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**By Libby Barsky** 

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he did with it."

School Resource Officer. His duties

included patrolling the halls and grounds of South Plainfield High

School, the middle school, Grant

School, and occasionally, he would

visit the elementary schools. It was

a position created as part of shared

services with the Borough of South

Plainfield, whereby the Board of Edu-

cation pays his salary and his benefits

come from the South Plainfield Police

Darby is also enthusiastic about the

"The best thing the district did

role of the video surveillance system

was install the video surveillance sys-

tem. It has aided us greatly. We can monitor the hallways," he said, and

gave an example of what the cameras

"We recently had a kid steal a cell phone in the gym. We were able to monitor him from the time he took

the cell phone until the time he threw

it in the toilet. Then we monitored

him around the hallways. Once we

found out who did it, we could follow

him around the school and see what

Darby finds when a student is

"The support from the family isn't

struggling and getting into trouble

and the parents are contacted, the par-

ents will believe their child's story

that was installed this year.

### **BOE Restores** Adult School, **Freshman Sports By Libby Barsky**

Co-curricular activities, the Adult High School and two secretaries. along with other items which were originally cut from the Board of Education school budget adopted in April, will be restored based on ac tion taken at a special meeting held on Monday.

Board members requested the spe cial meeting to discuss and vote on the return of programs and co-curricular programs so as not to overwhelm the combined committee of the whole and regular board meeting scheduled for this week.

The school resource officer and after school activities, as well as a number of teachers, had been eliminated when the 2010/2011 \$53M school budget was introduced in April. After the vot-ers rejected the budget, the Borough Council in May approved \$1.25M in further reductions. Since then, approximately \$1.2M in additional nds have been realized from savings in switching health insurance carriers, from retirements, and from tuition reimbursement from the state. A portion of that savings has already been used to restore some teacher aides positions, the director of technology and a technology technician who had been scheduled to be laid off.

The board voted to restore all freshman sports, winter track, competition cheerleading, the swim team, the Adult High School for accreditation, two secretaries and co-curricular programs, and they dedicated a maximum of \$25,000 to update technology software. High school and middle school team leaders may also be restored at the discretion of Superintendent Jose Negron. The board intends to prioritize additional positions to be brought back in the event additional money becomes available. During the public portion of the meeting, South Plainfield Education Association Vice President Diana Joffe noted that the district had "not called back one teacher," alluding to a first grade teacher and a high school guidance counselor who retired.

Currently, the district is seeking new principals for both the high school and middle school

**COMING SOON** 



Is it girls' night out? No, it's Tom Doyan and Al Hook performing a duo at Kennedy School's Annual Variety Show. For story, see page 12.

### **3rd Quarter Estimated Tax Bills Mailed July 13** State Budget Stalls 2nd and 3rd Quarter Tax Bills

Due to the delay in does NOT include a the State of New Jerfourth quarter amount. Once the state apsey's budget process, the Borough of South Plainfield has issued proves the 2010 budget, a reconciled bill for estimated third quarthe fourth installment ter bills, which were will be mailed out in mailed out on July 13. October. The recon-Please note that the bill ciled bill will also in-

clude the first and sec-

Payments received on August 11 will be subject to interest.

ond quarters of 2011. Payment for estimated third quarter taxes is due by August 1 with a 10-day grace period.

#### there any more. Parents say, 'You're **Suggestion to Move Library D** raws Criticism

A letter to the editor in last week's Observer submitted by the Shared Services Committee suggested that because the Roosevelt Administration Building is currently underused, the library could relocate to that building and utilize two floors (second and third). The committee further proposed that the BOE administrative staff relocate to the library's present site and went on to enumerate some of the potential benefits to residents.

Members of the South Plainfield Library Board of Trustees met on Tuesday and the letter was one of the topics discussed at the meeting. After reading the letter in the Observer, Board President Eric Aronowitz submitted a letter to the editor (see page two).

No members of the library board were invited to the Shared Services Committee meeting when the sugges tions were made, nor had any board

member been approached about the idea of the library relocating to the BOE building nor were they asked to give their opinion. Most board members learned of the suggestion when it appeared in the *Observer*. The Shared Services Committee, however, did invite members of the library board to their next meeting on Wednesday, July 28.

In his letter this week, Aronowitz (Continued on page 8)



2010 school year De- Detective tective Darby held the position of **Detective James Darby** 

nation of the position for next year. "My responsibilities [as school re-source officer] are the security of the buildings and the grounds. I interact with the administration within the guidelines of discipline and behavior. I'm also here to let the kids be comfortable around law enforcement,' Darby said of his job. He has also been a high school freshman baseball coach for many years.

ed in the BOE's elimi-

"It's more like being a counselor," he said, holding a sheaf of folders. "I make sure that the players are doing their academic work before they get out on the baseball field because if they fail a class, they can't play."

But being the coach allows Darby a special connection to the students.

"The kids know me with the coaching I've done. I'm a familiar face, but I'm also the face of authority. I don't think you have to be friends with the kids, and you are here for a particular reason."

When wearing his police uniform and walking down the halls of the middle school or high school, the stu-dents greet him with, "Hi, coach!"

As coach, Darby is proud of the record of this year's freshman team. They had a winning season of 16 wins and six losses, and went to the finals this year but were beaten by South Brunswick, putting them in the position to follow what the var-sity baseball team did as this year's White Division Champions with a season record of the most wins with 25 games.

Although Detective Darby is retiring from the police force he doesn't want to leave his position as Resource Officer and would like to continue and be rehired.

"I like being here. I get along with the kids. It keeps it on a different level. I don't have to carry a gun and a badge," he said. "It's tied to the budget. I do think there is a need for me to be here based on the amount of stuff we did. I'm constantly busy.

In January Detective Darby took on the part time position of Residency Investigator, a position investigating, identifying and monitoring the residence of students attending or seeking to attend schools in South Plainfield.

At the June 16 BOE meeting Darby was reappointed school re-source officer for the 2010/2011 school year.



Board of Chosen Freeholders' free summer concert series continues this Sunday, July 18 with The Live Sounds of Magic-Rich Aiello, conductor. Concerts are held in Spring Lake Park Gazebo from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and are open to the public. For information, call Jackie Neill, recreation supervisor, at (732) 745-3936 or

visit www.co.middlesex.ni.us Next Up... July 25: The Scott Michaels Quartet presents: Pop Music through the Years-

Bob Slonim, leader.

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### n amarkas be doing their usual program sched-

From the South Plainfield Library

#### **By Chris Grippo**

Reading is a lifelong activity and the New Jersey State Library and the South Plainfield Public Library are partnering with the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority to encourage readers to "Read Like a Library Champion" during the South Plain-field Summer Reading Program by giving them the opportunity to win tickets to IZOD Center events by logging in the books they read at www.nj librarychampions.org. Readers may win tickets to see The Wiggles on Tues-day, Aug. 17; Sesame Street Live Sunday, Sept. 30 to Sunday, Oct. 3; Disney Live! Friday and Saturday, Nov. 12-13; and Disney on Ice Tues-day-Sunday, Nov. 23-28. Discount tickets for select IZOD Center family shows are also available at www.IZOD center.com by using the code LI-BRARY.

