness workouts, cooking demonstrations highlighting healthy nutrition and life style, arts and crafts, dance instruction — including up, hip-hop, ballet, salsa and swing — indoor rock climbing and hiking excursions.

Registration continues throughout December. The program will run for eight weeks starting Jan. 9, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$35 for members, \$50 for non-members.

Call the Springfield YMCA at 973-467-0838 or visit www.summitareaymca.org for more information.

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Grant funds Temple Beth Ahm lectures

The Union County Board of Chosen. Freeholders has awarded a HEART (History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands) grant to Temple Beth Ahm's Hazak group and Kean University's Jewish Studies and World Affairs program. Grant funding has also been received from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities. These monies will support a lecture series entitled "Communication in a Multicultural World."

The lectures will be presented monthly from January through May at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, and are open to the public at no charge. Each will be on a Monday evening at 8 p.m.; the dates are: Jan. 14, Feb. 11, March 11, April 22 and May 20.

The keynote lecture in January will be presented by Kean University President Ronald L. Appbaum on the series theme: "Crossing Boundaries: Problems and Prospects of Multicultural Communication." Prior to his appointment at Kean University, Appbaum served as president of Westfield State College. He has also held positions as vice president for Academic Affairs at the University of Texas-Pan American and as dean of the School of Humanities at California State University-Long Beach.

Kean Political Science Professor Gilbert Kahn will present the Feb. 11 lecture on the topic: "Jews and Muslims: Is the Arab-Israeli Conflict Based on a Failure to Communicate?" and on March 11, Eric Pennington, professor of Literature at Kean, will speak on and give his personal account of "Jews and Muslims: Understanding Causes of the Recent Racism in Argentina." Susan Lederman, professor of Public Administration at Kean, was a "hidden child" during the Holocaust; she will include her personal experiences on April 22 as she speaks on: "Jews and Christians: Memories of a Hidden Child." The concluding lecture on May 20 will be presented by Dennis Klein, historian and director of the Jewish Studies and World Affairs program at Kean, on the topic: "Jews and Blacks: The Different Sounds of Freedom's Ring."

This educational program was made possible in part by a HEART Grant from the New Jersey Board of Chosen Freeholders and by a grant from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

For directions to Temple Beth Ahm in Springfield or other information, call 973-376-0539, Ext. 11.

A Jolly of PAL



The Mountain Side Police Athletic League (PAL) recently conducted its second annual "Breakfast with Santa" at Sheffield, Caterers, Route 22 West. Santa read a Christmas tale and received letters from the 40 children at each session.

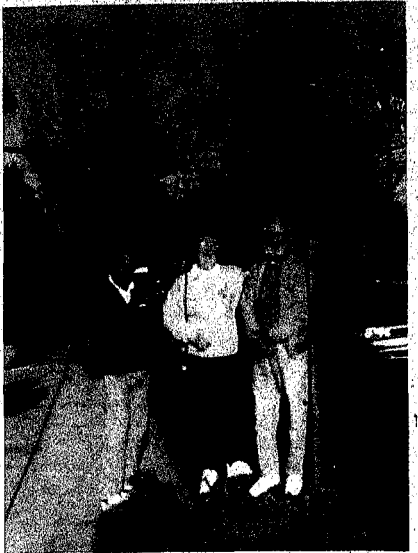
Tree planting helps beautify Springfield

In Springfield, 41 trees were recently planted along Mountain Avenue as part of the Union County Road Shade Tree Program, which is committed to planting trees every forty feet along both sides of all county roads.

The unusually large Springfield planting resulted from a cooperative local and county effort to identify and prepare appropriate locations. Upon

completion of the project, all owners will be given the names of the trees fringing their properties plus recommendations to ensure they thrive during the critical first year.

Mayor Sy Mulman commented: "Springfield has been making a great effort to beautify our community and we are grateful to the county for this substantial contribution."



From left Richard Nigro, the Union County Bureau Chief Tree Superintendent, Elaine Auer of the Springfield Beautification Committee and Herbert Slote of the Union County Shade Tree Advisory Board stand next to a newly planted red oak.

Local Red Cross continues aiding Sept. 11 victims

The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross is currently in the process of providing compassionate assistance to the eight local families who lost loved ones in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Support has been given in the form of grief and healing counseling, and financial assistance. Red Cross mental health workers are paying special attention to the children affected by this catastrophe.

Based on individual needs assessed by the Chapter Family Service Team, the Red Cross has also provided immediate cash grants for funeral expenses and the payment of household bills. Tax-free financial assistance will continue, as further needs are determined. Transportation, lodging and maintenance costs for family members required to travel to support loved ones were also covered. Representatives from local churches attended memorial services, and Red Cross volunteers provided refreshments for mourners and police.

The Red Cross Westfield/Mountainside Chapter is continuing

to serve the needs of the local community. Counseling is available for anyone who is experiencing symptoms of post-traumatic stress or depression. To access these services, an individual can either call the Westfield Red Cross office at 908-232-7090, or call the national Red Cross toll-free "compassion, assistance and information hotline" at 1-866-GET-INPO. This hotline is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Since this crisis began, the local Red Cross office, located at 321 Elm St. in Westfield, has also been open seven days a week.

Disaster preparedness is one of the most important elements of the Red Cross mission. In light of the current threats made by terrorists, the Westfield chapter has compiled an extensive list of disaster services volunteers, categorized by skills. Introduction to Disaster Services Training and First Aid courses have been given at the chapter. They will continue as the emergency situation is filled. First Aid and CPR training are also ongoing. Two newly trained disaster services

volunteers, Randy Maisel and Mary Alice Ryan of Westfield, recently traveled to Jersey City to help families at the New Jersey Family Assistance Center established by Governor Donald DiFrancesco.

For more information on how you and your family can prepare for a disaster, log on to the Red Cross Web site at www.redcross.org. Red Cross preparedness guidelines encourage households to create an emergency communications plan, establish a meeting place, assemble a disaster supplies kit and check on your children's school emergency plan. Brochures on these topics are also available at the Red Cross Westfield Chapter.

Maintaining an adequate blood supply is another critical part of the Red Cross mission. The public response following Sept. 11 filled New Jersey blood banks to capacity, but blood has a shelf life of only 35-42 days.

The Red Cross reminds donors to keep giving precious, lifesaving blood. A list of all those who have

indicated their desire to donate blood to meet future needs is on file in Westfield. Call the Chapter to be included on that list.

