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No settlement in sight for township's police, fire contracts

Date with arbitrator set for Wednesday

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

Springfield police and fire contracts expired Dec. 31, 2000 and have still not been settled. According to PBA Local 76, the current police scheduling is causing the township to spend a lot of money on officers working overtime.

"We haven't had a pay raise for over a year and a half now," said PBA Local 76 President and Springfield Police Officer Stephen Stud-

lack. "The only people that got their pay raises or increases are the township administrator and people like that."

The Police Department's salaries, wages, and other expenses in this year's budget totaled \$4,215,963, a \$266,048 increase from last year's budget.

"It's probably due to the overtime generated with the schedule we're working," said Studlack. "We're actually four supervisors short."

Township Administrator Richard Sheola said the increase in this year's budget is due to the township factoring in some overtime pay and future raises for police officers.

"We didn't give raises," he said. "It's in anticipation if the contract is settled."

Police officers' schedules are based on a six-day week and because of that they work a 61-week year as opposed to a 52-week year.

Currently, police officers work a four days on/two days off schedule in eight-hour shifts: 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., 3 to 11 p.m., and 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.

"Right now with the schedule shifts that we work, we have one supervisor," said Studlack.

For every four days, there are two supervisors working the 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. shift and the 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. shift. The 3 to 11 p.m. shift only has one supervisor. The way Springfield's current schedule is devised, there should be nine supervisors in total, three for each shift.

"We have one supervisor working four days and then he's off for two. For those two days, there's overtime generated because of a lack of manpower," said Studlack, referring to

the 3 to 11 p.m. shift.

Based on the police officers' 61-week year, if a supervisor is off two of those days each week — using simple math, two multiplied by 61 — results in 122 overtime days the township must pay officer supervisors during the course of a year. That does not include vacation days.

"It's very taxing on you when you have a family and kids and the summertime comes and your kid wants to play softball and baseball," said Studlack.

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Dayton choir, band score high at festival

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

For some schools, moments like winning the Best Overall Band award in the Music in the Parks Festival are few and far between, but for Jonathan Dayton High School's Visual & Performing Arts Department, those moments came often this year.

"I think this academic year, the Visual & Performing Arts Department has definitely had one of its best years since Springfield has taken over Dayton," said Springfield school district coordinator of Visual & Performing Arts Ronald Slate.

"We're growing. We're getting bigger and better and the work exhibited this year by our students is proof that we have a strong department, great students and great teachers here in the district."

On May 18, 43 students from Dayton's Concert Band and Concert Choir traveled to Hershey, Pa., to compete in the festival, joining 11 other schools from all over the Northeast. The Concert Choir placed first with an overall rating of excellent, and the Concert Band placed first with an overall rating of superior and was given the Best Overall Concert Band Award.

"This festival is for competition as well as rating," said Slate. "Not only did they compete with other bands but there are judges from all aspects of the professional music world."

Slate said the students not only go to the festival to compete but to receive a rating from professionals already established in the field.

"It gives you another critique of your performance and how we are doing," said Slate. "I think that is one of the most beneficial things about doing a festival like this. Not only do you get to see some of the bands from around the Northeast but you get some vital comments from judges."

The Superior Rating is the highest rating a participant can receive.

The last time Dayton competed in the festival was when they were part of the regional school district in the early 1990s.

On May 22, the Dayton Visual & Performing Arts Department represented Union County at the New Jersey State Teen Arts Festival at the College of New Jersey in Trenton.

"We competed in March, everyone competed at the Union County level," said Slate. "Some of those particular students were selected to represent Union County at the New Jersey State Level of Teen Arts."

"They are selected by those particular judges in their field to represent Union County on a state level," he said. "There's no big awards once you get there. The honor is actually getting there. It's not like you can go on to a national thing."

Dayton students participating in visual art studies submitted artwork



Photo By Bob Heltrich

Ron Slate, coordinator of Visual & Performing Arts for the Springfield School District, stands with some members of the Jonathan Dayton High School Concert Band & Choir. Both the choir and band placed first in the Music in the Parks Festival, winning several awards for their performance.

consisting of two-dimensional design and black and white photographic collages.

"There are a couple of judges who critique the work depending on the category you're in," said Slate. "For example, the artists are going to work on lines and shading and creativity, the theme and process."

The Concert Choir was selected for a large vocal ensemble and to perform numbers from the spring musical "State Fair."

"At the state level, both of our groups received outstanding ribbons for outstanding performances," said Choir Director Tanya Boehme. "You can't really go any further. That's really the top."

The JDHS Television Production Class had four groups of students selected to air their public service announcements.

The project centers around the teacher of the TV Production class giving a group of students a topic to

make a public service announcement about, such as drug abuse or drunk driving.

"With other school districts on the county level, they're taped and they're based upon creativity, originality, how clean the recording is, how well it's edited," said Slate. "They're critiqued with other schools watching. They've made it to the state teen arts the past five years, every year we've had the television studio."

County still awaiting final test results of Meisel Field

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

Union County contracted Matrix Environmental and Geotechnical Services to conduct additional testing of the contamination levels at county-owned Meisel Avenue Field in Springfield. Matrix officials said they would submit a remediation plan to the county by the end of May. May has ended and the county has still not received the plan.

"We're waiting to hear back from Matrix," said Union County Director of Parks and Recreation Charles Sigmund. "The county is not yet in receipt of a document that will guide us on Meisel."

The county is getting in touch with its contact at Matrix and expects to see the report within the next few weeks.

"It's coming down to them," said Matrix senior project manager Norma Eichlin. "We had collected a little bit more data and it just took us a little bit longer to pool all the results together."

In March, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders awarded an additional \$68,000 contract to Florham Park-based Matrix to com-

plete further soil and groundwater testing. The company conducted the initial soil studies last year at a cost of \$76,000.

Meisel originally was closed in August, after soil and groundwater testing performed by Matrix found high levels of three contaminants, including arsenic, lead and an insecticide.

Originally, all property around Jonathan Dayton High School, as well as the field facing Mountain Avenue, were closed. However, in November, the fields adjacent to Dayton were reopened following additional testing, which revealed those fields were safe. The soccer fields in the basin adjacent to the track also were reopened.

The Meisel property once housed a chemical dye plant in the 1930s before the athletic fields were developed for the schools.

"I want to make sure that the county understands what we, as the environmental consultant, would recommend and then the report should be submitted to the state," said Eichlin.

Eichlin said it is not a huge report but does contain a lot of information.

The primary remediation recommendation is

to remove the impacted surface soil. There is no set timeframe yet for the removal of the soil.

"A lot of it would stem on getting a remediation contractor in place, going through that bidding process, as well as the state getting this report and buying into the remedial action that is being proposed," said Eichlin.

As far as the surface soil is concerned, Matrix could not draw a connection between it and the chemical factory that was housed there in the 1930s.

No additional testing is planned at this point.

"We've done what we believe is sufficient testing to chart a course from here. Of course that needs to be reviewed with the state Department of Environmental Protection," said Sigmund.

Once the report is submitted to the DEP, remediation plans and recommendations require state approval.

"Something of this magnitude we'd want to have them buy into it to get things going," said Eichlin.

Remediation could be as simple as excavating a small area to several acres or encapsulat-

ing an area.

"It could be any number of different options," said Sigmund.

If the DEP recommends that the property be remediated to meet residential soil criteria, then the property does not need to be continuously tested, once the clean-up is completed. A restricted clean-up allows for unrestricted use, according to the DEP.

According to DEP regulations, an unrestricted site has a certain level of soil contamination that is allowable. There are use restrictions for the residential use of properties that have contamination if an appropriate cap is placed on top of the site, eliminating any possible exposure to the soil contamination, according to the DEP.

Eichlin said Matrix works with the county on a number of projects and can help them, if needed, with the remediation process at Meisel.

"We've got some additional activities proposed just to kind of fine tune the deliberation but really all that sort of stuff would be discussed with DEP before it would be implemented," said Eichlin.

New program hopes to strengthen sagging math skills

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

"I'm sure many of you, and some of you may have said it, 'I was never any good at math,'" said Springfield School District Supervisor of Mathematics Daryl Winland, at Monday night's Board of Education meeting. "Unfortunately, our children can't say that. This world is much more advanced technologically and any job that you have, in any field, will involve math."

To help students in the middle school levels better understand math and mathematical concepts, the Springfield School District is implementing new standards and textbooks into its math programs at Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School for the 2002-03 school year.

The new standards include number and numerical operations; geometry and measurement; patterns and algebra; data analysis, probability, and discrete mathematics; and the mathematical process.

The mathematical process includes problem solving, communications, connections, reasoning, representations and technology.

Grades kindergarten through fifth will continue to use a program called Everyday Math, which was developed by the University of Chicago School Mathematics Project.

Everyday Math enables students to practice and learn multiple exposures to topics; frequent opportunities for review and practice; topics introduced in an early grade are revisited, developed, and extended in later grades; and this is supposed to offer greater preparation for the Terra Nova and Elementary School Proficiency Assessment.

In past years, grades six, seven and eight also were using the University of Chicago's Math Program.

Students in grades six, seven and eight will begin using a program titled the Connected Mathematics Project which was developed by Michigan State University. Connected Mathe-

matics is identified as an exemplary mathematics program by the state Department of Education. It is a sixth, seventh and eighth grade program that connects well with Everyday Math. It has a standards-based curriculum and is used by many districts in the area, including Summit, Millburn and Highland Park.

