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## Troy Kurilew Earns Eagle Scout Award



Eagle Scout Troy Kurilew

Troy Walter Kurilew of Wesley Methodist Church Troop 309 was presented with his hard earned Eagle award at a ceremony held on June 5. Troy is the son of Gwenn and Walter Kurilew. Scout Master of the troop is

Jeff Pauls. Troy is a 16-year-old sophomore at South Plainfield High School.

Troy completed his Eagle requirements on March 15. His project involved the repainting of Fellowship Hall at Pilgrim Covenant Church. He worked with church Pastor Becky Manseau Barnett and Chris Schulte planning the project. The preschool that had been using the hall had closed and the room and adjacent hallway were in serious need of work. The room is used for Sunday school, Confirmation classes, Fish Ministries and Bible study. The project included much more than brushing paint onto a few walls. Troy contacted local hardware and improvement stores that generously donated all the paint and necessary supplies. Troy also chose the new colors—yellow and brown—for the walls, trim and hallway. Once all the equipment was on hand, the actual work began.

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39-Minute Walk for a Cure participants cool off with pink drinks.

## Riley Gets in the Pink

Riley School students were in the pink in a big way on June 11 when the entire student body of 330 students, plus the staff, faculty and PTSO parents participated in and or helped with the "39-Minute Walk for a Cure." The walk was a cancer fundraiser for an organization called Pink SOCS (Sisters of Cancer Survivors).

Also participating in the event were Mayor Charlie Buttrico, Council President Matt Anesh, Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas, Board of Education members Debbie Boyle and Sharon Miller, as well as Super-

intendent of Schools Jose Negron and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Lorraine Cella.

As the walkers marched the two circuits around the block, they kept up steady cheers created by Cate Bonanno. One was, "I don't know what you've been told, Riley kids have hearts of gold. We don't care what others think, Riley kids are in the pink." The children enjoyed pink lemonade, ice pops and pink cupcakes. Each student also received leis, stickers and pink pencils.

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## BOE Votes Against Raises for Two Administrators

The Board of Education voted not to increase the salary of Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Dr. Lorraine Cella and Business Administrator/Board Secretary Richard Guarini at the June 16 meeting.

The proposed increase of approximately 1.5 percent was intended to offset the 1.5 percent that would be taken out of their salary to pay for their health insurance, explained Superintendent of Schools Jose Negron.

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## Speed Hump Ordinance To Provide Traffic Calming

After receiving numerous requests from residents for traffic calming devices in their neighborhoods, the Borough Council voted unanimously Monday evening to approve a new ordinance dictating speed hump installation procedures and the manner in which the need for installation will be determined.

According to the new ordinance, residents will be required to submit written requests with causes of concern to the Borough Clerk's Office, which will then be forwarded to the South Plainfield Police Traffic Safety Unit, chief of police and the chair

of the Public Safety Committee. All requests will be handled in the order in which they are received. Streets approved for installation will be placed on a list subject to available funding and council approval. If the minimum requirements for approval are not met, other traffic calming devices may be considered.

To qualify for a speed hump, a street must be borough-owned and maintained; be a one- or two-lane residential street with a posted speed limit of 30 MPH or less, and be in reasonably good condition as determined by

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## Elks Celebrate Flag Day, Honor Scholarship Recipients

By Patricia Abbott

The South Plainfield ELKS Lodge celebrated their annual Flag Day ceremony on June 14 and presented scholarships to two SPHS students. The ceremony was a history lesson, providing insight into the history of the American Flag.

The evening began with the Elks formal ritual for Flag Day that commemorates the adoption of the American Flag and the evolution of the flag as the country grew and changed.

As the history of each of the flags was read by a member of the Elks, the flags were presented by members of Girl Scout troops. A Boy Scout also assisted with the presentation.

The Pine Tree Flag was used in 1775, and the Snake Flag was used by the southern colonies from 1776 to 1777. A flag to represent all thirteen colonies was introduced in 1775; it was called the Continental Colors or the Grand Union.

Shortly thereafter, Congress called for a flag representative of the new, young country. On June 14, 1777 Congress declared "that the Flag of the United States be thirteen stripes of alternating red and white, and that the union be thirteen stars, white on a blue field, representing a new constellation."



Elks scholarship winners and their families (L-R): Lodge Officers Barbara Muller, PER; John Muller, PER; William Reuter, Exalted Ruler; and scholarship recipient, Jenna Alexander, with parents Sue and Lou Alexander and sister Stephanie and scholarship recipient, Stephanie Groben, with her father, Jim Groben.

In 1795 two additional stars and stripes were added to represent the admission of Vermont and Kentucky. It was this flag that inspired Francis Scott Key to write *The Star-Spangled Banner*.

An interesting note is that Miss Margaret Young who cut the stars for that particular flag was the mother of Henry Sanderson, 1884 Grand Exalted Ruler of the Order of the Elks.

In April of 1818 Congress adopted a resolution that the number of stripes

should be 13 and there should be one star for each of the 26 states, with a star added for each additional state. There were no changes to the flag with the exception of the addition of new stars. The flag with 48 stars flew for 47 years.

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Police Officer Dave Franchak attempts to ride a donated skateboard at the DARE-sponsored picnic. For more, see page 12.





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# FYI

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To purchase a complete copy of a council or BOE meeting, contact the *Observer*.

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## council meetings

Meets twice a month on Mondays, \*except where noted.

**Borough Hall Council Chambers • Questions? 908-226-7605**

**Agenda Meeting** ..... Public Meeting

June 28 Public Hearing on 2010 Budget

July 19 (moved from July 12) ..... July 19 (moved from July 12)

All Agenda Meetings begin at 7 p.m. followed immediately by the Public Meeting, unless otherwise noted. Meetings of the Governing Body are held in accordance with the N.J. Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.) in the Council Chambers at 2480 Plainfield Ave.

## planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month, \*except where noted.

**Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7641**

July 13, July 27, Aug. 10, Aug. 24, Sept. 14, Sept. 28, Oct. 12, Oct. 26, Nov. 9 Dec. 7.

## zoning board of adjustment

Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month, \*except where noted.

**Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7641**

July 8, July 22, Aug. 12, Aug. 26, Sept. 9, Sept. 23, Oct. 14, Oct. 28, Nov. 11\*, Dec. 9.\*

## board of education

Meets Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave.

**Committee of the whole meetings:** July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 15, Oct. 13,

Nov. 10, Dec. 8, 2011: Jan. 12, Feb. 9, March 2 and March 30.

**Regular Public Meeting:** July 21, Aug. 18, Sept. 22, Oct. 20,

Nov. 17, Dec. 15, 2011: Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 16, April 6.

## BOE curriculum/technology/student activities

Meets once a month on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. in 2nd floor conference room, Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Ave.

## BOE buildings & grounds

Meets second Monday of the month at 7 p.m., 2nd floor conference room, Roosevelt Administration Building

## recreation commission

Meets once a month on the second Tuesday of the month, except July and August PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7716

## taxpayers advisory group

The Taxpayers Advisory Group (TAG) meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave. at 7 p.m. Questions? 908-769-0786.

## site plan sub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m. July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 21

## environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday) Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7621

July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8, Jan. 12 2011

## business advisory group

Meets once a month (first Wednesday) Borough Hall Council Chambers, 5 p.m.

## ad hoc alternative truck route committee

Questions? 908-226-7605 Monday, June 28

## In My Opinion

Opinions expressed in this column are not necessarily those of the publisher, nor do we guarantee accuracy.

### To the Editor:

I have a nine-year-old son who has difficulty maintaining his focus while in the classroom, but performs very well academically. As a health care professional I have evaluated alternative methods (other than medical treatment) to address my son's attention issue. My son takes no medication to help assist him in the classroom.

For the past four weeks we have been working with Bala Pillai who is a physical therapist. She started my son on a program called Brain Gym. Since starting with Mrs. Pillai, he drinks more water, is beginning to concentrate a little more on completing his homework without constant reinforcement and uses visual feedback to help him perform better with a particular task.

Mrs. Pillai uses exercises that involve the brain working as a bilateral network. For example, an exercise may include tracking an object while crossing your elbow to your knee and humming all at the same time.

In my own practice as an optometric physician, I see kids on medication for attention deficit issues and parents who were not given any other alternative options to consider. I feel that if parents knew about alternative methods to help assist their kids they would consider physical therapy and Brain Gym as another option.

**DR. RAY CORBIN-SIMON**

Dear Roosevelt School Family, Faculty and Staff:

On behalf of the Roosevelt Elementary School's Student Council, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for making our "Dress Down Day/Homework Pass for Trees" fundraiser a success! Because of your generosity, we were able to donate \$483 to the American Forest Organization. They will use our donations to plant 483 trees in South America's rainforests. This was a great opportunity for our students to participate in a fundraiser that highlights our global citizenship's responsibility to help our environment and planet. It also highlights and incorporates all of our Character Counts lessons.

Again, thank you for supporting this worthy cause. Best wishes for a relaxing, safe and fun summer. See you in the fall.

**SINCERELY YOURS,  
MARGARET MOSLEY, STUDENT  
COUNCIL ADVISER**

### To the Editor:

On behalf of the South Plainfield Office of Emergency Management, I would like to thank the following CERT team members for the many volunteer hours they provided for the Feast of St. Anthony at Our Lady of Czesstochowa: Eric Myers, Chuck Merryman, Marvin Bronstein, Shawn Ferguson, Mark Makowski, Clifford

Perrino, Derryck White, Bill Meixner, Joanna Missimer, Sharon Padula and Fred Noel.

I would also like to thank CERT members Tim Holloran, Marvin Bronstein, John Anesh and Greg Gaydos for volunteering at the NJSIAA State Track Meet.

Additionally, I would like to thank the South Plainfield Emergency Management Team: Mario Abbruzzese, John Abbruzzese, Jon Dean and Linda Zushma for the numerous hours they volunteered at the feast.

It is with the help of volunteers such as CERT and a professional and dedicated Emergency Management Team, we are able to give the residents of South Plainfield the security and services they expect and deserve.