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of those who care in the communities surrounding the Westfield/Mountainside Chapter office and across America, the Red Cross has raised \$370 million nationally. Emergency gifts totaling over \$14 million have been distributed thus far. Over 90,000 mental health contacts have been made; 3,500 information calls answered; 6 million meals and snacks served; 35 million disaster volunteers have been registered, and over 500,000 units of blood have been collected.

American Red Cross disaster assistance is provided to people in need free of charge. Anyone who could benefit from these services may call the Westfield Chapter at the telephone number provided above. Those wishing to volunteer should also call the Chapter. There is a particular need to register skilled medical workers, nurses and physicians at this time.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

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EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH • CHRIST OUR HOPE AND PEACE • 242 Shunpike Rd., Springfield, Rev. Frederick Mackey, Sr. Pastor.
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AWANA Club Program for children ages 4-11: 6:00 PM Evening Service & Nursery care.
Wednesdays: 7:15 PM Prayer, Praise and Bible Study.
Sunday School: 9:30 AM. Active Youth Ministry: Wide-Range. Junior Church: Super Session: 3rd Thursday at 11 AM followed by lunch. Ample Parking. Choir LIT provided with assistance. All are invited and welcomed to participate in worship with us. For further information contact church office (973) 379-4351.

JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE
TEMPLE BETH AHM • Temple Drive, Springfield, 973-376-0539. Mosk, Malachuk, Rabbi. Richard Nekt, Cantor. Dr. Scott D. Zinberg, President. Temple Beth Ahm is an egalitarian, Conservative temple, with programming for all ages. Weekly services: Monday, 7:00 AM; Saturday, 7:45 PM Shabbat (Friday) 6:00 PM & 8:30 PM Shabbat day; 9:30 AM & sunset; Sundays, 8:30 AM. Festival & Holiday programs: 9:00 AM Family and children services are conducted regularly. Our Religious School (thirteen-grade) meets on Sunday and Tuesday. There are formal classes for both High School and pre-high school aged children. The synagogue also sponsors a Pre-School Women's League. Men's Club, youth groups for sixth through twelfth grades, and a boys Adult Education program. For more information, please contact our office during office hours.

JEWISH-REFORM
TEMPLE SHAR'ARY SHALOM 78 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield, (201) 379-5387. Joshua Goldstein, Rabbi; Amy Daniels, Cantor. Director: Mrs. Geraldine. Pre-School Education: Mummy Bell, President. Temple Shalom is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union Of American Hebrew

LUTHERAN
HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 07081, 201-379-6255. Fax: 201-379-8817. Joel R. York, Pastor. Our Sunday Worship Service takes place at 10 a.m. at JONATHAN DAYTON 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, 229 Cooperwaltham Pl., Westfield, Rev. Paul E. Krusch, Pastor. (908) 232-1517. Beginning Sunday, July 8, Summer Worship Times are as follows: Sunday Worship Services, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning Nursery available; Wednesdays Evening Worship Service, 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion is celebrated at all worship services. The church and all rooms are handicapped accessible.

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THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SUMMIT is located in the heart of town in the corner of Kent Place Boulevard and DeForest Avenue. Church School and Bible Study is held at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Worship is at 10:30 a.m.; the emphasis of which is to always have a "good week" because of Paul's reminder to us in his letter to the Romans "that ALL things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose." The sermons are uplifting, Biblically sound and guaranteed to keep you awake. The music and weekly children's message are memorable. All are welcome to hear the Good News of God's love and salvation through Jesus Christ. Our church also offers nursery care, after worship refreshments and fellowship, and many lively programs for everyone. Come worship with us and find out how you too can have a "good week." Call the church office or Pastors Gina or Rich Hendrickson, Senior Co-Pastors for more information at 908-274-1700.

PENTECOSTAL-NON-DECEMNATIONAL
VISIONS OF GOD FAMILY WORSHIP "RISING PEOPLE OF POWER FOR THE 21ST CENTURY", 242 Shunpike Road, Springfield (located at Evangel Baptist Church). Office located at 1135 Space Drive, Mountainside. Phone: 908-918-0212. Pastors: Paul & Sharon Dean. Worship Service - Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study - Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Ministries include: Singles, married Couples, Women, Men. We welcome everyone who is someone to come and worship with us.

PRESBYTERIAN
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 210 Morris Ave. at Church Mall, Springfield, 279-4530. Sunday School Classes for all ages 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning Worship Service: 10:15

a.m. (July and August 9:30 a.m.), with nursery facilities and care provided. Opportunities for personal growth through worship, Christian education, Choir, church activities and fellowship. Communion 1st Sunday of each month. Ladies' Benevolent Society - 1st Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m.; Ladies' Evening Group - 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.; Kuffekleisch - 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.; Choir - every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. in the Church. The Rev. Daniel J. Russell, Jr., Pastor.

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

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B'nai B'rith group plans winter getaway

Join the B'nai B'rith Kenesh Married Couples and members of Temple Sha'aray Shalom of Springfield at Kutsher's Country Club in Monticello, N.Y., Jan. 18-20. There are six meals starting with dinner that Friday through Sunday lunch, a cocktail party with open bar will be a highlight on

Saturday. There will be a new variety show each evening with no cover or minimum.

The cost for the weekend is \$377 for the newly furnished and renovated Rip Van Winkle rooms, which includes taxes and gratuities.

Day camp, teen programs and night patrol are available. Babysitting is available at a nominal charge. Children eating in the main dining room is also a nominal charge.

Reservations are being accepted now. A \$50 deposit will hold your room. If you would like to stay until Monday for Martin Luther King Jr. Day, there is an additional charge of \$179 per couple.

Mail checks payable to B'nai B'rith, P.O. Box 140, Livingston, 07039. Include your name, address, ages of children and phone number.

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OBITUARIES

Helen Scheer

Helen Scheer, 92, of Mountaintop, formerly of Springfield, died Dec. 10 in Chesham Hospital, Summit.

Born in Danville, Pa., Mrs. Scheer lived in Springfield before moving to Mountaintop 36 years ago. She was a member of the Women's Club, Food-U-Us Club and Senior Citizens Club...

Surviving are a daughter, Carolyn Capavans; a grandchild, and a great-grandchild.

Louise R. Herre

Louise R. Herre, 85, of Springfield died Dec. 11 in the Cranford Health and Extended Care Center.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Herre lived in Irvington and Maplewood before moving to Springfield. She was a payroll clerk for L. Baumbarger & Co., Newark, for 25 years and retired 20 years ago...