"Connected Mathematics is a new program for us that we are going to be using next year," said Winland. "It's a good follow-up to the Everyday Math Program."

Springfield was partially prompted to change to the new program after checking with other school districts in the area, Winland said.

"We also investigated some studies that were done on the program," she said.

Winland said there are about five comparable programs that are out right now, but Connected Mathematics happens to be the most popular one in this area.

"We had our teachers try out a con-

ple of the different recommended programs," said Winland. "We selected this one because we felt it was the most user-friendly. It had the most supplementary materials and the best teacher support as far as training."

The more advanced sixth, seventh- and eighth-grade students will continue to use the University of Chicago's Math Program.

"We're not totally throwing out the University of Chicago Math," said Winland. "We are still going to be using transition math, algebra and geometry with the students who are selected to take pre-algebra in sixth and seventh grade. We are using the Connected Math with most of the students."

Winland said it is the school district's hope that the new program will give students a better background in readiness for algebra once they get to high school.

Board of Education President Linda Duke commented on the poor math

Concert season starts

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

Echo Lake Park in Mountainside will be dancing the warm summer nights away as it gears up to host the 2002 Summer Arts Festival Concert Series.

Beginning July 3 and running every Wednesday until Aug. 28, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation presents several free concerts at 7:30 p.m. in the park.

In past years the popularity of the concerts created an overflow of vehicles, causing parking problems on the borough's streets and around the park.

Last year, Mountainside and the county entered into an agreement to help eliminate the parking problems.

"The parking situation has been outstanding," said Borough Administrator and Police Chief James Debbie. "What the county did was of great effort and they solved some complaints of our residents and we have not received any further complaints from our residents."

Union County came up with the idea to open up one of the fields, only during the concerts, to use as parking. The county directs the traffic and posts 'No Parking' signs on both sides of Mill Lane.

Mountainside police officers enforce the no parking.

"It's a mutual effort by both the county and Mountainside police and at least last year it worked out absolutely perfect," said Debbie.

Vehicles exiting the parking field are not permitted to turn left onto Mill Lane.

"We are thankful for this. We are in favor of this. We will review it each year if there are any problems coming up," said Debbie.

The 2002 Summer Arts Festival Concert Series schedule is as follows:

- July 3 — The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra — A musical "Salute to America" presented by one of the state's pre-eminent performing arts organizations.

- July 10 — Latin Rhythms. The David Cedeno Orchestra — Get your body moving and feel the beat with this popular Latin band.

- July 17 — Verdict — This "Hot, Hot, Hot" Reggae group is one of the most popular concerts of the summer series and will keep concert-goers moving all night.

- July 24 — Popular Hits, featuring New Power Soul — The whole family can enjoy this musical performance featuring newer hits and top 40 numbers, embellished with skits, costumes, dancing, and humor.

- July 31 — The Sensational Soul Cruisers — Classic Motown, Soul, Rhythm & Blues, and Disco are the specialty of this dynamic group.

- Aug. 7 — Classic Rock. Joe Bonanno and the Godsons of Soul and The Mahoney Brothers — Enjoy the sounds of South Jersey rock during the first half of the evening, followed by a set of classic Beatles.

- Aug. 14 — The Brass Tacks Big Band Orchestra — Swing, sway and dance the night away to the well-known hits of the '30s and '40s.

- Aug. 21 — The Party Dolls — These three women and their band bring to life the sounds of popular "Girl Groups" from the 60s through today. Props and costumes make their performance even more memorable.

- Aug. 28 — Baachois — Four Canadian musicians present an Acadian music show rooted in tradition and full of energy, high-spirited dancing, wit, charm, and musical dynamite.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings...

Today: St. James the Apostle Church, 45 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, hosts a dedication ceremony for its newly-constructed church at 7 p.m.

Friday: The Renaissance Group of Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 S. Springfield Ave., in conjunction with the temple health initiative...

Saturday: The Newcomers and Neighbors Club of Springfield hosts a community picnic at Watchung Reservation's Loop Area from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday: The Sunday Planetarium Show at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaintide, continues at 2 and 3:30 p.m.

Monday: The Springfield Township Committee meets for a workshop session in the Annex Building at 20 N. Trivett Ave. at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday: The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its Luncheon Video Series with "Patch Adams," starring Robin Williams at noon.

Wednesday: The Springfield Recreation Department conducts blood pressure screenings the second Wednesday of every month at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, from 1 to 2 p.m.

Thursday: The Mountainide Borough Council meets for a workshop session at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East, at 8 p.m.

Upcoming June 13: The Mountainide Planning Board will meet in Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East, at 8 p.m.

Police break up fight at theater

Mountaintide: On Friday, Mountaintide police officers broke up a fight between a Carteret man and an Irvington man at the parking lot in Loews Theatre, Route 22 East.

Springfield: A Route 22 East business reported that sometime between 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and 5:30 a.m. on Monday, an unknown person took a Rayco stump grinder from the premises.

Springfield: First Union Bank on Morris Avenue reported that a BB gun was fired at the window, causing it to crack on May 24 at 9 a.m.

Overtaken vehicle brings firefighters

Springfield: On May 26 at 6:40 a.m., Springfield firefighters responded to Route 78 West for an overturned vehicle. At 12:34 p.m., they investigated an activated fire alarm at a Hampshire Court residence.

On May 27 at 12:37 a.m., a Springfield resident reported that her vehicle was broken into at Loews Theatre, Route 22 East. A Blazo Terrace resident reported a suspicious person looking into her second-story bedroom window when she awoke on May 28 at 8:10 a.m.

On May 28 at 6:39 a.m., firefighters brought a pumper to Union Fire Headquarters on a request from Union County Mutual Aid. At 8:30 a.m., they answered a medical service call at an Evergreen Avenue residence.

On May 29 at 1:35 p.m., the department responded to a Fadem Road business for a water flow alarm. At 1:54 p.m., they responded to the same Fadem Road business for another water flow alarm.

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Board awards senior

By Joan M. Devlin Staff Writer: It was a special night for 18-year-old Christine Intemicola, a graduating senior from Mountaintide, when she received a very special award at the May 28 Board of Education meeting.

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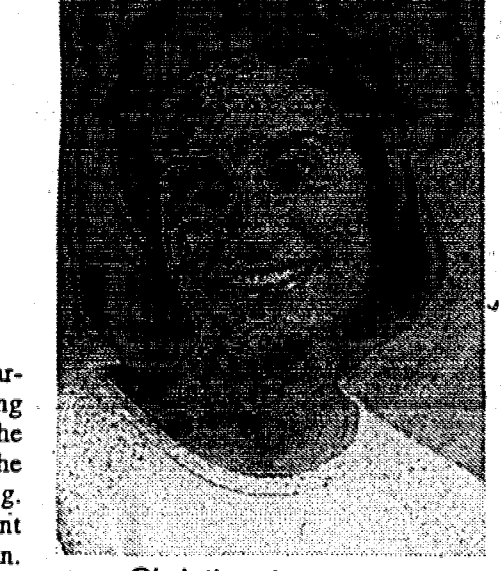
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Christine Intemicola

came up with her to pose for pictures, as she accepted her scholarship. She announced she would be attending Fairleigh Dickinson University at the Madison campus, and would be a commuting student.

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Officers want new contract for rotating shifts

(Continued from Page 1) As public employees, police officers and firefighters are not allowed to strike.

The contracts are currently in arbitration. "We had one date but the township canceled back in April," said Studlack. A second date is scheduled for Wednesday.

"During arbitration, police officers and firefighters present their requests, statements and people to testify, and then the township presents its side. An arbitrator takes the two presentations and decides.

"Usually with the arbitration date both sides present their package," said Studlack. "It might take a day to do it, two days, depending on the circumstances of each package that is delivered."

The arbitrator gets a minimum of 90 days to reach a decision. In the new contract, officers are proposing a four days on/four days off work schedule, where they work 10X-hour shifts.

"It's a more efficient way of distributing the manpower than the current schedule," said Studlack. The four days on/four days off work schedule would help eliminate some of the 122-day overtime pay the township is currently spending, he said.

"We have in our proposal overlapping shifts," said Studlack. "So when someone's on vacation or calls in sick, you only have a wrap around of two to three hours that you have to cover as opposed to the eight you have now."

The arbitrator's decision is binding and final. "There is an appeal process to it but once a decision is made it's basically done," said Studlack.

Since the police and fire contracts are still in negotiations, Sheola said, "We're not going to talk about them." The Springfield Fire Department's current schedule is two 10-hour days, three day off, two 14-hour nights, then a day off.

"Using this system you're always moving ahead a day," said Springfield Fire Chief William Gras. "Using a system like this, one person doesn't always have weekends off and one guy doesn't always have Wednesdays off. It's a constantly rotating schedule."

In past negotiations, firefighters wanted a 24-hour shift, where they worked for 24 hours straight and then had 72 hours off.

"I don't know what's going on with negotiations," said Gras. "I don't know if they're still looking for a 24-hour shift. They were. I have no idea. It's been such a long time now, three days off."

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In the Florence M. Gaudiner Middle School, the projected enrollment is: 150 students in fifth grade, seven sections, with an average homeroom size of 21 students; 133 students in sixth grade, six sections, with an average homeroom size of 22 students; 127 students in seventh grade, six sections, with an average homeroom size of 21 students; 150 students in eighth grade, seven sections, with an average homeroom size of 21 students.