As part of our summer reading program please remember that there are weekly craft programs on Monday nights. On Monday, July 19 the craft will be a wooden fish and on Monday, July 26 it will be a giant crockodile Each craft costs a dollar per child and begins at 6:30 p.m. Registration is required so that we are sure that we have enough for all. We request that you register at the library and pay the fee when registering. Thank you for your help in this process

Miss Linda and Miss Mija will also

Chess club is at 11 a.m. on Fridays. Finally, there is Wii gaming at 10 a.m. on Saturdays. None of these require registration. This week only on Saturday, July 17 at 1 p.m. we are offering a class in Introduction to Japanese for students entering grades five through 12. This one hour class will introduce one to the Japanese language and you will learn about the writing system, basic

ule. Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., Wednes

day at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at

1:15 p.m. are story and craft times

for ages four and up. Tuesday and

Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. is "Time for 2s & 3s," and Friday at 10:30 a.m.

is Babytime. For the summer there will

be no Monday morning movies, but there will be movies for children ages

five and up on Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

the program but registration is required. In closing, we need to remind all Grant School students that you are expected to participate in our Young Adult Summer Reading Program When you return to school you will need to bring with you the booklet showing your summer reading, so you need to come in as soon as possible to register.

phrases and more. There is no cost for

For questions, contact the library at (908) 754-7885, visit www.south plainfield.lib.nj.us or stop by the library at 2484 Plainfield Ave. across the parking lot from borough hall.



Grand Knight Bill Butrico with Knight of the Year Joe McGeehan.

### **Joe McGeehan Named KOC Knight of the Year**

Grand Knight Bill Butrico pre-sented the 2010 South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Knight of the Year award to Joe McGeehan at the annual Knights of Columbus communion breakfast held on June 13.

McGeehan received the award for his countless support of the Knights council and its many activities held throughout the year. McGeehan is a Third Degree

Knight. Since becoming a Knight four years ago, he has supported the orga-nization as master chef for most of the group's fundraisers, as well as supported the Knights functions throughout the years. Some of the fundraisers McGeehan has cooked for are "Don't Cook Friday" spaghetti dinners held BRING IN THIS AD & GET

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throughout the year; the St. Peter's by the Sea concert held at Sacred Heart Church, where over 300 dinners were served; the St. Joseph's Day pastry event which started two years ago; and the recent veterans' lunch, where surf and turf was served to veterans of World War II and the Korean and Viet-

McGeehan also supports the Knights Special Citizens Drive, as well as the Knights annual Trivia Night, and has helped in building the Labor Day parade float. McGeehan can albe counted on to help at a moway ment's notice and always with a big smile

Not only does McGeehan support the Knights with his great c skills, he also supports many local club and school events. He cooks at the elementary schools' end of year pic-nics and holiday parties, as well as for the Cub and Boy Scouts' Blue and Gold Dinners held each year in May.

When you see McGeehan around town, congratulate him on this very

### **Great Places To Hike in** Middlesex Co.

Summer is in full swing, and there is no better time to get out for a hike at the great parks and preserves in Middlesex County. The Parks and Recreation Department has recently completed an update of its park maps, including the addition of several new trail maps. "Residents don't need to travel far

to find a great outdoor experience," said Freeholder Stephen J. "Pete" Dalina, chair of the county's Parks and Recreation Committee. "There are a wide variety of trails available for everyone from seasoned hikers to families looking for a fun place to explore."

We are so proud to be able to provide our residents beautiful places to spend quality time together," said Free-holder Director Christopher D. Rafano. "Our park system and our open spaces provide plenty of op-portunities for active recreation and more passive pursuits, such as bird watching and hiking."

Currently, there are over 15 miles of marked and maintained trails at county parks and preserves in Old Bridg Monroe, East Brunswick and South Brunswick. Residents can learn about local Pine Barrens ecology along the half-mile, self-guided, inter pretive trail at John A. Phillips Pre-serve in Old Bridge, or string together a longer hike along Gravel Hill at the Thompson Park Conservation Area in Monroe.

Families will enjoy the rolling ter-rain of the Tamarack Hollow Preserve in East Brunswick, while the Mill Pond Trail in Davidson's Mill Pond Park in South Brunswick offers scenic views along the edge of the pond.

Trail maps were made possible in part by a grant from the Recreation Trails Program administered by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. Color trail maps and directions are located at the parks department website at www.co.middle sex.nj.us/parksrecreation/parks.asp.

For more information, call Rick Lear at (732) 745-5988.

### **Committee Formed to Preserve** Local Veterans Footstones

A committee is being organized locally to maintain records of de ceased veterans in each of our local cemeteries. The committee will create a list of deceased veterans graves in each cemetery annually to ascer tain which are lacking a veteran's me-dallion. The list will be provided to the South Plainfield V.F.W and American Legion so that all graves in the local cemeteries will display the medallion

Between Fall 2009 and Spring 2010 Dennis Scalera and Trisch

Grand-Jean visited each of the cemeteries to document the locations of the graves of all deceased vetetans. A of the list was shared with Sad red Heart Church and the Jewish Cemetery. In addition, Scalera presented a complete list of the 1,652 graves to the South Plainfield Historical Society at one of their meetings earlier this year.

Anyone who would like to participate or would like to know more about this program should contact Dennis Scalera at (908) 222-2683.

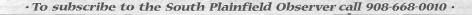
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Around Town

#### Motivational Career **Transition Seminar** July 17

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A motivational seminar to help participants stay motivated and focused while conducting job/career searches will be held on Saturday, July 17 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Wednesday, July 21 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

The seminar is sponsored by Cen-tral Career School, 126 Corporate Drive. Only 20 applicants will be accepted.

Call (908) 412-8600 to reserve a seat or send an email to: www.central career.edu.

#### **VBS** at Crossroads **Calvary Chapel** July 19-23

Vacation Bible School at Crossroads Calvary Chapel, located at 104 New Era Dr., is coming quickly. Grab your cowboy hats and boots and be ready to head to Saddle Ridge Ranch Monday through Friday, July 19-23 from 6:45 to 9 p.m. Closing ceremony and picnic will be held on Sunday, July 25 at 12:30 p.m. Register online at visit www.crossroadscalvary.com/ Crossroads/Home.html. Be sure to fill out a form for each child. Join us for worship on Sundays at 10 a.m.

### **Community Pool** Charity Swim-A-Thon July 22

The community pool across from the PAL Building on Maple Avenue will sponsor a swim-a-thon in memory of former swim coach Robin Cone. All proceeds will be donated to



the Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation. Open to all swimmers young and old. Entry fee is \$20. Sign up sheets are available at the PAL or the community pool.

This event is being organized by the Tiger Sharks swim team coaches Mary and Ien Otlowski.

#### Plainfield Humane Society Fundraiser July 24

The Plainfield Animal Hospital and Event Solutions are holding the first Charity Day Fundraiser to benefit Plainfield Area Humane Society on Saturday, July 24 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the PAL Building on Maple Avenue.

Pet and animal related vendors and groups, kid friendly, food, clothing, jewelry, crafters and more. Rain or shine; indoors and out. Meet the animals, face painting, balloon animals, carnival attractions, food, entertainment, door prizes, raffles and more.

Donation: \$2 (adults & 11 and up); children under 10: bring a can of animal food for free admission.

For more information, call Jill Pavel at (732) 423-7727 or email spfund raisers@gmail.com.

#### Little Treasures to Hold Open House Tulv 24

Little Treasures Learning Center, 2177 Oak Tree Road in Edison, will hold an open house on Saturday, July 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Full time infant through kindergarten programs and summer camp for ages four through eight in a state-of-the-art setting. With advanced curriculum taught by certified staff and low child to teacher ratios, Little Treasures is there to provide your child with the best in quality education a learning center has to offer.

