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OSHA Fines Sodexo for Safety Violations in Schools

By Jane Dornick

The South Plainfield school district's maintenance provider, Sodexo, was fined \$8,100 by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) for nine serious safety hazards that endangered workers and could have potentially harmed students.

OSHA cited Sodexo for failing to assure that workers received adequate training, protective equipment and labeling information when using dangerous chemicals. They also cited Sodexo for unsafe storage of flammable and combustible liquids, failure to guard live parts of electronic equipment, and requiring workers to operate industrial trucks without testing their ability to do so safely.

The nine violations OSHA found at the schools were classified as "serious," meaning there was a substantial probability that death or serious injury could occur from a hazard about which the employer knew or should have known.

Sodexo groundskeeping manager

Brian Barker alerted OSHA after several requests to correct the problems were ignored by his superiors.

"I've been a groundskeeper for 26 years. When I came to Sodexo I was shocked because they were not in compliance with safety regulations," said Barker, who began working for the district in February 2009. "Finally, I said enough is enough and called OSHA."

The same day Barker informed his manager that he had contacted OSHA he received a discipline notice from Sodexo. His position was subsequently eliminated on June 22, just four days after the citation was issued. Barker has since filed a complaint with the U.S. Labor Department claiming Sodexo retaliated for Barker's reporting of the violations to OSHA.

It is unknown whether the school's former Buildings and Grounds director, Robert Walker, was aware of the violations as his position was eliminated on June 30 due to budget constraints.

"I am concerned that Sodexo cut

the position of the worker who alerted OSHA to these dangers that could have been life-threatening," said U.S. Representative Rush Holt (NJ-12), member of the House Education and Labor Committee. "It seems to me that Sodexo has failed to meet its obligation to keep New Jersey students safe."

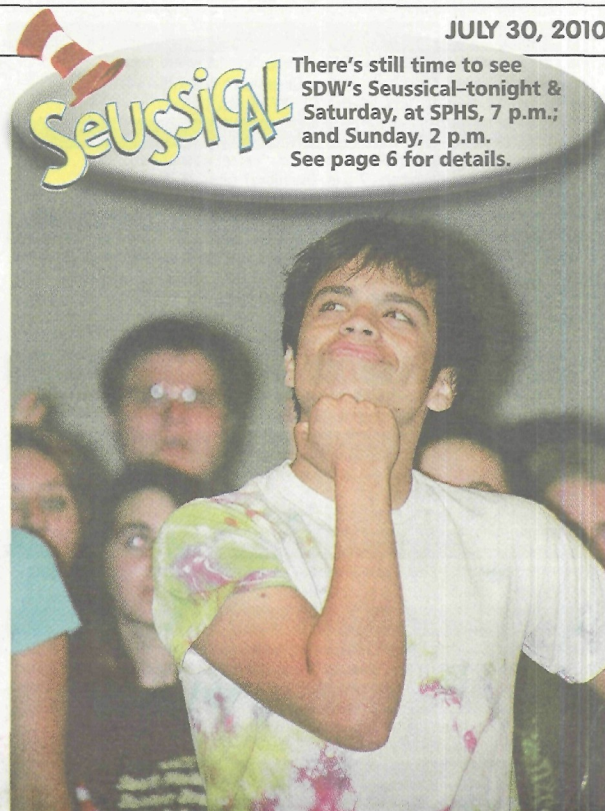
OSHA's original penalty against Sodexo for the nine violations was \$21,000, but under a proposed settlement agreement the company has to pay \$8,100. The average OSHA penalty for a serious violation is \$1,000.

Coincidentally, OSHA inspectors arrived in South Plainfield just five days after the BOE awarded Sodexo a \$2,026,370 two-year contract at its May 12 public meeting. Aramark Management Services LLC attorney Steven Brawer questioned the resolution, stating his client had submitted the lowest bid which was \$200,000 less than Sodexo, the highest bidder. Board attorney Joe Roselle stated that the three bids lower than Sodexo were disqualified due to "conditional language". "We have to take the responsible lowest bidder, even if it ends up being the highest bidder," said Roselle.

Mayor Charles Buttrico and Councilman Rob Bengivenga jointly questioned the board's decision to appoint Sodexo instead of rebidding. The borough also requested Sodexo bid on custodial work for the PAL as a part of shared services, but opted not to use them because their bid was higher than the current cost of the job.

Board President Jim Giannakis claimed the delay was the borough's fault because they changed the specs to include the PAL, but according to Buttrico, the borough's specs were completed in January. Bengivenga argued that it was unethical for Giannakis to comment, citing a conflict of interest since he is employed by Sodexo. "I have a hard time justifying as a taxpayer that we're

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Board of Education Pays Out \$164,000 to Retirees

The BOE approved sick and vacation day payouts to 18 retiring employees at their July 14 meeting.

High school Principal Dr. Ken May received \$37,569.28 for 22 unused vacation days at \$581.12 per day; 22 earned vacation days at \$581.12 per day; 100 sick days at \$50 per day and 100 sick days at \$75 per day.

Middle school Principal Steve Novak received \$45,400 for 15 unused vacation days at \$500 per day; 22 earned vacation days at \$500 per day and 269 accumulated sick days at \$100 per day.