As of May 17, the enrollment projections the district has for next year are as follows: in the Edward V. Walton School, pre-kindergarten, 103 students, six sections, with an average homeroom size of approximately 17 students; kindergarten, 131 students, eight sections, with an average homeroom size of 17 students.

In James Caldwell School, the projected enrollment is: 85 students in first grade, four sections, with approximately 21 students in each homeroom; 60 second graders, three sections, with an average homeroom size of 20 students; 64 third graders, three sections, with an average homeroom size of 21 students; 78 fourth graders, four sections, with an average homeroom size of 19 students.

In Thelma L. Sandmeier Elementary School, the projected enrollment is: 68 students in first grade, four sections, with an average homeroom size of 17 students; 72 second graders, four sections, with an average homeroom size of 18 students; 77 third graders, four sections, with an average homeroom size of 19 students; 78 fourth graders, four sections, with an average homeroom size of 19 students.

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Daren Driscoll, head kindergarten teacher at Summit Child Care Centers, right, and a volunteer from the Reeves-Reed Arboretum, helps students, from left, Zander Saling, Priya Vainampayan, Arushi Agarwal, Andrew Lipnick, Cindy Jiang and Zachary Greer put seedlings in pots in the arboretum's greenhouse.

Driscoll shows how learning can be fun with play and exploration

"Let's get our hands dirty and explore the world," is the philosophy of Daren Driscoll, kindergarten teacher at Summit Child Care Centers. Learning is accomplished through exploration and play. Driscoll says, "Children need an opportunity to have the time to roll around in an activity or project. Here, children have plenty of time to play, to do long-term projects and still get the academics in through formalized teaching and informal discovery time." Driscoll has been the head teacher of the full-day kindergarten program for four years. She has been with Summit Child Care for eight years and has taught in the area for more than 15 years. But kindergarten is her favorite. She said, "I love that young children have such curiosity about the world. Each class is different because each group of children have different interests. I discover so much about the world through the eyes of my various students." Yet even though the children's interests may guide the learning process, she teaches the math program from the Summit public schools, the formal reading program from Scholastic and the Wright Co. and the Discovery Science program. "The children are assessed in writing and there are parent conferences three times a year. She has an impressive rate of children who learn to read by the end of kindergarten. The math program includes counting, identification of shapes, more than less than concepts, and addition and subtraction. The science program includes use of magnifying glasses, an understanding of the five senses and an awareness of the environment and what impact the children can have on their world.

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St. James celebrates building completion

St. James the Apostle Parish of Springfield announces the dedication of its newly-constructed church at 45 S. Springfield Ave. Archbishop John J. Myers will preside over the dedication Mass that will take place tonight at 7 p.m.

The parish community along with Pastor Robert B. Stagg begins a blessing is bestowed in the current church that was built 49 years ago. Myers will then lead a procession to St. James' new place of worship. According to Stagg, "We are thrilled to see this moment come to fruition for St. James and for the entire church community."

The building project is a culmination of a four-year process that began with a capital campaign. The parish raised \$2.7 million for the construction of its new place of worship. This church is the first new construction the Archdiocese has seen in Union County for many years.

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Washofsky is a Jewish thinker, teacher and lecturer. He is professor of Rabbinics at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, Ohio, will speak on the topic "Human Stem Cell Research: From a Jewish Ethical Perspective." Dinner is at 6:15 p.m. followed by services at 8 p.m. The program is open to the public. The cost for dinner is \$15 per person.

Jackson speaks at outreach program

The Outreach Services Program of the Summit Area YMCA will host its annual Black Achievers program awards banquet on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Summit YMCA, 67 Maple St.

The evening will honor seven program participants who will graduate in June from area high schools and will feature Roger Jackson Jr., assistant director of Multicultural Services at Kutztown University as the keynote speaker. The students include Ayshesha Simpson, Barrington High School in Newark; Chairmaine Wakefield, South Plainfield High School; Jonathan Lewis, Julius Everett and Courtney Wortman, Jonathan Dayton Regional High School; Jewel Clyde, Union High School, and Allison Lemons, Summit High School.

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Shah's Shalom will host dinner, Sabbath

The Renaissance Group of Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, in conjunction with the Temple health initiative will host its annual dinner and sabbath service Friday.

Mark Washofsky, professor of rabbinics at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, Ohio, will speak on the topic "Human Stem Cell Research: From a Jewish Ethical Perspective." Dinner is at 6:15 p.m. followed by services at 8 p.m. The program is open to the public. The cost for dinner is \$15 per person.

Washofsky is a Jewish thinker, teacher and lecturer. He is professor of Rabbinics at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion where he was ordained in 1980 and earned a Ph.D. in 1987. He specializes in the literature of the Talmud and Jewish law.

Washofsky's recent books include "Jewish Living and Practice" and "Teshuvot for the Nineties" written with W. Gunter Plaut.

Temple Sha'arey Shalom is a Reform Jewish congregation affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Membership is from the communities of Cranford, Elizabeth, Millburn, Springfield, Union, Westfield and other surrounding communities. The temple serves as a social, educational and religious focal center for the communities, with an outreach program, active Sisterhood and Brotherhood, and a strong social action program.

To make reservations for dinner Friday or for more information on the program with Washofsky, call the temple office at 973-379-5387.

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Classes deal with topics such as the Jewish calendar, the Sabbath and Jewish holidays, and Jewish customs and rituals concerning birth, marriage and death.

Walter G. Huebner

Walter G. Huebner, 82, of Scotch Plains, formerly of Springfield, died May 24 at home.

Born in Irvington, Mr. Huebner lived in Springfield before moving to Scotch Plains in 1965. He was employed by Western Electric, Kearny, for 45 years and retired in 1985 as a manufacturing manager.

Mr. Huebner was an Army veteran of World War II and attained the rank of staff sergeant while serving in the Pacific Theater in Kwajalein and Tinian.

Surviving are his wife, Eleanor C., and a son, Jon W.

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Seymour Krell

Seymour Krell, 82, of Delray Beach, Fla., formerly of Springfield, died May 4 at home.

Born in Newark, Mr. Krell lived in Irvington and Springfield before moving to Delray Beach. He retired 10 years ago as a detective from the Essex County Sheriff's Department in Newark after 27 years of service.

Mr. Krell served in the Army during World War II as a photographer. He was past president of the Essex County Chapter of the Shomrim Society.

Surviving is his wife, Jeannette.

Gregory Peer

Gregory Peer, 36, of Springfield, died May 17 in University Hospital, Newark.

Born in Montclair, Mr. Peer lived in Chatham before moving to Springfield 16 years ago. He was a database administrator with Verizon in Montclair for many years and was recently nominated as a finalist to receive its Spirit of Excellence award.

Surviving are his parents, Marie and Albert D. Peer, two brothers, Albert D. Jr. and Bruce S., and a sister, Kathleen Heffner.

Rita M. Gerardo

Rita M. Gerardo, 79, of Springfield, died May 28 at home.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Gerardo moved to Springfield 45 years ago. She was a member of the Springfield Senior Citizens Group 4 and the Senior Citizens at St. James Church, Springfield.

Surviving are a son, Robert; a daughter, Janet May; six grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

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OBITUARIES

Pietro Fallone

Pietro Fallone, 66, of Summit died May 25 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Italy, Mr. Fallone lived in Newark before moving to Summit 36 years ago. He was a custodian at Summit High School for 21 years and retired four years ago.

Surviving are his wife, Luisa; a brother, Vincenzo, and two sisters, Antoinetta Iacobello and Guiseppa Voza.

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New trustees elected at child care center

The Board of Trustees of the Summit Child Care Centers has elected John Serruto, Lisa A. Grattan and Carolyn Hough to become members. The new members have a history of volunteerism and varied backgrounds that officials believe will make them valuable additions to Summit Child Care.

Serruto will be able to offer help with real estate issues for SCCC. Grattan has an extensive background in liability and litigation and Hough, a chef and caterer, will be a key organizer of the Child Care Center's gala "A Night on the Town," on Sept. 28.

Serruto works for R.D. Serr Co., a real estate development, property management and investment company. He is a Little League coach in the Short Hills and a volunteer with The Valerie Fund and the Summit Housing Authority. He has a bachelor of science degree from New York University.

Grattan is an associate at Edwin R. Matthews, P.C., a Florham Park firm that specializes in litigation in product liability, insurance, personal injury and municipal law. She had worked as an associate in the Washington, D.C., office of Chicago-based law firm Gardner, Carton & Douglas.

She focused on pharmaceutical company clients in the United States

and international environmental and food and drug regulation. She received a bachelor of arts degree in political science from the College of Holy Cross and a law degree from Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law in Washington, D.C.

She was a member of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps and was a vocational counselor in a San Jose-based treatment center for mentally ill adults. She lives in Summit with her husband, Bob Moriarty, and their three children. The Moriarty family has a storied tradition of volunteerism in Summit.

Hough has wide experience as a chef in Venice, Italy, and in Chicago at Ina's Kitchen. Jackie's and at Charlie Trotter's. His volunteer experience includes catering for the Connection and for Bridges. She has a bachelor of arts degree from the University of California in European history and a degree from the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y. She lives in Summit with her husband, Charles, and their three children.

Summit Child Care is a resource for area families and offers full- and part-time care for children six weeks to 10 years old.



