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**Board to meet**

The Union County Regional High School Board of Education will meet for a work session Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the library of Jonathan Dayton High School.

The board will discuss a report on the district's Affirmative Action Program, including employment and classroom practices.

A second report of the district's compliance with state Quality Assurance Requirements will be presented.

In addition, the board will review the Gifted and Talented program.

The public is invited to attend and listen, but may not comment.

**Book sale**

The Friends of the Springfield Public Library will hold the annual used book sale tomorrow and Saturday during regular library hours in the Donald Palmer Museum.

**The last pickup**

Starting Monday, the township will conduct a final pickup of grass clippings, hedge trimmings and garden waste — but not brush. All material must be set at the curb no later than Monday at 7:30 a.m. No plastic bags will be collected.

**College Night**

Area high school students will have a chance to investigate opportunities in higher education when the Union County Regional High School District conducts its annual College Night on Oct. 19, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School.

Representatives from more than 150 four-year colleges and universities, two-year colleges and other post-secondary schools will provide information and answer questions.

All Union County Regional High School students and their parents are encouraged to attend. For more information on College Night, call 376-6300, Ext. 272 or 280.

**Doing lunch**

The Union County Regional High School District offers low-cost lunches to its students and provides free lunches to children from households of gross income at or below federally established standards.

Applications for both the reduced price and the free lunch programs have been mailed to the parents of all of the high school students and additional forms are available at each of the three high schools.

These applications may be submitted at any time during the school year. For more information about these programs, contact Director of Special Services John Christiano at 376-6300, Ext. 280.

**Troop against trash**



Members of Boy Scout Troop 73 pick garbage out of the brush during Springfield's Clean Community Day on Oct. 8. From left, Scoutmaster Frankie Carbone, while Captain Mike looks for others. The trio started cleanup around the intersection of American Revolution cemetery, on Mountain Avenue near Myers Avenue. People should be able to rest in peace and rest in cleanliness, Scoutmaster said.

**Alliance plans Red Ribbon Week**

By Kathryn Fitzgerald  
Managing Editor

For the second consecutive year, the Mountain Alliance will sponsor Red Ribbon Week to promote a healthy, drug-free lifestyle in the community.

To be held Oct. 23-31, Red Ribbon Week is a national drug awareness campaign.

According to Barbara Muller-Ackerman, substance abuse coordinator and member of the Mountain Alliance, there will be an effort to involve many sides of the community in "working toward a drug-free community" — the campaign's theme.

After hearing of the involvement of surrounding communities at a County Alliance meeting, Muller-Ackerman said planning for Springfield's participation. She presented the idea to the Alliance Committee last year and it was accepted.

"It was pleased last year," she explained. "Hopefully, it will be a little bit bigger and a little bit better this year."

All Springfield students and municipal employees will receive and be encouraged to wear from-the-closet red ribbons to wear from-the-closet red ribbons to wear from-the-closet red ribbons, collecting many use-again use-

**Board talks academic goals and test results**

By Kathryn Fitzgerald  
Managing Editor

Educational objectives and test results were the subjects of reports discussed by the Board of Education during its last meeting.

Plans will be implemented in schools during the academic year to boost skills; those skills will be measured by tests.

At Caldwell School, fourth-graders will study computational skills; second-graders will learn to identify the unique characteristics of housing and lifestyle affected by geographic location and climate," according to a report.

At Sandmeier School, pupils in the second grade also will study computation skills; fourth-graders will be expected to improve their performance in geography.

At the recently reopened Walter School, the focus is on raising the

**State will review public referendum**

Voters may decide regional district's future.

By Jay Hochberg  
Associate Editor

The state Department of Education will hold a public hearing, regarding the proposed deregionalization of the high school district, on Oct. 24 in the auditorium of the Cranford campus of Union County College.

Members of the public will have the opportunity to address the board of review, convened by the Department of Education, to investigate the feasibility of holding a public referendum to decide the fate of the Regional High School District. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The board is expected to announce its decision by Nov. 8. If allowed, the referendum may be held in January or February, according to attorney Vito Gagliardi, who represented state Senate President Donald DiFrancesco, R-Union, during a meeting of the Mountainside Board of Education Tuesday night.

All members of the public, who want to speak to the board, are expected to be able to do so, if each first registers with the county superintendent's office and submit a written copy of his remarks. Each speaker will be limited to five minutes.

To register, contact Union County Superintendent of Schools Leonard Fitts at his Westfield office at 654-9860 by 4 p.m. Oct. 20. Written copies of remarks may be submitted the night of the hearing.

Written testimony also will be accepted — before 4 p.m. Oct. 24 — from anyone unable to attend the hearing. Those statements may be sent to Melvin Wynn at the state Department of Education's Division of Finance, 225 East State St., CN 500, Trenton, N.J. 08625.

The board of review was assembled in response to protests by four of the district's six constituent municipalities regarding a report issued by Fitts. That report recommended changes in administrative and budgetary matters but said the district should remain intact.

The board of review is composed of state Commissioner of Education Leo Klagholz, representatives from both the state departments of Treasury and Community Affairs and the state Board of Education.

Responding to those municipalities' protests, the Regional High School Board of Education passed a resolution in August, that keeps the board from voicing either support or opposition to a public referendum. That resolution accelerated the legal process, said Mountainside Board of Education member Richard Krass.

"All of a sudden, things are happening very quickly," he also said. "It's no longer a back-burner topic."

The members of "this panel would have to be out of their minds to not send this to the voters," Mountainside Board of Education President Frank Geiger added.

While the regional board cannot comment as a governing body, Regional High School District Superintendent of Schools Donald Merachuk said he thought individual members of the board may attend the hearing and speak as residents of the district.

Kenilworth Board of Education Secretary Vincent Conella said representatives of that school district also plan to attend and speak.