Once again, many thanks for the dedication, caring and concern these very exceptional people have shown our community.

**SINCERELY,  
MICHAEL ZUSHMA**

### To the Editor:

It is with deep concern that I am writing this letter regarding the South Plainfield High School Yearbook in which my son has been besmirched by labeling him as a "Class Troublemaker." This language is unacceptable.

I was under the impression that a school yearbook was used for student memories of each other, thus leaving a long lasting and positive impression of their classmates. This was not the case here; my son will now have to live with the embarrassment of what is now in the public domain.

This is not my first attempt to remedy this gross categorization of my

## Special Public Hearing on Reappointment of the Superintendent of Schools

The South Plainfield Board of Education will conduct a public hearing, as part of the special public meeting on Tuesday, June 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Roosevelt Administration Building gymnasium to discuss and/or modify contract terms and conditions for non-affiliated employees pursuant to PL, 2007, c. 53.

Members of the public are invited to submit public comments regarding the appointments of the Superintendent of Schools. The board, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, shall not publically discuss personnel matters and shall not respond to comments made by members of the public. The board will give all comments appropriate consideration.

The subject of this hearing retains the right of privacy and shall retain all rights regarding defamation and slander according to the laws of New Jersey. The board shall not be held liable for comments made by members of

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Send your letters to South Plainfield Observer, 1110 Hamilton Blvd., Suite 1B, South Plainfield, NJ 07080, or fax to 908-668-8819, or via email: spobserver@comcast.net. **Deadline is Monday, 5 p.m.** Letters must be accompanied by a name and telephone number for verification. Limit letters to no more than 200 words. We reserve the right to refuse a letter, to edit for clarity or length, and to limit the number of letters submitted on the same subject. Submission is not a guarantee of publication. We do not accept anonymous letters. Letters are strictly opinion.

son in the SPHS yearbook. I've expressed my concerns to Superintendent Jose Negron, as has my son. We both left messages regarding his embarrassment. This categorization is closely aligned to the policy put forth on bullying perceived characteristics.

In addition, I've taken my son out of SPHS for the remainder of the year per his request to avoid additional harassments from students and the embarrassment of this published public name calling!

As outlined in Policy 5131.9: "The board of education shall maintain an instructional and working environment that is free from harassment of any kind, including intimidation and bullying. Administrators and supervisors will make it clear to all staff, pupils and vendors that harassment, including intimidation and bullying, is prohibited."

Who's responsible for publishing such literature? Is there any staff oversight of such projects and if so why would staff allow this?

I believe the only remedy is to retract all public copies of these gross and irresponsible categorizations.

**THOMAS SMITH**

the public.

Formal action regarding amendments to contract terms to the superintendent's contract will be taken at the meeting.

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Dave Street receives an "Excellence in Education" award at this year's state Clean Communities Conference. Pictured (L-R): Dave Street; Bob Martin, Commissioner of the NJ Department of Environmental Protection; Miranda Pawline, New Jersey State environmental ambassador; and Patrick Ryan, Esq., president of the New Jersey Clean Communities Council.

## Dave Street Receives "Excellence In Education" Award

South Plainfield resident Dave Street was recently honored with an "Excellence in Education" award from the New Jersey Clean Communities Council at the state conference in Atlantic City.

Street received the award for his environmental school assemblies, songs and books, including his brand new book, *Let's Slam Dunk the Junk*. He is the first performer ever to receive the award. Street has been doing programs in schools and at community events in conjunction with the New Jersey Clean Communities program for over 15 years.

This year he expanded his presentations for students to include new theater skits showing how recycling conserves energy and reduces emissions.

Street's new book utilizes the game of basketball to teach recycling and litter prevention. The book, which is illustrated by David A. Cutting, who

previously has worked for the Nickelodeon TV Network, is also the result of Dave's work with the New Jersey Clean Communities program and its 'Slam Dunk the Junk' theme.

This is Street's second book. His first book, *How the Land of Litter Became the Kingdom of Clean*, was about dragons that recycle and knights that pollute until they work together to keep the kingdom clean.

His school assembly programs are available free of charge to many schools in the state, including borough schools, through a Clean Communities grant. In addition to being a local resident, he is a graduate of South Plainfield High School and holds a master's degree in education from Rutgers University.

For more information, call (908) 757-8939 or visit [www.slamdunkthejunk.com](http://www.slamdunkthejunk.com).

## Mayor Seeks Volunteers for Library Feasibility Study Committee

Mayor Charles Butrico recently announced the establishment of a Library Feasibility Study Committee. The committee will be comprised of the mayor, two councilmembers, two members from the Library Board of Trustees and two members of the public.

The task of the new committee will be to consider possible solutions to adequately meet the needs of the community's library facilities and to submit a plan to the governing body for

further action.

Borough residents interested in serving on the Library Feasibility Study Committee are invited to submit a request/bio to Municipal Clerk Joann Graf, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

For more information, call the clerk's office at (908) 226-7606 or email Graf at [jgraf@southplainfieldnj.com](mailto:jgraf@southplainfieldnj.com). Please respond by June 25.

## Partial Roof Collapse Forces Temporary Closure of Front Street Farmer's Market

By Jean Fultz

A partial collapse of the inner roof at the Front Street Farmer's Market, located on Front Street, has temporarily closed the popular produce and deli store. No one was injured in the Saturday afternoon collapse, even though the market was crowded with shoppers.

An alert employee who was working in the store heard a noise, looked up and saw that the beams above him were cracking. He warned shoppers away from the area, and helped to move everyone outside. A call to 911 led to an immediate response from the South Plainfield police and fire departments and the rescue squad.

Once the emergency services personnel were on scene, the owners were escorted back inside so that they could retrieve money from the cash registers and try to remove items from the store to load onto waiting trucks. Soon thereafter, the roof began cracking again and the fire department determined that the building was unsafe and ordered everyone out.

## Cyclist Listed in Critical Condition

Manuel DeJesus Bolanos, 36, of Plainfield was seriously injured when a bicycle he was riding struck a Jeep Cherokee on June 16.

Bolanos was traveling northbound on Stelton Road near Rt. 287. The Jeep Cherokee was driven by Carlin Binder, 33, of Philadelphia. Binder was making a left turn from southbound Stelton Road onto Rt. 287 North, when the crash occurred.

Bolanos sustained extensive injuries to his face and head. He was treated at the scene by paramedics from Mercy 6, Muhlenburg Hospital and EMS personnel from Somerset Medical Center and airlifted by the NJSP Northstar Medivac helicopter to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick, where he was admitted in critical condition.

The crash investigation is continuing and no charges have been filed. Any witnesses should contact Lt. Kevin Murtagh at (908) 226-7679.



Front Street Farmer's Market will remain closed until repairs to the roof are completed.

Due to concerns that a further collapse could occur, the electricity was shut off and caution tape was placed around the entire exterior of the building reaching into the parking lot on both sides. The owners also wanted to insure the safety of anyone who may enter the parking lot and not realize the market was closed.

"We want to thank the fire department, the police department and the rescue squad for all the help and assistance they gave us. We are very grateful for all they did for us," said Mary Tramontano, of the Tramontano Family, owners of the Front Street Farmer's Market.

Inspectors from the Borough of

South Plainfield as well as the insurance company for the Farmer's Market were scheduled to inspect the premises this week. Plans will be underway shortly to renovate and reopen as soon as possible.

"Once the renovations are complete, we will hold another grand opening. If you have any coupons that you haven't used, hold on to them. We will honor them when we reopen," said Tramontano. "And watch the *Observer* for updates. We will let you know when we are open for business again. Our customers have been so supportive of us, and we want them to know that we appreciate their business."

## South Plainfield Education Foundation Bookfair Fundraiser

The South Plainfield Education Foundation is celebrating literacy with a bookfair fundraiser at Barnes and Noble at Menlo Park Mall on Monday, June 28 from 2 to 9 p.m. Barnes & Noble will contribute a percentage of sales during those hours to the Education Foundation's fund, which encourages good citizenship and academic achievements.

To download a discount flyer log on to the BOE webpage, [spboe.org](http://spboe.org), and click on the word "more" under the paragraph, "SP Education Foun-

dation is celebrating literacy." You can also tell the cashier you are from South Plainfield schools, and they will ensure the school gets credit for your purchases. Items in the café and music department are also eligible.

South Plainfield families are invited to shop for summer reading lists, but anyone can participate.

If you can't get to the store, you can support the bookfair by shopping online from June 29 through July 3 at [www.bn.com/bookfairs](http://www.bn.com/bookfairs) and enter bookfair ID #10235950 at checkout.

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# Events

## Wesley Church to Celebrate Marriage

June 27

Wesley United Methodist Church, 1500 Plainfield Ave., as part of their 50th anniversary celebration, is holding a service to celebrate marriage on Sunday, June 27 at 10:30 a.m. The service will be devoted to honoring couples who were married at Wesley and celebrating all married couples. We invite you to share in the renewal of your vows during this special service.

For more information, call (908) 757-2838.

## Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

June 27

The Knights of Columbus will hold a blood drive on Sunday, June 27 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Sacred Heart School cafeteria. Give the gift of life! Donors receive free cholesterol screening and a free Chick-Fil-A sandwich coupon.

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## Class of 1961 Seeks Alumni for Reunion

SPHS Class of 1961 is soon approaching a 50 year reunion. Organizers are attempting to reach out to all families and classmates in an effort to obtain current addresses in the hopes to contact as many graduates as possible.

If you, or someone you know, is a member of the Class of 1961, please forward this information to Brenda Belardo Ribar, Nancy Kahora Dowd and Geri Trivigno Beyer via email to class1961sphs@gmail.com.

ensure our school gets credit for your purchases. Items in the café and music department are also eligible.

You can also shop online from June 29 through July 3 at [www.bn.com/](http://www.bn.com/) bookfairs and enter ID #10235950 at checkout. (See story on page 3.)

## Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Pig Roast

July 10

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Orthodox Church will hold a pig roast on Saturday, July 10 from 12 to 5 p.m. Admission is \$20; eight and under are free.

Entertainment includes Jimmy De and the Happy Times Band, basket raffles, outside games for the kids.

For tickets, call Andy Olear at (732) 951-9134, Nadine Tirpak at (732) 248-1119 or Chris (Joe) Vakulchik at (732) 424-8746.

## SPHS Class of 1984 25th Reunion

October 9

South Plainfield High School Class of 1984 will be holding its 25th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9. The reunion will be take place at Leon's Catering Hall in Berkely Heights.

The cost of \$60 per person includes dinner and open bar. Dress is casual.

Any members of the class wishing to attend can email Lisa Petrozicello Carone at [lpetro@comcast.net](mailto:lpetro@comcast.net) or Bill Price at [bprice31@hotmail.com](mailto:bprice31@hotmail.com).

## — Out of Town —

## Celebrate Life Day For Seniors

June 25

The Diocese of Metuchen Family Life Office will sponsor its annual, "Celebrate Life," a day for seniors over the age of 55, at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway, on Friday, June 25 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mass at 11 a.m. with Bishop Emeritus Edward T. Hughes and Msgr. John B. Szymanski, P.A., V.G., Emeritus, as the guest homilist followed by a lunch and musical entertainment.

Cost is \$25 per person. Pre-registration required by calling (732) 562-1624 or visiting [www.dionetuch.com](http://www.dionetuch.com).

## "Tiny Tot Shabbat" At Beth Israel

June 26

Congregation Beth Israel in Scotch Plains will hold a "Tiny Tot Shabbat" service on Saturday, June 26 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. This service, especially designed for young children ages three to six, is open to the community. Regular Shabbat services will be conducted that morning in the synagogue's main sanctuary at 9:30 a.m., followed by a kiddush lunch. Congregation Beth Israel is located at 18 Shalom Way in Scotch Plains.

For information, call (908) 889-1830.

## Anointing of the Sick And Healing Mass

June 26

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered at a healing Mass on Saturday, June 26 at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, 32 Elm St. in Metuchen. Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski will be the celebrant.

Those baptized Catholics who may be bearing the burden of physical, mental or emotional illness, those who may be facing surgery and those experiencing the challenges of advancing age are welcome to attend. Light refreshments to follow Mass.

For information and to pre-register, call (732) 548-0100, ext. 210 or visit [www.dionetuch.com](http://www.dionetuch.com).

## Trash & Treasure Sale

June 26

Oak Tree Presbyterian Church, 445 Plainfield Road in North Edison is holding a trash and treasure sale on Saturday, June 26 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rain or shine. Furniture, baby items, jewelry, bikes, kitchen, sports,

household and bric-a-brac.

For information, call (732) 549-4178 or visit [www.oaktreechurch.org](http://www.oaktreechurch.org).

## Upscale Singles Dance Party

June 26

Steppin' Out Singles is hosting an upscale singles dance party on Saturday, June 26 at 8:30 p.m. at the Woodbridge Hilton Grand Ballroom, 20 Wood Ave. in Iselin. Ages 40 and up; no jeans/sneakers. Admission: \$15.

For more information, call (732) 656-1801.

## Congregation Beth Israel Open House

June 27

Congregation Beth Israel in Scotch Plains will hold an open house on Sunday, June 27 from 9:30-11 a.m. Participants will have an opportunity to meet Elly Bauman, the new education director of the religious school. Tours will be conducted for prospective members, and a free bagel breakfast will be served.

To attend or for information, contact the synagogue office at (908) 889-1830. Congregation Beth Israel is located at 18 Shalom Way, Scotch Plains.

## Depression/Bipolar Support Meeting

June 30

On Wednesday evening, June 30, the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance will feature at its monthly educational meeting Margaret E. Tompsett, MD, DLFAPA, FAACAP, a child and adolescent psychiatrist. The meeting will take place at 7:45 p.m., using the facilities of the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, 21 Normandy Heights Road in Morristown. The public is cordially invited; a nominal donation is requested from non-members.

For further local information, call (973) 994-1143.

## SENIOR CENTER Calendar

### Coming Up.....

Oct 11-15 Indian Head Resort  
(Call the center for more info)

### MONDAYS

Silver Sneakers ..... 8:45 am  
Crocheting ..... 9:30-11:30 am  
Yoga ..... 10:30 am  
Art Class ..... 11:30 am

### TUESDAYS

Bingo ..... 10 am-2 pm  
Ladies Group ..... 10 am

### WEDNESDAYS

Aerobics ..... 8:45 am  
Computer... 10 am, 11:30 am, 1 pm  
Line Dancing ..... 10:30 am  
Crocheting ..... 1 pm  
Tai Chi ..... 2 pm

### THURSDAYS

Active Seniors ..... 8:45 am  
Shopping Trip ..... 9 am  
Crafts Class ..... 10 am  
Computer ..... 10 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm  
Exercise Class ..... 1:15 pm

### FRIDAYS

Bingo ..... 10 am-2 pm

Daily Activities: Morning coffee, pool, cards, board games, computer classes, exercise, art, Tai Chi, yoga and crafts.  
Lunch Served Monday-Friday.

Call (908) 754-1047 for more info or visit [www.southplainfieldnj.com](http://www.southplainfieldnj.com)

Senior Center is open daily 8 a.m. 4 p.m. Closed Saturdays & Sundays.

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From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Danielle Aronowitz

School's out and with that comes summer vacation!

Beginning Tuesday, June 29, we will have moved to a new circulation system and will be launching our new website (our website still has the same URL). These system changes also have new circulation policy changes. We will now be charging you a \$.50 fee regardless of whether or not you pick up your hold item. If you pick it up, it will be \$.50 and if you don't pick it up, it will still be \$.50. Another very important policy is regarding loan periods for A/V materials such as DVDs and VHS. New DVDs will still be a two day loan, but our regular DVDs, labeled with a seven day loan sticker, will be checked out to you for seven days. We are no longer allowing holds to be placed for new movies on DVD. The new DVDs are located on the spin rack next to the circulation desk. Since there will be no holds, these DVDs will be available on a first come, first serve basis. We will allow one renewal for new DVDs. We are no longer going to put movies aside for people who call and request them. You will need to come into the library and check it out. The fine for overdue DVDs is still \$2, for either a two or seven day loan.

Our new system will allow you to be notified through email that your holds are available, when items are overdue and will also notify you a couple of days in advance of when an item is going to be due. This should help to avoid overdue charges. If you would like to use this feature, come to the circulation desk and provide us with your email address. We will have pamphlets outlining our new policy changes available for you.

The Middlesex County Recycling Program is no longer accepting alkaline and automobile batteries for recycling. Batteries accepted include rechargeable batteries (C, D, AA, 9-volt, etc.), button cell batteries found in watches, calculators and other small electronic items and larger batteries, found in cell phones, laptops and camcorders. Alkaline batteries should be disposed of in the trash.

Gov. Christie's budget calls for a 74% decrease in funding for statewide library services. Access to electronic databases such as EBSCO, which kids use for research, will cease. More than half of public libraries will lose access to the Internet. Statewide Interlibrary Loan (ILL) and delivery will cease among other cuts. If these services are important to you, contact your state legislators and insist they oppose funding library cuts. You can call or send a message to the governor at (609) 292-6000, or -your state senator and assembly representatives opposing the elimination of funding for library programs. Visit [www.capwiz.com/ala/nj/home](http://www.capwiz.com/ala/nj/home) for more information. Sign up today to be a library champion at [www.ilovenjlibraries.org](http://www.ilovenjlibraries.org).

The library will be closed Monday, June 28 for implementation of our new computer system and reopen on Tuesday, June 29 at 10 a.m.

We will be following our regular schedule for the children's programs. The Monday Morning Movie is shown at 10:30 a.m. for preschool age children and usually runs for about 40 minutes. The Storytime program for children ages three and up is held Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 1:15 p.m.. The Time for 2s & 3s program for children ages two and three is held Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. The Babytime program for ages up to two years old is held Friday at 10:30 a.m. We are also doing an afternoon film on Fridays at 3:30 p.m. for school age children. The story programs last about an hour and include stories, songs and a craft for older kids. These programs do not require registration. For more information, call (908) 754-7885 and ask for Miss Linda or Miss Mija.

Beginning Tuesday, June 29 sign-ups for our summer reading program "Make a Splash" begins. Children of all ages are invited to participate in our annual summer reading club. The program runs for six weeks and encourages children to set aside time each week to read. Each child will be given a booklet to record the titles of books/magazines/books on tape/CDs that they read/listen to (the majority of materials that are used should be borrowed from our library). Each week they will be awarded a small participation prize and will have the chance to earn more prizes based on the amount of reading they complete. Throughout the summer we will also be having various special programs. We also will be having a young adult summer reading club entitled "Make Waves @ Your Library" for students entering grades five through 12. There will be young adult-oriented prizes. Any questions, please see our library staff.

On Mondays beginning July 12 and running through August 2 there will be a KidCraft at the library for ages six and up. Registration is required. Each week there will be a different craft. There is also a \$1 materials fee for each child registered and registration is limited.

To find out more, or if you have any questions call (908) 754-7885 or visit us on the web at [www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us](http://www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us)

See you next week!



The second grade girls of Franklin/Riley School Brownie Troop #117 recently conducted a food drive to benefit the South Plainfield food pantry. Pictured are members of the troop delivering the collected food items to Margaret Ackerman, Director of Social Services.

## High School Dedicates Lake Avenue Circle Flagpole

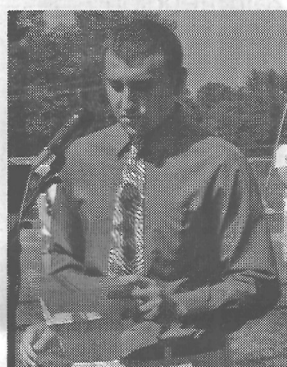
By Libby Barsky

A quiet ceremony was held on June 15 to dedicate the gift of a flagpole from the Class of 2007. The flagpole is set in the circle in front of South Plainfield High School on Lake Avenue. The circle also contains a large stone bearing a plaque with the inscription: "A gift from the Class of 2007 honoring SPHS alumni who have dedicated their lives to serving our community and country."