The Board of Trustees of Summit Child Care Centers has elected, from left, Carolyn Hough, John Serruto and Lisa Grattan to become members.

County surrogate has office hours in Summit every month

Union County Surrogate James LaCorte has updated his schedule of evening office hours. As the county surrogate, he is responsible for probating wills and appointing executors, administrators, guardians and trustees of decedents' estates, among other constitutionally mandated duties.

LaCorte is available — by appointment — to meet during the evening with residents who have matters pending before the Surrogate's Court.

• Summit City Hall, 512 Springfield Ave., fourth Thursday.

Library project presents checks

The Summit Library Project recently presented checks to local organizations that benefited from its annual fund-raiser conducted last winter.

The project raised \$10,700 for The Valerie Fund's Camp Happy Times, a free one-week camp for children who have or have had cancer. Approximately 200 children from New Jersey and surrounding areas attend and enjoy the great outdoors and fun activities.

Other organizations benefiting from the project were Summit Senior Connections and the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad.

Power appointed to new SAGE trustee

SAGE Solutions, a not-for-profit eldercare organization with headquarters in Summit, has announced that James E. Power of Summit has been appointed a trustee of the not-for-profit organization.

Power recently retired from Deloitte & Touche where he served as regional managing partner for the New York area and deputy managing partner of the U.S. firm.

At SAGE, Power will serve on the Finance and Financial Development Committees.

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High school track athletes excel at group competition

By Jeff Wolfrum
Staff Writer
EGG HARBOR TWP. — One objective and one dream.

That was to qualify for yesterday's NJSIAA Meet of Champions at South Brunswick High School.

For 21 outstanding area boys' and girls' athletes, that became reality as they qualified with strong showings in the group championships last Friday and Saturday at Egg Harbor High School.

The top six participants in each event from each group qualified for the MOC.

As many as 13 boys' and eight girls' from the area made it to the last competition of the high school season.

The list included Elizabeth standouts Gabriel Gonzalez and Kiki Gonzalez.

Gabriel placed fourth in the shot put at 55-7.5, while Kiki took third in the discus at 187-6.

The Group 4 school also received another third-place finish as Michelle Cintron heaved 39-8.25 in the girls' shot put.

"We have a very good team," Elizabeth senior Nelson Castro said. "Every year people don't think we have a good team, but we always come through in the end."

Castro was on hand to run in the 800-meter run and the 1,600-meter relay.

MOC qualifiers a special group

The following is a list of local athletes who qualified for yesterday's annual NJSIAA Meet of Champions at South Brunswick:

BOYS' (13)
Group 4: Gabriel Gonzalez, Elizabeth, shot put; Kiki Gonzalez, Elizabeth, discus
Group 3: Kevin Brown, Cranford, 3,200
Group 2: Michael Carmody, Gov. Livingston, 800; David Webster, Summit, 1,600 and pole vault; Jeff Elisca, Roselle, 55.96; Marty Moroney, Gov. Livingston; javelin; Marquis White, Summit, pole vault.
Group 1: Andrew Allen, Roselle Park, 110-meter high hurdles and 400-meter high hurdles.

Parochial A: Adam Herrel, Roselle Catholic, shot put; Dave Louis, Roselle Catholic, discus; Cliff Lapaix, Roselle Catholic, discus.
Andre Callender of Roselle (SHP), Parochial A, 100, 200 and 110-meter high hurdles.

Here's a look at how they qualified at last weekend's group competition at Egg Harbor:

Gabriel Gonzalez, Elizabeth, Group 4: Fourth in shot put at 55-7.5. Kiki Gonzalez, Elizabeth, Group 4: Third in discus at 187-6. Kevin Brown, Cranford, Group 3: Second in 3,200 in 9:37.12. Michael Carmody, Gov. Livingston, Group 2: Fifth in 800 in 1:58.02. David Webster, Summit, Group 2: Fifth in 1,600 in 4:27.37 and sixth in pole vault in 12-0.

Jeff Elisca, Roselle, Group 2: Fourth in 400-meter intermediate hurdles in 55.96. Marty Moroney, Gov. Livingston, Group 2: First in javelin at 178-3. Marquis White, Summit, Group 2: Sixth in pole vault at 12-0.

Andrew Allen, Roselle Park, Group 1: Second in 110-meter high hurdles in 14.92 and first in 400-meter intermediate hurdles in 55.51. Dave Louis, Roselle Catholic, Parochial A: Sixth in shot put at 47-5. Cliff Lapaix, Roselle Catholic, Parochial A: Fifth in shot put at 137-2. Andre Callender of Roselle (SHP), Parochial A: First in 100 in 11.17, second in 200 in 22.60 and first in 110-meter high hurdles in 14.30.

GIRLS' (8 and one team)
Group 4: Pia Ruth, Linden, 110-meter hurdles; Michelle Cintron, Elizabeth, shot put.
Group 2: Jaminah Bristow, Hillside, 200 and 400; Megs DiDario, Gov. Livingston, 800 and 3,200; Dana McCurdy, Gov. Livingston, 110-meter hurdles; Kristin Dunn, Johnson, high jump; Ashley Holmes, Summit, shot put.
Parochial A: Carriann Zielski, Roselle Catholic, Sixth in shot put and second in discus; Roselle Catholic, fourth in 1,600-meter relay.

Here's a look at how they qualified at last weekend's group competition at Egg Harbor:

Pia Ruth, Linden, Group 4: Fifth in 110-meter hurdles in 14.85. Michelle Cintron, Elizabeth, Group 4: Third in shot put at 39-8.25. Jaminah Bristow, Hillside, Group 2: Fourth in 200 in 26.32 and sixth in 400 in 1:00.41.

Megs DiDario, Gov. Livingston, Group 2: Fourth in 800 in 2:17.25 and fifth in 3,200 in 11:30.64. Dana McCurdy, Gov. Livingston, Group 2: Third in 110-meter hurdles in 15.34.

Kristin Dunn, Johnson, Group 2: Sixth in high jump at 5-0. Ashley Holmes, Summit, Group 2: Second in shot put at 39-1.75. Carriann Zielski, Roselle Catholic, Parochial A: Sixth in shot put at 33-0.5 and second in discus at 114-10.

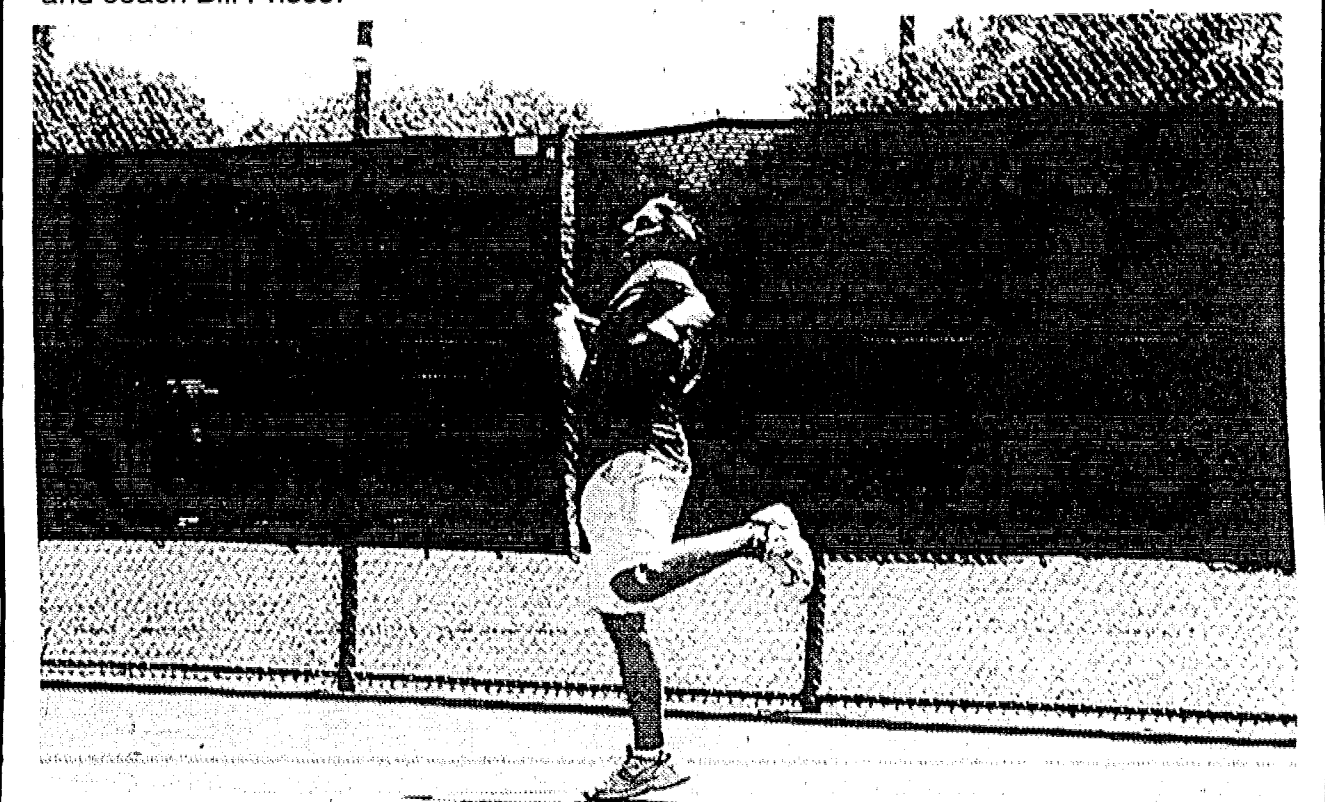
Roselle Catholic, Parochial A: Fourth in 1,600-meter relay in 4:13.83.