Buildings and Ground Director Robert Walker received \$5,250.06 for eight unused vacation days at \$291.67 per day and 10 earned vacation days at \$291.67 per day.

High school psychologist Nancy Lech received \$2,582.50 for 100 sick days at \$25 per day and 1.5 sick days at \$55 per day.

High school English teacher Gale Pastula received \$8,367.50 for 100 sick days at \$35 per day and 88.5 sick days at \$55 per day.

High school business education teacher Ann Zajkowski received \$15,000 for 100 sick days at \$35 per day, 100 sick days at \$55 per day and 100 sick days at \$60 per day.

Middle school expressive arts teacher William Mosca received \$15,000 for 100 sick days at \$35 per day, 100 sick days at \$55 per day and 100 sick days at \$55 per day.

High school science teacher Thomas

Seiz received \$1,050 for 30 accumulated sick days at \$35 per day.

High school guidance counselor Nadine Knight received \$822.50 for 23.5 accumulated sick days at \$35 per day.

High school cooperative education teacher Deirdre Palato received \$200 for eight accumulated sick days at \$25 per day.

Middle school physical education teacher Jeffery Middleton received \$9,210 for 100 sick days at \$35 per day, 100 sick days at \$55 per day and 3.5 sick days at \$60 per day.

Middle school math teacher John Limyansky received \$8,780 for 100 sick days at \$35 per day and 96 sick days at \$55 per day.

Middle school expressive arts teacher Jeffrey Spezio received \$2,257.50 for 64.5 accumulated sick days at \$35 per day.

Kennedy School special education teacher Barbara Friedman received \$1,062.50 for 42.5 accumulated sick days at \$25 per day.

Riley Elementary School teacher Maria Campagna received \$6,790 for 100 sick days at \$25 per day and 78 sick days at \$55 per day.

Riley School music teacher Joanne Gurske received \$437.50 for 12.5 accumulated sick days at \$35 per day.

Middle school secretary Thia Kirchoff received \$2,875 for 49 sick days at \$25 per day and 33 sick days and \$50 per day.

Special services secretary Jill Reid received \$1,292.80 for 10 earned vacation days at \$129.28 per day.



Jim Muglia, chairman, Art Muglia Charity Golf Tournament, presents Woman's Low Gross champion trophy to Linda Frankshun, a director from The Matheny School. For story, see page 9.

Council Approves Amended Budget

The 2010 calendar year budget, which received final approval at Monday evening's Borough Council meeting, boasts a \$178 tax decrease and 1.226 tax rate for the average home in South Plainfield assessed at \$122,400. Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas was the lone dissenting vote. Councilman Franky Salerno was not present.

Last year the borough applied for and received approval from the state to switch from a fiscal year (July 1 through June 30) to a calendar year budget cycle. The decrease is based on a comparison of figures from the 2009 calendar year although the council had to put in place a six-month budget which ran July 1 through December 31.

Even though state aid is down \$682,703, the municipal budget totals \$25,966,432 under Republican control as compared to the 2009 calendar year budget of \$26,228,607.70, which was controlled by the Democrats. The 2008 calendar year budget of \$26,284,414.63 was the first year Republicans had control of the council in a decade.

The difference between the budget amount and tax levy is revenue raised largely by state aid, licenses, fees, permits, municipal fines and court costs.

The tax levy, the amount to be raised by taxpayers, has actually increased from \$16,437,480 in the calendar year 2009 to \$17,510,543 in 2010. Mayor Charles Buttrico, who is not a voting member of the council, did not support this year's budget. "This budget calls for over a \$1M increase in the tax levy. I believe that other actions could

have been taken to reduce this gap," said Buttrico. "I am further bothered by the fact that the Republican Majority is claiming that taxes are going down. In the council president's letter (mailed with tax bills), he actually stated that the reason for the decrease was due to actions they took in this budget. That couldn't be further from the truth."

Buttrico claims the decrease was caused by the way the Republicans accounted for the budget the last time they were in control by under billing at the end of 2008 (first and second quarter taxes) and over billing the third and fourth quarter (the beginning of 2009).

"They incorrectly allocated funds from calendar year 2008 to 2009. This increased the 2009 taxes collected, which now makes 2010 look favorable," added Buttrico.

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September 7 (Tuesday) September 7

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planningboard

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

zoningboardofadjustment

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Aug. 12, Aug. 26, Sept. 9, Sept. 23, Oct. 14, Oct. 28, Nov. 11*, Dec. 9.*

boardofeducation

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

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

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

Regular Public Meeting: 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

Tuesday, Aug. 3 (Meeting will meet on the circle side of the high school at 6 p.m.)

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

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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.

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

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

Aug. 2, 7 p.m. Senior Center Questions? 908-226-7605

In My Opinion

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To the Editor:

Event Solutions would like to thank the many people who came out to support our fundraiser on behalf of the Plainfield Area Humane Society on July 24 at the PAL Building. Despite the heatwave, we had a nice turnout and an incredible show of support from our community.

Thank you to my team: Lisa Noble, Jennifer Nixon and JoAnn Friday for their tireless work everyday and my son, Cory Singer, for wearing that dalmation costume in 100+ degree heat and entertaining the crowd!

A special thank you to Dr. Scott Linick and the Plainfield Animal Hospital for your support and partnership on this event.