"At least now we are going to be able to present our case before the board of review," he added. "Hopefully, the board, in their wisdom, will see the feasibility of what we're proposing, and allow the populace of the communities to decide on deregionalization by referendum."

Kenilworth board member Janet Glynn said the dissolution committee, representing Clark, Kenilworth, Mountainside and Springfield, already has been planning for the hearing, and she expects a large turnout.

One formula local school board members have discussed involves each board member bringing friends and neighbors to the hearing. Such a turnout, it was said, would not only demonstrate community interest but also would enable the four communities to lobby the board of review.

If the board allows the referendum, both a majority of all votes cast within the district and individual majorities in at least four member-towns would be required to dissolve the district.

**Meet the press**



Students from St. James School face a camera crew taping a documentary on the recent tour of Pope John Paul II. The students, in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades, were among the few students chosen from the diocese to see the pontiff during his visit to the United States.

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### Restoring Ruby Park



Jim Sabinsky shows leaves and twigs into a trash-bag held open by Jeff Johnson during Springfield's Clean Community Day on Sept. 30. The two were among dozens of volunteers in Ruby Park, near Caldwell School, removing trash, collecting debris and repairing the rides in the park. The students and parents of Caldwell School's Community Committee handed Ruby Park while scores of other residents helped in other areas around the township.

### Board discusses goals and results

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The board, which allows for cooperative learning, discussed the results of the tests that are generally taken before district examinations.

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### Freeholders to vote on deer management proposal tonight

Tonight the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will vote on the Bureau of Park Operations' plan to reduce the population of deer in the Watchung Reservation by 80 percent of its current level in the next five years.

The plan is expected to pass. Daniel Bernier, chief of Union County's Bureau of Park Operations, submitted the proposal in August, later saying it was needed to allow for a hunt of "half of the original population" within the first year. That plan allows for flexibility in thinning the herd, rather than a limit of an established quota.

During the spring, the Watchung Reservation Deer Management Subcommittee estimated there were approximately 300 deer in the reservation — or 100 deer per square mile. The new plan would reduce the total to 60 — or 20 per square mile at the end of five years.

To accomplish this, according to the proposal, "a reduction of the herd should occur over the course of five years, with removal of half of the original population to occur within the first year in order to minimize the number of animals which will be killed overall."

The means with which the county would hunt the deer involves recruiting experienced hunters. The plan does not include a specific number of hunters, and stipulates that they be both licensed and able to demonstrate marksmanship skills.

To attain its goal of reducing the herd to one-fifth of its present level, the county plans again to have more female than male deer shot. "The program should begin earlier in the winter," the proposal recommends, "when antlered males can still be distinguished from the females."

Upon reaching its goal, the county Division of Parks and Recreation would seek the cooperation of the Humane Society to obtain the federal Food and Drug Administration's permission to use "one-shot immunization vaccines" to maintain the "deer herd at a steady level" in subsequent years.

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### Civic calendar

- The Civic Calendar, prepared by the Springfield Leader and the Mountaintop Echo, is a list of local and county government meetings.
- The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will meet at 7 p.m. on the sixth floor of the County Administration Building at Elizabethtown Plaza. The board is expected to vote on the Division of Parks and Recreation proposal to thin the Watchung Reservation deer population.
- The Mountaintop Zoning Board will meet at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall.
- The Springfield Board of Adjustment will meet at 7 p.m. on the second floor of the Municipal Building at 100 Mountain Ave.
- The Springfield Development Review Commission will meet at 7 p.m. on the second floor of the Municipal Building at 100 Mountain Ave.
- The Union County Consumer Affairs Advisory Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building at Elizabethtown Plaza in Elizabeth.
- The Union County Community Development Block Grant and Revenue Sharing Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building at Elizabethtown Plaza in Elizabeth.
- The Springfield Township Committee will meet in executive session at 7:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Municipal Building at 100 Mountain Ave.
- The Union County Air Traffic Noise Advisory Board will meet at 7 p.m. at 300 North Avenue East in Westfield.
- The Union County Mental Health Advisory Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building at Elizabethtown Plaza in Elizabeth.
- The Springfield Township Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Municipal Building at 100 Mountain Ave.
- The Union County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will meet at 6 p.m. in the Administration Building at Elizabethtown Plaza in Elizabeth.
- The Union County Advisory Board on the Disabled will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building at Elizabethtown Plaza in Elizabeth.
- The Union County Solid Waste Advisory Council will meet at 8 p.m. in the Administration Building at Elizabethtown Plaza in Elizabeth.
- The Mountaintop Recreation Commission will meet at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall.
- The Watchung Reservation Deer Management Subcommittee will meet at 8 p.m. at the Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountaintop.

### Children's hospital to host black tie affair

The "Golden Age of the Roaring 20s" is the theme for the eighth annual Umbrella Ball, the black tie gala to benefit Children's Specialized Hospital. The ball will be on Oct. 21 at the Westfield Armory.

A group of area business leaders and residents have formed the advancement committee for the Umbrella Ball, at the Westfield Armory, which is a fully accessible space, adaptable to a theme event. We hope to have more than 600 people attend this year's ball," said Parker, who is treasurer for C.R. Bard in Murray Hill.

### people in the service religion

The 1977 graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield joined the Navy in June 1977.

Membership meeting  
Springfield Hadassah will hold its 24th annual Paid-Up Membership Supper Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m. in Temple Beth Ahab. The evening will be chaired by Fran Golden, membership vice president and her committee.

### Borough native joins in NATO operations

Navy Chief Warrant Officer Paul H. Bredlau, son of Howard C. Bredlau of 213 Evergreen Ct. in serving in the Adriatic Sea near Bosnia aboard the USS America, which is conducting NATO air strikes in support of efforts to compel Bosnia to cease compliance with United Nations resolutions.