Dayton boys' tennis among the best

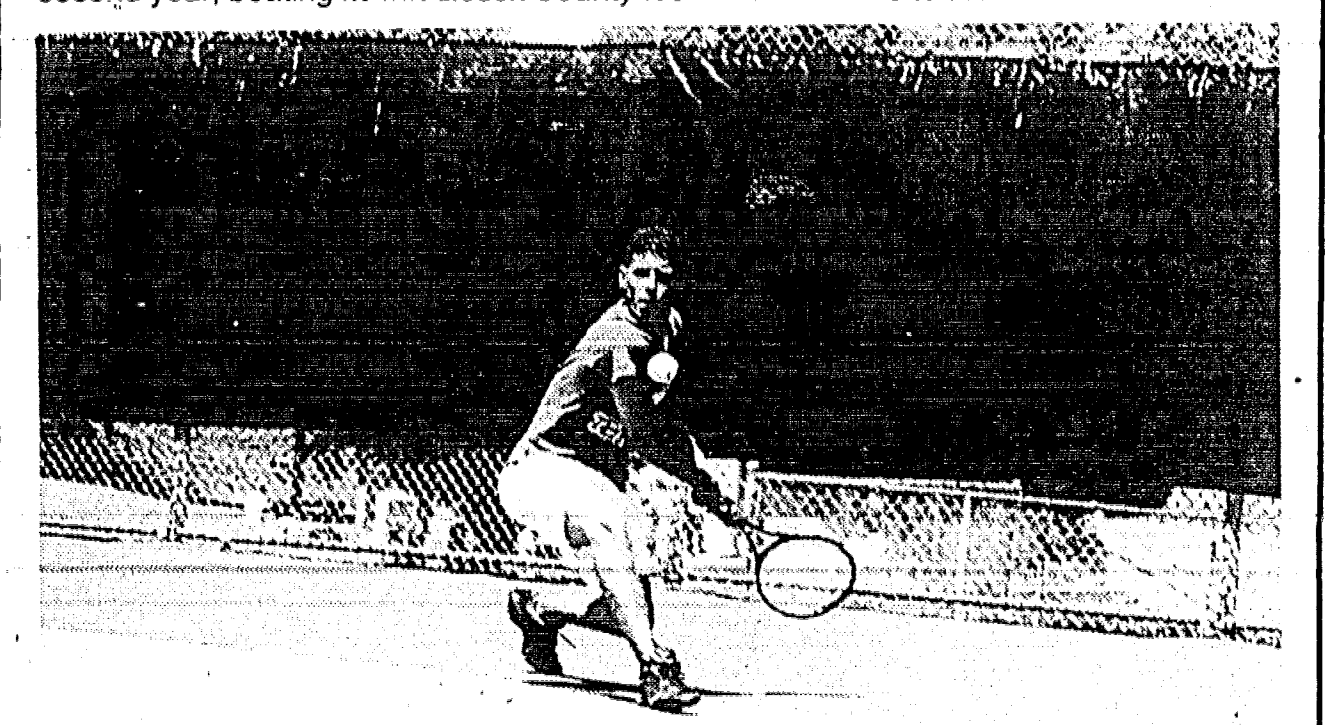


Photos by Jeff Wolfrum

The Dayton High School boys' tennis team enjoyed another outstanding season, falling one match victory short of winning a second consecutive state championship. The Bulldogs finished 19-2, won the Mountain Valley Conference's Valley Division for a fourth straight year, captured North 2, Group 1 for a second straight season and reached the Group 1 final again after winning it for the first time last year. Kneeling, from left, are Brian Sperber, Jared Weisman, Matt Truman and Brandon Baron. Standing, from left, are Kanish Sharma, Chase Freundlich, Adam Cohen, Brad Shortall, Jonathan Au and coach Bill Prisco.



First singles standout Jared Weisman returns a serve during Dayton's match against Central Jersey champion Highland Park in the NJSIAA Group 1 semifinals May 23 at Mercer County Park in West Windsor. Dayton won in the Group 1 semifinals for the second year, beating its Middlesex County foe 4-1 to advance to the final.



Dayton second singles star Chase Freundlich uses his backhand against Highland Park in the Group 1 semifinals at Mercer County Park. Although the high school season is over, the Dayton Tennis Camp, for boys and girls in grades 4-8, will be held June 24-28 at the Dayton High School tennis courts. Applications can be picked up from the Dayton athletic department. Dayton tennis coach Bill Prisco and several of his players will serve as camp directors.

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That time of year again to monitor mosquitoes

As the spring season begins, Union County has already had its first round of fighting mosquitoes. The county's efforts will be in vain, however, if property owners do not take steps to eliminate mosquito breeding locations.

The Union County Bureau of Mosquito Control, a division of the county's Department of Operational Services, is in charge of the county's efforts to monitor and control mosquitoes. The bureau works to eliminate potential breeding locations and monitors the species and number of mosquitoes found in Union County.

There are 63 species of mosquitoes found in New Jersey. About 20 mosquito species call Union County their home. Many species are known to spread disease, such as West Nile Encephalitis, in human and animals.

"Controlling mosquitoes means making Union County safer for our families," said Freeholder Chairman Lewis Mingo Jr. "The only way we can reduce their numbers is with the help of people in every community. As a public health official, I've always believed that educating the public is our first line of defense in areas like this."

Mosquitoes breed in pools of stagnant water and females have a life span of about two weeks. Eliminating the places where they breed is the best way to reduce their numbers. Only female mosquitoes bite. They take blood to feed their developing

Relay For Life event

The American Cancer Society invites individuals to honor cancer survivors or pay tribute to those who have lost their battles with cancer to join a Relay For Life in your community.

Relay For Life is an overnight community event celebration where individuals and teams camp, barbecue and walk or run around a local track "relay" style to fight cancer. Funds raised support cancer research, education, advocacy and patient services in the community.

All cancer survivors are invited to celebrate their triumph over cancer by participating in an inspirational "Survivors' Lap" to open the Relay For Life.

Relay For Life will take place in Union County this year at Kean University from 7 p.m. on Friday to 10 a.m. on Saturday.

To find out more about Relay For Life in your community, call 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

Special household waste collection Saturday

The County of Union will sponsor the second of its two spring household special waste collection days Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lucent Technologies, 600 Mountain Ave., New Providence.

All residents are scheduled so that Union County residents can get rid of unwanted household special waste in a safe and environmentally proper manner.

All residents of Union County are eligible to participate at no cost. Pre-registration is not required for these special Saturday collections. All residents need to do is drive to the sites with their household special waste and workers at the sites will remove it from their vehicles.

"Household special waste" includes oil-based paint and varnish, antifreeze, aerosol cans, pool chemicals, corrosives and cleaners, pesticides and herbicides, solvents and thinners, fire extinguishers, motor oil and motor oil filters, gasoline, batteries, thermostats, unbroken fluorescent bulbs and mercury switches. Only materials in original or labeled containers will be accepted.

Water-based latex paint and empty cans will not be accepted. They should be disposed of with the regular

garbage. Leftover latex paint can be air-dried or to hasten the drying process, kitty litter and/or newspaper can be added to hasten the drying.

A complete list of the household materials that will be accepted is available at the Union County Bureau of Environmental Services web site at www.unioncountynj.org/oen.

Household special waste collections will be held rain or shine for Union county residents only and not for businesses. Proof of Union County residency is required.

For more information, call the Bureau of Environmental Services Hotline at 908-654-9889.

Electronics collection

Looking to trash that old television, computer monitor, fax machine or other electronic equipment? If so, you are not alone. But don't put it out with the regular household garbage, bring it to be recycled at Union County's final free drop-off collection event June 13 at John H. Stamler Union County Police Academy, 1776 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, from noon to 6 p.m.

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, with funding from the state Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, developed an environmentally responsible program, the first of its kind in the United States to offer the ability to recycle electronic appliances either through municipal curbside collection or depot drop-off.

Computer monitors and televisions are the source of a considerable amount of lead — about 5 pounds per screen. Circuit boards often have leaded solder. Other heavy metals found in consumer electronic products include cadmium from batteries and mercury from either batteries or switches. Up to 95 percent of most electronic appliances can be recycled.

Electronic equipment that will be accepted includes computer monitors, hard drives, modems, keyboards, CPUs, mice, printers, scanners, speakers, televisions, VCRs, fax machines and circuit boards. Refrigerators, washers and dryers, microwaves, and air conditioners will not be accepted.

Pre-registration is not necessary. The recycling program is open to Union County residents only; no businesses.

Orientation session

Literacy Volunteers of Union County will sponsor an orientation session on Monday at 7 p.m. for those interested in becoming reading and English as a Second Language volunteer tutors for adults. No prior teaching experience is necessary.

For information, call 908-518-0600.

Yoga classes offered

Union County College's Division of Continuing Education and Community Services will be offering both beginner and intermediate level yoga classes this summer. Both sessions begin on Wednesday and will be offered at the college's Cranford campus, 1033 Springfield Ave. It is well known that the practice of yoga can positively change the health of both the body and the mind. In this class, emphasis is placed on yoga as a total health system.