Surviving are three daughters, Wellington, Garland and Douglas Shaw, and three sisters, Annie Bose, Alice Butler and Queen Reese.

Helena Thomas

Helena Thomas, 73, of Mountaintop died Dec. 10 in the Hospice of New Jersey, Wayne.

Born in Cumberland, Va., Mrs. Thomas lived in East Grand and Newark before moving to Mountaintop in 1972. She was a supervisor in the Weequeah branch of the Newark Public Library and retired in 1984.

Surviving are three brothers, Wellington, Garland and Douglas Shaw, and three sisters, Annie Bose, Alice Butler and Queen Reese.

William A. Chambers

William A. Chambers, 47, of Springfield, formerly of Summit, died Dec. 19 at home.

Born in Detroit, Mich., Mr. Chambers lived in Rindloch and Summit before moving to Springfield 16 years ago.

Before moving to Springfield 16 years ago, he was a construction worker and owned B.C. Construction for 15 years, working in Springfield and the Morris County area.

Surviving are his wife, Jane; a son, Billy; a daughter, Rebecca; his mother, Joyce Chambers; two brothers, Brad and John, and a sister, Debra A.

Thomas W. Shurina

Thomas W. Shurina, 51, of Mountaintop died Dec. 16 at home.

Born in Orange, Mr. Shurina lived in Mountaintop since 1954. He was a bio-medical technician at Trinity Hospital, Elizabeth, for the past 16 years.

Surviving are his mother, Estelle J. Shurina, and a brother, William R.

Anna Blanch Lacz

Anna Blanch Lacz, 87, of Mountaintop, formerly of Roselle, died Dec. 18 in the Ashbrook Nursing Home, Scotch Plains.

Born in Pennsylvania, Mrs. Lacz lived in Newark, Irvington and Roselle before moving to Mountaintop two years ago.

Surviving is a sister, Stella.

Alfons Winter

Alfons Winter, 97, of Exeter, N.H., formerly of Mountaintop, died Dec. 21 in Exeter Hospital.

Born in Marbach/Villingen, Germany, Mr. Winter lived in Mountaintop and Brick before moving to Exeter. He was a self-employed painter and artist and received a certificate of merit in painting and wood engraving from the Newark School of Fine and Industrial Arts.

Surviving are a daughter, Dolores Morse, and two grandchildren.

Anthony Zappulla

Anthony Zappulla, 72, of Wharton, formerly of Springfield, died Dec. 22 in Saint Clare's Hospital, Denville.

Born in Newark, Mr. Zappulla lived in Springfield for many years before moving to Wharton 10 years ago. He was a guidance counselor at the Montgomery Street High School, Newark, for more than 30 years and retired in 1996.

Mr. Zappulla received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Seton Hall University, South Orange, and a master's degree in educational psychology from New York University. He served in the Army from 1945 through 1947.

Ruth M. Fisher

Ruth M. Fisher, 84, of La Jolla, Calif., formerly of Mountaintop, a retired Hillsdale school teacher, died Dec. 16 at home.

Born in Courland, N.Y., Mrs. Fisher lived in Mountaintop before moving to La Jolla. She taught kindergarten for the Hillsdale school system for 25 years before retiring.

Surviving are her husband of 61 years, Sidney O.; a son, Ken; a brother, Donald Marlet; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Richard E. Morrison

Richard Elliot Morrison, 72, of Summit, died Dec. 11 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Brooklyn, Mr. Morrison lived in Summit for 43 years. He was an expert in the field of packaging engineering and had been the founder and chairman of the Summit Group, packaging consultants in Summit, since 1980.

Mr. Morrison served in the Army and volunteered for the Airborne during the Korean War. He was later issued a professional appointment to Quarter Master School in Fort Lee, Va.

Surviving are his wife, Nina; a daughter, Shira Kanter; a brother, Edward, and a grandchild.

Felix J. Masi

Felix J. Masi, 88, of Holmdel, formerly of Summit, a retired engineer, died Dec. 15 in the Holmdel Health Care.

Born in Summit, Mr. Masi lived in Washington, D.C. and Summit for 50 years before moving to Holmdel seven months ago. He was an engineer at Kelleman & Dragman, Little Falls, for 17 years and retired in 1989.

Mr. Masi was a registered structural engineer in the state of New Jersey. Earlier, he taught mathematics and religion at Oratory School, Summit, for two years in the 1960s.

He served on the construction code board of appeals in Summit from 1976 through 1990 and was chairman the last six years. Mr. Masi was a member of the Knights of Columbus 5560, Springfield, and past president of the Holy Name Society and a former trustee, both of St. Teresa of Avila Church, Summit.

Surviving are a son, Ronald; two daughters, Patricia Roberts and Lorraine Calvarese; a brother, Dominic; a sister, Josephine De Vos; seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Anne-Marie Barden

Anne-Marie Barden, 51, of Springfield, Ariz., formerly of Summit, died Dec. 3 in the Payson Care Center, Payson, Ariz.

Born in New York City, Miss Barden lived in Summit, Santa Monica, Calif. and Santa Fe, N.M. for five years before moving to Springfield. Surviving are her mother, Jane R. Barden; three brothers, Peter, Joseph and Matthew Barden; and a sister, Mary Love.

Lucien Sante

Lucien Sante, 80, of New Providence, formerly of Summit, died Dec. 7 in the Glenside Nursing Home, New Providence.

Born in Verviers, Belgium, Mr. Sante lived in Summit before moving to New Providence in 1965. He was employed by Ethylene Corp., New Providence, for 23 years and retired in 1987 as a foreman. Earlier, Mr. Sante worked in the textile industry. While attempting to enlist in the Belgian Army at the outbreak of World War II, he witnessed aerial bombardment at the Battle of Dunkirk.

Surviving are a son, Luc, and a grandchild.

Jean Dickson

Jean Dickson, 82, of Frederick, Md., formerly of Summit, died Dec. 10 in the Citizens Nursing Home, Frederick.

Born in Orange, Mrs. Dickson lived in Summit before moving to Frederick. She was employed in the insurance industry and later did administrative work with pharmaceutical companies, both in New Jersey.

Surviving are her husband, John; two sons, John A. W. and Peter W.; four daughters, Margery D. Smith, Wendy D. Cosolito, Judith D. Crouseberg and Pamela D. Siedor; a brother, Rodman D. Williams, and 10 grandchildren.