Members of the South Plainfield High School Marching Band formed a semi-circle around the flagpole. The program began with music teacher Roger Vroom conducting the band in playing *The Star Spangled Banner*. Then an honor guard composed of students who are junior members of the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department marched from the high school to the circle.

Michael George, president of the Class of 2007, stood with 2007 Class Vice President Ashlee Little. "The flagpole serves as a remembrance of all who served for our country," said George. He also thanked class advisors, Diana Joffe and Michele Fugazzi.

In his remarks, Superintendent of Schools Jose Negron thanked the Class of 2007 for the flagpole and the flags, reminding all how much the flag means



Michael George, president of the Class of 2007, at the dedication of the flagpole.

as a symbol in the fight for freedom.

James Yednak, commander of American Legion Post #243, and Doug Viafora, first vice commander, stepped forward and proceeded to raise the American Flag and a POW Flag on the flagpole.

Viewing the ceremony were Superintendent of Schools Jose Negron, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Dr. Lorraine Cella, SPHS PTA President and BOE member Sharon Miller, Assistant Principals Joe Cirigliano, Ralph Errico and Kelly Richkus and teachers Diana Joffe and Tom Seiz.

## Labor Day Parade Grand Marshal Nominations

South Plainfield Borough's 53rd annual Labor Day Parade is upon us and the Public Celebrations Committee is seeking nominations for Honorary Grand Marshal. The theme of this year's parade is "Vision Family Industry."

The parade will once again begin at the PAL facility on Maple Avenue and conclude on the front lawn of the South Plainfield Middle School located on Plainfield Avenue.

If you know of an individual you feel has contributed outstanding service to the Borough of South Plainfield, please send the Public Celebrations Committee a detailed letter stating your reasons why this person should be considered for Honorary Grand Marshal. In the letter include the candidate's name, address, evening phone number, your phone number, and a detailed list of volunteer activities and accomplishments.

Deadline for accepting nominations is Friday, July 23. Send nominations to The Public Celebrations Committee, John Sorrentino, Chairman, 225 Hopkinson St., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

The Labor Day Parade is also a great opportunity for all to meet the community. If you or your organization is interested in marching in the parade, building a float, having a concession stand or informational table at the middle school at the conclusion of the parade, please complete an application located in Borough Hall or online at [www.southplainfieldnj.com](http://www.southplainfieldnj.com). Send your completed application to the Public Celebrations Committee, Borough of South Plainfield, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

For general questions, contact Chrissy Bureas at [chrinebureas@comcast.net](mailto:chrinebureas@comcast.net).

In addition, parade marshals are needed to assist in the facilitation of the parade. All marshals must be 18 years or older.

If you are interested in assisting or would like further information, contact Joe Scrudato at (908) 406-5920 or email [jascrudato@hotmail.com](mailto:jascrudato@hotmail.com).

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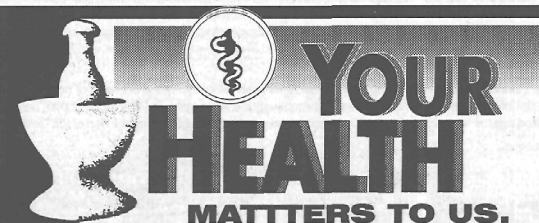
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# southplainfieldpeople Milestones

## Alexander Graduates, Earns Doctorate



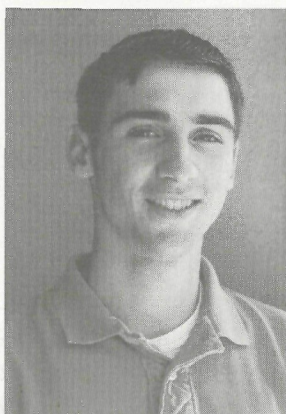
Elaine Alexander

Elaine Alexander graduated magna cum laude from the University of Rhode Island and earned her doctorate of pharmacy degree on May 23. She was named to the dean's list during all six years, maintained

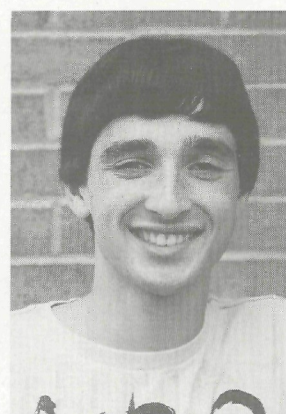
the Centennial Scholarship, and was awarded the Dr. Thomas Dougan Scholarship for Greek leadership and academic excellence. Elaine was also active in her sorority, Sigma Delta Tau, the Rhode Island Medical Reserve Corps, Sigma Alpha Pi Honor Society, American Society of Health Systems Pharmacists and American Society of Consultant Pharmacists.

Elaine plans to pursue a career in the pharmaceutical industry and was accepted into the highly competitive Rutgers Pharmaceutical Industry Fellowship Program. She will begin a two-year Medical Affairs Fellowship with Bayer HealthCare in July.

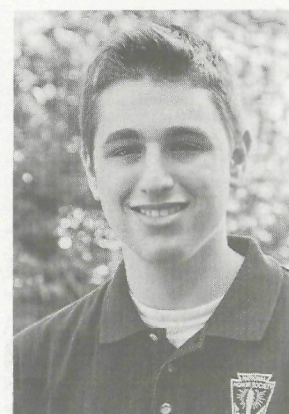
Elaine graduated from South Plainfield High School, Class of 2004. She is the daughter of Sam and Linda Alexander, who are so very proud of her accomplishments and are excited to see what the future holds for her. Congratulations Dr. Alexander!



Alphonse Muglia



Frank Licato



Matthew Galinsky

## Galinsky, Licato, Muglia Awarded American Legion Scholarships

Each year South Plainfield's Chaumont Post 243 of the American Legion honors local high school seniors with scholarships for the colleges and universities they will attend in the fall. This year Matthew Galinsky, Frank Licato and Alphonse Muglia each won \$1,000 scholarships.

The American Legion Post selects

one deserving high school senior who resides in South Plainfield, a senior at South Plainfield High School, and a high school senior whose relative has been a member of the American Legion.

Matthew Galinsky, a graduate of St. Joseph High School, was a member of three honor societies:

The National Honor Society, the Spanish National Honor Society and the Science National Honor Society. He is a youth lector at Sacred Heart parish, and has been a volunteer tutor at Grant School. In addition, he has been a volunteer leader at JFK Hospital in Edison. Galinsky plans to attend The College of New Jersey as a math major with a minor in actuarial science. He has been accepted into TCNJ's prestigious honors program which is limited to the top 10% of the incoming freshman class.

Frank Licato, a South Plainfield High School senior, will attend Rutgers University's School of Arts and Sciences in New Brunswick in the fall. During his high school years he has been a coordinator for the Adopt-A-Family program. In this role he has helped collect, organize and distribute food and gifts at Christmas to needy families. His volunteer work also includes 10 consecutive years with UNICO'S Keystone Christmas parties. Licato has also refereed soccer for the Mid Jersey Youth Soccer Association. Frank's grandfather, Frank P. Licato, Sr., is a member of Chaumont Post 243.

Alphonse Muglia, a grandson of Legion member Pasquale Muglia, is a graduate of St. Joseph High School who will attend Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations in the fall. At St. Joe's he was the editor-in-chief of the nationally recognized student newspaper, *The Falcon*. He was co-president of the math league, a member of the student council, and a member of both the National Honor Society and the Science National Honor Society. During his junior year, Muglia volunteered for a Habitat for Humanity project.

He was captain of his cross country team, and competed on the Winter Track Team which won the NJSIAA Non-Public A State Championship in 2009. He was honored as St. Joe's Scholar Athlete for 2010.

All three of the Post 243's scholarship winners will be honored at the annual installation dinner tonight. First Vice-Commander Douglas Viafora chaired the selection committee with Commander Jim Yednak, Executive Committee members Len Rowlands and Bill Ruha, and Vice-Commanders Richard Doerr and Dave Piscitelli helping with the selections.

—Story and photos by Rich Doerr

## Severini Graduates Mason Gross School of Arts

Gina Marie Severini, South Plainfield High School Class of 2006, graduated magna cum laude from Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers University in New Brunswick on May 18 with a BEA in dance and a BA in psychology.

Gina will be attending graduate school in the fall at Seton Hall University for occupational therapy.



Gina Marie Severini

## Bucknell University Awards Degrees

Bucknell University has conferred bachelor's and master's degrees to students. Degrees were awarded May 23 for studies in liberal arts and professional programs in engineering, education, management and music.

The following South Plainfield residents were among the graduates:

Samantha A. Deffler, daughter of John and Marie Deffler of South Plainfield, and a 2006 graduate of South Plainfield High School, graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor of science in neuroscience and departmental honors in neuroscience. A member of Phi Beta

Kappa national honor society, Deffler also received the Bucknell Prize in neuroscience.

Keith R. Dezmin, son of Joseph and Susan Dezmin of South Plainfield, and a 2006 graduate of SPHS, graduated with a bachelor of arts in economics and philosophy.

Ryan M. Smith, son of Martin and Nancy Smith of South Plainfield, and a 2006 graduate of South Plainfield High School, graduated cum laude with a B.S. in computer science and engineering. Smith received the Bucknell Prize in computer science and engineering.

## Lyndsey A. Murtagh's Academic Achievements Recognized

Lyndsey A. Murtagh, SPHS Class of 2009, was inducted into the Montclair State University Chapter of the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society on April 7.

Alpha Lambda Delta was founded in 1924 to celebrate the academic excellence among first year students. Lyndsey was among the 132 freshman students inducted.