Thanks to our sponsors: Thievon-Wright Consulting Group, Frank's Automotive, KC's Korner, John Cecchini Insurance Agency, One Step Body Personal Training and the newly formed Tri-County Chamber of Commerce.

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To all of the vendors who braved the elements—bravo! Most importantly, thank you to everyone who came out to support our event, and also to those who could not attend but took the time to send in donations and those who went to the shelter to adopt a homeless animal.

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To the Editor:

On June 12 we held our seventh annual sold out COACHES Care golf classic at Heron Glen Golf Course. We had what seemed for the first time in our seven years beautiful weather from start to finish. The preparation for the event is a yearly labor of love and no one puts more heart and "sole" into the event than Co-Chair Thom Lanza. His dedication along with the rest of our committee really ensures that all of our participants enjoy a first class experience. The committee consists of Tony Cassano, Bill DeNizio, Keith Heckel, Rich Little, Ted Tucker and Kurt Ullom, and these gentlemen do everything from collecting door

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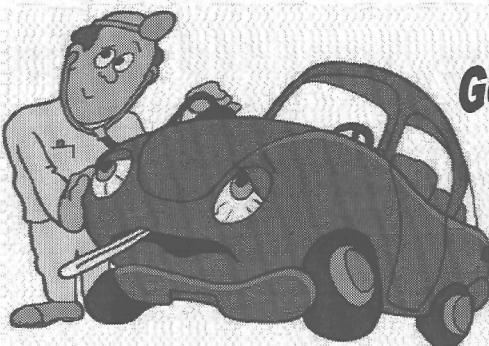
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Zoning Board Approves Cell Tower Addition

By Libby Barsky

At their July 22 meeting, the Zoning Board of Adjustment approved the application of Metro PCS, a wireless phone company, to add two cabinets to its location at 330 Oak Tree Avenue to accommodate increased growth of its customer base. The vote was unanimous among the quorum of five board members present.

In 2008 the Zoning board approved the company's application to install four cabinets that would be attached to the 190 foot tower on the property that is owned by Halls Trucking. At that time Metro PCS built two cabinets.

"They will be used to enhance services to South Plainfield and the additional cabinets would not require a new pole," said Gregory D. Meese, attorney for Metro PCS.

Instead of being placed on a pole, Metro PCS will use the services of NextG Networks to carry the technology using borough-owned street light poles. NextG Networks is a facilities based carrier that designs, builds, owns, operates and manages a Distributed Antenna System (DAS) network to enhance wireless performance. They can carry cellular, PCS 3G or a combination of wireless frequencies to fiber optic cable conductors. The Borough of South Plainfield has a Right of Way agreement with NextG Networks for installation, repair, maintenance and replacement of telecommunications, according to Peter Broy, director of government relations for NextG Networks who was contacted after the meeting.



Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas and Dorothy Miele work to remove bamboo in the Highland Woods Environmental Education Reserve.

Volunteers Work to Control Invasive Bamboo

Members of the Borough's Environmental Commission congregated one evening in late spring at the New Market Avenue side of the Highland Woods Environmental Education Reserve. Their mission was to combat the spread of an invasive bamboo species. Chairwoman Dorothy Miele, Jonathan Walezak, Chris Cioffi and Dan Morley, and Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas and Environmental Specialist Alice Tempel cut back bamboo and raked out earth that was disturbed when the DPW cut a trench along the edge of the property. They then spread grass and wildflower seed donated by A-Tech Landscaping owner Jon Dean.

An adjacent property owner had allowed his bamboo to cross under his fence into the partly wooded field. This section of the reserve is being returned to woodlands through plantings and natural succession. The bamboo was threatening to overwhelm the native plants.

The trench will stop the mature bamboo on the neighbor's property from sending shoots into the reserve.

The commission recommends that residents carefully research plants they are considering adding to their landscape. Many of our worst exotic weeds, such as Japanese knotweed, purple loosestrife and tree of heaven, were introduced into this country as ornamentals. In addition to annoying the neighbors, aggressive alien plants can spread into natural areas and replace native flora. Native wildlife is not adapted to dealing with these foreign species, and whole ecosystems can be disrupted. Less aggressive alternatives can work just as well in a landscape. For instance, clumping bamboo has the same lacy grace, without the underground runners that can shoot out and sprout into a new colony 20 feet away.

For more about invasive plants, contact the Environmental Comm. at spnaturetrails@verizon.net.

Schools Renovations Include Asbestos Removal

By Jane Dornick

The Board of Education is spending the summer months overseeing the completion of renovations to several borough schools as part of a 2009/2010 NCLB Title 1 School Improvement Funds grant which will pay 40% of the total cost. Most of the work, including bathroom construction to accommodate full day kindergarten, new boilers, middle school bleachers and girls gym lockers and roof top air conditioning units at the high school, has been completed within the last year.

While school is out, work is now being done by Fine Wall Corp. of Iselin to completely remodel one boys and one girls bathroom at the Middle School, Franklin, Grant, Kennedy and Riley Elementary schools at a cost of \$573,000. The job includes the replacement of floors, walls and ceilings, and the installation of new sink and toilet fixtures.

The reason for the renovations, according to Business Administrator Rich Guarini, is part of N.J. Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) requirements to make school bathrooms handicapped accessible through Americans With Disabilities Act compliance.