Bredlau is one of 5,000 Navy and Marine Corps personnel aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt flying support over Bosnia, which is conducting NATO air strikes in support of efforts to compel Bosnia to cease compliance with United Nations resolutions.

### County Cancer Unit seeks volunteers

The Union County unit of the American Cancer Society is seeking volunteers for its Road to Recovery Program. Road to Recovery is a free patient service program whereby volunteer drivers escort individuals to and from cancer treatments. It is a flexible volunteer opportunity for anyone who has a car and some spare time to help someone in need.

Contact Carolyn Fabrizio, service director, at (908) 354-7373 for additional information on joining the lifesaving crew of volunteer drivers.

### Fire Department to visit schools

The Springfield Fire Department has been visiting schools and houses of worship to promote fire safety awareness during Fire Prevention Week. Members of the Fire Department give fire safety and prevention talks to local children. They also take their pumper trucks to nursing schools and temples for fire safety talks and demonstrations.

Fire Prevention Week is only one of the fire education programs sponsored by the Springfield Fire Department throughout the year.

In the past, they have spoken with civics and senior citizen groups and have performed fire safety and prevention demonstrations with St. Barnabas Medical Center's entire house.

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**An All Aboard Party On October 14**

We've got lots of reasons to celebrate and we want you to be a part of the fun. We're having a big party on Saturday, October 14. It all begins at 9 A.M. It's going to be an old-fashioned fall festival, with hot dogs, cider and donuts — and gifts for everyone.

As part of our celebration some lucky person will win a fabulous trip for two to the Bahamas. For 3 nights our winner will enjoy the luxurious comforts of the beautiful Nordic Empress of Royal Caribbean Cruises, Ltd. Of course our winner will be chosen from among those who have purchased a new office at 733 Mountain Avenue, Springfield TODAY!

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# County honors local as top employee

Elizabeth Ann Kelly of Summit received a resolution awarded by the Freeholder Board and a county manager's Certificate of Appreciation for successfully conceiving, designing and implementing a new summer camp service.

Freeholder Chairman Linda DiGiovanni noted that this new service, which addresses an ongoing need of the public by having the longer program times pattern requested, at the same time generated increased revenue for Trailside. Indeed, the summer programs mentioned realized an increase of \$3,918 more than 1994's revenue.

Children 4 to 6 are now able to spend the whole morning in summertime nature studies. Parents have the option of selecting two classes, separated by a supervised free activities period with a snack. This extended session option proved popular, there was a two-fold increase in summer enrollment for this age group, with a total of 450 enrollees.

First-through fifth-graders now have a day-long camp option. Included in the tuition cost is a morning and afternoon nature program and a supervised lunch, complete with abbreviated nature activities. Parents were able to choose sessions by the



Freeholder Vice Chairman Edwin H. Force, left, and Freeholder Chairman Linda DiGiovanni, right, congratulate Elizabeth Ann Kelly of Summit, assistant director of the Trailside Nature and Science Center in the Watching Reservation after Kelly was named Employee of the Month for July.

week for a limit of eight weeks. Eighty-four slots were filled during the summer.

"Beny Ann took the initiative to establish a new program that has an educational benefit for the children of

the county," said Union County Manager Ann Barran. "It is a unique educational opportunity to acquaint them with the Watching Reservation."

Kelly also was recognized for her work with the Watching Reservation

Volunteer Trail Workers. Devised and coordinated by Kelly, this program utilizes volunteers from all walks of life who donate their time and energy to help maintain more than 15 miles of hiking trails in the reservation.

## Overlook holds Medicare seminar.

Seniors who have questions regarding Medicare coverage and health insurance may find out answers Wednesday when Overlook Hospital hosts the forum, "National Healthcare and Medicare," at 10 a.m.

The seminar will be held at the hospital and admission is free. Dan Kalen, Counseling on Health Insurance for Medicare Enrollees coordinator, will be the featured speaker.

Pre-registration is required. Attendees will receive answers to the following questions: Will Medicare pay for nursing home care? What to do if Medicare denies payment for a claim? Participants also will receive counsel on how to decipher the best Medicare policy for individuals and help in clarifying confusing Medicare issues so as to enable them to make their own informed decisions. CHIME is a statewide program sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division on Aging, in cooperation with the state Department of Insurance.

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student update

Lehigh announces spring '95 list

Certificates of achievement were awarded to Lehigh University students who were named to the dean's list for the spring semester. The names were announced by John W. Smeaton, assistant vice president for student affairs and dean of students. Undergraduates on the dean's list earned a grade-point average of 3.5 or better, on a 4.0 scale, and carried at least 12 hours of courses graded A, B, C, D, and F.

WPC names spring dean's list

Students at Williams Paterson College in Wayne have been named to the dean's list for the spring semester. In order to qualify, a student must carry a minimum of 12 credits for the semester and earn a grade-point average of 3.4 or better.

Open house scheduled for Oak Knoll School

Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child, 44 Blackburn Road, will hold its annual fall open house on Oct. 22 at 2 p.m. Oak Knoll enrolls boys and girls in grades K-6 and girls only in grades 7-12. Parents and prospective students from the area are invited to attend open house to learn more about the school's academic and extracurricular activities. Guests will meet the faculty and tour the campus, which includes a state-of-the-art library, an auditorium, and a gymnasium.

BU awards academic degrees

Boston University awarded academic degrees to 1,007 students this fall. Among the graduates was Summit resident Monica Fineman, who received a master's degree in childhood, elementary, education. Boston University is the third largest independent university in the United States, with an enrollment of more than 29,000 students in 115 schools and colleges.

Kent Place seniors receive honors

Three Kent Place School seniors have been named to the National Merit Scholarship Program. Kent Place School is a private boarding school for boys and girls in New Jersey. The seniors named were John P. Pappas, Matthew A. Dowd, and Matthew A. Dowd.