Lorraine J. Young

Lorraine J. Young of Summit died Dec. 15 at home.

Born in Somerville, S.C., Mrs. Young lived in Summit for 59 years. She was a licensed practical nurse for more than 20 years at the Ronnells Specialized Hospital, Berkeley Heights and was the supervisor of the Union County Children's Shelter, located at the hospital, before retiring.

Mrs. Young also had practiced at Elizabeth General Hospital, now Trinity Hospital, Elizabeth. She received a nursing degree from Union County College, School of Nursing, Cranford. Mrs. Young was active at Fountain Baptist Church, Summit. She was a member of the executive committee for the credit union, co-founder of the senior citizens group, a missionary, Sunday school teacher and member of the share program and nurse's unit.

Mrs. Young also was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Lindsey Street Post 322, and the executive board of Tri-County National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, both of Summit, and the Union County Senior Citizens Council. She also was a rank colonel for the Knights of Pythias, Court of Calumpe, Rose of Sharon 40, Summit, and a worthy counselor and treasurer of Princess of Omar, both of Summit.

Surviving are two sons, Zachary C. and William A., and two grandchildren.

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John McCarten Jr.

John Edward McCarten Jr., 83, of Sun City, Ariz., formerly of Summit, died Dec. 12 at home.

Born in Bridgeport, Conn., Mr. McCarten lived in Newark, Summit, and Mendham before moving to Sun City 23 years ago. He was an airline captain at American Airlines, where he worked for 35 years before retiring.

Surviving are his wife of 61 years, Mary; two daughters, Ellen Watzman and Johanna; five sons, David, Kevin, James, Barry and Sean; two sisters, Eileen Hayden and Marjorie Halpin, and 11 grandchildren.

Don Lutze

Don Lutze, 76, of Summit died Dec. 18 in the Care One, Parsippany.

Born in Morrisville, Mr. Lutze moved to Summit 32 years ago. He owned and published "The Country Shopper," a shopping guide and magazine featuring New Jersey history, lore and memorabilia based in northern New Jersey and retired in 1999. Mr. Lutze served in the Army during World War II. Surviving is his wife of 54 years, Geraldine.

Costanzo Iadanza

Costanzo Iadanza, 88, of Summit died Dec. 20 at home.

Born in Benevento, Italy, Mr. Iadanza had lived in Summit for the past 70 years. He was a construction laborer for several companies in the Summit area for many years before becoming disabled nearly 40 years ago.

Surviving are a daughter, Tina Smith; three sons, Rocky, Carmine and John; a sister, Sue Pree; two brothers, Angelo and Victor, and nine grandchildren.

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LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

MYBL registration Jan. 5 and 12

The Mountainside Youth Baseball League will hold registration at the Deerfield School cafeteria Jan. 5 and 12 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Jan. 7 from 7-9 p.m.

Children registering after the above dates will be placed on a team if space is available.

The number of teams and spaces available for participants depends on how many volunteer coaches/helpers sign up. Fees are payable at the time of registration.

The association has five divisions from ages 6-14. Introduction to Baseball is for youngsters age 6, T-Ball is for age 7, American League for ages 8 and 9, Major League for ages 10-12 and Pony League for ages 13 and 14.

Mountainside Youth Baseball is an all-volunteer association and all parents are required to volunteer for at least four hours of time during the season.

More information may be obtained by calling Sandy Burdge at 908-232-4373 or John Amalfi at 908-273-3262.

SJBB registering players now

The Summit Junior Baseball League is now registering players for the 2002 season. Any Summit-resident boy or girl in grades K-8 interested in playing baseball in the spring should complete and return an application form along with the appropriate fee.

Fees are \$65 per player for grades K-3 and \$130 per player for grades 4-8. The season starts April 6 and ends June 15.

The registration deadline is Jan. 18.

Application forms may be obtained at Summit elementary schools.

More information may be obtained by calling 908-273-6529.

Minutemen-hip team battles

The Springfield Minutemen 7U girls basketball team was defeated by visiting Fanwood 62-13 Dec. 19.

Aggressive defensive play by Fanwood challenged Springfield guards Danny Shabst and Brandon Bujnowsky and batted away many passes.

Eric Dworkin, David Steinman and Mike Dubiel battled under the boards, but were often out-rebounded by a large, quick Fanwood squad.

Danny DiCocco scored a basket in the third quarter on a nifty play inside.

Jason Usdin was unable to play for the Minutemen as he previously tore ligaments in his left arm and will be wearing a cast for the next several weeks.

Hot Stove Dinner set for Jan. 16

The 6th Annual Hot Stove League Baseball Dinner, sponsored by the Union County Baseball Association, in cooperation with the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation, will feature Milwaukee Brewers outfielder Jeffrey Hammonds as a guest speaker.

Hammonds, a former Scotch Plains High School slugger, will introduce his brother, Reggie, into the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame during the proceedings.

The awards dinner and induction ceremonies will be held on Jan. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at L'Affaire Restaurant in Mountainside.

At the dinner, awards will be presented to local athletes who have distinguished themselves during the year and four individuals will be inducted into the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame.

The evening's other honored inductees, besides Reggie Hammonds, include Ernest Piatto of Roselle Park, George Grost of Summit and Al Blazewski of Union Township.

According to James Jozzi, dinner chairman, the awards for Most Outstanding Male and Female Athletes of Union County, which will be presented that evening, will be announced soon.

Proceeds from the dinner help fund the Union County Youth Baseball League for youngsters ages 8-14 and the newer Fall Teen League.

More information may be obtained by calling 908-327-4910.



Dayton High School junior goaltender Michael Rodrigues has stepped up his play in net for the Bulldogs. Having never played the position until this year, Rodrigues is improving with every game. He presently has a respectable 3.50 goals-against average and has been a major factor in the Bulldogs' resurgence. Dayton enters play in January with a 3-3 record.

Dayton ice hockey to begin Jan. with 2-game win streak

Bulldogs getting fine play from goalies

The Dayton High School ice hockey team enters its January schedule with a two-game winning streak thanks to back-to-back victories over Central Blue Conference foe Passaic Valley.

The Bulldogs (3-3) downed Passaic Valley 10-3 at Floyd Hall Arena in Montclair Dec. 20 and then two nights later defeated the Passaic County school 10-5 at its home ice rink, Twin Oaks in Morrisstown.

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Backup goalie Jeremy Kovacs, also a junior, has also played well and has a sparkling 2.75 GAA in his four junior varsity and varsity contests.