Yoga is of great benefit for people with high-pressure jobs, those who get tension headaches, and those who have trouble sleeping. The relaxation techniques taught in these classes can be learned in a short period of time and can then be put to use anywhere. If attending this class, or whenever practicing yoga, wear loose clothing and bring a pillow or mat.

For more information on registering for one of the yoga classes, call the Division of Continuing Education and Community Services at 908-709-7600.

Family Court volunteers

Volunteers are needed for a vital program serving the Superior Court, Family Division — Family Court — in Union County. There is a particular need for bilingual volunteers.

Nancy Spano Yurek, coordinator of the Union County Juvenile Conference Committee Program, is seeking adults willing to spend one or two evenings a month volunteering for their local Juvenile Conference Committee.

Interested adults may call Yurek at 908-659-3360 or write to her at the Family Court, Union County Courthouse Annex, fifth floor, Elizabeth, 07207.

'Timely Topics Speakers Series' at UCC campus

The Union County College Alumni Association will host the second lecture in the "Timely Topics Speakers Series" on June 19 on the college's Cranford campus, 1033 Springfield Ave., at 8 p.m. in the Main Lecture Hall of the Nomahegan Building. The program is free and open to the public and the lecture will be followed by a reception.

Michael Aaron Rockland will examine how various ethnic groups struggle to become American while maintaining their identity and integrity. Rockland's topic will be ethnicity

in America. He will show excerpts from his PBS documentary filmed on Ellis Island and discuss how the "melting pot" has been replaced as a metaphor for America by "salad bowl" or "mosaic."

Rockland is professor and chair of the American Studies Department at Rutgers University in New Brunswick. He has chaired the Commission on Ethnic and Race Relations at Rutgers, and written nine books. His latest book is "The Jews of New Jersey: A Pictorial History."

For more information on the lecture series, call Ann Poskocil at 908-709-7505 or e-mail poskocil@ucc.edu.

Community blood drives

The Blood Center of New Jersey will sponsor the following blood drives:

• Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Deutscher Club, Featherbed Lane, Clark.

• Monday, 4 to 8 p.m., Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Park and Randolph roads, Plainfield.

• June 14, 3 to 7 p.m., Union Hospital, 1000 Galloping Hill Road, Union.

• June 15, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., St. John the Apostle, 1805 Penbrook Terrace, Linden.

For more information, call 1-800-BLOOD-NJ, or 1-800-652-5663, Ext. 140.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

County employee art show sprang from national roots

By day, they type and file reports, repave potholes, attend to power lines and maintain the quality of life for Union County residents.

By night, however, they take up their paintbrushes, their palette, their charcoal pencils, their cameras, and let their imaginations come to life in works of art.

Public works employees painting serene, watercolor landscapes? Corrections officers sketching portraits? Well, the current art exhibit at NJU Elizabethtown Gas Co. in Union proves the old adage of there being "more than meets the eye."

Co-sponsored locally by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders with administration by the county's Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, the first annual Exhibit and Contest for Union County Employees and Their Relatives opened May 15 with a reception in the five-story glass atrium at NJU Elizabethtown Gas.

"I was very excited at the quality of the work, which didn't surprise me coming from my colleagues in the county, but it was still very nice to see their ability in a field other than their 'day job,'" said Susan Coen, director of the county Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

It was Coen who brought the idea of such an undertaking to Union County.

"I had gone to a conference last summer run by a national organization called Americans for the Arts, which is a national service organization for local arts agencies based in Washington," Coen said. "The National Arts people were there to introduce themselves and talk about what they had to offer."

Established in 1985, the National Arts Program seeks to "inspire, acknowledge and reward creative accomplishment throughout the nation," according to literature provided by the agency. "By removing obstacles to artistic expression, the program gives participants a forum to expand and showcase their talent in the visual arts and encourages greater appreciation of art among the general public." Among the initiatives of the National Arts Program are endeavors such as the current one: exhibits and contests for county employees and their relatives.

Once the idea for a Union County employee art exhibit had taken root, the task at hand was making this first-venture a success. While Coen oversaw the operations, it was a colleague who undertook the administration of the exhibit and reception.

"I give a lot of credit to Libby Reid who works for DCHA and coordinated this," Coen said.

"I've never coordinated an art show before," said Reid, a project development specialist with the cultural affairs office. "I am an artist, but I'd never done that before."

Reid is represented in the exhibit by two works in the Adult Advanced category: "Dr. Trudy True" and "Shoes."

Primary among Reid's responsibilities was informing the county employees of the opportunities the contest and exhibit would afford. "We got the information out any way we could," she said, mentioning notes in paychecks, emails, memos and press releases to local papers. "That's how most people found out about it, more than anything else," she said of the advance coverage in the press.

While the county employees gathered works of art to submit, the organizers recruited three local experts to serve as judges. Enlisted for this task were Lawrence Cappiello, executive director of the Arts Guild of Rahway; Frank Falotico, director of the duCret School of Art in Plainfield; and Bonnie Maranz, public relations and gallery coordinator with the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit.

The opening reception May 15 was highlighted not only by the many works of art created by Union County employees and their families, but by the vocal stylings of jazz singer Lou Watson, also a county employee.

"I was also very happy to be able to share with the rest of the county the voice of Lou Watson, who works in the Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs and is a professional singer," Coen shared.

Reid concurs, adding her impression of the addition of music to the festivities.

"Having the music by Lou Watson, that just made it very elegant," Reid said. "You really were at an event."

However, amenities such as qualified judges and musicians don't always come cheap. But those line items were cushioned by the various sponsorships the venture enjoyed.

In addition to providing administrative support for county-wide art shows, Americans for Arts provides such necessities as funding and the actual awards ribbons themselves. "They give a tremendous amount of support," Coen said. "We needed to find a partner for the reception. I wanted to pay the judges, I wanted to pay Lou and his accompanist. In addition to our funding from the state arts council and the county, Independence Community Foundation stepped in and really made it possible. I'm very appreciative to the National Arts Program, whose idea this is and who worked so closely with us and provided the cash awards for the art show."

According to Coen, the National Arts Program provided \$2,000 in prizes. Also, three scholarships were awarded by the facilities represented by the judges.

At the reception, guests mingled among the exhibited works of art and paused over refreshments while listening to Watson and his accompanist, Les Kurtz. During the presentation of awards, Freeholder Chairman Lewis Mingo Jr., Coen and Jackie Szafara of the National Arts Program addressed those assembled.

While the gala reception was the high point of the exhibit, the artwork will be on display until June 14 at NJU and has enjoyed an enthusiastic response from artists and show



Best-in-Show honoree Mary Paynter of Westfield, second from left, a relative of Libby Reid of the Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, is congratulated by Union County officials in front of her winning painting, 'Besty.' From left at the opening reception are Freeholder Chairman Lewis Mingo Jr., Paynter, and freeholders Daniel P. Sullivan and Angel G. Estrada. Paynter's other entry, 'Alex,' which won third place in the Adult Advanced category, peeks out from behind Sullivan's shoulder. The award money was provided by the National Arts Program.

visitors, according to Reid. While the judged awards have been announced, a second award program is still under way: visitors to the exhibit can fill out a ballot naming their personal favorites for a People's Choice award. "We won't know who won until the show comes down," Reid said. While the exhibit will wind to a close the end of next week, there are plans to continue its life beyond the Union facility.

"It's not done yet," Reid enthused. "Now selected pieces are going to the Freeholders Gallery. When this show comes down, a smaller show will go to the Freeholders Gallery; as many of the winners as we can get."

Also on the drawing board is a county-wide touring

exhibit following the display at the Freeholders Gallery in Elizabeth.

"And then, of course, there's next year's show. We're looking forward to the second year," Coen assured. "We have already received phone calls from employees who weren't able to participate this year and want to make sure they're on the list of next year."

For information on the first annual Exhibit and Contest for Union County Employees and Their Relatives, see the "Art Shows" listing in the Stepping Out calendar on Page B11.

Chloroform garners first place writing award

Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi received a first-place writing award from the New Jersey Press Women at the organization's annual luncheon last month. Rajoppi won the top honor in the group's 2002 Communications Contest for a guest editorial about women trailblazers in New Jersey that appeared in the *Asbury Park Press* during Women's History Month last year.

In the editorial, Rajoppi wrote about New Jersey women who broke new ground in their respective fields, including Mary Philbrook, the state's first woman lawyer and Dr. Sophia Presley, the first woman physician to be a full member of the Camden County Medical Society.

The New Jersey Press Women, an organization of professional journalists and communicators, is an affiliate of the National Federation of Press Women. Rajoppi's winning entry will now be entered into the national contest.

Rajoppi won first place in the NJPW Communications Contest in 1994 for her nonfiction book "Women in Office: Getting There and Staying There." She received an honorable mention in the national contest.

The first female county clerk in Union County's history, Rajoppi has served in elected and appointed positions for the past 30 years. She was elected Union County clerk in 1995 and re-elected in 2002.

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EDUCATION

Body tone classes

Union County College's Division of Continuing Education and Community Services will be offering classes in body tone at both beginner and intermediate level classes next month.

The course is designed to help tone and shape those flabby hips, thighs, and/or stomach with numerous resistance training methods using body weight, manual resistance, and weights. At the same time, you will be increasing your body's muscular strength and endurance, improve your posture, and decrease your chance of beginning back problems.

The beginner and intermediate sections are offered starting on July 15. Each section costs \$49.