For information and a virtual tour visit www.LTLC.net or call (908) 769-3224.

#### Vacation Bible School At Wesley July 26-30

Wesley's Vacation Bible School will be held Monday through Friday, July 26-30, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The theme is The Gospel Light's SonWorld Adventure Park. \$10 per child; \$20 per family. Tanya Santiago is the director. Exciting games, stories, music, lots of fun and food, and of course, Jesus. Open to ages four to 12. To register, call (908) 757-2838

or email wumcsp@verizon.net. St. Stephen's Vacation

#### **Bible School** August 16-20

The "Baobab Blast" Vacation Bible School will be held at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 3145 Park Ave., Monday through Friday, Aug. 16-20 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. All ages welcome; pre-registration is required.

Register until July 26 by emailing Michele at Billich@att.net or calling (908) 756-2537.

#### SPHS Class of 1984 25th Reunion October 9

South Plainfield High School Class of 1984 will hold a 25th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9 at Leon's Catering Hall in Berkeley Heights. The cost of \$60 per person includes dinner and open bar. Dress is casual.

Organizers are attempting to reach out to all families and classmates in an effort to obtain current locations and addresses in the hopes to contact as many graduates as possible. If you are, or someone you know is, a member of the class of 1984, forward this information to Lisa Petroziello Carone at lpetro@comcast.net or Bill Price at bprice31@hotmail.com.

### Out of Town -

### A Strike Against Cancer

#### Through August 27

Prodigal Foundation, Inc., in conjunction with the Woodbridge Bowling Center, is sponsoring "A Strike Against Cancer" each Friday through August 27 between 6 and 8 p.m. Any child or parent from Middlesex County affected by cancer may participate and is entitled to three free games of bowl-

ing. Registration required. To register, call the Prodigal Foundation at (732) 636-9200, email requests to eprodical@comcast. net, call the Woodbridge Bowling Center at (732) 634-4520 or register online at www.woodbridgebowling.com

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### Authentic German Biergarten July 16

Deutscher Club of Clark, 787 Featherbed Lane in Clark is holding an authentic German Biergarten on Friday, July 16 from 5:30 to 11 p.m. (rain or shine). Mercedes Night-35 German theme cars to view. Open to the public; parking available. German and American food available

For information, call (732) 574-8600 or visit www.deutscherclub.us.

#### Women's Worship at **Rose of Sharon** July 17

Rose of Sharon Community Church, 825 West 7th St. in Plainfield, will hold its Summer 2010 Women's Conference, "Women of Worship," on Saturday, July 17 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Be a part of this anointed place of spiritual refreshment, spiritual lead workshops, preaching, relaxation and fun. Conference fee: \$35.

For information, call (908) 561-9070

**Upscale Singles Dance** Party

Tuly 17

Steppin' Out Singles is hosting an upscale singles dance party on Satur-day, July 17 at 8:30 p.m. at Woodbridge Hilton Grand Ballroom, 120 Wood Ave. South, Iselin. \$15; ages 40 and up; no jeans/sneakers.

For information, call (732) 656-1801 or E-mail info@steppinout-sin gles.com

### duCret School of Art Student Showcase Tuly 17-August 14

A multi-media showcase of works by 21 young award-winning artists selected from the Annual Juried Student Exhibit at the duCret School of Art will be the summer exhibit at Swain Galleries. 703 Watchung Ave. in Plainfield beginning Saturday, July 17 with an opening reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Exhibit runs through August 14.

For more information, call (908) 756-1707.

### 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	
TUESDAYS	
Bingo 10 am-2	
Ladies Group 10	am
WEDNESDAYS	
Aerobics 8:45	am
Computer10 am, 11:30 am, 1	pm
Line Dancing 10:30	am
Crocheting 1	pm
Tai Chi 2	pm
	1.00
THURSDAYS	
Active Seniors 8:45	
Shopping Trip 9	
Crafts Class 10	
Computer 10 am, 11:30 am, 1:0	0 pm

Exercise Class ...... 1:15 pm FRIDAYS

#### .... 10 am-2 pm Bingo 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

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

#### Blackrose to Perform July 17

Blackrose, a band playing classic rock and roll music and today's hits, will perform at Stagehouse Restaurant, 366 Park Ave. in Scotch Plains on Saturday, July 17 at 10 p.m. No cover charge

#### Woodbridge WOWs **Open Dance** July 18

Woodbridge Widows Or Widowers open dance, Sunday, July 18, 7-11 p.m. at The Knights of Columbus Hall, Morrisey Ave., Avenel. Refreshments. \$10 members; \$12 guests. For more information, call (732) 381-3255 or (908) 757-0515.









### **Plainfield Animal Hospital Participating in Fundraising**

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The Plainfield Animal Hospital and and animal related vendors, rescue a fundraising event plan-

ning company, have an-nounced the Plainfield Area Humane Society's (PAHS) first Charity Vendor Day fundraiser.

AREA The PAHS, a non-profit deal organization, is calling on all pet lovers to help support its charity fundraiser on Satruday, July 24 at the PAL building on Maple Avenue. The Plainfield Area Humane Society, a no-kill shelter, is in desperate need of donations to continue supporting the communities with caring for, rehabilitating, and medical treatment for stray, abandoned, and unwanted animals. PAHS performs animal control services for the towns of Green Brook, North and South Plainfield and Middlesex. Several recent rescues and lifesaving medical services have depleted emergency funds. Charity Vendor Day will feature pet

### **Future Stars** Preschool

The Future Stars Preschool Program is proud to announce that open-

Our Elli program (preschool expansion program) is looking for four yearold students who reside in South Plainfield to attend a free, five-afternoon a week program. Acceptance will be contingent upon income eligibility.

For more information, call the Adult School at (908) 754-4620, ext. 215.

Event Solutions of South Plainfield, groups, candles, jewelry, crafts, ice , A . H cream, Italian ice, hotdogs, catered food, carnival attractions, face

painting, moon bounce and interactive activities for children, a live reptile and animal show from Happy Hearts Pets as well as local business owners.

The event is sponsored by several local businesses including the newly formed Tri-County Chamber of Commerce, KC's Korner, Thievon-Wright Consulting Group, Frank's Automotive, Don Duffy of Padgett Financial and One Step Body Personal Training.