The middle school bathroom renovation is not, however, included in the grant, but was approved by the board on October 14, 2009 as part of the school facilities project. On March 17 of this year the board also approved the fire alarm replacement at the school by Signal Electric Corp of East Brunswick at a cost of \$386,800, which is

covered by the grant.

At the June 16 meeting the board approved another \$94,100 for asbestos abatement by Lilich Corp. of Woodland Park, which is necessary prior to proceeding with the bathroom renovations. Also included in the bid was optional asbestos removal from the plumbing in the middle school science classrooms, as well as the removal of exterior window caulk around the one room. The upgrading of the science labs has been postponed as reasonable bids for the project have yet to be obtained and the upgrade was not part of the grant.

Like thousands of older school buildings throughout the country, borough schools were built using a number of asbestos-containing building materials common until the 1980s. As long as these materials stay intact and are left in place, they do not pose a health threat to students or teachers according to the Environmental Protection Agency. But when asbestos begins to deteriorate, the dust released can put anyone who is around it regularly at risk for lung cancer, serious pulmonary problems and the rare, but highly aggressive cancer, mesothelioma.

In an attempt to protect students and school employees from mesothelioma and other asbestos-related illnesses, the government laid out guidelines for dealing with asbestos in schools in the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) in 1986.

Under AHERA, schools are required to inspect their buildings for crumbling asbestos every six months

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Future Stars Preschool Has Openings

The Future Stars Preschool program has openings available in one of its programs. The Elli program (preschool expansion program) is looking for four-year-old students who

reside in South Plainfield to attend a five afternoon a week free program, contingent upon income eligibility.

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August 2

The first day of practice for South Plainfield Eagles football players and cheerleaders will be Monday, Aug. 2 at 6 p.m. at the field house located on Kenneth Avenue. All medical forms and year-end report cards are due by August 1.

Contact Bob Ginda at (908) 294-1422 for information regarding football or Abra Hodge at (732) 803-5780 for information regarding cheer.

First Baptist Vacation Bible School

August 9-13

Come and join us for Vacation Bible School! It's all happening at the First Baptist Church of South Plainfield, 201 Hamilton Blvd., Monday-Friday, Aug. 9-13 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Children entering kindergarten through fifth grade are invited for a week of exciting games, crafts, songs and Bible stories. Registration required; \$5 a child.

To register or for more information, call (908) 753-2382.

Middle School PTO Vendor/Yard Sale

August 14

The Middle School PTO will hold a vendor/yard sale on Saturday, Aug. 14 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the front lawn of the school to support activities for the upcoming school year.

Spots are \$20 each; you must bring your own table. Rain date is Saturday, Aug. 21. Jumbo Box Sox will also be on sale. Vendors are needed.

Call Debbie at (908) 803-1573 or Jane at (908) 754-3420 to reserve space or for more information.

Sacred Heart School Golf Outing

September 15

The Sacred Heart School Advisory Council has announced that the school will be hosting a golf outing at Cranbury Golf Club in West Windsor on Wednesday, Sept. 15.

Registration/continental breakfast: 8 a.m.; shotgun start: 9 a.m.; prizes for closest to the pin and longest drive; dinner buffet included. Cost per golfer: \$130; \$520 per foursome.

For more information, call (908) 355-3000, ext. 17.

Funds raised support Sacred Heart School.

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. \$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, or someone you know, is a member of the class of 1984, please forward this information to Lisa Petroziello Carone at lpetro@comcast.net or Bill Price at bprice31@hotmail.com.

— Out of Town —

Upscale Singles Dance Party

July 31

Steppin' Out Singles is hosting an upscale singles dance party on Saturday, July 31 at 8:30 p.m. at the Woodbridge Hilton, 120 Wood Ave. in Iselin. Admission: \$15; ages 40 and up; no jeans/sneakers.

For information, call (732) 656-1801 or email info@steppinout-singles.com.

Animal Welfare Center Fundraiser

August 4

St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center, 575 Woodland Ave. in Madison is hosting an ice cream social to help homeless pets on Wednesday, Aug. 4 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. (weather permitting). Enjoy Edy's Grand Ice Cream and Frosty Paws for dogs. Cost: \$5 per person, 12 and over; \$3 per child; \$2 per dog. Limit one dog per adult.

For more information, call (973) 377-7094, www.sthuberts.org. All proceeds help support the homeless animals at St. Hubert's shelters.

duCret School of Art Student Showcase

Through 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. Exhibit runs through August 14.

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

Deutscher Club to Host Octoberfest

August 7-8

Deutscher Club of Clark, 787 Featherbed Lane presents Octoberfest on Saturday, Aug. 7 from 6-10 p.m. with music by The Adlers and on Sunday, Aug. 8 from noon to 6 p.m. with music by Schwarzenegger Connection. Open to the public; rain or shine; free parking. Admission: \$5 per person, per day; children under 12 free. German and American food and beverages. No outside food or beverages permitted. No bikes, skates, skateboards or pets permitted.

For more information, call (732) 574-8600.

Open Mic Nite at Brook Arts Center

August 13

The newly renovated Brook Arts Center, located at 10 Hamilton St. in Bound Brook presents Open Mic Comedy Nite on Friday, Aug. 13 at 8 p.m. The show will have professional comedians plus open mic comedians and music/comedy acts. All aspiring comedians, (or pros looking to break in something new), may reserve a spot by calling (732) 469-7700 or emailing Danny Curtis at curtisprod@msn.com. Tickets are \$15.