Lyndsey was recognized at the Panzer Honors Convocation on April

20. The Panzer Honors Convocation is hosted by the College of Education and Human Services at Montclair State University to recognize students in the Department of Exercise Science and Physical Health. She received the Vincent, Dorothy and Teresa Farrell Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to a freshman student who demonstrates high academic achievement and active participation in department activities.

## Students Named to MCC Dean's List

The following South Plainfield students were named to the dean's list for the Spring 2010 semester at Middlesex County College:

Mauricio Alberto Acevedo, Peter M. Adoma, Jennifer D. Aguilar, Paul C. Assad, Angelina E. Baker, Cristian Barbu, Aedan Golez Bayona, Lillian M. Blanco, Jason C. Borys, Jennifer Marie Capparelli, Christopher Cruz Carbonell, Matthew J. Carringer, Crystal Cheung, Sean P. Coffey, Jesse Jacob Colby, Michael Russell Conrad, Therese

Grace D'Adesso, Elizabeth Jenkins Diamant, Jack D. Duong, Melissa R. Franzson, David J. Garatino, Allen G. Garcia, Juliet Martha Grobelny, Amanda M. Iavarone, Alyssa B. Klimek, Larissa Ashley Kuhlken, Matt Robert Madurski, Brittany A. Marino, Daniel Anthony Nastarowicz, Shivani S. Patel, Sandra A. Plecter, Elizabeth C. Rodger, Hannah Elizabeth Stanko, Andrew James Vasquez and Kaleigh M. White.

## Three Named to Dean's List at East Stroudsburg

East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania announced that Kevin C. Boyles, Stephen E. Dvorak and Stephen G. Lindgren have been named to the dean's list for the Spring 2010 semester.

Students eligible for the dean's list are those who have attained a 3.50 quality point average or better. The letter grade "B" earns three quality points per credit, and letter grade "A" earns four quality points per credit.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY BOND ORDINANCE #1890 STATEMENT AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey on May 3, 2010 and the 20 day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: "Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Capital Improvements of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, Appropriating the Aggregate Amount of \$812,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$430,000 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof."

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## southplainfieldpeople Milestones

### Michelle O'Sullivan to Attend National Student Leadership Conference



Michelle O'Sullivan

Michelle O'Sullivan of South Plainfield, Class of 2012, has been selected to participate in the National Student Leadership Conference on Education this summer at America University.

During the conference, Michelle will attend specialized workshops and classes designed to develop the skills and traits that define a leader. Leading professionals and professors from top colleges facilitate the programs and engage the students in hands-on activities that provide students with a day-in-the-life understanding of a prospective career. Trips and tours

also enhance the student's experience, by tailoring them to their specific conference.

Michelle will also have the opportunity to meet with and learn from recognized leaders. Past special guest speakers have included: Secretary of Education Rod Paige; U.S. Surgeon General Richard Carmona; Secretary of Defense Robert Gates; CIA Director Michael Hayden; Secretary of Veterans Affairs James Nicholson; Supreme Court Justices Anthony Kennedy, David Souter and Sandra Day O'Connor; as well as U.S. Senators, U.S. Representatives, governors, ambassadors and leaders in the fields of medicine, business, engineering, diplomacy, law, politics, journalism and the arts.

This year, thousands of high school students from across the United States and around the world will find themselves immersed in a learning environment unlike any they have ever experienced. These young leaders spend time with other high-achieving students who share the same drive to succeed. Then they will return to their school with increased potential and newly developed abilities that will enable them to make a positive difference in their communities.

### Michael Binder Weds Lara Segura, And Receives Political Science Doctorate



Michael Binder and Lara Segura

Michael Binder, a 1993 graduate of South Plainfield High School, married Lara Segura of San Diego, California at a wedding and reception in Carlsbad, California on June 19. A reception for the couple will be held in New Jersey in July.

Michael will be receiving a Ph.D. in political science from UCSD and Stanford University. He will work in a post doctorate program at Stanford University. Lara will continue her career with the Malashock Dance Company. They will reside in the Palo Alto, California area.

### Harris Finalist in Miss New Jersey Princess Pageant

Brianna Alexandra Harris, 5, of South Plainfield, has been selected as a finalist for the 2010 National American Miss New Jersey Princess Pageant.

She will be competing against other four-, five- and six-year-olds from New Jersey on August 27 and 28 for a chance to enter the national competition at Disney World in California.



Brianna Alexandra Harris

### BOE Votes Against Raises

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Dr. Cella was hired in January at the salary of \$140,000, replacing Dr. Fred Oberkehr in the position of Assistant Superintendent of Instruction. If the vote had passed, Cella would receive a salary of \$142,100 effective July 1.

For Business Administrator/Board Secretary Richard Guarini, the board was asked to approve his reappointment at the annual salary of \$134,598. Guarini began working in the district on May 20, 2008 at a salary of \$127,500 (prorated). His 2009/2010 salary was \$132,600.

Louise Mruz, president of the South Plainfield Education Association, noted the raise was being proposed at the same time the teachers

were being asked to take a freeze of their salaries in their contract talks with the board.

Board member Gary Stevenson recalled when he had to pay for health insurance in his job, he wasn't given an increase to cover the cost and had to pay for the insurance from his current salary.

Board members Gary Stevenson, Debbie Boyle and Sharon Miller voted against the raises, while Jim Giannakis, Carol Byrne and Bill Sees- selberg voted in favor. The final vote was 3-4; however, board members Steve Bohn, Christopher Hubner and Pio Pennisi weren't present and five affirmative, or a majority of the full board was required to pass the resolution; thus it was defeated.



Tony Sarao of South Plainfield presents Jeff Pauls with a plaque.

### Pauls Named Scoutmaster of the Year

Jeff Pauls was chosen as Scoutmaster of the Year for Raritan Valley District of Patriots Path Council, Boy Scouts of America. The Raritan Valley District consists of 24 towns.

Jeff was nominated and chosen for his contributions to Troop 309, building it up from eight scouts to 28 active scouts. He also serves as a youth protection/risk zone facilitator,

organized the 2010 Candle Lighting Ceremony for South Plainfield, and is a member of the District Training Committee. In addition, he is a CCD teacher at Sacred Heart and Deputy Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus.

The district awards breakfast was held at Madeline's Restaurant in Bound Brook on June 12.

### Kristen Gualano Graduates Magna Cum Laude from Seton Hall



Kristen Gualano

Kristen Gualano, a 2006 South Plainfield High School graduate and lifelong resident of South Plainfield, graduated from Seton Hall University on May 17. The ceremony was held at the IZOD Center in East

Rutherford.

Kristen received her degree of bachelor of arts in psychology with an emphasis in pre-med. She achieved academic distinction as an undergraduate at Seton Hall University, which merited her graduating with the honor, magna cum laude. While at Seton Hall, Kristen was a member of Alpha Epsilon Delta, the Health Preprofessional Honor Society, Phi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology as well as being inducted as a member into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. She was also a member of the sorority Sigma, Sigma, Sigma.

Kristen plans on attending the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine in Long Island in the fall. There she will begin her studies to become a pediatrician, with a specialty in neonatology.

### Samantha Barthel Named to Dean's List at Monmouth

Samantha Barthel was named to the dean's list at Monmouth University. She is majoring in political science.

Samantha is the daughter of Susan and Wayne Barthel, sister of Stephanie Salerno and the aunt of Joseph and Frank Salerno.

### Adrianne Shay Novak Graduates

Adrianne Shay Novak of South Plainfield graduated from Mount Saint Mary Academy in Watchung.



William Lamastro

### Lamastro Completes Air Force Basic Military Training

Bill and Kathy Lamastro are proud to announce that their son, William, successfully completed Air Force Basic Military Training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas on April 30. The Lamastro's proudly attended the graduation ceremony of their son and over 750 others.

William is currently attending technical school at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas. When he completes the courses he will be an apprentice in the cable and antennae systems career field.

### Speed Hump Ordinance to Provide Traffic Calming

(Continued from page 1)

the borough engineer, T&M Associates. No cul-de-sac or dead end street will be considered. At least 70% of the households in the project area must support the project.

All requests that meet the initial eligibility requirements must then be formally evaluated by the Traffic Safety Unit. After the engineers determine the project area, an applicant will need to provide written notice to all residents within that neighborhood of the intent to install a speed hump. Notices must be sent via certified mail and the proof of notice submitted to the borough clerk with receipts from each resident, or proof of mailing within 10 days. The petitioner(s) will bare the cost of the mailing upon final approval and use a generic notice provided by the borough. Objections to the speed hump must be made in writing within 10 days of receipt of the initial notice.

The Traffic Safety Unit will then perform a study of the area. Daily traffic counts must be between 350 vehicles per day and not to exceed 3,000. A determination of the 85th percentile speed as determined by a traffic counter speed survey over a minimum 24 hour period will also be performed by traffic safety. Their findings and requests for evaluation will then be submitted to the chiefs of the police and fire departments, EMS, the Borough Traffic Safety Advisory Committee and must be approved by a majority of the Public

Safety Committee. The borough council will have final approval.

Installation of the speed hump will be prioritized on a borough-wide basis according to the date approved, traffic count comparison and average road accident history and proximity to schools, parks, play grounds or other facilities with a high number of children and bicycle or pedestrian use. Lower prioritized, but less costly projects may be implemented ahead of higher up ones if funding is not available.

The speed hump layout and design will be determined by the borough engineer based on the N.J. Department of Transportation (DOT) standards. The specifications include a maximum height of three inches and maximum 22 foot long base. The distance between the humps is at the discretion of the borough engineer along with the requirements of the DOT. Also included will be required signage and pavement markings. The procedures outlined in the ordinance are the same for the installation of speed tables, cushions and humps.

If residents are unsatisfied with a speed hump in their area the cost of removal will be borne by all of the property owners who petitioned in favor of the project via tax assessment. Only in the case of design flaws or unforeseen issues, the borough will bear the full responsibility of the cost of removal.

"We are also looking at the tempo-

rarity' speed humps that could be used on a trial basis for an approved area," said Council President Matt Anesh. "This would likely mitigate the scenario by which residents then decide to remove them. Also, that was the intent of the pilot project in 2008. Residents today can see how they function. The entire process is designed to carefully evaluate the need and desire so that we don't put speed humps in and pull them out without much thought."