\$1 million bequest for Kent Place School

Kent Place School has received a \$1 million bequest from the estate of longtime Summit resident Kathleen Welsh. The bequest, which includes 100 shares of Kent Place School common stock, will be used to establish a fund for the school's financial aid program. Mrs. Welsh's wish of providing an education to some of these very capable young women.

Summit High School searches for long lost alumni

Summit Senior High School is sending out a call for help to all former students, families and friends. If you have a list of alumni from any year, or if you know someone who has, please contact the school at 800-623-8322. The school is announcing a project that will list all Summit Senior High School alumni in the school's first directory of alumni and will include the current names and addresses of all alumni of the school from all over the country.

Democrat Party endorses Torricelli

The Union County Democratic Party will throw its support behind Rep. Bob Torricelli in his campaign for the United States Senate. In giving Torricelli their endorsement, the elected officials and party leaders in Union County cited Torricelli's moderate views, his history of activism on problems particular to New Jersey and his record of public service.

Clerk candidate seeks friendly advice

In developing his campaign strategy for the county clerk's election, Paul O'Keefe is looking for friendly advice. O'Keefe called on several friends and colleagues for their input on his campaign. He is currently leading in the polls and is looking for ways to improve his campaign.

Newcomers have entertaining opportunities

Newcomers Club of Summit, Berkeley Heights, and New Providence will hold a coffee get-together for prospective members on Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the club's headquarters. The club provides many opportunities for socializing, including monthly meetings, special events, and a day of shopping at Hillview Farm.

Annual luncheon offers homemade treats

The Summit Chapter of the National Adult Society will hold its Annual Luncheon, Boutique, and Fashion Show at Canoe Brook Country Club in Summit on Wednesday, Oct. 23. The luncheon will offer a variety of homemade treats, including breads, cookies, and pastries, for sale.

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OAK KNOLL advertisement for an open house on Sunday, October 22 at 2 pm. The ad includes contact information for the school and details about the event, such as a tour of the campus and a chance to meet the faculty.

A collection of church notices, including announcements for assemblies, baptisms, and special events at various churches such as St. Luke's Episcopal Church and St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

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### Class trip



Students from St. James School in Springfield gather at the bus that will take them to Newark Airport to meet Pope John Paul II. The students, in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades, were among the few students chosen from the diocese to see the pontiff during his visit to the United States. At right are teacher Ann Boyle and Sister Marie Anna, the principal.

## student update

### Johnson named to list

Robert D. Johnson of Springfield, a 1992 graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, was one of 452 students at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Va., named to the college's dean's list. Johnson is a senior at Mary Washington College, has been on the dean's list for three years and is currently maintaining a 3.55 cumulative average as a pre-med student.

### Sempepco earns award

Christina Sempepco, a junior psychology major, received a university-wide service award at the opening convocation of Salve Regina University Sept. 15.

### Bar Association for 50 years of practice

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## obituaries

### Barbara A. Sedlak

Barbara A. Sedlak, 55, of Springfield, died Oct. 7 in Medford, Montclair. Born in Newark, Mrs. Sedlak lived in Maplewood before moving to Springfield in 1988. She was the head teller with the Summit Trust, Summit, for 10 years. Earlier, Mrs. Sedlak had worked for the Coopers and Lybrand. She was a member of the Rosary Society of St. James Church, Springfield.

### Helen French

Helen French of Springfield, who turned 92 years old on March 13, died Oct. 6 in Berkeley Heights Convalescent Center. Born in Orange, Mrs. French lived in South Orange and Maplewood before moving to Springfield in 1961. She was a companion for many years before her retirement. Mrs. French was a member of the Rosary Adult Society of St. James Church, Springfield.

### Harold Alper

Harold Alper, 86, of Springfield, who had helped prosecute Jaywens war criminals after World War II, died Oct. 8 in Newark Beth Israel Medical Center. Born in Newark, Mr. Alper lived in Union before moving to Springfield in 1961. He was in the Army during World War II and again from 1946 to 1948, completing his service as a lieutenant colonel. Mr. Alper was a war crimes prosecutor in Tokyo. He was an attorney specializing in immigration law. In 1935, Mr. Alper started a private practice in Irvington, and in 1991, he joined his son, Michael F. Alper, in Union. He was honored in 1985 by the Essex County

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## Welcome back



Participants in the 50th anniversary reunion of the Jonathan Dayton Regional High School class of '45, held Sept. 30, gathered to hear Principal Charles Peterson talk of the technological changes in the school's library. Automation and computer technology was the library, even the name has changed — the library now is called the Instructional Media Center. Summing up his feelings on seeing Dayton again, one reunion-goer said "It was a great day when I left. I'm not sure who was happier — them or me."

## New year of scouting begins with canoe trip

Boy Scout Troop 73 Springfield has started the new scout year and is looking to have more boys join. The troop participates in many outdoor activities during the year, including camping, hiking and canoeing. Recently, the scouts of Troop 73 went on a canoe trip on the Delaware River. Ten scouts and five adults enjoyed a bright autumn day starting at 9 a.m. There were a few rapids to add excitement to the trip and, although it did not rain, several scouts and leaders managed to get wet. The scouts who went on the trip were Ian Cardoni, Ryan Farroll, Adam Gebauer, Mike Quirk, Gary Seitz, Chris Steitz, Chris Phillips, Ryan Yonpin, Mark Yonpin and Sean Cardoni. Mark and Ryan Yonpin's birthday was celebrated on an island in the Delaware. Service projects are also performed by the troop, including visiting Veterans Hospitals and helping to clean up the town.