For reservations, call (732) 469-7700 or www.ticketweb.com and type "Brook Theatre" in search.

Deutscher Club German Biergarten

August 20

Deutscher Club of Clark, 787 Featherbed Lane is holding an authentic German Biergarten on Friday, Aug. 20 from 5:30 to 11 p.m. Volkswagen Night: 35 German theme cars to view. Open to the public; rain or shine. Parking available. Music by Richard Jordan. German and American food and beverages available. N outside food or beverages permitted. No skateboards, skates, bikes or pets allowed.

For more information, call (732) 574-8600.

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Wednesday, Aug. 11, 12-2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Call 908-754-1047 to register today!

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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, 1:00 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.
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Call (908) 754-1047 for more info or visit www.southplainfieldnj.com

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Yard Sale For A Cure/ Type One Diabetes

August 21

The New Apostolic Church is hosting a yard sale fundraiser to raise money for Juvenile Diabetes research on Saturday, Aug. 21 from noon to 4 p.m. at 929 Putnam Ave. in Plainfield. Please come out and support this great cause.

If you have items you wish to donate to sell at this fundraiser, email hopeforacure.juvenile_diabetes@gmail.com no later than August 15. All proceeds are donated to the JDRE.



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BOE Confirms Actions Taken at Special Meeting

By Libby Barsky

The Board of Education took the following action at a special meeting held on July 14.

The position of supervisor of technology was reinstated in the 2010/2011 school year budget; however, Russ Mattoon, who held the position, resigned effective September 1 to accept the position of supervisor of career and technical education at Essex County Vocational/Technical Schools.

Plans for high school French students and French teacher, Claude Delne, to take an educational trip to Paris during spring recess from April 15-23, 2011 were approved.

The board voted 7-0, with two abstentions, to approve the request of Board Attorney Dr. Nicholas Celso to hire an additional attorney at \$160 per hour for a board matter. He did not disclose the board member's name when asked by SPEA President Louise Mruz.

The board also approved the expenditure of \$163,947.14, representing sick and vacation time payouts to 18 retiring staff members.

The 2010/2011 fall coaching lineup includes seven high school football coaches: Phil McGuane-\$9,843, William Hamilton-\$7,779, Bryant Holt \$6,018, Willard Schulte-\$6,985, Mathew Connell-\$6,018, John Foscolo-\$4,652 and Steven Johnston-\$4,652, and four parent/community volunteers, Greg Genz, William Moates, Mark Rennie, Christopher Cassio; three boys high school soccer coaches: Anthony Perfilio-

\$8,257, Jac Han-\$6,040, Paulo Correia-\$6,269; three girls soccer coaches: Danielle D'Ambrosio-\$6,288, Jessica Wilson-\$5,818 and Alicia Vurchio-\$4,909; three field hockey coaches: Cheryl Hughes-\$7,383, Tammy Zurka-\$6,507 and Alyson Oller-\$5,605; boys' cross country: Michael Capizola-\$7,465; girls' cross country: William Milone-\$7,465; two gymnastics coaches: Meredith Garofalo-\$7,954 and Victoria Uniacke-\$6,269; two girls volleyball coaches: John Ferguson-\$8,257 and Patricia Porzio-\$6,269; two cheerleading coaches: Georgeann Larsen-\$7,465 and Angela Raimondo-Hajduk-\$5,096; girls tennis coach: Anthony Guida-\$6,018 and volunteer Michael Martinez and summer weight trainer Philip McGuane-\$3,966. Two year-long positions will be held by Joseph Sosnak, faculty manager, at \$7,300; and Leslie Rippon, equipment manager, at \$6,527.

Middle school coaching staff includes co-head soccer coaches Mike DeLucca-\$2,532 and Patrick Sarullo-\$2,326; head girls' soccer coach Maria Leonadis-\$5,456; boys' cross country head coach Kevin McCann-\$5,550; girls' cross country head coach Christopher Fish-\$4,381; field hockey head coach Laurie Stolz-\$5,550 and football head coach Gary Cassio \$4,652.

The board also appointed Carol Ullom as summer nurse to review sports physicals for five days in August at \$40 an hour. Also reappointed as high school after-school gymnasium supervisor is Tawny Lyles at \$15.86 per hour.

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Milestones

Kyle Smith Named to Dean's List at Montclair State



Kyle Smith
Kyle transferred to Montclair from Albright College in January. His earned GPA of 3.94 is outstanding for the spring semester.

Kyle Smith, a 2008 graduate of South Plainfield High School, was named to the dean's list at Montclair State University.

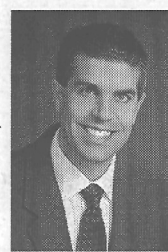
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Risoli Joins Century 21 Moretti Realty

Jason Risoli has joined Century 21 Moretti Realty located at 225 Maple Ave. as a full time real estate agent. The Risoli Family are longtime residents of South Plainfield, dating back more than 100 years.

Risoli, who bought his first investment property at the age of 22, has built a portfolio of properties over the past 10 years and has helped others do the same. He has also helped clients find or sell new homes, first



Jason Risoli

homes, commercial properties, foreclosures, rentals, shore properties, etc.