Admission is \$2 for adults; children under 10 can enter free with a dona-tion of a canned animal food. They are also accepting paper towels, animal toys, dog and cat food and other supplies that the shelter needs desperately For more information about the

event, vendor space, or if you would like to donate, please contact Jill Pavel

### Middle School Announces Fourth Period Honor Roll

### **Eighth Grade High Honor Roll**

Cameron Bashner, Jessica Bishop, Abhilasha Borad, Nora Bruno, Charles Butrico, Pamela Chacon Castro, Crystal Custodio, Cody Decker, Taylor Donato, Kaitlyn Faustini, Erica Holtermann, Shannon Hughes, Christy Itwaru, Jenalee Jenkin, Roweena Kanj, Carly Kensey, Emily Lubach, Mamta Mehta, Melissa Molano, Michael Olano, Anjali Patel, Raj Patel, Tanvi Patel, Heidi Pilla, William Walsh, Kristen Wong

#### Eighth Grade Honor Roll

Josselin Barahona, Claudia Bashner, James Boettcher, Jamie Bohn, Adam Butrico, Lukas Cabanas, Breanna Calvin, Stania Calvin, Anna Caruso, Valentina Chacon Castro, Leanna Dass, John Gilbert Delacruz, Joseph Demico, Robert Eggert, Talia Ferrigno, Christopher Fowles, Andrew Franco Antonio Garcia, Luigi Gerardi,

Thomas Ginda, Zachary Goldberg-Mota, Jonathan Grennier, Sabrina Hemming, Lauren Hill, Eric Ivaniuc. Veronika Jastrzebski, Raymond Jazikoff, Gabriella Jimenez, Shanequa Johnson, Michelle Keane, Marie Lanza, Thoa Le, Collin Lynch, Joanna Marston, Brian McCarthy, Kate Mc-Laughlin, Yasmeen Mighty, Chloe Ng Brittney Papa, Harsh Patel, Ishti

Patel, Jason Pelaez, Carol Pennington, Kristy Percario, Annemarie Pezzolla, Jessica Pietschker, Michael Polizzano, Jonathan Prins, Maggie Quintanilla, Matthew Resende, Zara Rizvi, Brian-na Rodriguez Morel, Lizbeth Romo

Heather Scofi, Inan Sikel, Monica Spooner, Sabershah Syed, Olivia Tarnawska, Ryan Temple, Jessica Uhl. Joseph Waldrop, Amy Zinsky, Julia Zipp

Seventh Grade High Honor Roll

Goraya, Christopher Graves, Dominika Kapolka, Gianna Marcovecchio, Marcela Naranjo, Giovanna Nolan. Deborah Persaud, Caroline Ratti, Sara Reineke, Elizah Rodriguez, Allison Scarinci, Leonard Scarpitto, Laynie Serro

#### Seventh Grade Honor Roll

Hannah Abrego, Kevin Abreu, Katie Addario, Andrew Akpan, Evelin Alvarado, Mansi Amin, Jhordanne Anderson, Philip Aquilina, Rebecca Armand, Wiktoria Blazejowicz, Dave Bretous, Taylor Brinks, Marks Butrico, John Calvi, Alyssa Capone, Azalah Carter, Gabriela Castillo, Carl Cirilli, Zaire Cone, Hunter Czarnik

Christina Deepan, Jose Deligne, Danielle DeVizio, Lauren Dicellis, Kyle Dickerson, Hayley Dow, CJ Dudek, Anthony Eggert, Alyssa Esposito, Morgan Evans, Khalil Farid, Frank Ferraro, Kayla Fisher, Karina Gaitan, Jalysa Garvin, Rebecca George, Bryan Gillen, Cynthia Goyes, Carlos

Granados Nicholas Grasso, Ashley Gruver

Jordan Hankerson, Amanda Harper, Tiffany Harvey, Rosalind Heim, Casidhe Holoboski, Chelsea Housel, Erin Jones, Mercy Koyongian, Alexandra Lacasale, Claudia Latchana, Charlotte Macchia, Elissa MacKenzie, Taylor Maistickle, Robert Mammone, Jordan Mandel, Kayla Massaro, Christopher McNeil, Steven Merrill, Yesenia Montalvo, Mecca Morrell

Nina Nunez, Kelley O'Brien, Daniel Pacheco, Deep Patel, Het Patel, Riya Patel, Shaquan Phillips, Emma Piedilato, Kara Podlovits, Kenneth Quin, Melanie Rajpal, Brandon Rick-ert, Brianna Saffold, Brian Schillaci, Amanda Scofi, Kelly Simpson, Karishma Singh, Shannon Smith, Nicole Sottiriou, Kimberly Stanczak

Samantha Tercek, Kenyan Toro, Jennifer Truong, Croldy Veliz, Kasey Walsh, Xavier Wilson, Lauren Zekas, Oscar Zubieta

### **Pilgrim Covenant Church Announces Summer Program**

Pilgrim Covenant Church is offering a skills enrichment program dur-ing the month of August for children who have completed first through fifth grade.

The program, run by 3Bridges, is dedicated to providing enrichment for children and families who wish to help their children succeed in school. The program is designed to strengthen read-

ing, writing, math and study skino. Pilgrim Covenant Church and 3Bridges are working together because they believe that all children have two

wonderful resources for learningimagination and curiosity. 3Bridges is dream of three educators-Gina Birath, Rosie Bayak, Chris Sienkie-lewski-who collectively have a total of 63 years of educational experience with children and adults. Their philosophy incorporates imagination, creativity, learning styles and skill building into their curriculum.

Pilgrim Covenant Church is located at 3121 Park Ave. For more information or to register, call Gina at (908) 723-2566





**By Patricia Abbott** 

The middle school graduates gath-

ered in the South Plainfield High

School cafeteria on June 18 for a

final celebration to mark the end of

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### **Eighth Graders Share One Last Dance**

their middle school education and the beginning of their upcoming high school careers. Some graduates wore semi-formal attire and others casual summer wear. After being greeted outside by middle school teacher Joe Blondo, students signed in and received a

ticket for either a Polaroid photo key chain or magnet. Principal Steve Novak welcomed students as they entered the cafeteria. After dining on a buffet meal, the

students moved to the second cafeteria for dancing to the music of deejay and teacher, John Limyansky. The dinner dance was sponsored by the Middle School PTO, which paid

for the DJ, film, magnets, decorations and food. The chicken, pasta and sauce was donated by Bob Boyle. Over 200 students attended the event which has been held for more than 25 years

Middle School PTO President Deb-

bie Boyle said, "The students were so

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excited to attend their memory making eighth grade dinner dance and they should all be proud for the way the represented the South Plainfield Middle School.3

Papa for the dinner preparation as well as Cherry and Jeff Marcoux who provided invitations; Coaches Guida, Battista, Mosca and Darby for the wonderful presentation for each player; the support of parents and Don Hunsinger for attending all the games and taking pictures of the students. Thank you to Superintendent Jose Negron, Athletic Director Mike Buggey and Principal Dr. Ken May for their attendance. Thanks to Bob Bors for all his help and guidance. The Athletic Booster Club Letter Winner dinner was held June 10 at

The high school baseball team din-

ner took place on June 17 at the Pines

Manor. Thanks to John and Cheryl

What's going on in my town

FROM A BUSY MOM

the North Plainfield Italian American Club. Thanks to the Athletic Booster Club for hosting the dinner for seniors who lettered over the course of their four years at SPHS. Thank you to Mickey Wrublevski, President Barbara Whitefleet and booster club members for all the work and preparation for the dinner. Michael Boyle and Blaire Houston were the 2009 graduate speakers. Guest speaker was Charles Ferrara, Jr., Franklin Township direc tor of athletics and 2009 N.J. Athletic Director of the Year. Black canvas bags with the Tiger logo and blankets with sports logos were given to the stu-dents as gifts. Thank you to Athletic Director Mike Buggey and Principal Dr. Ken May for your attendance. Graduation took place on June 22

in the auditorium and was televised into the gym due to the threat of bad weather. Thank you for a wonderful ceremony by Principal Dr. Ken May, Assistant Principals Errico, Richkus and Cirigliano, and senior class advisors Diana Joffe and Michelle Fugazi. Students attended Project Graduation later that evening. The middle school seventh grade

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picnic took place on the rain date of June 11 at the community pool. Thank you to Recreation Director Kevin Hughes and staff for allowing the use of the pool, Principal Steve Novak, Assistant Principal Kevin Hajduk, teachers and staff for their attendance, and parent volunteers Su-zanne Butrico, Maria Butrico, George Hogan, Sue Czarnik, Dianne Sheaffer, Laura Maino, Lynn Lapolla, Lisa Abate, Cynthia Maher and Eileen and Kyle Brady. The PTO supplied lunch, drinks and snacks along with a special treat of Italian ice by Aunt Pammy.