Both goalenders have been learning on-the-job this year and their hard work and determination have begun to pay

dividends for the team.

Dayton stands in third place in its conference standings with six points and looks to continue its winning ways next month with games against Jefferson Jan. 5 at home and at Newark East Side Jan. 8.

Goaltending will play a significant role as the season progresses. The Bulldogs seem to have two netminders who are very capable.

Here's a look at the team's scoring leaders through six games: Steve Mandel (7 goals, 8 assists, 15 points), Adam Cohen (9-5-14), Brett Berger (2-9-11), Eric Decker (1-2-3), Clay Boeninghaus (2-1-3).

Upcoming: Jan. 5 Jefferson, 8:45 p.m.; Jan. 8 at West Side, 4 p.m.; Jan. 11 Watching Hills, 8:45; Jan. 12 West Orange, 9 p.m.; Jan. 19 Mountain Lakes, 9; Jan. 25 at Mountain Lakes, 8:45; Jan. 26 Gov. Livingston, 9; Jan. 30 at Johnson, 6 p.m.; Feb. 1 at West Orange, 7 p.m.; Feb. 2 Lawrence, 9; Feb. 8 at Watching Hills, 8:45; Feb. 9 Johnson, 9; Feb. 15 at Bayonne, 7:45 p.m.

Can a group of teenage boys and girls armed with a basketball fight cancer?

Can a group of teenage boys and girls armed with just a basketball fight cancer?

They can if they play for one of the high school teams participating in the inaugural American Cancer Society Coaches vs. Cancer Holiday Basketball Tournament taking place at New Providence High School.

The competition was scheduled to begin Tuesday and is scheduled to conclude tomorrow. Game times for each day of the tournament are 1, 3, 6 and 8 p.m.

Rounding out the field of boys and girls varsity and junior varsity teams playing in the four-day tournament are:

Boys' varsity and junior varsity: New Providence, Summit, Chatham and Madison.
Girls' varsity: New Providence, Rahway, Governor Livingston and Whippany Park.

Girls' junior varsity: New Providence, Chatham, Governor Livingston and Whippany Park.

Proceeds from the boys and girls varsity and junior varsity championship games will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

"Our Coaches vs. Cancer program offers colleges and high schools a unique way to help support the American Cancer Society's efforts to fight cancer," said Peter Rucione, director of Corporate Relations for the American Cancer Society.

"The program also allows the American Cancer Society to introduce itself to thousands of young adults who may be willing to establish a long-term relationship with us after seeing how they can help make a difference in the fight against cancer."

Coaches vs. Cancer was founded in 1993 as a partnership of the American Cancer Society and the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC).

The alliance establishes the American Cancer Society as the official cancer charity of the NABC.

More than 500 men's and women's college and high school basketball coaches have participated in Coaches vs. Cancer initiatives across the country.

Since its inception, the Coaches vs. Cancer program has raised more than \$16 million to help support American Cancer Society research, education, advocacy and patient services programs.

"We are thrilled to be a host site for an American Cancer Society Coaches vs. Cancer basketball tournament and we're looking forward to four days of exciting basketball," New Providence athletic director Don Carpenter said.

"More importantly, however, we're delighted that it will be supporting a worthwhile cause."

More information about Coaches vs. Cancer may be obtained by calling the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit its web site at www.cancer.org.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service.

More information about the American Cancer Society may be obtained by calling 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit its web site at www.cancer.org.

Summit league to include softball program

The Summit Junior Baseball League (SJBB), a baseball-only league since its inception in 1971, is expanding its program offerings to include the girls softball program formerly run by Summit's Board of Recreation.

"Summit Junior Baseball's Board of Directors felt strongly that it wanted to do something for girls in the spring who didn't want to play baseball, but were interested in participating in an all-girls softball league," said Rich Apostolik, President of SJBB.

By taking over the Board of Recreation's girl's softball program, SJBB, will now have within its organization all of Summit's spring youth "bat and ball" programs.

Jim Cristfield, second vice president and a member of SJBB's Board of Directors, will become Administrator for the girls' softball program.

"We plan on bringing to the girls' softball program our over 30 years experience in building one of the highest quality youth baseball programs in New Jersey," Cristfield said. "We're going to take this program, look at every detail related to its organization and put the necessary time and effort into making it one of the best programs for girls in the state."

Summit Junior Baseball is Summit's largest all-volunteer organization. Last year its spring programs regis-

tered over 830 baseball players, not including the various SJBB-sponsored summer travel teams and the American Legion baseball program, which it also sponsors.

Including the girls' softball program, SJBB expects to register over 1,100 Summit children this spring and field over 76 teams. More than 640 Summit families will participate in SJBB's programs this coming season.

SJBB has actively worked to upgrade Summit's recreational facilities over the years for Summit's baseball players. By the first of the year, SJBB will have installed field lighting for the baseball field located behind the Jefferson School and finished the construction of two permanent batting cages, one at Jefferson and one at Wilson Park. It has also donated scoreboards for the Jefferson and Wilson baseball fields.

In addition to all its work on recreational facilities, two years ago SJBB organized what is now known as the Suburban League for 7th and 8th grade baseball players. This league is expected to field 16 teams this year from the towns of Summit, New Providence, Berkeley Heights and Springfield. Enrollment in the Suburban League is expected to approach 200 baseball players.

LaBarca College Day aids players seeking information

By Jeff Wolfrum
Staff Writer

CLARK — With the opportunity to continue playing at the college level, all senior and junior football players from New Jersey were invited to attend the 20th annual Frank LaBarca Memorial College Day Dec. 9 at Johnson High School.

The program is geared to help players — who have not been recruited — to connect with Division I-AA, 2, 3 and prep schools. The afternoon included over 50 college and prep school coaching staffs that were available to talk to the players, their parents and coaches about the football prospects and educational opportunities at their respective schools.

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Some of the colleges involved were New Jersey-based William Paterson, St. Peter's, Montclair State and The College of New Jersey.

Others included out-of-state schools such as Ithaca, Pace, East Stroudsburg, Lock Haven and Western Connecticut. The Coast Guard was also present to speak of opportunities it offers.

Heading the College Day was Johnson head football coach Bob Taylor, who has been with the program since its inception and is one of its biggest proponents.

"For the seniors, it's sometimes the launching point for them to get into a college," Taylor said.

To help aid in choosing the right school academically and financially, the program also offers SAT improvement representatives and a financial advisor to answer questions and provide information.