After being laid off from a corporate position in human resources, Jason decided to take on real estate in a full time capacity. He is available to help buyers and sellers with all their real estate needs nationwide.

Risoli can be reached at (609) 575-9653, or by calling Moretti Realty at (908) 755-5300.

Romano Graduates from Rutgers University

Diane Romano graduated with honors from Rutgers University on May 18 with a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She was named to the dean's list all eight semesters, and attained a final GPA of 3.9. Diane was inducted into the International Honor Society of



Diane Romano

Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau. She passed the RN State Board exam on June 10 and has accepted a position as a pediatric nurse at Wolfson Children's Hospital in Jacksonville, Fla.

Diane is the granddaughter of Dominic and Ann Demico of South Plainfield.

Renovations at Schools Includes Asbestos Removal

(Continued from page 3)

and to regularly perform inspections of all asbestos-containing material. In addition, they must develop an asbestos management plan, which may include spraying the asbestos with sealants, maintaining it properly or enclosing it. The asbestos management plan must be on file at the school and must be available to the public.

Since removal is costly and poses the risk of releasing dangerous airborne fibers that could one day cause mesothelioma, the EPA recommends that it be a last resort. Only licensed abatement professionals can be hired to remove asbestos from schools and school maintenance staff are required

to have asbestos awareness training.

According to the asbestos management plan for the middle school dated May 18, performed by Inspector Joseph Capone of AHERA Consultants Inc. in Oceanville, a good deal of abatement within the building had been completed in 2006 and 2007; however, items were noted that are still in need of asbestos removal and repair. They include kitchen solid lag pipe insulation, classroom 33 solid lag pipe and cementitious fitting insulation, classroom 29 aircell pipe and cementitious fitting insulation associated with corrugated pipe, classrooms 35 and 37 solid lag pipe insulation and the aircell pipe insulation in the

girls' locker room which sustained water damage and is in need of repair as soon as possible.

Bathroom renovations began at the middle school the day after school ended. According to Guarini the work must be completed one school at a time and should be completed by the start of the new school year on Wednesday, Sept. 8. The fire alarm panel work is still ongoing.

At the April 1, 2009 budget adoption hearing, the board approved withdrawing \$3,475,000 from their capital reserve account to cover the projects. They have yet to be reimbursed the 40% by the state for any of the completed work.

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Sour/Young Kangaroo	Christine Nau
Gertrude McFuzz	Jade McDonnough
Mayzie LaBird	Kelly Kline
General Gengus Khan Schmitz	Stephen Wagner
Yertle the Turtle	Will Mott
Mayor	Cory Singer
Mrs. Mayor	Erin O'Connor
Grinch	Joey Palazzo
The Wickersham Brothers	Will Mott, Ryan Lind, Danny Sims, Tyler Holoboski, Sean Piersanti
Bird Girls:	Casidhe Holoboski, Christina Ferrer, Danielle Tramutola, Katie Salvatore, Jordan Katowich, Christina Palazzo



Ensemble

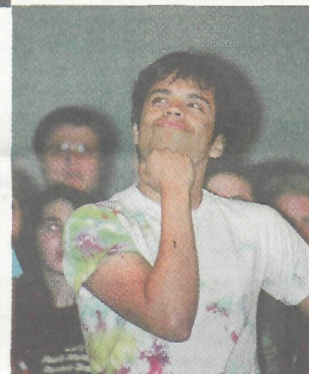
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Rose Bach, Matt Ciandella, Jonathan Heilman, Sarah Hageman, Danielle Hurst, Eric Makowski, Susan Pipolo, Kerri Salvatore

The Orchestra

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Cello ♪ Mark Stasio, Bass ♪ Joe Stasio
Guitar ♪ Joshua Jackson,
Alto & Soprano Saxophone ♪ G. Bjorn Delacruz
Clarinet ♪ Alan Kasmer, Tenor
Saxophone ♪ Aaron Ritchie, Flute ♪ Samantha Christilles
Trumpet ♪ Alyssa Aiello, Trumpet ♪ Gabrielle Nilla,
Trombone ♪ Tobie Baldwin, Trombone ♪ Richard Rotella,
Piano ♪ Julian Gordon, Percussion ♪ Kevin Johnson,
Drums ♪ David Henion



The Staff of Seussical...

ERIC HAFEN (Director) Since 2001, Mr. Hafen has served as the Artistic Director at the Bickford Theatre, a professional theatre located in the Morris Museum in Morristown. He has been active in the theatre for over 30 years, having acted in and directed both musicals and nonmusicals, including works Off-Broadway and regionally. He has worked with many theatre companies, including NY Actors Alliance, Theatre at the Mount, East Lynne Theatre Company, Worcester Civic Light Opera, Foothills Theatre Company, Phoenix Productions, Rainbow Theatricals, Winter Theatre Company of Boston, Black Hills Playhouse, Plays-in-the Park and the Attic Ensemble. Sample directing credits: *Sweeney Todd*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Lysistrata* (his own translation), *Butterflies are Free*, *La Cage Aux Folles*, *Sweet Charity*, *Southern Comforts*, among others. *Seussical* will be the eleventh production he has directed for SPSPDW. Mr. Hafen is associated with the Stage Directors and Choreographers Society.