The inception of speed humps came from Great Britain in the 1970s and made its way across the pond in the 1990s as part of a new age "traffic calming" movement by politicians whose aim was to make streets safer and more pedestrian friendly. Although speed humps are effective in keeping vehicle speed down, their use can sometimes be controversial causing vehicle damage if taken at too great a speed. Some of the potential disadvantages are slower response time of emergency vehicles, diverting traffic to parallel residential streets, discomfort for drivers and passengers and the increased noise and pollution for residents living immediately adjacent to the speed humps.

"Clearly speeding is a concern in town and I would like to see in addition to speed humps, which cost around \$5,000 a piece, more of a patrol presence to keep our roads safe," said Mayor Charles Butrico.



# Sports

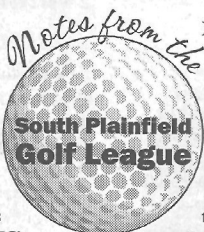
Submitted By Bob Nilan

The American Division race still appears to be close, but it's beginning to look more and more that Twin City Pharmacy is the team to beat this season. In the National Division, pre-season favorite Alfie's Boys are still struggling and it's KC's Korner who are off to a great start.

First place Twin City Pharmacy teed off against Unique Sports Accessories, one of the key rivals in the American Division race, and Jay Coppola, the Player-of-the-Year in 2008, was in top form as he fired a superb 2-under 31 to lead Twin City to a 13-7 victory. Guy Severini contributed a nice round of 37 for the winners while Chris Dillon shot a 36 and Jay Bertleson had a 38 in a losing effort for Unique Sports Accessories.

Sean Brooks continued his fine play for Witty's Liquors, posting an impressive 1-under 32, as Witty's waltzed to an easy 13-7 triumph over a short-handed Roughriders team that only fielded two golfers. Bob Kosovan earned the medal for the Roughriders with a 41.

The defending champions, 2 Buds, 2 Dubes, won their opening match of the season, but then dropped four in-a-row. This week they got crushed by Oak Tree Dental, 15-5, to make it five straight losses. Marty "Mr. Amazing" Van De Vaarst put on a marvelous display of shot-making with a 2-under 31 to tie for the low-round of the night. Despite their team practice sessions during the week, 2 Buds, 2



Dubes only had one golfer who was able to break 40—Don Hall turned in a 39.

Over in the National Division, undefeated KC's Korner kept their unblemished record intact by blowing out the Polish National Home, 19-1. Captain Tony Cotone stayed on his hot streak in shooting a terrific 1-over 34. He got plenty of support from Dan Conti and Mike Behr who shot a pair of 36's.

Ray Starnick, last year's Player-of-the-Year, had a 38 for the Polish National Home who maintained their second place standing.

Bill Mann earned the medal for Alfie's Boys with his nifty round of 33, and Irish Danny Griffin had a good night with a 2-over 35. But, even with these two very solid performances, Alfie's Boys dropped their match to Sport and Social, 11-9, for their fourth loss this season.

Mark "Mr. Steady" Chichvar put together his best round so far, a marvelous 1-over 34, as McCriskin's Home For Funerals whipped the Italian-American Club, 13-7. Rich Pelligrino and Jeff Gross tied for medalist honors for the losers with scores of 43.

**Low scores for the night:** Jay Coppola, 31; Marty Van De Vaarst, 31; Sean Brooks, 32; Bill Mann, 33; Mark Chichvar, 34; Tony Cotone, Jr.; 34; Danny Griffin, 35; Mike Behr, 36; Chris Dillon, 36; Dan Conti, 36.



Pop Warner Eagles held its first annual fun day last Saturday. More than 100 children and their parents attended the festivities. Kids enjoyed three moon walks, carnival games, cotton candy and music. The most popular game was the dunk tank; everyone had the opportunity to dunk Pop Warner Commissioner Bob Ginda. The accuracy of those participating was amazing. On behalf of the Pop Warner organization, President Anthony Cangialosi would like to thank the member volunteers as well as the employees at South Plainfield Department of Public Works for their help in preparing the fields for Saturday's fun day.

## SPGA Announces 16th Open Golf Tournament

The South Plainfield Golf Association (SPGA) has announced that this year's South Plainfield Open will be held on Thursday, August 5 at Gambler Ridge Golf Club. This is the 16th annual golf tournament held for the benefit of the South Plainfield High School Golf Team. The tournament will be a scramble format.

The entry fee of \$115 includes greens fee, golf cart, prizes, food and beverages. Check-in is at 11 a.m. Lunch will be provided from noon to 1 p.m. There is a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Dinner and awards will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Food and beverages will be provided throughout the tournament. Prizes will be awarded for low team score, longest drive, closest to the pin, closest to the line and a special hole-in-one prize.

Registration and payment are due by July 23. Players are encouraged to sign up early to secure a place in the tournament. You can register for the tournament at [www.spga.org](http://www.spga.org) or print

out and mail the entry form.

Corporate sponsorships are available and all proceeds from the event support the activities of the SPHS Golf Team as well as the college scholarship program. Each Platinum Sponsorship includes this year's tournament entry fees for one foursome. Gold, silver, bronze, hospitality and

beverage sponsorships are also available. Sponsorship information is also available at the website.

For more information about the tournament, sponsorships and entry forms, contact Mike Alvarez at (732) 259-0591, Dick DeAndrea at (908) 755-1700, Matt Ward at (908) 754-4766 or visit [www.spga.org](http://www.spga.org).

### LEAGUE STANDINGS:

American Division				National Division			
	W	L	T		W	L	T
Twin City .....	5	1	0	KC's Korner .....	6	0	0
Witty's Liquors .....	4	2	0	Polish National Home .....	4	2	0
Oak Tree Dental .....	4	2	0	Alfie's Boys .....	2	4	0
Unique Sports .....	3	3	0	Sport & Social .....	2	4	0
Roughriders .....	2	4	0	McCriskin's .....	2	4	0
2 Buds, 2 Dubes .....	1	5	0	Italian American Club .....	1	5	0

For statewide public notices, visit [www.publicnoticeads.com/nj/](http://www.publicnoticeads.com/nj/)

## Dedicated Youth Volunteers Sought for "Cappy" Award

The Police Athletic League, along with the Recreation Commission, announce that the selection process for the 2010 "Cappy" Award will begin as soon as local organizations and individuals nominate someone who meets the qualifications. Qualifications for the award are:

**Service:** Ten years of service in youth sports and/or recreation; volunteered as a parent-coach to more than his/her

own children; should be voluntary service; during the period of service, nominee must have been a resident of South Plainfield. All nominees will be judged on a case-by-case basis.

**Character:** Exemplifies high moral values and ethical judgment; never been convicted of a felony; possesses dedication and commitment to the youth of South Plainfield.

Nominations are now being accepted through June 30. Recommendations should be sent in letter form, stating the qualifications of the candidate, to Kevin Hughes, Recreation Director, 1250 Maple Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080 or to Chris Colucci, PAL president, Police Department, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

A dinner will be held in honor of the "Cappy" Award recipient in November. Any questions, contact Mike English, South Plainfield Recreation Commission, at (908) 755-1282.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

#### LEGAL NOTICE

##### ORDINANCE No. 1897

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COSTS FOR COPYING OF RECORDS REQUESTED PURSUANT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS ACT** was introduced on first reading on Monday, June 21, 2010 at the Public Meeting of the South Plainfield Governing Body and advertised in The Observer on Friday, June 25, 2010. There will be a Public Hearing on July 19, 2010 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY** as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5B, provides that public agencies must charge requestors of government records no more than the reasonably approximated actual costs of copying such records; and

**WHEREAS**, the Appellate Division in the matter of *Smith v. Hudson County Registrar*, 411 N.J. Super. 538 (App. Div. 2010) held that beginning July 1, 2010, public agencies must charge no more than actual costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Government Records Council has issued an OPRA alert as of June, 2010 advising that it interprets the Appellate Division decision to require public agencies to comply with the decision, and charge only costs limited to the cost of paper and toner, excluding costs of labor and other overhead expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Government Records Council has provided the following formula for calculation of actual costs:

- Custodians of Records shall contact their supplier to determine the cost of paper and toner. The supplier is wherever the agency

obtains those materials—paper and toner (i.e., Central Purchasing Unit, Staples, Office Depot, etc.);

- Custodians shall calculate or contact copying companies to determine their annual copying volume (calendar or fiscal year, however the agency operates). This does not only include copies pertaining to OPRA requests. This is for all copying on all copy machines within the public agency for all purposes;

- The custodian shall contact the copying company to determine the average paper life of one toner/ink cartridge (i.e., how many pieces of paper the ink or toner cartridge should be able to copy);

- The custodian must maintain documentation of all information provided by the copying company or office supplier (i.e., contracts or correspondence from the purchasing agent or copying company) regarding the calculation;

- The actual calculation shall be the total cost of paper purchased for one year, plus the total cost of toner purchased for one year, divided by the annual copying volume.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Borough of South Plainfield shall charge actual costs incurred for paper and toner in response to any and all OPRA requests, such costs to be set forth by resolution of the Mayor and Council dependent upon the calculation of actual costs by the Borough Clerk. The Governing Body may adjust such costs by resolution as the costs of paper and toner fluctuate.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with New Jersey law.

ATTEST:  
Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk

\$58.85 June 25, 2010

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

#### LEGAL NOTICE

##### ORDINANCE No. 1898

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE # 1899 ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD IN ORDER TO EFFECTUATE THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT"** was introduced on first reading on Monday, June 21, 2010 at the Public Meeting of the South Plainfield Governing Body and advertised in The Observer on Friday, June 25, 2010. There will be a Public Hearing on July 19, 2010 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 as follows:

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The rates of compensation for each Officer or Employee of the Borough of South Plainfield shall be on an annual basis as follows except where indicated. Such rates of pay shall become effective upon passage of this ordinance.