Along with Taylor, other Union County coaches involved with the program are Frank Botone of New Providence, Dave Curtin of Brearley, John Wagner of Roselle Park, Jim Hopke of Hillside, Chris Hull of Cranford and Lou Grasso of Roselle, among others.

"The attendance this year was great," Curtin said. "Many schools came by the bus-load."

The Brearley head coach also brought some of his juniors to get them exposed to the program.

"I told the juniors to walk around and gather all the information they can and put it in a box under their bed," Curtin said. "That way they'll have it." Two Johnson juniors that took advantage of the program were Ryan Kaulfers and Kris Stark.

"Coach Taylor told us to look around and make sure we tell the different schools our grades," Kaulfers said. "The schools then gave us information so we can stay in touch."

Feeling that it was a good experience, both students were happy they came to the event.

"I'm not looking at a definite college here, but it was nice to deal with the people at LaBarca Day," Stark said.

Some players have an idea of what schools could be a fit, while others are still in the searching stage.

"I'm looking to stay local instead of going out of state," West Orange senior Andrew Madurek said.

Chris Verducci of Bloomfield, a senior, is interested in Kean, William Paterson and New Jersey City. Verducci wouldn't rule out the possibility of going out of state, listing Sacred Heart and the University of Connecticut as prospects. "A lot depends on what I can get and where I can go money wise," Verducci said.

Also factored into the decision process is a possible position change. "I want to play middle linebacker or anything on defense," Union senior Stacy Ford said.

Ford, at 5-10, 175, played offensive guard and linebacker for the Farmers. Many players brought their parents with them for encouragement and moral support.

One such parent was Andre Denzel, who's son Andre Jr. attends Columbia High School. Andre was unable to be there, but cousin and Columbia junior Naldo Raphael attended the program with Andre Sr.

"I decided to come out here and get a feel of what schools are viable for my son," Denzel said. "I'll take home the information and see which one he likes the best."

Denzel, who when he was in high school received a Division 2 scholarship in soccer, felt being there with his nephew will help in his decision process. "I've been telling Naldo that he's got a better chance of getting a full scholarship at a Division 2 or 3 school than at a Division 1 school," Denzel said. "So by being here, he can get himself on the right path by selecting a field that he's interested in and getting a feel for some of the schools that offer it."

Denzel also feels that the program is critical in getting parents to become a part of the process.

"College sports is very competitive, so selecting a good school is sometimes a challenge," Denzel said. "I wish they had this program when I was in high school."

Playing a big part in the soothing of financial concerns was advisor Bill Daly.

Dayton splashes R. Catholic

The Dayton High School swimming team improved to 2-1 after defeating Roselle Catholic 112-52 Dec. 17 in a home meet.

John Cottage, Drew DeCagna, Bryan Demberger and Matt Stigliano combined to win the 200 medley relay in 2:05.08.

Cottage won the 200-yard freestyle in 2:21.46, while Thomas Milano was third in 2:52.75.

DeCagna won the 200-yard individual medley in 2:25.24, while Greten was third in 2:52.28.

Gary Goldman was first in the 500-yard freestyle in 28.40, while Stigliano was second in 31.56 and Shany David third in 34.10.

Demberger won the 100-yard butterfly in 1:04.51 and Goldman the 100-yard freestyle in 1:04.31. Raquel Mendez was third in 1:14.41.

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Cottage won the 500-yard freestyle in 6:17.06, while Stigliano, Greten, DeCagna and Goldman captured the 200-yard freestyle relay in 2:04.03.

Demberger won the 100-yard backstroke in 1:01.01, while Stigliano was second in the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:38.06 and Roman Bronshteyn fourth in 1:41.00.

Greten, Cottage, Demberger and Goldman won the 400-yard freestyle relay in 4:33.79.

Dayton's record evened at 2-2 on Dec. 19 as it was defeated by Morrisstown-Bedford 110-58 in an away meet.

Since it was a 25-meter pool, all times are for meter measures (all other meets have been for yard pools).

Greten, DeCagna, Demberger and Stigliano were second in the 200-meter medley relay in 2:29.41.

Wojcie Myśliwiec was fourth in the 200-meter freestyle in 3:08.03, while Aljie Vastley was fifth in 3:21.98.

DeCagna was second in the 200-meter IM in 3:05.20, while Greten was fourth in 3:14.28.

Goldman was first in the 50-meter freestyle in 28.93, while Mendez was fourth in 33.75 and Stigliano fifth in 35.78.

Demberger won the 100-meter butterfly in 1:03.59, while Megan Tavis was fourth in 1:49.56.

Goldman won the 100-meter freestyle in 1:08.64, while Mendez was fifth in 1:32.87. Myśliwiec was fourth in the 500-meter freestyle in 8:54.57.

DeCagna, Greten, Stigliano and Goldman were fourth in the 200-meter freestyle relay in 2:14.70, while Demberger won the 100-meter backstroke in 1:10.59 and Tavis was fourth in 1:45.07.

DeCagna was second in the 100-meter breaststroke in 1:20.85, while Greten was fourth in 1:33.56.

Myśliwiec, Stigliano, Demberger and Goldman were fourth in the 400-meter freestyle relay in 5:59.09.

FD responds to Rt. 22 accident with injuries

Springfield
On Dec. 13 at 8 a.m., the Springfield Fire Department attended to a motor vehicle accident with injuries at South Springfield Avenue and Route 22.

- On Dec. 9 at 12:02 a.m., firefighters responded to the second floor of Fire Headquarters for an activated fire alarm. At 1:37 p.m., all units went to a Key Drive residence for smoke in the house.
- On Dec. 10 at 10:02 a.m., the department attended to an activated

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carbon monoxide detector at a Smithfield Drive residence. At 5:42 p.m., they answered a medical service call at an Edison Place business. At 7:27 p.m., they investigated an activated fire alarm on the second floor of the firehouse.

- On Dec. 11 at 11:41 a.m., firefighters responded to a Faden Road business for a medical service call. At 2:15 p.m., they answered a medical service call at a Morris Avenue business. At 3:30 p.m., they attended to a medical service call at Linden and Morris avenues.
- On Dec. 12 at 10:01 a.m., all units responded to a Mountain Avenue house of worship for an activated fire alarm. At 11:31 a.m., they attended to a medical service call at a Route 22 East business. At 11:58 a.m., they responded to a Henshaw Avenue residence to handle a lockout.