For more information, call the Division of Continuing Education and Community Services at 908-709-7600.

Human resources course

Union County College's Division of Continuing Education and Community Services is offering many courses this summer for certification in Human Resources Management. UCC offers a certification program through the American Management Association in Human Resource Management, with courses beginning June 13. All courses will be on the college's Cranford campus, 1033 Springfield Ave. The courses range in price from \$200 to \$225 and all include the cost of the textbook in the price.

"Fundamentals of Human Resources" begins June 13 and teaches how to recruit, select, interview, and hire more qualified employees in full compliance with federal and state laws. Learning how to perform job analyses and to prepare job descriptions that lay the groundwork for evaluating and hiring employees will be covered.

On June 18, "How to Recruit, Interview & Select the Right Employee" will begin. This course offers a structured, skills-based system that will help you focus on the right person and make a sound hiring decision.

Participants will develop a five-part recruiting strategy, learn how to screen and select potential applicants, review interviewing techniques that will help you get to know the candidate and keep them interested in the position, check reference, and make a job offer. This course covers the entire hiring process step-by-step.

GED Preparation Program

The program will help boost skills and develop a reliable study program for the five areas required to obtain a GED. Be prepared to do work at home and in class. Information will be provided on where the test is given and on strategies to maximize your chances for success.

Classes will be offered in the daytime and the evening on the college's Cranford campus, 1033 Springfield Ave., or Elizabeth campus, 12 W. Jersey St. Each section costs \$99 and all books and required materials are available through the campus bookstore.

The daytime and evening classes on the Cranford campus have sections beginning on July 15, and the daytime and evening classes offered on the Elizabeth campus begin July 23.

In addition to the GED Preparation Program, the courses "Basic Math Refresher" and "Basic Grammar Refresher" are being offered throughout the summer in day and evening sessions on the Cranford and Elizabeth campuses. So if additional practice is needed in either of these areas, a basic review class is available.

For more information on any off-site GED preparation courses, call the Division of Continuing Educational and Community Services at 908-709-7600.

The Career Decision Clinic, sponsored by Counseling/Career Services at Union County College, is making its service available to residents of Union County. The program is designed to provide career counseling and the resources necessary for participants to make effective career decisions. The clinic is located on the college's Cranford campus, 1033 Springfield Ave. There is a \$95 fee for the program.

Career Decision Clinic

The Career Decision Clinic will benefit individuals who are preparing to re-enter the job market, those currently employed but interested in exploring a job change, and high school students in their senior year who have not yet decided if they want to go to college or pursue a career.

Interests, skills, values and personal goals are explored during the counseling sessions. Each participant is given an individualized assessment program to further evaluate interests and personality characteristics as they relate to career choices. At the conclusion of the counseling sessions, participants receive a personalized Plan of Action, which include a summary of the sessions and serves as a guideline for determining career goals.

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Union County dignitaries gather with the organizers of the first annual Exhibit and Contest for Union County Employees and Their Relatives in the atrium at NJU/Elizabethtown Gas in Union during the opening reception May 15. From left are Union County Freeholder Chairman Lewis Mingo Jr.; Phyllis Brociner, vice chairman of the Union County Cultural and Heritage Advisory Board; Jackie Szafara, representing the National Arts Foundation; Freeholder Angel G. Estrada; Susan P. Coen, director of the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, and Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan.

UCAC, Kiwanis to put kids on stage

The Kiwanis Club of Rahway will add a touch of theater to kids' summers this year.

Sponsored by the Kiwanis, Children's Stage Adventures will come to the Union County Arts Center in Rahway from July 8 to 20 for two weeks of fun and learning for children 5 to 18 years old.

Children's Stage Adventures offers a unique experience for area children to participate in the production of a live performance. Based in New Hampshire, CSA has had very successful residencies during the past two years. The Missoula Children's Theater-trained husband-and-wife team that leads the program arrives in town with everything it takes to put on a play. The team holds an audition workshop to cast 50 to 60 local students to perform in the production. The show is rehearsed throughout the week and two public performances are presented Friday and Saturday.

Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Rahway, CSA will be offered for two weeks of performance learning and fun. Each week works independently from the other and offers different productions at the end of the week. The first week runs July 8 to 13 and

has scheduled performances of "The Sword Called Excalibur" for July 12 at 1 p.m. and July 13 at 1 p.m. The second week runs July 15 to 20 and has scheduled performances of "Andros and the Lion" July 19 at 1 p.m. and July 20 at 1 p.m.

Both production require a placement workshop to cast pre-registered students in the play and are held the Monday morning of each week. The placement workshop gives CSA participants an opportunity to put their "best foot forward" and is more about spirit, attitude and participation than talent. Nothing is to be prepared for the workshop.

The cost of the program is \$110 per child per week when registered before July 3; registration is \$125 per child per week after July 3. The family discount, for parents registering more than one child from the same immediate family, is \$100 per child. This program is appropriate for students in kindergarten through 12th grades. Pre-registration is requested and advisable.

For more information or for registration materials, call the Union County Arts Center at 732-499-8226 or visit www.uccac.org.

Union County Arts Center is a regional performing arts venue. Its wide array of offerings includes theater, music, film, dance and headliner entertainment. The Westfield Symphony Orchestra performs regularly at the Arts Center under its designation as resident orchestra of this vaudeville-era theater claimed by many to be the most beautiful theater in the state.

As a nonprofit organization, the Arts Center is supported in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment of the Arts. The Arts Center wishes to thank the Kiwanis Club of Rahway for sponsoring Children's Stage Adventures, the Merck Community Foundation for its continued generosity and Comcast for being the sponsor of the Family Fun Series. The following organizations and institutions are also contributors to the Union County Arts Center: The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the City of Rahway, the Rahway Savings Institution, Liberty Bank, Schering-Plough Foundation and NJU/Elizabethtown Gas.

Senior artists invited to submit for exhibit

All Union County senior citizen artists, including amateurs and professionals, are invited to enter the 2002 Union County Senior Citizen Art Contest and Exhibition.

The art exhibit opens with a reception June 26 and remains on display until Aug. 12 at NUI/Elizabethtown Gas, Liberty Hall Center, 1085 Morris Ave. in Union, a barrier-free site.

The annual contest and exhibit is sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs in the Union County Department of Economic Development.

The whole community is enriched by the contributions of our senior citizen artists," said Freeholder Vice-Chairman Mary P. Ruotolo, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board. "I hope many of our resident artists will take advantage of this opportunity to share their talent at this annual event."

Artists must be at least 60 years old and may submit an entry that has been completed within the past three years. All work must be an original creation of the artist. Hanging craft or framed work, including photographs, must be no more than 38 inches in height and no less than 11 inches in width, including matting and frame. Sculptures or 3-D crafts may not exceed 18 inches in height, width or depth, including base.

Artists wishing to participate should return their application forms as soon as possible. Participation may be limited to the first 100 applicants due to space requirements.

Professional artists will judge the exhibit. There will be awards of rec-

Touring teen exhibit to open with reception Monday

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders is sponsoring the 2002 Teen Arts Touring Exhibit opening reception at Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Monday at 7 p.m.

The exhibit consists of 49 pieces of art selected from the 513 visual artworks shown at the 2002 Union County Teen Arts Festival held in March at Union County College in Cranford. The annual event is sponsored by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Department of Economic Development and will be on exhibit through June 27.

"The enthusiasm of the public for the Teen Arts Exhibit grows each year. That sends a positive message to our young artists and encourages them to follow their strengths," said Freeholder Vice Chairman Mary P. Ruotolo, liaison to the Union County Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board.

The tour will travel to sites throughout the county through January 2003. The exhibiting students are:

- Berkeley Heights: Katie Ruiz, Columbia Middle School; Megan Naakami, Columbia Middle School; Laura Kruglinsky, Gov. Livingston High School; and Sarah Egbert, Gov. Livingston High School.
- Clark: Matthew Chmielecki, Arthur L. Johnson High School; Dominika Wilk, Carl Kumpf Middle School; Erika Pimental, Mother Seton Regional High School; and Lucy Lamplon, Mother Seton Regional High School.
- Cranford: Josh Zulick, Cranford High School; Eliza Young, Cranford High School; Eliza Young, Cranford High School; Nicole Falaska, Cranford High School; Frank Mariano, Cranford High School; Becky Booth, Hillside Avenue Middle School; Annie Zouroukis, Orange Avenue Middle School; and Leslie Hendrix, St. Michael School.
- Elizabeth: Lynn Vidas, Elizabeth High School; Snyder Dessain, Elizabeth High School; Ulises Parinas, Elizabeth High School; Ruthy Eiden, Elizabeth High School; Karla Griffin, Terence C. Reilly Middle School; and Kenny Coelho, Westminster Academy.
- Hillside: Julie Ng, Hillside High School.

Stepping Out is a weekly calendar designed to guide our readers to the many arts and entertainment events in the Union County area.

The calendar is open to all groups and organizations in the Union County area. To place your free listing, send information to Arts and Entertainment Editor Bill VanSant, Worrall Community Newspapers, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

Stepping Out

FIGURES GALORE, works of the human figure by members of the Woodside Group, will be on exhibit at the Skulski Art Gallery at the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark June 14 through July 12. An opening reception will take place June 14 from 8 to 11 p.m.

Gallery hours are Tuesdays to Fridays, 5 to 9 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Polish Cultural Foundation is located at 177 Broadway, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

WOMEN'S READING GROUP will meet at Barnes & Noble in Clark the last Wednesday of each month. Barnes & Noble in Clark is located at 1180 Raritan Road. For information, call 908-851-5450.