LORY JACKSON (Assistant Producer) Lory first became involved with SPSPDW when it opened its very first show and with the exception of a hiatus or two she has remained involved in some form or another ever since. Lory has worked professionally on and backstage in productions throughout the area (she has theatre, film and television credits). Lory's most recent credits include *The Robber Bridegroom* and *It's A Wonderful Life*, *A Radio Play*, Edison Valley Playhouse and at The Studio Box Theatre as Mrs. Soames, *Our Town* and as Myra Green in *Crappily Ever After*.

WAYNE MALLETTE (Musical Director) Wayne is the director of Choral Activities at Summit High School. His choir program at Summit High School has performed at festivals and venues throughout the state, including performing with the Westfield Symphony for the past two seasons and performing in an episode of NBC's *Law and Order SVU*. He holds a bachelor's in music from Rutgers University, Mason Gross School of the Arts and a masters degree in music education from Northwestern University. He began musically directing shows while at Rutgers University, including *The Scarlet Pimpernel* and *Carnival*. He continues to musically direct shows throughout the State of New Jersey, and

in 2005 he was awarded the Perry Award for Outstanding Musical Director by the New Jersey Association of Community Theatres for his musical direction of the Summer Drama Workshop's production of *The Pirates of Penzance*. In 2007 he was awarded The Paper Mill Playhouse's Rising Star Award for his musical direction of Summit High School's production of *Titanic: The Musical*. That production, along with Summit's 2008 production of *Fiddler on the Roof*, garnered Mallette the Rising Star Award for Best Chorus. He was also the musical director for Summit Players' production of *Into the Woods*, which performed at 2008's Fringe Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland. Mallette also conducted the 2010 CJMEA Region II Mixed chorus. Mr. Mallette has performed in musical theatre productions throughout New Jersey. He is the choir director at Bibleway Deliverance Center in Roselle. He is a member of the American Choral Directors Association and Music Educators National Conference.

LAURIE PIRO (Choreographer) Laurie studied with Ronni DeMarco, Bob Fosse and Luigi in New York City. Her dancing can be seen in many music videos from Stray Cats to Michael Jackson. She appeared in the Bob Fosse story, *All that Jazz*. While at Boston College, she co-founded the award-winning Dance Ensemble. She was also a choreographer for the Macy's Day Parade and choreographs for the Bickford Theatre. Other regional choreographic credits: *Dance Connections*, *In Motion*, North Jersey Dance and with NJ Ballet for five years. Shows include *Pippin*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Starmites*, *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*, *Hot n' Cole*, *I Love You*, *You're Perfect*, *Now Change*, *Chicago*, *FAME* and *Grease*. Laurie will be on staff as Artistic Staff Director for Page to Stage Dramatic and Performing Arts in Basking Ridge this fall.

MATT TIETJEN (Technical Director/Set Designer) Matt is thrilled to have been offered the chance to work and design *Seussical* and hopes that everybody has as much fun with this production as he does.

DUANE COSBY (Stage Manager) is a vocal music teacher at Linden High School. Duane is currently making his directing debut

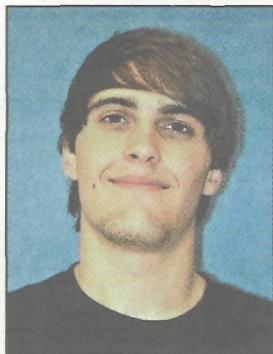
with Dramatic Expression Theater Company based out of Roselle, NJ, as well as performing in Mystic Vision Players AIDA. This will be his fourth production with SPSPDW. His previous credits include *Carousel*, *How to Succeed In Business Without Really Trying* and *Damn Yankees*.

DIANNE SEESSELBERG (Costume Coordinator) Dianne is happy to be working on her thirteenth production with SPSPDW. Along with these summer productions, Dianne is very involved behind the scenes with the revival of the Edison Valley Playhouse. She has been building costumes and props since the middle of the last century.

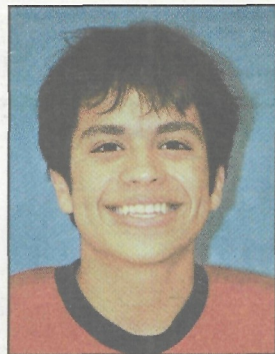
BOB SEESSELBERG (Lighting Designer) Bob is a SPSPDW alumni who worked on some of the first productions. Through the years his work has been seen at Franklin Villagers, Playhouse 22, EVP and Plays in the Park. He is being assisted by his wife Patty and his sons Matthew and Ryan.

WILLIAM MOTT (Producer) Bill Mott is entering his twelfth year of involvement with SPSPDW. He began as a parent of a student (Katie) and he volunteered to assist in the building of the sets for *The Music Man*, after which he joined the SPSPDW board, where he started as fundraising chairman, and later took on the role of vice president. All of his other children (Susan, William, and Sarah) have become involved in different roles from stage crew, to performer to intern. Bill is the president of the organization and has been the producer for *42nd Street*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Footloose*, *Crazy for You*, *Pirates of Penzance*, *The Pajama Game*, *Carousel*, *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, *Damn Yankees*, *FAME*, and this year's production: *Seussical*. Prior to becoming involved in SPSPDW, Bill an accordionist, performed as a one man band for various private occasions.