- At 8:02 a.m., the department responded to the area of 201 Route 22 for a motor vehicle accident with injuries. At 2:18 p.m., they answered a medical service call at a Temple Drive house of worship. At 2:37 p.m., they investigated an electrical problem at a Redwood Road residence.
- On Dec. 14 at 7:47 a.m., firefighters responded to a Stone Hill apartment complex for a medical service call. At 11:08 a.m., they attended to a Baltusol Way residence for a medical service call. At 11:53 a.m., they investigated an odor at a Mountain Avenue business. At 1:09 p.m., they attended to an arcing utility pole on Commerce Street. At 3:35 p.m., they answered a medical service call at a Garden Oval residence. At 4:29 p.m., they assisted the police with a suspicious package at a Morris Avenue business.

- On Dec. 15 at 3:36 p.m., the department to a Perry Place residence for a water condition. At 9:52 p.m., they attended to a car fire outside a Morris Avenue business.
- On Dec. 16 at 10:23 a.m., the Fire Department investigated a water condition at a Tooker Avenue residence.
- On Dec. 17 at 12:08 a.m., firefighters attended to an activated carbon monoxide detector at a Sherwood Road residence. At 10:17 a.m., they investigated an odor of something burning at a Morris Avenue residence. At 11:13 a.m., they answered a medical service call at a Benjamin Drive residence.
- On Dec. 18 at 3:22 p.m., firefighters responded to Mountain and

Stolen Dumpster reported

Springfield
On Dec. 12 at 9 a.m., a Garwood resident reported that a green 20-year capacity garbage Dumpster was stolen from Walker Road.

- A Woodbridge resident reported that his passenger window and dashboard molding were damaged during a motor vehicle burglary on Route 22 East Dec. 16 at 10:29 p.m.
- On Dec. 17 at 1:03 p.m., the Wine Library on Millburn Avenue reported that several items were stolen over an unspecified period of time. Some of the items included Johnnie Walker Red, Molson Ice, Jack Daniels, Hennessy Cognac and Heinekens.
- Employees at The Sports Authority on Route 22 East reported witnessing an attempted shoplifting that included a Knicks sweatshirt, a Jets long-sleeve shirt and a Hitman long-sleeve shirt Dec. 17 at 4:54 p.m.
- On Dec. 17 at 6:30 p.m., Charles Handtke Jr., 38, of North Plainfield was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia on Route 22 West.
- On Dec. 17 at 8:02 p.m., Shelley Lark, 33, of Scotch Plains was arrested at The Sports Authority for receiving stolen property, shoplifting and hindering apprehension.
- A Hillside Avenue resident reported that his vehicle was broken into and several items were stolen on Route 22 East on Dec. 18 at 7 p.m.

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Remer avenues for a motor vehicle accident with a spill. At 5:59 p.m., they attended to a motor vehicle accident with injuries on Farm Road and Route 22 East. At 6:15 p.m., all units responded to a South Springfield Avenue residence for a medical service call.

- On Dec. 19 at 1:47 a.m., the department attended to a Dumpster fire at a Route 22 West business. At 9:51 a.m., they answered a medical service call at a Mountain Avenue business. At 10:09 a.m., they responded to a Morris Turnpike business for a medical service call. At 12:49 p.m., they rushed to a medical service call at a South Springfield Avenue residence. At 10:53 p.m., they investigated an odor in the Springfield Avenue business.

- On Dec. 20 at 8:53 a.m., the Fire Department responded to a Becker Road residence for a medical service call. At 10:27 a.m., they investigated an activated fire alarm at a Mountain Avenue business. At 11:45 a.m., they answered a medical service call at a Park Place condominium complex. At 1:30 p.m., they attended to a medical service call at a Diamond Road business. At 9:15 p.m., they investigated an activated fire alarm at a Tree Top Drive residence.

- On Dec. 21 at 12:16 a.m., firefighters responded to a Tree Top Drive residence for an activated fire alarm.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that public hearings will be held by the Planning Board of the Borough of Mountainside on the Mountainside Municipal Building, 1365 Route 206, Mountainside, NJ on January 10, 2002 at 8:00 p.m. on the following topics:
Mountainside Board of Education, 1497 Woodcrest Drive, Block 3A, Lot 10 11-11, Site plan and development of Jacobson, 225 Oak Street and Sheffield's Catering, 100 Route 22 East.
Other applications that were adjourned from the December meeting will be heard. Title 181, New Providence Road, Jacobson, 225 Oak Street and Sheffield's Catering, 100 Route 22 East.
All applications subject to the Mountainside Land Use Ordinance. All applications are subject to public hearing. If approved, other issues may be discussed and action may be taken.
Ruth M. Reas
Secretary
(517.750)

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE
BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside on December 19, 2001. The Ordinance is subject to public hearing and the said ordinance will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at the meeting of the Borough Council to be held in the Municipal Building, 1365 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey on the 15th day of January, 2002 at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.
Judith E. O'Leary
Borough Clerk