## Girl Scouts recruiting for chorus

The Washington Rock Girl Scout Council is seeking new members to join its 1995-96 chorus. Girl Scouts of all ages, from Daisy Girl Scouts to adults, are encouraged to participate. Adult volunteers are also needed to assist at rehearsals. Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays at Edison Intermediate School on Railway Avenue in Westfield at 7 p.m. Subsequent chorus rehearsals are scheduled for Oct. 25, Nov. 15, Nov. 29, Jan. 17, Jan. 31, Feb. 14, Feb. 28, March 13, and April dates to be announced. For more information on the club, or for membership information, please call Karen Blaher at the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council Service Center at (201) 794-8855. Sell it with a classified ad: 1-800-564-8939.

## Merit scholars reach semifinals

Merit Scholarships winners will be announced by the township on Oct. 12. The winners will be chosen from a list of 200 finalists. The winners will be chosen from a list of 200 finalists. The winners will be chosen from a list of 200 finalists. The winners will be chosen from a list of 200 finalists. The winners will be chosen from a list of 200 finalists.

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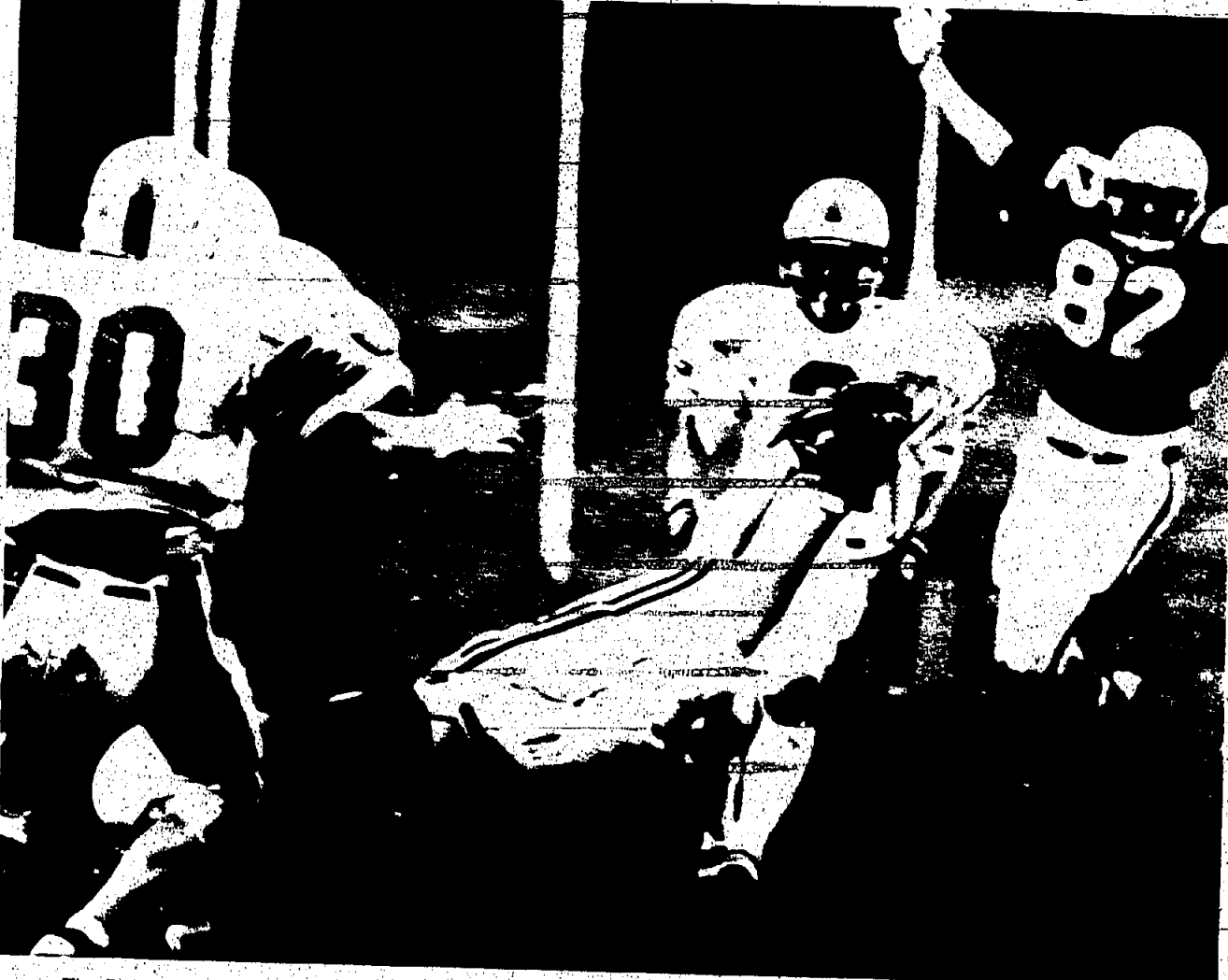
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Registration for the Springfield Recreation Department's Youth Basketball League will take place Monday and Wednesday evenings at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center from 7-8:30. Boys and girls in grades 3-8 are eligible to participate. The registration fee is \$20. Grades 3-4 participate in the Small Fry League and play games on Saturdays. Grades 5-6 play in the State League on Saturdays and grades 7-8 will participate in the Ivy League and play on Mondays. Any youngsters who register after Nov. 18 will pay a late fee of \$30. The league format will be determined by registration. Teams and practice times will also be determined after registration. A clinic will be held on Saturdays Nov. 4, 11 and 18 for grades 3-6 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Gaudinier School. Registration for the Springfield Recreation Department's Girls Softball Program will be held at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center on the following dates: Oct. 28 from 10-11 a.m., Oct. 29 from noon to 3 and Oct. 30 from 6-8 p.m. Any girls who register after Nov. 5 will be put on a waiting list until there are enough girls to form another team. There will be approximately 12-13 girls per team. If a girl signs up after the uniforms have been ordered, she will have to pay \$20 more for her uniform. All girls in grades 2-8 are eligible to participate. The registration fee is \$30. Uniforms will be available to try on at the registration. The league format will be as follows: grades 2-3 Instructional League; grades 4-5 Lower League and grades 6-8 Upper League.