The eighth grade dinner/dance was held on June 18 at the high school. Thank you to Principal Steve Novak, Vice Principal Kevin Hajduk, teachers. Jeff and Renee from Sodexho and Mary Cameron. The cafeteria was transformed into a party room with glitter and balloons. The dance room was equipped with a disco ball and streamers with music provided by deejay John Limyansky. Food and drinks were provided by Bob Boyle of the Boyle Memorial Foundation and Ferraro Foods along with the South Plainfield Middle School PTO. Students received framed pictures of themselves and their friends. Thanks to parent volunteers Suzanne, Adam and Jerry Butrico; Maria, Charlie and Christine Butrico; Sue and Nicole Miller; Tree, Jim and Olivia Olano; Kelly McLaughlin; Eileen, Jack and Kyle Brady; Mattie Mahtadi; Tammy Vincent and her husband; Mike Grennier; Carol Macchia; Theresa Dunn and Jen Pellegrino. The graduation ceremony was held in the SPHS auditorium on June 21. Congratulations to Principal Novak, Assistant Principal Hajduk, class advisors Joe Blondo and Donna Tierney and all the teachers and staff who helped to organize the evening.

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### Boost Fun in the Sun by Decreasing Risk

Summer weather means lots of fun in the sun and hours lounging on the beach, but too much unprotected exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays can cause skin damage and even cancer. With the right precautions, you can still enjoy fun in the sun while greatly reducing the chance of developing skin cancer.

Overexposure to ultraviolet (UV) rays from the sun can cause immediate effects, such as sunburn, and long-term effects, such as skin cancer. Understanding the UV index can help you prevent damage to your skin and by knowing the signs and symptoms of skin cancer you can readily detect changes to your skin. The UV index provides a daily

The UV index provides a daily forecast of the expected risk of overexposure to the sun. The scale is from one to 11+; one being low and 11+ being extreme. From exposure level six through 11+ (High–Extreme) protection against sun damage is needed. Here are some effective strategies:

Wear a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses.
Use sunscreen SPF 15+ or

higher. • Wear clothing to protect exposed

skin. • Seek shade between 10 a.m. and

4 p.m. You can view the daily UV index in your area by visiting the following website: www.epa.gov/sunwise/ uvindex.html.

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States. It is also one of the most preventable. By practicing daily sun protection, you not only reduce the risk of developing skin cancer, but you also may decrease the likelihood of recurrence. The two most common types of skin cancer are basal cell and squamous cell carcinomas, which are highly curable. The third most common skin cancer

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is melanoma. This form of cancer is more dangerous, especially among young people. Additionally, about 65 to 90 percent of melanomas are caused by exposure to ultraviolet (UV) rays.

Signs and symptoms of melanoma may include a change in the shape, color or size of an existing mole. Melanoma also may appear as a new mole. By checking your skin regularly you can detect melanoma early. This is where knowing your ABCs are important. Here is what you should watch for:

• A-asymmetry: The shape of one half of the mole does not match the other.

• B-border: The edges of the mole are often ragged, notched, blurred or irregular in outline; the pigment may spread into the surrounding skin.

 C-color: The color of the mole is uneven.
 D-diameter: There is a change in

size in the mole, usually an increase. If you have questions or concerns about skin moles, it is important to

talk to your doctor. On Saturday, July 17, the Middle-

sex County Public Health Department will participate in "Choose Your Cover," a statewide initiative that promotes risk education and skin cancer screening. This year public health staff will be at the Milltown Pool in Milltown and Crystal Springs Aquatic Center in East Brunswick. For more information about "Choose Your Cover" visit www.chooseyourcover. org and for more information about skin cancer prevention visit the following websites: www.cdc.gov/cancer/skin/basic\_info/prevention.htm; www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/types/ skin or www.state.nj.us/health/ccp/ melanoma.shtml.

So remember to check the UV index, apply sunscreen, and have a safe and healthy summer.

DJ Stick Shift Eddie provides the musical entertainment at South Plainfield Rescue Squad's third annual Car. Truck and Bike Show on July 11.

### Rescue Squad Holds Third Annual Car, Truck and Bike Show

The South Plainfield Rescue Squad held its third annual Car, Truck and Bike Show on July 11. The show drew in 101 registered vchicles and raised over \$3,400 for the squad at a much-needed time.

Top trophies were awarded to Joseph Iaione of Bridgewater for "Best of Show Car," to Nick D'Grazia of Middlesex for "Best of Show Truck" and to Mel Tomei of South Plainfield for "Best of Show Bike." The mayor and council and chief of police also awarded trophies.

Trophies were paid for by a donation from McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

The show was sponsored by the local businesses that advertised in the event book. Printing of the event book was donated by Presto Printing.

Sponsors of food and drinks included Sal's Spirit Shoppe, Freihofer's Bakery, Bett-A-Way Beverages and Restaurant Depot. Brick House Tavern & Tap provided food and door prizes. Music was provided by local deejay, Stick Shift Eddie.

Over 24 rescue squad members volunteered their time and effort to run the show in addition to their commendable service to the squad. On behalf of all the squad mem-

bers and especially our patients, we would like to thank all the vehicle owners for their participation and support. Without them there would not be a show.



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### **The Education Association Announces Teacher Retirements**

The South Plainfield Education Association has announced the retirements of Maria Campagna, Deirdre Falato, Barbara Friedman and Joanne Gurske.

Maria Campagna has been a first grade teacher at John E. Riley School for the past 22 years and an educator for 25. She received her undergraduate degree in education from Brooklyn College in Brooklyn and a gradu-ate degree in early childhood education from Rutgers University, Graduate School of Education.

Her professional associations include the SPEA, NJEA, MCEA, NEA. American Association for University Women, and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. She has been a member of the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment for 15 years. Campagna has served as a mentor and cooperating teacher at Riley School and was se-lected Riley's Teacher of the Year (The Governor's Teacher Recognition Program) in 2000-2001.

Campagna enjoys traveling, read-ing and spending time with family and friends

Deirdre (Dee) Falato was the South Plainfield High School Careers/Cooperative Education and Career Education Programs teacher. She has been in the district for 24 years, but has been an educator for a total of 36. Her previous educational positions included special education-resource room, employment orientation for special needs, technology for children, and cooperative industrial education for handicapped. Besides her 11 years of employment at SPHS she also taught at Somerset County Vocational and Technical Schools and Somerset County Technical Institute for 21/2 years.

She received a BA from William Paterson University as teacher of the handicapped and an M.Ed. (through a fellowship) from the same university. Falato is a member of New Jersey Cooperative Education Association and New Jersey Technology Education Association. During her career she has received many awards including the Governor's Teacher Recognition Award, South Plainfield Teacher of the Year, NJCIECA Central Coordinator of the Year, NJCIECA State Coordinator of the Year and NJCIECA Program of the Year.