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER X, SECTION 1.14 AND SECTION 1.17 OF THE ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE, NEW JERSEY, RELATIVE TO THE MEMBERSHIP FEE FOR USE OF THE MOUNTAINSIDE COMMUNITY POOL.
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE, NEW JERSEY, that Chapter X, Section 1.14 and 1.17 of the Borough Code be, 10-14 Fee Established:
1. The resident and full time employee membership fees and guest fees shall be as follows:
a. Family Membership:
(i) Each unmarried child over 21 living at home or parent living with family \$210.00
(ii) Single Membership 16 years of age or older 105.00
(iii) Senior Citizen Membership: 62 years of age or older 65.00
(iv) A child under the age of 16 joining as part of a family, single or senior citizen membership of a relative, if both the child and membership are resident 105.00
(v) A resident person age 14 or 15 employed by a family as a parent's helper joining that family's membership 105.00
b. Guest daily fee:
(i) Under 18 years of age 4.25
(ii) 18 years of age or younger 12.00
(iii) Over 18 years of age 15.00
c. Non-resident membership fees and guest fees shall be as follows:
(i) Family Membership:
(a) Each unmarried child over 21 living at home or parent living with family 5385.00
(b) Single Membership: 18 years of age or older 193.00
(c) Senior Citizen membership: 62 years of age or older 152.00
(d) A child under the age of 16 joining as part of a family, single or senior citizen membership of a relative, if both the child and membership are non-resident 193.00
(e) A non-resident person age 14 or 15 employed by a family as a parent's helper joining that family's membership 193.00
d. Guest daily fee:
(i) Under 18 years of age 7.00
(ii) 18 years of age or younger 12.00
(iii) Over 18 years of age 15.00
e. Registration fee payable for first year membership only:
(i) Family Membership 20.00
(ii) Single Membership 10.00
(iii) Senior Citizen membership 10.00
f. A family membership composed of only two persons shall be entitled to ten complimentary guests.
g. A single membership shall be entitled to five complimentary guests.
h. A senior Citizen membership shall be entitled to two complimentary guests.
i. Members that move during the season. Persons holding a family or individual membership whose residency within the Borough shall terminate during the pool season shall be entitled to a refund of each membership fee which shall be calculated as follows: The amount of the membership fee paid shall be divided by ten and the quotient thereby obtained shall be multiplied by the number of weeks, exclusive of the week of termination, remaining in the pool season. The product of such multiplication shall be the amount of the refund.
j. Non-residents of the Borough who desire pool membership. Persons desiring a family or individual membership who begin to reside within the Borough during the pool season shall, upon payment of the registration fee, be eligible for membership for the balance of such season upon the payment of a portion of the fee for the type of membership desired which shall be calculated as follows: The amount of the membership fee shall be divided by ten and the quotient thereby obtained shall be multiplied by the number of weeks, exclusive of the week in which registration was made, remaining in the pool season. The product of such multiplication shall be the amount of the membership fee.
k. A family or individual who becomes a member on or after August 1st may join for the balance of that season at one-half the season membership. The first year registration fee for non-resident memberships must be paid in full.
10-17 Hours of Operation:
The hours of operation shall be established by the Governing Body by Resolution.
The ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication hereof after first publication.
U7970 ECL Dec. 28, 2001 (598.00)

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
In compliance with N.J.A.C. 17B:27A-2, please be advised that the Tax Assessor's staff in the Township of Springfield, including assessors and members of the Tax Assessor's staff in the Township of Springfield, are available to taxpayers and members of the general public Monday through Friday (except holidays) from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
Edward Galante, CTA
Springfield Tax Assessor
U7973 ECL Dec. 28, 2001 (\$4.50)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY
Sealed proposals for the construction of a new building, to be known as the "OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, NEW JERSEY," located at 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, will be received by the Office of the Township Clerk, Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, until 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 27, 2002, and public opening of bids will be held at the Office of the Township Clerk, Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, on Wednesday, February 27, 2002. Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of Public Laws 1975, Chapter 127.
KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI
Township Clerk
U7967 ECL Dec. 28, 2001 (\$13.50)

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE
BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountainside does hereby schedule its monthly meeting as follows for 2002:
WORK SESSION
January 8 12
February 5 12
March 12 12
April 9 12
May 6 12
June 3 13
July 1 13
August 5 13
September 2 13
October 7 10
November 4 10
December 1 10
Reorganization Meeting: Thursday, January 2, 2003 (615.75)
U7969 ECL Dec. 28, 2001

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

COUNTY OF UNION
The Municipal Office of the Township of Springfield will be closed on the following holidays in 2002. These holidays are in accordance with the Municipal Employees' Contract.
New Year's Day Tuesday January 1st
Martin Luther King Jr. Monday January 21st
Lincoln's Birthday Tuesday February 12th
Washington's Birthday Friday February 22nd
Good Friday Friday March 29th
Memorial Day Monday May 27th
Independence Day Thursday July 4th
Labor Day Monday September 2nd
Columbus Day Tuesday October 1st
Election Day Tuesday November 5th
Thanksgiving Day Monday November 11th
Veteran's Day Thursday November 28th
Day after Thanksgiving Friday November 29th
Christmas Wednesday December 25th
KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI
Township Clerk
(855.50)

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Take notice that the following decision was made at the regular meeting of the Board of Adjustment held on Tuesday, December 18, 2001.
Application # 2001-18
Applicant: Clifford Welter & Shively Stanger
Site Location: 21 Fort's Edge Road, Block 2501 Lot 92
For a Variance for Lot Coverage for construction of a pool
Was approved.
Said application is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Planning Board, Annex Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey and is available for public inspection.
Robert C. Kirkpatrick
Board Secretary
U7948 ECL Dec. 28, 2001 (\$9.50)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2002
The Township of Springfield Board of Adjustment has scheduled a Special Meeting on January 10, 2002, to be held at Springfield Town Hall, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey. The meeting will be held at 6:45 p.m. and the meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. The application to be heard will be Application #2001-18, JMK Auto Sales for property located at 304 South Springfield Avenue, Block 3000, Lot 12. The applicant is seeking a Preliminary and Final Site Plan approval, a Use Variance and bulk variances. Formal Action may or may not be taken. Robert C. Kirkpatrick, Board Secretary, U7947 ECL Dec. 28, 2001 (\$8.25)

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COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY
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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
PROPERTY TAX DELINQUENT
Springfield Tax Assessor, Edward Galante, has prepared a list of delinquent property tax for the year 2001. This list will be available for review by any taxpayer on Friday, December 28, 2001 at 8:00 AM.
Edward Galante
Tax Assessor
U7974 ECL Dec. 28, 2001 (\$4.25)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

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	29th Tuesday	Regular		8:00 p.m.
FEBRUARY	4th Monday	Work Shop	Session	7:30 p.m.
	5th Tuesday	Work Shop	Session	8:00 p.m.
	12th Tuesday	Regular		8:00 p.m.
	19th Tuesday	Work Shop	Session	8:00 p.m.
	26th Tuesday	Regular		7:30 p.m.
MARCH	11th Monday	Work Shop	Session	7:30 p.m.
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	30th Tuesday	Regular		8:00 p.m.
MAY	6th Monday	Work Shop	Session	7:30 p.m.
	13th Monday	Work Shop	Session	7:30 p.m.
	14th Tuesday	Regular		7:00 p.m.
	28th Tuesday	Work Shop	Session	7:00 p.m.
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JUNE	10th Monday	Work Shop	Session	7:30 p.m.
	17th Monday	Work Shop	Session	8:00 p.m.
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	27th Monday	Work Shop	Session	6:00 p.m.
	28th Wednesday	Regular		7:00 p.m.

Any changes or additions to this calendar will be announced pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.
U7972 ECL Dec. 28, 2001, Jan. 4, 2002

PUBLIC NOTICE

office, Room 503 of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue during the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM.
Edward Galante
Tax Assessor
U7974 ECL Dec. 28, 2001 (\$4.25)

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