Dayton, GL will try again



The Dayton Regional High School football team will have to regroup following last Saturday's loss to Johnson Regional in Clark.

Both coming off tough road losses

Last weekend was not the prettiest for Dayton Regional and Governor Livingston. The two high school football teams suffered tough losses in the Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division. Dayton fell to 0-3 by losing 52-0 to Johnson Regional in Clark and GL lost its second straight to slip to 1-2 by losing 33-15 to Roselle in Roselle. Dayton fell to 0-3 by losing 52-0 to Johnson Regional in Clark and GL lost its second straight to slip to 1-2 by losing 33-15 to Roselle in Roselle. Dayton fell to 0-3 by losing 52-0 to Johnson Regional in Clark and GL lost its second straight to slip to 1-2 by losing 33-15 to Roselle in Roselle.

H.S. Football

"We're striving to be competitive and looking for our young players to gain as much experience as possible," first-year Dayton head coach Ed Ryscavage said. Dayton has a very young team and will take its lumps this year. However, the sophomore and junior classes will have gain much-needed repetitions and that will help make them better, resulting in more favorable outcomes in 1996 and 1997. GL, with several Mountain side residents in its football program, is also on the young and inexperienced side. Two Mountain side residents that should be playing time for GL this weekend include center two-way lineman Andy Mattie and junior Brian Cantagallo (special team).

It was a complete sweep All 3 Springfield youth grid teams triumph

It was a complete sweep. All three Springfield Minuteman football teams were victorious over their opponents Saturday and Sunday in front of The Debi in downtown Mountaineer. Youth baseball has traditionally been a big part of life in Mountain side and the new fieldhouse will help the sport flourish even more. Mountaineer Youth Baseball League president Sandy Burdge said. The fieldhouse will replace the present one located on the Deerfield School property. Springfield Junior Baseball League registration will take place Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 21 from 10:30 to 1 p.m. at the Chisholm School. This is the only in-person registration for the year. All Springfield students from kindergarten through the age of 14 are eligible to participate. Each youngster must bring with them a copy of their birth certificate. Youngsters may register in person or mail their registration form to Springfield Junior Baseball League, Inc., P.O. Box 444, Springfield, NJ 07081. The All County Basketball Pre-Season Camp for Boys and Girls will take place Nov. 15, 16, 17, 20 and 21 at the South Plainfield Grand Slam. More information may be obtained by calling Steve Cincii at 908-756-4446. Springfield's B Team hurdles on offense under the guidance of head coach Steve Florio during a game against Summit.

Dayton boys' soccer playing well

The Dayton Regional High School boys' soccer team is on a roll. Entering Tuesday, the Bulldogs had a 4-2-2 record 4-0-1 mark over its last five games. Dayton defeated Oratory Prep of Summit 5-2 in Springfield last Friday as Willard Skutnicki scored four goals to remain as the Bulldogs' leading scorer. Skutnicki also scored Dayton's only goal in a 1-1 tie against Inmaculate in Somerville Oct. 3. His unassisted goal tied the game in the second half for the Bulldogs. Dayton began the week with a 2-2 record in the Mountain Division of the Mountain Valley Conference. Dayton's defense includes junior goalkeeper Robert Turner, sophomore left fullback Dave Abrantes, right fullback Josh Diamond, junior sweepback James Lehnhoff, freshman fullback Louie Lorani, junior stopper Jonathan Santos and senior defender Stan Zeady. Dayton's midfield consists of senior Keya Denner, junior Timothy Kaulfers, senior Thomas Kubizek, sophomore Fernando Machado, senior James Porter and junior Brian VanBuskirk. Dayton's look up front includes sophomore center forward Robert Bieljeski, junior forward Matt Hershon, senior center forward Willard Skutnicki, senior forward Thisj VanBusk and senior forward David Weiss. Denner, Diamond and Porter are the captains. Abrantes, Bieljeski, Kaulfers, Kubizek, Lehnhoff, Lorani, Machado, Santos, Turner and VanBuskirk are Kenilworth residents. Willard began the week with a team-leading nine goals.

From The Editor's Notebook

Last year at this time, I chronicled the life of a former Springfield resident who was diagnosed with lupus, an autoimmune disease that afflicts more than 1 million Americans, primarily women of child-bearing age. I did so because October is designated National Lupus Awareness Month and my desire to spread that awareness is of a personal nature. Of those more than 1 million Americans, I know four women personally who suffer from lupus, and they are all members of my family. My mother, her sister, a second cousin on my mother's side and a first cousin on my father's side know what it's like to awaken and not want to get out of bed because the pain they've experienced from the disease left them craving for the comfort of bed rest. During my conversation last year with the former Springfield resident, I mentioned that my mother and aunt suffered from lupus, and she expressed surprise that two members of the same family had the disease. I guess it will be unusual, at much like the 1960s, when my mother and aunt were the subjects of an article that was published in a journal of medicine. The article was about lupus, and the focus was that two sisters had the disease. The second cousin on my mother's side is an 11-year-old granddaughter of my mother's other sister, and the cousin on my father's side is my father's sister's daughter. Lupus can affect any organ of the body, and it can be fatal. Some of the symptoms of the disease are: hair loss, joint pain, stiffness, inflammation around the heart or lungs, a rash on the cheeks and chronic fatigue. There are 14 symptoms of the disease, and usually four out of 11 are used to determine whether or not a patient is suffering from lupus. Lupus is dubbed the Great Imitator because it is so much like other diseases. Many people may have lupus without even knowing it. The symptoms sometimes mimic other diseases and may not yet be diagnosed as lupus. The disease can range from mild to severe. Mild cases are usually treated with non-steroidal, anti-inflammatory drugs, while in severe cases, the treatments could be steroids, antimalarials and immunosuppressive medications. In its most severe form, lupus can cause damage to the kidneys, brain, heart and lungs. Lupus is a malfunction of the immune system, in which white blood cells, which fight infection in the body, see either white-blood cells, but don't know what they are and attempt to destroy them. The process is an attack on the connective tissue, which ultimately causes the inflammation. Lupus Erythematosus is the formal name of the disease. Lupus in Latin means wolf; Eryth means red. Red wolf is a butterfly rash that appears on the face of a lupus patient. See NOTEBOOK, Page B3.