CLASSES

A TANGO WORKSHOP will be sponsored by The Connection for Women & Children in Summit June 21 from 8 to 8 p.m. The workshop is free and open to men and women, as well as youths 10 years old and older. The Connection is located at 79 Maple St., Summit. For information, call 908-273-4242.

SUBURBAN COMMUNITY MUSIC CENTER in Murray Hill will offer its

ARTIST RON HEDRICK will have his work on exhibit at Evelyn Dunn's Gallery, 549 South Ave., Westfield. Gallery hours are Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment. For information, call 908-232-0412.

POETRY IN ART, etchings by Egidijus Rudinskis, will be on exhibit at the Skulski Art Gallery at the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark through Friday.

RECENT WORKS by Cathy Schaefer will be on exhibit in the Members' Gallery at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit through Friday.

THE FABRIC FIENDS, quilts from the Springfield area, will have their works on exhibit through June 13 in the Donald B. Palmer Museum at Springfield Public Library.

UNION COUNTY EMPLOYEES and their families will have their artwork on display in the first exhibit and contest for county employees. The exhibit at NUI, Elizabethtown Gas Co., runs through June 14.

EXHIBIT HOURS are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. NUI Elizabethtown Gas Co. is located in Liberty Hall Center, 1085 Morris Ave., Union. For information, call 908-558-2550; NJ Relay users dial 711.

UNITY 4, the annual exhibit of the works by Rahway High School advanced art students and art majors, will be on display at the Gallery at the Arts Guild of Rahway through June 14. Gallery hours are Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m.; and Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. The Arts Guild of Rahway is located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-381-7511 or visit www.rahwayartsguild.org.

BACK TO THE FUTURE, a 30-year retrospective of the serigraphy of Etsa F. Merkl, will be on exhibit at the Les Malmat Art Gallery in Union Public Library through June 19.

GALLERY HOURS are Mondays to Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Union Public Library is located at 1980 Morris Ave. in Fiberglass Park, Union. For information, call 908-851-5450.

ANIMAL, VEGETABLE OR MINERAL, the works of Kit Sailer, will be on exhibit at the Tomasulo Gallery in the Kenneth McKay Library at Union County College in Cranford through June 27.

UNION COUNTY TEEN ARTS EXHIBIT will tour Union County, beginning with an exhibit at Springfield Public Library Monday through June 27. An opening reception will take place Monday at 7 p.m.

The Springfield Public Library is located at 60 Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information, including hours, call the library at 973-376-4930; for general information on the exhibit, call the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 908-558-2550.

PRINTED MATTER will be on exhibit in the Members' Gallery at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit Friday through July 8. A reception will take place Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

GALLERY HOURS are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, 2 to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. NJCVFA is located at 88 Elm St., Summit. For information, call 908-273-9121.

'Inconsistency' is appealing to Noll

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plish in that piece," she said. "You're the vessel to get that out there — no matter whether you're doing it in Italian or in some tongue, you know, it doesn't really matter."

One need only look at Noll's recording resume to see the proof of this: her CD work includes the music of such varied composers as the aforementioned Gershwin, Burt Bacharach, Stephen Sondheim, Paul Simon and Stephen Schwartz. Just don't ask her to name a favorite songwriter.

"Golly, that changes on a daily basis," she said. "It really does. And a lot of times it could be just what I happen to be singing. Lately, I've been doing a lot of Richard Rodgers

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WOMEN'S READING GROUP will meet at Barnes & Noble in Clark the last Wednesday of each month. Barnes & Noble in Clark is located at 1180 Raritan Road. For information, call 908-851-5450.

CLASSES

A TANGO WORKSHOP will be sponsored by The Connection for Women & Children in Summit June 21 from 8 to 8 p.m. The workshop is free and open to men and women, as well as youths 10 years old and older. The Connection is located at 79 Maple St., Summit. For information, call 908-273-4242.

SUBURBAN COMMUNITY MUSIC CENTER in Murray Hill will offer its

ARTIST RON HEDRICK will have his work on exhibit at Evelyn Dunn's Gallery, 549 South Ave., Westfield. Gallery hours are Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment. For information, call 908-232-0412.

POETRY IN ART, etchings by Egidijus Rudinskis, will be on exhibit at the Skulski Art Gallery at the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark through Friday.

RECENT WORKS by Cathy Schaefer will be on exhibit in the Members' Gallery at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit through Friday.

THE FABRIC FIENDS, quilts from the Springfield area, will have their works on exhibit through June 13 in the Donald B. Palmer Museum at Springfield Public Library.

UNION COUNTY EMPLOYEES and their families will have their artwork on display in the first exhibit and contest for county employees. The exhibit at NUI, Elizabethtown Gas Co., runs through June 14.

EXHIBIT HOURS are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. NUI Elizabethtown Gas Co. is located in Liberty Hall Center, 1085 Morris Ave., Union. For information, call 908-558-2550; NJ Relay users dial 711.

UNITY 4, the annual exhibit of the works by Rahway High School advanced art students and art majors, will be on display at the Gallery at the Arts Guild of Rahway through June 14. Gallery hours are Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m.; and Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. The Arts Guild of Rahway is located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-381-7511 or visit www.rahwayartsguild.org.

BACK TO THE FUTURE, a 30-year retrospective of the serigraphy of Etsa F. Merkl, will be on exhibit at the Les Malmat Art Gallery in Union Public Library through June 19.

GALLERY HOURS are Mondays to Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Union Public Library is located at 1980 Morris Ave. in Fiberglass Park, Union. For information, call 908-851-5450.

ANIMAL, VEGETABLE OR MINERAL, the works of Kit Sailer, will be on exhibit at the Tomasulo Gallery in the Kenneth McKay Library at Union County College in Cranford through June 27.

UNION COUNTY TEEN ARTS EXHIBIT will tour Union County, beginning with an exhibit at Springfield Public Library Monday through June 27. An opening reception will take place Monday at 7 p.m.

The Springfield Public Library is located at 60 Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information, including hours, call the library at 973-376-4930; for general information on the exhibit, call the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 908-558-2550.

PRINTED MATTER will be on exhibit in the Members' Gallery at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit Friday through July 8. A reception will take place Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

GALLERY HOURS are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, 2 to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. NJCVFA is located at 88 Elm St., Summit. For information, call 908-273-9121.

THE THEATER PROJECT at Union County College will present Story Time the first Friday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Kenneth McKay Library on the Cranford campus, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. For information, call 908-659-5189.

BARNES AND NOBLE, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, will sponsor Tuesdays for Tots Preschool Storytime, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m., and Kids Writing Workshop, Saturdays at 10 a.m.

UNION RECREATION DEPARTMENT will sponsor weekly ceramics classes for children between the ages of 7 and 12 at the Recreation Building, 1120 Commerce Ave., from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

POETRY

POETRY OUT LOUDI! will take place at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

RADIO

TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION will meet at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church on Old Raritan Road in Scotch Plains. The group meets at 9 p.m. the first and third Mondays of every month.

SINGLES

DINNERMATES and Entrepreneurs Group invites business and professional singles to dinner at a local restaurant; wine and mingling is at 8 p.m., dinner is at 9 p.m. Two age groups are available. For information on dates and locations, call 732-822-9796 or visit www.dinnermates.com.

INTERFAITH SINGLES, for single adults older than 45 years old, will meet every Sunday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for discussion and continental breakfast at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield. Donation is \$2. For information, call 908-889-5265 or 908-889-4751.

THEATER

PAPER MILL: The State Theater of New Jersey will present Lorner and Lowery's "My Fair Lady" through July 21. Evening shows are at 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays and 7:30 p.m. Sundays; matinees are at 2 p.m. Thursdays and Sundays, 2:30 p.m. Saturdays. Additional matinees are scheduled for July 2, 3, 10 and 17 at 2 p.m. There are no Sunday evening performances July 14 and 21. Tickets are \$29 to \$59; Student Rush tickets are available for \$15 with current ID the day of performance.

FILM

SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY will present the Lumiere Video Series in the coming months. Videos are Tuesdays at noon. Participants should bring a bag lunch, coffee and cookies are provided.

CONCERTS

COFFEE WITH CONSCIENCE Concert Series will coincide its concerts with a Westfield appearance.

KIDS

TRAILSIDE PLANETARIUM at the Trailside Nature and Science Center, Mountaintide, is open Sundays with programming at 2 and 3:30 p.m., according to monthly themes.

CRAFTS

THE HARVEST QUILTERS of Central New Jersey meet the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Cozy Corner Creations Quilt Shop, Park Avenue in Scotch Plains.

DANCE

SUMMIT FOLK DANCERS continues its 2001-02 season with Friday gather-



B.T. EXPRESS, famous for the 1974 hit "Do It 'til You're Satisfied," will be among the acts performing in "Rhythm & Blues by the Brook" Saturday from noon to 7 p.m. at Cedar Brook Park in Plainfield. For information, see the "Concerts" listing on this page.

THE WAITING ROOM, 1431 Living St., Rahway, at the corner of Lewis Street, presents Open Mike Night every Wednesday night.

THE WASHINGTON AVENUE PUB, 704 Washington Ave., Union, will present Karaoke on Wednesdays. Open Karaoke every Saturday night. In addition, Thursdays are Ladies Night.

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