She is involved in many community service activities, which include her membership in the South Plain-field Business Association and South Plainfield Chapter of UNICO. Her volunteer activities include UNICEF New Jersey Special Olympics and Shelter and Animal Rescue for Jersey Shore Animal Shelter. She is also the environmental commissioner for the Township of Toms River and is involved with environmental groups in Ocean County. She has coached high school varsity softball and basketball and college fencing.

Falato has a home on the bay in Ortley Beach and loves boating, wave-runners, crabbing, walking, biking, the boardwalk, and of course the

Barbara Friedman has been an educator for 26 years, 19 of which have been in South Plainfield. She retired as a special education teacher in a self-contained class at John F. Kennedy School. She also taught special education at Franklin and Riley prior to Kennedy.

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Friedman received her undergraduate and master's degrees in special edu-cation from Kean College. She has an additional certification in elementary education/early childhood from Kean In addition to NEA, NJEA, SPEA and PTSO she has been an advisor for student council and a member of Kennedy's Sunshine and Leadership Committees

Friedman notes that it has been a pleasure to work in South Plainfield. "My students have taught me to be a better teacher and person. My stepbrother, Eddie, was my inspiration to become a special education teacher. He did a good job. I love my job. Best wishes to all the staff, teachers

and students of South Plainfield I will miss everyone

Joanne Gurske has been the vocal music teacher at John E. Riley School for the past 38 years. During that time she also taught at Franklin, Kennedy and Roosevelt. She received both her undergraduate (1972) and graduate (1979) degrees in music from Montclair State.

Her professional memberships include the Music Educators National Conference, NEA, NJEA, MCEA and SPEA. For the past 20 years she has been a member of the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad. In conjunction with this community service she is also a member of New Jersey First Aid Council. In 2007 she was honored as Volunteer of the Year at the Scotch Plains Mayor's Charity Gala. She was also a recipient of the Governor's Teacher Recognition Award as Riley School's Teacher of the Year. In her spare time Gurske loves to do needlework.

See upcoming issues of the Observer for more retirements.

### Grant School Announces 2010 Fourth Period Honor Roll

High Honor Roll

Kevin Adams, Thalia Alfaresa, Jose Arrubla, Trevor Bali, Jason Belanger, Ashli Bell, Andrew Bisgaard, Surindra Boodhoo, Cristian Butrico, Samuel Campbell, Gabriella Cangialosi, Sarah Cargill, Hemanth Chiluka, Sydney Christian, Leon Dass, Katherine Dolinski, Jamie Donato, Ziad Elmasry, Nicholas Farinella, Megan Forster, Melissa Gallant, Carlos Gil, Jake Giordano, Ryan Hu, Adanna Ibeku, Chace Jones, Elijah Koyongian, Caleb Kuberiet, Kim Lam, Tony Le, Law-rence Lenau, Christopher Maszczak, Megan McDermott, Camila Mos-quera, Claire Nagel, Helen Nguyen, Melissa Novak, Timothy Nuber, Jacquelynn Orellana, Ever Orellana Castro, Taylor Parajon, Karan Patel, Neel Patel, Raj Patel, Reina Patel, Daniel Persaud, Nicholas Plate, Emma Regan, Scott Riccardi, Seth Santos, Owen Sprigle, Joshua Stasenko, Olivia Stragapede, Michael Tran, Miguel Velez, Ashle Kyle Wong Ashley Veliz, Anna Williams,

#### Honor Roll

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ob Alba, Lanae Ali, Alexandrya Barrios, Nicholas Battista, Yunitta Behari, Vanessa Borja, Miranda Bourbeau, Michaella Butrico, Kyle Bythell, Vin-cent Cano, John Carone, Andrea Castillo, Lindsay Celentano, Alejandro Cepeda, Joshua Chavez, Daniel Cherrez, Amanda Ciardiello, Jack Cochrane, Jonathan Conrad, Anel Cortez Ochoa, Brian Csobor, Brian Cullen, Gina Cummings, Tyler Curtis, Gabriella Cusick

Megyn Decarlo, Jessica Deepan, Cassidy DeGrazio, Kyle DelPaoli, Lindsey Diamant, Jenna Dickerson, Nicholas DiFrancesco, Anthony Doan, Amanda Duffy, Ryan DuHamel, Alexander Egatz, Habiba Elbastawsisi, Huner Estevez, Paige Ewing, Marian-na Fahmy, John Fallet, Madison Faustini, Isiah Feeley-Sudeall, Dianne Ferraro, Sabrina Fisher, Gregory Forbes, Alexandria Frontz, Matthew Gallant, Cristian Garcia, Nicholas Gavilanes, Nicole Goitiandia, Lucas Gonzalez, Neil Mervin Gonzalez, Gabriela

Guerrero, Grace Hageman Ishani Haldar, Daniel Hedden, Stephanie Heim, Taylor Henry, Anthony Hernandez, Rebecca Horvat, Gennifer Huber, Christa Iazzetta, Tatiana Ishod, Gavin Jones, Kevin Jones, Krista Kaczka, Patrick Kapolka, Jenna Karcher, Jouni Khalaf, Kayla Khan, Tazmeen Khan, Andrew Kopchak, Christopher Kuberiet

Anthony Lacasale, Joseph Lacasale, Stephanie Lacasale, Charles LaDelle, Michael Lampasona, McKenzie Larsen, Jason Le, Elizabeth Lee, Brianna Leonard, Thomas Licato, Benjamin Lundy, Ethan Lyte, Allianna Makowski, Richard Marcovecchio, Jared Marks, Ryan Marston, Krishna Martes, Shanaya Martinez, Nicholas Matos Emily Mazellan, Ceara McCormick,

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Anthony Palmeri, Jocelyn Paredes, Sebastian Paredes, Ravi Patel, Riya Patel, Elie Paul, Dion Pender, Ajay Persaud, Nikolas Peterson, Jason Petriello, Nicholas Pezzolla, James

Piedilato, George Pittenger, Bryan Dominic Pontevedra, Meagan Praul, Kelsy Prins, Abigail Ramirez, Mark Ramjatan, Daniel Romotowski, Jameer Robinson, Jaime Rochotte, Justin Rochotte, Pablo Rodriguez, Maximilian Rohrer, Sara Roman

Natalie Romano, Alyssa Russo, Nicholas Ruzicka, Angela Sanchez, Brittany Santos, Jean Sapini, Nicholas Scalera, Camryn Schaeffer, Samantha Schulkes, Pooja Sindha, Kara Slat-tery, Cody Soper, Kevin Soper, Nicho-

las Spadavecchia, Drew Spahn, Kirsty Sperr, Justin Spry, Ryan Stankan, Emily Sukenik, Sydni Surowiec, Jason Sutherland, Nicolea Sutor

Tahirshah Sved, Tomasz Tarnawski, Michaela Therattil, Ellie Tom, Danny Trieu, Stephanie Velez, Katherine Vill, Vita Viran, Sandra Vordzorgbe, Asadullah Waheed, Sarah Walsh, Kyle Whalen, Lea Wietrzkowski, Talia Wilson, Zachary Wolpin, Steven Yanchapanta, Reece Young, Arnold Zavala, Emily Zawadski, Nicole Zultowski

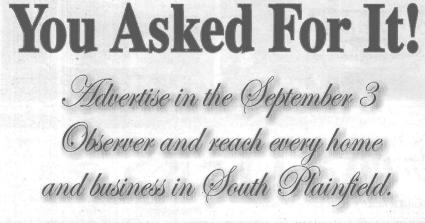
### Suggestion to Move Library Draws Criticism

(Continued from page 1) writes that although he is "happy to see that there is interest in the longterm status of the library," he had some questions, such as the timing of the committee's suggestions since the mayor is in the process of forming a committee to help find a new location for the library.