First Fidelity merger approved

Shareholders of First Fidelity Bancorporation of Newark and Philadelphia, and First Union Corporation of Charlotte, N.C. have approved the proposed merger of the two banking companies. The new combined company — which will operate under the First Union name starting in mid-1996 — will be the nation's sixth largest banking company based on estimated assets of \$126 billion. The new company will operate the nation's largest network of bank branches — nearly 2,000 — serving 11 million customers in 12 Eastern states from Florida to Connecticut, as well as Washington, D.C. The merger, announced June 19, is expected to be completed around Jan. 31, pending approval by the Federal Reserve Board and other conditions of closing. First Union shareholders met in Charlotte where 89 percent of the First Fidelity shares cast were in favor of the merger. First Fidelity shareholders met in Philadelphia where 99 percent of the First Fidelity shares cast were in favor of the merger. Edward E. Crutchfield, First Union's chairman and chief executive officer, called the respective shareholder votes "two major and positive steps toward creation of an innovative and dynamic financial services leader." "Today's votes represent a strong endorsement of the proposed merger by the shareholders of both companies," Crutchfield said. Tony Terraciano, First Fidelity's chairman and chief executive officer, said, "We are extremely pleased with the outcome of today's voting and we look forward to joining these two companies into a single entity that will become an Eastern U.S. banking powerhouse." Crutchfield will remain chairman and CEO of First Union Corp. Terraciano will become vice chairman. The three executives will constitute a new "Office of the Chairman" for the combined company. The new combined company will serve a region that includes 35 percent of the U.S. population and four of the nation's five highest personal income areas. The existing market served by First Fidelity contains the greatest concentration of middle-income families in the U.S. After the merger, First Union will greatly expand the variety of financial services previously available at First Fidelity branches, Crutchfield said. In addition to traditional banking products such as savings and checking accounts, certificates of deposit, and consumer loans, First Union also has developed an extensive array of financial planning and investment services, including cash management accounts for consumers and business, tax-deferred annuities, and a proprietary family of mutual funds called the Evergreen Funds.

Griffith joins pact for clean campaign

By Chris Gatto Regional Editor Former Elizabeth Councilman Bob Griffith, an independent candidate for county clerk, this week joined the other two hopefuls in the race in pledging to run a "clean and fair" election campaign. Griffith, an Elizabeth resident, while agreeing to abide by a code of ethics during his campaign, expressed discontent over being overlooked when Democratic candidate Joanne Rajoppi asked for a pledge of ethics. "In a recent news release in papers all over Union County, you stated that you were asking your opponent to join in signing an agreement to abide by the campaign for the office of county clerk," stated Griffith in an Oct. 7 letter to Rajoppi. Even though a list of candidates were promulgated by the election section of the county clerk's office clearly showing me as an independent, democratic candidate for the position of county clerk, you obviously ignored me." The Elizabeth resident said he would give Rajoppi "the benefit of the doubt" this time, but threatened to file a complaint with the state Election Law Enforcement Commission "if it happens again." Griffith charged that Rajoppi's "strategy of ignoring" him as a candidate was a violation of the campaign agreement, which says, "you cannot misrepresent the facts about your opponent." Griffith noted that if Rajoppi were to send him a copy of the same agreement she sent to Republican candidate Paul O'Keefe, who is asking clerk, she would be willing to sign. O'Keefe and Rajoppi already have pledged to abide by the Code of Ethics. Behavior, which was developed by a bipartisan organization. "I have a strong reputation in Elizabeth for always running clean and fair campaigns. If you want to send me some sort of form to sign for this agreement, I would be happy to do so," stated Griffith. A councilman for 18 years, Griffith is seeking the clerk's post in an effort to maintain a nonpartisan atmosphere in that office. Walter Halpin, who last month retired as clerk, was able to accomplish his and Griffith said he would like to continue. Griffith favors a "proposal" to merge the clerk's office with that of the register of deeds and mortgages. Such a move would save more than \$300,000, he said. His opponents also favor such a move, but Rajoppi, who currently serves as county register, has argued that a study be conducted first to determine how such a consolidation should be handled.



Bob Griffith

Domestic violence victims remembered

The YWCA of Eastern Union County, which offers services to women and children who are victims of domestic violence, will sponsor a candlelight vigil on Wednesday in memory of women who have died as a result of domestic violence during the past year. The vigil will take place on the steps of the Union County Courthouse, Broad Street, Elizabeth beginning at 5 p.m. and the public is invited to attend. The vigil is being held to let society know that mothers, sisters and daughters will lose their lives due to domestic violence. Its goal is to encourage the public and authorities to continue their efforts to eliminate domestic violence so that no other women will have to die or be hurt. The Rev. Michael Granger of Second Presbyterian Church in Elizabeth and Jane Ferguson, a seminary student, will offer words of inspiration during the vigil. Additionally, a local church choir will perform during the lighting of the candles. Families and friends of victims will be present to remember their loved ones.