TITLE	2010	2011
TAX ASSESSOR	60,000	61,650
CHIEF ASSISTANT ASSESSOR	8,500	8,734
SOCIAL SERVICE DIRECTOR	30,000	30,825
SENIOR ASSESSING CLERK	50,846	AFSMEContract

**SECTION 2. INCONSISTENCY**—All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the inconsistency.

**SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Ordinance shall become effective and operative ten days after publication thereof after final passage.

ATTEST:  
Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk

\$38.90 June 25, 2010

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

#### LEGAL NOTICE

##### ORDINANCE No. 1893

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD TO PROVIDE FOR PROCEDURES FOR SPEED HUMP REQUESTS AND EVALUATIONS** was adopted after a Public Hearing and final reading were conducted on Monday, June 21, 2010 at the Public Meeting of the Governing Body which began at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 and is being advertised in The Observer on Friday, June 25, 2010.

ATTEST:  
Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk

\$28.50 June 25, 2010

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

#### LEGAL NOTICE

##### ORDINANCE No. 1894

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1801 ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A STATE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE ENFORCING AGENCY, ETC." BY WAIVING FEES FOR DISABLED PERSONS SEEKING TO MAKE THEIR HOMES HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE** was adopted after a Public Hearing and final reading were conducted on Monday, June 21, 2010 at the Public Meeting of the Governing Body which began at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 and is being advertised in The Observer on Friday, June 25, 2010.

ATTEST:  
Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk

\$28.98 June 25, 2010

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## Arnold "Bill" Gundersen, 87

Arnold "Bill" L. Gundersen, Jr. passed away on Friday, June 4 at home with his loving family by his side.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1922, he was the son of A. Arnold and Ingebjorg E. Gundersen. Bill resided in South Plainfield since 1925. He attended South Plainfield elementary schools, graduating from North Plainfield High School in 1940. He had been active on the NPHS Class of 1940 alumni committee until this year.

In 1939, Bill met and fell in love with Doris Hardgrove. They married in 1944 and raised their five children in South Plainfield. Bill was a Charter Member of St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church and served as site selection chairman and negotiated the present Park Avenue property from the J.P. Stevens family.

He worked for Wood Industries in Plainfield before serving in the U.S. Navy in the Panama Canal Zone during World War II, 1943-45 as an aviation machinist. After his honorable discharge, he graduated from Panzer College (now Montclair University) with a bachelor of science in education and received a master of education from Rutgers University. He began his career in education as a teacher at Springfield High School; became a physical education teacher for the South Plainfield district schools and served as president of the SPEA and president and vice president of the MCEA. He was a field representative for the New Jersey Education Association; a principal and superintendent in Clark; superintendent in Wharton for 21 years; and principal in Warren.

Bill was awarded a Certificate of Achievement by the American Red Cross for applying CPR to sustain the life of a school custodian in Warren Township. For his dedication to the children of Warren, he was awarded a PTA Life Membership by the Washington Valley School PTA. He was president of the Somerset County Principals Association, legislative chair of the Warren Education Association, N.J. Elementary Principals Association, NJEA Delegate Assembly and a Life Member of NEA.

He served as a borough council-

man; fire commissioner; chairman of the welfare board; president of the recreation commission; president of the Board of Directors of the South Plainfield/Plainfield Community Fund and chairman of many fund drives, including the American Cancer Association, March of Dimes and American Heart Association; served as a member of the South Plainfield Board of Education and was a manager and coach of the South Plainfield Little League.

He loved to travel to the Jersey Shore and Florida, raised roses in his gardens and followed Rutgers University teams, especially women's basketball. Bill was a loving and generous father, grandfather and great-grandfather and will be greatly missed by family and friends.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 65 years, Doris in 2009; his parents; two sisters, Ingrid Timpson and Gladys Puglisi; and daughter-in-law Patricia Gundersen.

Bill is survived by five children, Barbara (Alan) Rennie of Califon; Beverly (Thomas) Walton of Easton, Pa.; Bill Gundersen (fiancée, Janice Hawk) of Groveland, Fla.; Bonnie (Anthony) Risoli of Forked River; and Betty Lou (Allen) Ramsey of Ephrata, Pa.; 10 grandchildren, Todd (Cynthia) Walton, Cheryl (John) Vurchio, Diana (Raymond) Lindquist, Krista Gundersen, Scott Gundersen, Jason Risoli, Craig Risoli, Danae Risoli, Stephanie Barrett and Michele Barrett; and four great-grandchildren, Travis, Natalie and Shane Walton and Anthony Risoli, as well as many loving nieces and nephews.

Private funeral services were held at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Haven Hospice, 65 James St., Edison, N.J. 08818-3059.

## Alfred H. Hafler, 75

Alfred H. Hafler died on Sunday, June 20 at Haven Hospice located within JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Mt. Cobb, Pa., he lived in Piscataway for 11 years and was a resident of Dunellen for the past 31 years.

He retired as a forklift operator for Crown Cork & Seal located in Edison. Al was known to many as a jack-of-all-trades, enjoyed flea markets, and was often seen collecting items from curbs and fixing them, which his family often referred to it as "Curb Mart." He loved the Mustang and all cars, especially working on them as a mechanic.

Al is predeceased by his parents, Francis and Isabelle (Seeley) Hafler,

and by his siblings, Ida Fahrenbach and Bobby Edmund Hafler.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn E. (Van Fleet) Hafler; four children, Lisa Hafler of Dunellen, Michelle Osterberg (Larry) of Helmetta, Racquel Posey (David) of Lakeland, Fla. and Danielle Porosky of Cape Coral, Fla.; a brother, Burton Hafler (MaryJane) of Cortez, Pa.; a sister, Ruth Moore of Lake Ariel, Pa.; four grandchildren, Nicole Robinson (Jerry), Michael Porosky, Justin Posey (Candice) and Christy Mellor (Brandon) and four great-grandchildren, Gage Leander and Ashlynn Nicole Robinson, Maycen Grace Mellor and Ryland Fox Posey.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Heart, Lung or Cancer Associations.

## Margaret P. Edridge, 81

Margaret P. Edridge died on Sunday, June, 20 at the McAuley Hall Health Care Center in Watchung.

Born and raised in the Bronx, Mrs. Edridge has been a resident of Somerset since 1964.

She worked for Sears Roebuck and Company for 18 years and is a former member of St. Matthias RC Church in Somerset.

She is predeceased by her husband, Thomas, who died in 1983; two sisters and four brothers.

Surviving are three sons, Thomas and wife Carolyn of South Plainfield, Robert of Somerset and William and wife Lourdes of Florida; grandchildren, Amy, Caroline, Mercedes, Laura and Glenn Edridge; and one great-granddaughter, Reese Rowsey.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the McAuley Hall Health Care Center, 1633 Hwy. 22 West, Watchung, N.J. 07060.

## Kathleen M. Quail, 46

Kathleen Marie (Wenz) Quail died on Thursday, June 17 at Haven Hospice located within JFK Medical Center in Edison after a long

battle with cancer.

Although her life was cut short by illness, it was a very full and happy one. Her favorite things were her countless special times with her children; vacations to places like Aruba, Bahamas, Bermuda, Cancun and Jamaica; annual trips to Cape May Point and Wildwood Crest; and so many wonderful times with her many, many friends.

A fun mom, a great friend and an inspiration to many people due to how she lived her life, everyone was drawn to her wonderful personality and beautiful smile. Kathi loved helping others and making them feel loved.

She is predeceased by her mom, Audrey (Welsh) and father, Jack Wenz.

Kathi leaves behind her loving family, including her husband John of many years; a son, Kyle and a daughter, Jamie, both of South Plainfield; two brothers, Mike and wife Jean of Mountainside and nephews Patrick and Jackson and John and wife Barbara of North Port, Fla. and their family, and countless friends made throughout her life.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, Kathi would want everyone to simply remember to live their life one day at a time, making sure to appreciate their families and friends and all the little things and daily moments that makes life so wonderful.

## Ronald M. DeCibus, 74

Ronald M. DeCibus passed away on Tuesday, June 15 at home with his family by his side.



Ronald M. DeCibus

Born in Perth Amboy on September 30, 1935, Ronald was a longtime resident of Woodbridge.

Ronald was honorably discharged from the United States Army in 1964. He was the founder of Woodbridge Moving Company.

He enjoyed the time spent on his farm in Upstate New York, but more importantly, Mr. DeCibus cherished his grandchildren.

He is predeceased by his parents, Louis and Helen DeCibus.

A beloved husband, father and pop-pop, Ronald is survived by his loving wife, Joanne; children Louis and Nicholas DeCibus, Danielle Gallop and Anthony and Lisa Tomacheck; five grandchildren, Brook, Aubrey and Morgan Gallop and Alina and Louis DeCibus, Jr.; a sister, Carole Coleman of Port Monmouth; a brother, Roger of Seward; a son-in-law, Ken Gallop; two daughters-in-law, Elaine and Lynn; and by many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Center For Hope Hospice and Palliative Care ([www.centerforhope.com](http://www.centerforhope.com)) or to the American Cancer Society, 2600 U.S. Hwy. 1, North Brunswick, N.J. 08902.

## Third Anniversary



### In Loving Memory of Trista L. Moretti Who Passed Away June 25, 2007

You are not forgotten loved one,  
Nor will you ever be.  
As long as life and memory last,  
We will miss thee.  
We will miss you now,  
Our hearts are sore.  
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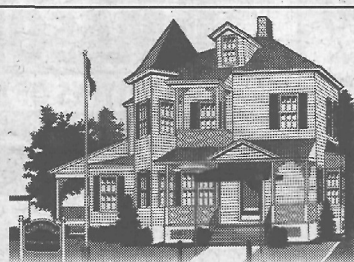


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# Troy Kurilew Achieves Eagle Scout Rank

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On September 11, 2009 Troy, fellow scouts and adult volunteers set out to do the job. They spent five hours that night and another seven hours the following day. The final details of the project were completed on September 26.