The committee will consist of two members from the library board, two from the borough council and two residents. He said that further suggestions made by the Shared Services Committee should be addressed to the newly formed committee and added that he does not plan to attend the next Shared Services Committe meet-

ing. "I felt highly insulted in the way it was presented to the residents by way of a letter to the editor before it was presented to us," commented board member Donna Egan. "Before it was made public, a member of the committee should have contacted a member of the board.3

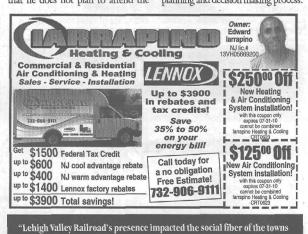
No member of the Shared Services Committee attended the library board meeting on Tuesday evening. Library board members noted their absence, saying they felt they had been left out of the loop during the committee's planning and decision making process.



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TIGER SHARKS

**Tiger Sharks Whip Water Wrats of Middlesex** The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks Swim Team won their second meet of

the season at the Middlesex Community

Pool on June 30 with a score of 146-130.

Sweeping the IM events with first place ribbons were Mark Stanik (10 and under), Daniel Galarza (11/12), and Anthony Gurrieri (13-18). Brendan Tang also placed second in the 10 and under age group for the same event.

Not to be outdone by the boys, the girls also swept the longer freestyle events by taking first place. Those swimmers were Chandler Carter (10 and under), Megan McDermott (11/ 12) and Emily Pickarski (13-18). Darlene Fung (10 and under) and Maggie Valentino (13-18) placed third in the same events.

The boys swam butterfly and taking first place were Mark Stanik (9/ 10), Paul Stanik (11/12) and Marcel Green (13/14). Andrew Galarza (9/ 10) and Ian Muhlgeier (15-18) placed second, while Enzo Butrico

The South Plainfield Golf Associa-

tion (SPGA) has announced that this year's South Plainfield Open will be

held on Thursday, August 5 at Gam-bler Ridge Golf Club. This is the 16th annual golf tournament held for the benefit of the South Plainfield High

School Golf Team. The tournament

The entry fee of \$115 includes

will be a scramble format

Breaststroke was swum by the girls. In the eight and under category Kristy Tam and Shannon Yan

(13/14) placed third.

placed second and third while in the 9/10 age group Jenna Yan and Chandler Carter also placed second and third. First place swimmers were Brianna Tang (11/12) and Allison Huber (13/14). Samantha Soto also placed second in the 13/14 age group. Maggie Valentino was the only older swimmer to place with a second place red ribbon.

Freestyle events gave blue ribbons to Andrew Galarza (9/10), Daniel Galarza (11/12) and Marcel Green (13/14). Brendon Tang (9/10) and Anthony Gurrieri (15-18) placed second, while Paul Stanik placed third for the 11/12 age group. The only eight and under boy to place was Dominick Faustini with a third place.

Backstroke brought some compe-tition for the girls with Ali Huber (13/ 14) being the only South Plainfield immer to take a first place, but Kristy Tam (eight and under), Darlene Fung

**Registration for SPGA Tournament Ends July 23** 

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 to 8 p.m. Food and beverages will

be provided throughout the tourna-ment. Prizes will be awarded for low

team score, longest drive, closest to the pin, closest to the line and a spe-

cial hole-in-one prize.

(9/10), Brianna Tang (11/12) and Samantha Soto (13/14) placed sec-ond. Jenna Yan (9/10), Megan McDermott (11/12) and Theresa Gustafson all placed third. Taking first place in the freestyle re-

By Cheryl Nagel-Smiley

lays were: (8 and under) S. Yan, J. Yan, Makoski and Tam; (13-18): Cullen, Soto, Huber and Valentino. The only medley relay to take first place were the 9-12 boys of Tang,

Galarza, P. Stanik and M. Stanik. Placing first in their heats were: Patrick Osadarz (100 free); Courtney Smith (50 breast); Evie Peregrin (100 fly); Madison Faustini (100 breast); Elizabeth Chiu (25 free); Ellen Zinsky (100 back); Stephanie Chiu (50 back); Erin Barnett (25 breast) and Amanda Pina (25 back).

The Tiger Sharks will be featuring a Swim-A-Thon in memory of former coach Robin Cone. It will be held at the community pool at 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 22. Entry fee is \$20 and all funds collected will go to the Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation. Organizing the event are coaches Mary and Jen Otlowski.

place in the tournament. You can reg-

ister for the tournament at www.spga.

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# **Obituaries**

### Rose M. (Bengivenga) Reinmann, 80

Rose M. (Bengivenga) Reinmann passed away on Wednesday, July 7 in the Haven Hospice within JFK Medical Center in Edison

Born and raised in Plainfield, Rose was one of 10 children born to the late Antonio and Carmela Bengivenga. She resided in Plainfield before settling in Dunellen 60 years ago.

Rose was a dedicated wife, mother and grandmother. She enjoyed being with her family and a homemaker for most of her life. She was also a long-time communicant of St. Mary's Church in Plainfield.

She is predeceased by seven siblings, Ralph, Joe, Michael, Christina, Antoinette, Angelina and Lena.

Surviving are her husband of 62 years, Robert "Bob" Reinmann; two daughters, Robin Perez and husband Al of North Carolina and Renee Calderaro and husband Lenny of Somerset; two sisters, Mary DeFillippis and Florence Beck and four dear grand-children, Doug, Angela, Kim and Haley.

Funeral services were held at Mc-Criskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

#### Steve Sulewski, 51

Steve Sulew ski passed away on Sunday, July 11 in the Haven Hospice within JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Steve was born and raised in Plainfield and had resided

A local chef and caterer. "Uncle Steve" as he was known to so many began his cooking career at the former Medici's Restaurant in South Plainfield. He had worked at the former Bobby & Mary's in Piscataway and could often be found cooking at KC's corner or The Polish National Home, both in South Plainfield. In addition, Uncle Steve had been the owner and operator of the South Side Lunchconette and was best known for his lemon chicken.

Additionally, he served as the sexton at Wesley United Methodist Church in South Plainfield for over 20 years and was a member of the Polish National Home and the Dunellen Sons of The American Legion. Uncle Steve also loved the long tradition of how Labor Day was celebrated in South Plainfield from the parade in the morning, to the food and festivities in the afternoon, and fireworks in the evening.

His is predeceased by his parents, Helen and John. He is survived by his wife, Maribeth

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Quinn; seven children, Gina Tava, Chris Tava, Billy Fodor, Caity Fodor, Alexandra "Boo" Fodor, Steven Sulewski and Siever Sulewski: four siblings, Patricia Taber, John, Robert and Ronald Sulewski and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at Mc-Criskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

memory may be made to the Haven Hospice, 65 James St., Edison, N.J. 08820.

### **Timothy Waugh, 49**

Timothy Waugh died suddenly on Friday, July 9 at home.

Born in Summit, Tim was raised in Scotch Plains and lived in Westfield before moving to South Plainfield 10 years ago. An excellent wood craftsman, he

worked for Fairmount Custom Crafters in Chatham. Prior to that Tim worked for N.J. Hardwoods in Plainfield.