College homecoming on tap for weekend

Keen College of New Jersey has activities planned through Sunday as part of its week-long celebration of Homecoming '95. Members of the college community, alumni and friends are invited to participate. Homecoming '95 includes a two-day jazz festival, a bogie down bash and barbecue, pep rally, fireworks and float parade. Alumni activities focus on the dining and theatre, an afternoon of fine dining and theatre, an afternoon of tailgate picnics and football revelry, a celebration of the new College Center, and an opportunity to honor alumni scholars and outstanding alumni. Kicking off this year's alumni celebration today is an evening of dinner theatre. At 5:45 p.m., participants will dine in the college's Alumni House, East Campus. At 8 p.m. in Wilkins Theatre, entertainment will be provided by Tango X-2, a program created by two stars of the Broadway hit "Tango Argentino." Individuals may contact the box office at (908) 527-2371 to order tickets. On Friday, a pep rally will be held at 6 p.m. in D'Angola Gym, and fireworks are planned for 8:30 p.m. outside the gym. During Homecoming '95 weekend, a float parade and contest will take place at 10:30 a.m. from the residence halls through campus to the gym parking lot on Sunday. Tailgate parties also will take place from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the D'Angola Gym parking lot. This year's awarded for best picnics. Participants can stop by the alumni hospitality tent for refreshments and to meet alumni representatives and officers of the college. At noon that same day, women's soccer will take place on the East Campus field, with Keen taking on Messiah College. The Keen College Community Council is hosting the second annual all-college tailgate picnic. This time, part of the Alumni Association-sponsored tailgate party, is scheduled for noon on Oct. 6 p.m. in the D'Angola parking lot. The college community is invited. The KCCC picnic will be located on the grass by the football field entrance and next to the alumni tents. At 1 p.m., Keen will take on Montclair State University in women's field hockey on the East Campus field. At 2 p.m., Keen will compete with Jersey City State on the Main Campus. Admission is \$2 with an alumni card, \$4 general. Half-time entertainment will feature one of New Jersey's best high school marching bands, cheerleaders, and the crowning of Homecoming King and Queen. The ceremony at the college Center Pub will take place from 5-8 p.m. Participants are invited to celebrate the new and enlarged College Center from 6-9 p.m. in the College Center. Alumni Music and snacks will be available. At 8 p.m. in Wilkins Theatre, the New Jersey Ballet will entertain. For tickets contact the box office at (908) 527-2371. Special features of this year's homecoming include discount rates at three area hotels and at the Barnes and Noble campus Bookstore, newly located in the College Center.

Employee of the Month



Donald Cassett, Jr. of Westfield, second from right, is presented with plaques by Freeholder Chairwoman Linda DiGiovanni and Freeholder Elmer Ertl. Looking on is Freeholder Vice Chairman Edwin Forca. Cassett was honored as Union County's Employee of the Month for August, and received a congratulatory resolution from the Freeholder Board. A 13-year veteran of Union County government, Cassett serves as Parks and Recreation maintenance worker at the Ash Brook Golf Course.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

For the Popkin Sisters, art was an exploration for later in life

By Ben Smith
Staff Writer
They are called the 'Popkin Sisters.' They're not a vaudeville act; they are artists. And they recently had their first joint exhibition of an art at the Springfield Public Library.



Rose Popkin Simon, 95, and Gertrude Popkin Rauch, 93, relax now they've retired. The two had been active artists until recently; Simon was a painter and Rauch was a sculptor. The sisters reside together in Springfield, and remain interested in the arts, theater and music.

Annual antiquing

Wilma Gilkey displays the handmade 'New Providence Lily' quilt that will be auctioned Tuesday night at the New Providence United Methodist Church's 40th annual antique show and sale. The event will feature jewelry, ceramics, dishes and furniture from more than 30 dealers.

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Evangel Church to hold concert

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DINING/ENTERTAINMENT

Directors' duet



Edith Thomas, assistant choir director at Chatham United Methodist Church, and Mark Miller, the director of music at OUMC, practice for their piano duet. The two will perform in the church sanctuary on Sunday at 8 p.m.

Cranford Rep will present Holocaust education program, Anne Frank story

On Oct. 22 at 1 p.m. at Cranford High School, the Cranford Repertory Theatre will sponsor a Holocaust education program titled 'Triumph of the Human Spirit,' commemorating Christian rescuers and survivors of the Holocaust.

County sponsors folk arts festival

'A Celebration of Traditions,' a one-day Folk Arts Festival, will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Oct. 21, 1995 at Union County College in Cranford. This special event celebrates the cultural life of the ethnic communities in New Jersey.

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HEALTH & FITNESS

Lecturer warns of workplace violence

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Conference attendees cite workplace violence statistics

Approximately 7.4 million workers were physically attacked on the job, 6.3 million workers were threatened with violence...

Joslin Center schedules diabetes awareness night

The Joslin Center for Diabetes at Saint Barnabas will hold a family diabetes management night...

Group publishes guide to low-cost dental care

A new booklet on dental care expenses is available to help patients find affordable care.

news clips

'I Can Cope' sessions set

Rahway Hospital and the American Cancer Society have scheduled their 'I Can Cope' series of education classes...

Blood-drive scheduled

The Westfield and Mountaineer Chapter of the American Red Cross, in cooperation with New Jersey Blood Services...

Physical fitness classes scheduled

The Women's Physical Fitness Class for residents of Union will begin Oct. 16...

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Experts urge caution with medications

Every year Americans take approximately 1.5 billion prescriptions, costing \$20 billion. Unfortunately, most patients do not ask questions about these medications.

Overlook to host asthma education program

In an effort to help the community it serves manage personal asthma, Overlook Hospital is offering a Caring With Asthma program.

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Focus On Mental Health

By Barbara Albenberg. Both positive and negative events can be stressful since both require us to change and adapt.

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