The Eagle Scout ceremony began with an invocation by Bob Harding (who also performed the benediction) from Pilgrim Covenant Church, followed by the flag presentation by members of Troop 309. It was definitely a family affair as Troy's sister, Taylor, sang *The Star Spangled Banner*.

The most important presentation was Troy's Eagle Award and patch. There were also numerous other presentations from various members of the troop and scouting community.

A special moment in the ceremony was the presentation of flowers to Troy's mother, Gwenn. The flowers are a Troop 309 tradition. The mother is given a red rose from scouts in the troop for every rank he achieved and a white rose for the rank of Eagle from her son. Scouts presenting flowers were Troy Harzula, Jonathan Conrad, William Walsh, James Conrad, Kevin Belanger and Brandon Pauls.

Troy began his scouting career in April of 2005, advancing through the

ranks attaining the following: Tenderfoot in March of 2006, Second Class in May of 2007, First Class in February of 2008, Star in July of 2008 and Life Scout in March of 2009. He began his adventure towards Eagle in May of 2009. Additional scouting positions and achievements include Arrow of Light, Polar Bear Swim, Klondike Derby, Peer to Peer, Scribe, Quarter Master, Patrol Leader and Scout of the Year in 2008 and 2009.

Both prior to the ceremony and during, Troy received many accolades. Letters of Commendation from a dozen dignitaries including: Washington, D.C.-Vice President Joseph R. Biden; South Plainfield Mayor Charles Buttrick; John F. Ferraro, former South Plainfield Police Chief; Boy Scouts of American President John Gottschalk; Robert J. Mazzuca, chief scout executive; Patriots Path Council Tom Pepe, council president and Dennis J. Kohl, scout executive; the Eagle Scout Alumni Association's Richard Kurland, president; U.S. Coast Guard Academy J. Scott Burhoe, rear admiral; U.S. Air Force Academy Mike Gould, lieutenant general; and U.S. Senator Frank R. Lautenberg.

Certificates of recognition were received from the U.S. House of Representatives-Congressman Leonard

Lance, Middlesex County Board of Freeholders-Christopher D. Rafano, director, Flint and Steel Association-Christopher H. Corveley, chief and State of N.J. Senate and Assembly-Senator Barbara Buono and Assemblymen Patrick Diegnan and Peter Barnes.

There were also plaques presented to Troy from James Miller and Mohammad Yatin for Grand Lodge of NJ of Free and Accepted Masons, Jim Yednak, commander of the American Legion, Dan Uken from the Elks Lodge and Jake Martinez and Commander Vince Perry for the VFW. Both Troy and his mother wondered where his many plaques and awards could be displayed.

Only four percent of the Boy Scout



Eagle Scout Troy Kurilew with parents, Gwenn and Walter.

community in the country reaches the rank of Eagle Scout. Troy is the 31st Eagle Scout from South Plainfield Troop 309. The first to make Eagle Scout from the troop was Robert Price in 1976.

After the ceremony guests mingled, congratulated Troy and enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch provided by the Kurilews, catered by KC's Korner. Congratulations to Troy Kurilew on this great achievement!

## Elks Celebrate Flag Day, Honor Scholarship Recipients

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On July 4, 1959 a star was added for Alaska and a year later for Hawaii. Our present flag of 50 stars and thirteen stripes is accompanied by the POW/MIA flag recognizing the members of the Armed Services who were prisoners of war or still remain missing in action.

At the conclusion of the flag ceremony the Elks presented the annual scholarships. The scholarships are in

memory of Gery Fantazir, past exalted ruler, and Rose Napoliello, past president, Ladies Auxiliary. Both individuals made significant contributions to the South Plainfield Elks, and it is the purpose of these scholarships to help keep their memories alive while assisting the youth in our community in their educational pursuits.

Recipients of the scholarships are SPHS graduate Jenna Alexander who

will be attending East Stroudsburg University to pursue a career in elementary education, and Stephanie Groben, a Scotch Plains/Fanwood High School graduate who plans to attend Union County College for one year and then transfer to the University of Rhode Island to pursue a career as an elementary school teacher.

Refreshments were served after the ceremony.

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## Riley Gets in the Pink

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The event was organized by the student council and advisors Cate Bonanno, Christine Dispenziere and Joanne Otlowski. Soliciting pledges began in mid-May.

Riley School has been holding the walk for three years. The PTSO, along with the student council, decided to

donate the money raised to Pink SOCS, a charitable organization run by Christine Dispenziere and her family. Aleks Us, a student in Mrs. Tuohy's second grade class, was the first place winner, raising \$172. The walk raised over \$3,000. Proceeds will be donated to families that have been affected by cancer and having a hard time financially.

### About Pink SOCS....

Pink SOCS was created by Riley fourth grade teacher Christine Dispenziere and her family. The organization's name comes from her maiden name, Pinkham, and SOCS, which stands for Sisters Of Cancer Survivors. Christine comes from a family of 11 children, nine girls and two boys. Over the years four of her sisters have been diagnosed with breast cancer. Pink SOCS began as a team in the annual Avon Walk for Breast Cancer seven years ago. Sister Joanne Vargas was instrumental in founding the organization. Unfortunately, she passed away last October at the age of 45. Two of her sisters are in remission. Her mother was also diagnosed and is in remission. Her father passed away from cancer in 2003.

With so many close calls and experience dealing with cancer they decided

they wanted to help others so two years ago they officially became a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

After Joanne passed away, they gave a \$500 scholarship in her name at South Plainfield High School, as well as to six other schools. Graduating seniors applying for the scholarship are required to write an essay on how cancer has affected them. Christine noted that the winning essays have been very inspirational.

"Losing Joanne has brought us the greatest pain we could ever imagine; however, the rewards you get from helping someone in need does bring the strongest joy," said Christine.

Christine and her siblings grew up in Clark and went to school there. She moved to South Plainfield 17 years ago.

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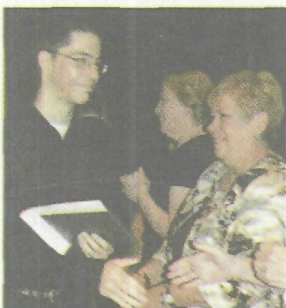






## DARE Graduates Enjoy Picnic

Grant School and Sacred Heart School fifth graders had a beautiful day for the DARE-sponsored picnic at the community pool on June 15. The graduates swam, danced and played volleyball, basketball and shuffleboard. There was plenty of pizza, drinks and Italian ices. DARE Officers Dave Franchak and Sherlyn Courtney raffled off prizes that were donated by local businesses. In addition to Darren the Lion stuffed DARE lions, there were giant DARE pencils, basketball, soccer and volleyballs, movie tickets, Target gift cards, bikes, a CD player, skateboard and a go cart. The Schwinn bike winners were Daisy Milian, Gina Bengivenga and Alyssa Pitt; Ziad Hielmasry won the Sony five disc CD changer. Megan Forster road home the skateboard and the Razor Drifter go cart went to Ariel Bucano. DARE Officers Franchak and Courtney would like to thank the following supporters of the picnic and pool party for their generous donations: Acting Police Chief Paul Brembt, Lt. Charles Siedenburger, Mayor Charles Butrico and the Borough Council, Recreation Director Kevin Hughes and the pool staff, South Plainfield Elks, Raphael Bilia-U.S. Plastic Sales Inc., Hall's Fast Motor Freight Inc., Target, Regal Cinema, B&C Deli, Ciccio's Pizza, Angelo's Ice Co., Stilo Paving & Excavating, Pinto Brothers Disposal LLC and the South Plainfield Rescue Squad.



## Adult School Holds 33rd (and Final) Graduation

The South Plainfield Adult High School held its 33rd annual commencement exercise and handed out high school diplomas to 34 students on June 9.

Superintendent of Schools Jose Negron and Mayor Charles Butrico offered the graduates words of encouragement and praise for their efforts. Adult School Director Dr. Sophia Domogala wished the class much success in life. Counselor and Supervisor John Hanlon announced the names of the graduates. Mayor Butrico handed out the diplomas as staff members congratulated each student.

This year's graduation ceremonies are, most likely, the last for some time. Due to budget constraints, the school district will no longer be offering adult education for high school diplomas.

### The 2010 Adult High School Graduates are:

Norma Michele Bankston, Thomas Barney, Elijah N. Beverley, Jr., Ann Margaret Carta, Brielle Chaillet, Jennifer Copeland, Kathryn D'Aleo, Andre M. Deloach, Michael John Demeter, Jake Donohue, Osama Elarjoun, Kimberly Inez Esaw, Victoria E. Esposito (going to Kean University), Bryan Galviz, Mark Anthony Garcia, Kayla M. Gilman, Leslie Gonzales, Jonathan Howard Goolsarran, Beverly Ann Lepski, Alicia Panienkowski, Brittany Pena, Che Pitcher, Samatha Poweski, Kristy A. Ray, Aaron Riggins, Shakirah Renee Robinson, Justin A. Rojas, Kevin Michael Scannell, Megan Storm, Pablo Vaca, Francis Vedutis, Nikki Viohl and Brianne Michelle Wysinski.

### Adult High School Teaching Staff

Patricia Santillo-English 2 & English 3  
Michelle Thompson-English 1 & English 4  
Anthony Guida-Health, First Aid & Marriage & Family  
Brandon Crosby-History, Current World Affairs & Street Law  
Anthony Perfilio-US History I & II  
Jessica Kubek-Algebra I & Concepts of Math  
Donna Tierney-Basic Math & HSPA Math Prep  
Christopher Fish-Earth Science & Biology  
Allyson Timinski-Environmental Science & Current Topics in Science  
Samia Guirguis-ESL Level 2 & 3  
Shannon Lorenzo-ESL Level 1

### Adult School

Dr. Sophia Domogala-Director of Adult and Continuing Education  
John Hanlon-Adult High School Counselor/Supervisor  
Ann Snee-Adult High School Supervisor  
Susan Alexander-Karen Bickunas, Sheina Drake