Mr. Waugh was an avid bicyclist and was a member of the Morris Area Free-wheelers Road Touring Club. On a regular basis Tim enjoyed riding over 100 miles in one day. Tim also partici-pated in the High Point to Cape May Bike Tour which covered nearly 300 miles. Tim was also a great admirer of the outdoors and he made time for hiking, kayaking, showshoeing, cross country skiing and camping. Predeceased by his father, Robert, he

is survived by his mother, Dorothy of Scotch Plains; a brother, Robert Waugh and wife Deon Vaughan of Suttons Bay, Mich.; and by a close cousin, David Housel of South Plainfield.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals. A memorial service celebrating Timothy's life will be held at a later date at the First Baptist Church in Westfield.



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# SCHOOL BOARD Notes

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The following took place at a special public meeting of the Board of Education on June 29. A public hearing was held inviting members of the public to submit comments.

• Approve the revised school calendar and paid holiday list for the 2010/2011 school year.

 Reappoint Russell Mattoon as supervisor of technology effective July 1 for the 2010/2011 school year and Aracelli Gil-Pedreschi as high school Spanish teacher; accept the retirement of John Limyansky as middle school math teacher effective July 1; approve the appointment of Ranee Abbruzzese as high school social studies teacher, temporary replacement for Heather Jorgensen while on leave of absence; transfer Paul Rafalowski from high school math teacher to the middle school effective September 1 replacing Martin Smith.

• Student teacher approvals of Julia Jenson, Samara Bock, Jennifer

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Palestine and Jennifer Pugia; approval of 2010/2011 hourly salary schedule-substitutes, part time staff and student assistants as per the 2009/10 guide; approval of Future Stars preschool teachers salary and preschool aide guides for 2010/2011 year as per the 2009/10 guide; extra curricular staff payment for 2009/10 school year including side bar salary agreements for 2009/10.

• Approve Assistant Superintendent Dr. Lorraine Cella's one year contract from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 and Business Administrator Rich Guarini's contract from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 and approve his letter of resignation effective July 1, 2011.

• Approve travel expenditures, deposit of funds in the State Unemployment Insurance account and NCLB Carry Over Funds for the 2008/09 school year.

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and to nominate yourself or someone else for the drawing, which will

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be conducted August 16.

A year ago, many did not know what cyberbullying was. Today, parents all over the country are concerned about it, and want to know what to do to prevent it. Surveys indicate that around half of all children are victims of cyberbullies at some point during their time in school, and 11 percent of children have been bullied in the last 30 days. The Internet provides a free and anonymous tool for bullies to heap on the abuse.

"Our kids' online lives can sometimes be a mystery to parents," said Mary Kay Hoal, COO of Yours phere.com, a positive place for kids online. "Whether it's because they set up multiple profiles on social networking sites and hide them from their parents or because not every parent is technologically savvy enough to see what is going on, it's important for every parent to know how to tell if their children are victims of cyberbullies, and how to prevent it and stop it in its tracks."

Hoal has studied cyberbullying, talked to parents around the country whose kids have been bullied online, and uses unprecedented measures to keep cyberbullies off her website. Her tips for parents to protect their child dren and to spot signs if a parent suspects their child may be a victim of bullying include:

 Check for withdrawn behavior-The American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry suggests that children who are being bullied will act withdrawn, and may be reluctant to go to school or use the computer.

 Look for signs of depression and give your kids a hug-Kids often feel like something is wrong with them when they are being bullied and they may feel all alone. Parents should remind their kids that bullies largely thrive on the reaction they get from their victims and it's the bully that has the real problem. • Teach your children-"Be Kind Online" is a proactive message parents can share with their children. It's an important first step towards educating children about the way they should treat others online.

How Can I Protect My Child From Cyberbullying?

 Give your kids tools to protect themselves-The message shared with children: "Don't respond. Tell your Mom. Make a copy," gives kids exactly the information they need to make sure they can protect themselves and an action plan for parents if there is abuse.

 Get their school or law enforcement involved–After the most recent trouble in Massachusetts that finds school officials being named in lawsuits because of the assertion that their inaction led to the suicide of 15-yearold Phoebe Prince, parents may find teachers and guidance counselors will be more proactive in halting or preventing the bullying of their students. Many bullies are victims themselves, sometimes suffering from problems at home. When the school gets involved, it is more likely that the bully's parents will become aware of the problem and help to resolve the situation positively for all the students affected. If your child is ever threatened with harm, contact your local police.

"We know far more about the causes and devastating results of cyberbullying than we ever did, and it is incumbent upon everyone in a child's life-parents, friends and school officials-to take a role in halting and preventing cyberbullying," Hoal added. "The Internet is an integral part of all our lives, and the benefits for Internet savvy kids are boundless, but there can be a very concerning dark side to our children's online interactions. We need to eliminate those pressures so our children can reap the benefits of living in a world made smaller by the Internet, and promote an Internet culture that focuses on the wonders of the online world, and not its dangers."

### Crisis Hotline Accepting Applications For Fall Volunteer Training Class

CONTACT We Care, Inc., the 24hour caring and crisis hotline voted "Best Statewide Volunteer Organization" by the New Jersey Governor's Office of Volunteerism, will begin its comprehensive 36-hour volunteer training class on Wednesday, Sept. 15, 7 to 10 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St. in Westfield. The class will meet weekly until early December. Preregistration is required.

Experts in active listening, grief recovery, mental health issues, spirituality and suicide prevention will join with CONTACT's professional staff to conduct the training.

CONTACT's training is designed to prepare prospective volunteers for the wide variety of needs and situations they will encounter on the phone line," said Sue Fasano, CONTACT's training director. "The highly interactive training includes numerous practice sessions to prepare the volunteers," she said.

"We have been told time and again how valuable CONTACT's volunteer training is," said David Owens, executive director. "The active listening skills people learn help them in all areas of their lives-not just on the hotline." There is a \$50 fee to cover the cost

of training materials.

For more information on becoming a CONTACT We Care volunteer, call (908) 301-1899 or visit the organization's website at www.contact wecare.org.

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### Kennedy Teachers and Staff Take the Stage at the Annual Variety Show



The teachers and staff of Kennedy School presented the school's annual variety show to a jam packed auditorium. Performers outfitted in colorful costumes used creative props and choreography to perform a montage of songs, both old and new. Over 50 staff members from Ken-nedy School were involved in the

production. Teacher Sandy Doyan, the show's organizer, noted that it took many weeks to put the variety show together.

Deejay for the evening was former Superintendent of Schools Tony Massaro. Doyan's son, Tommy, intro-duced several of the numbers.

While most of the songs were performed via lip sync, several were live vocals performed by music teacher Barbara Harley and Ann Johnson. Also singing were Doyan and her husband, Tom.

Among the acts were the Lollipop Girls, featuring "Shirley Temple" singing On The Good Ship Lollipop; The Village People, a few famous chipmunks and the students' favorite, the Viene du Siene making and rell the Kennedy Sisters rocking and rolling in their habits. The two-act show offered eight

numbers per act plus the finale, We Are The World, with special lyrics printed in the program and a request that the audience participate in the number.

The variety show, a favorite with students and parents alike, is now in its 17th year



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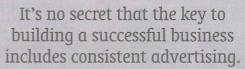














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