KATIE NUBER (Program Intern) Katie Nuber has been a part of SPSPDW productions since 2002 and is currently a sophomore in the Glenn School of Public Affairs at Ohio State University.



Mark Piltz



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Who's Who in Seussical...

MARK PILTZ (The Cat in the Hat) is a sophomore at Rutgers University and feels blessed to be a part of his third and final production with the SPSPDW. Previous credits include Phorisee in *Godspell*, Big Harp/ensemble in *Robber Bridegroom*, Cogsworth in *Beauty and the Beast* and Charlie Cowell in *The Music Man*. In addition, Mark originated the role of Koegan in Alexis Kozak's original play *Box of Monsters* as a part of the Cabaret Theatre's second annual original play festival. Mark would like to thank his parents, grandparents and friends for their undying support. Mark would also like to extend special thanks to Wayne, Duane, Eric, Laurie, Lory, Matt T., Katie, the crew, the pit and everyone else who made *Seussical* possible. In addition, he would like to give a "shout-out" to Sean Piersanti (his jam buddy), Will Mott (the one and only), Tyler Holoboski (GaGa's biggest fan), Corn



Mootoo (just cause), and Rocco, Skippy, Tim, C.J., Katie Salvatore and Nora (his last year buddies).

KEVIN LOPEZ (JoJo) Kevin has just graduated from South Plainfield High School, Class of 2010. This is his fourth show and first lead role. He is grateful for all the help he received from all of his friends. He would like to thank Pincola's for teaching him and helping him get his start in performing.

ROCCO SEVERINI (Horton) has appeared in over 25 productions. He was recently in the popular Shakespeare play *Much Ado About Nothing* at the Edison Valley Playhouse. He has also been in *Robber Bridegroom* (Little Harp), *It's a Wonderful Life* (Stage Manager), *Christmas Carol* (Lemon) and *Dames at Sea* (stage crew). He has been in Summer Drama Workshop since the seventh grade. He has also appeared at the Count

Basie Theatre. Rocco has been doing the Almost Famous Players' Halloween Haunted Woods performances for six years. He has been in every school play since fourth grade. He wants to thank Will for always having faith and Katie Salvatore!

CHRISTINE NAU (Sour/Young Kangaroo) is a graduate of SPHS. She has done SPSPDW since 2006. Her first production was *Carousel*. She has also performed in *HTSIBWRT* and *Damn Yankees*. During high school, she participated in Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* and *Cabaret*. This summer will be Christine's first principal role in an SPSPDW production as Sour Kangaroo. She would also like to thank her family and friends for supporting her throughout all her years.

JADE MCDONNOUGH (Gertrude McFuzz) is very excited to be in *Seussical* this year. Other shows she has been in are *FAME* (ensemble), *Damn Yankees* (baseball player) and *HTSIBWRT* (secretary). Jade is currently enrolled in the honors program at Bishop Ahr High School. She would like to thank her friends and family for their help and support.

KELLY KLINE (Mayzie LaBird) is going into her freshman year at MSU (Montclair State University) and is thrilled to be a part of her sixth production with the SPSPDW. Kelly has played Sally Bowles in *Cabaret*, Ms. Bell in *FAME*, Belle in *Beauty and the Beast*, Nancy Pollard in *Murder's in the Heir* and Lola in *Damn Yankees*. Kelly plans to pursue theater at MSU. Thanks to all who have supported me and Mark, Will and Sean for bio writing for me.

STEPHEN WAGNER (General Gengis Kahn Schmitz) This is Stephen's last year of Summer Drama. He has been performing with Summer Drama since 2007. He has also performed in high school plays, including *Jekyll & Hyde*, *The Music Man* and *Beauty and the Beast*. He is very excited for this year and thanks everyone in the staff for their excellent work.

WILL MOTT (Yertle Turtle/Wickersham Brother) has been with SPSPDW for seven years. He spent the first three backstage on Stage Crew for *Pirates of Penzance*, *The Pajama Game* and *Carousel*. He made his acting debut in *HTSIBWRT* (policeman), and appeared as Van Buren in *Damn Yankees*. He also was a member of the SPHS production of *The Music Man* (Constable), *Beauty and the Beast* (LeFou) and *Cabaret* (Bobby). "Break a Leg" to the cast and crew.

CORY SINGER (Mr. Mayor) has been acting for five years. This is his twelfth production. His most recent roles were

Heir Schultz (*Cabaret*), Rufus Jones (*Murder in the Heir*) and Goody (*FAME*) in last year's SPSPDW's production. Cory would like to thank everyone for giving him the opportunity to play another role. Break a leg everyone!

ERIN O'CONNER (Mrs. Mayor) is so excited to be performing in her fifth Summer Drama production. Since second grade, she has performed in over 20 plays and musicals. Thanks to her crazy friends and to her family for enduring a month of Seuss music before the show even opens. To the cast, crew, staff and pit: "Break a Leg!"

JOEY PALAZZO (Grinch) will be a junior at SPHS come September, and is thrilled to be back for another performance with SPSPDW! Joey has been a performer since age seven. Some of his most recent works are *Cabaret* (Emcee), *FAME* (Joe Vegas) and *Beauty and the Beast* (Lumiere), along with many others. Joey attends Kelsea's Performing Arts Center (KPAC) for jazz, ballet, tap, lyrical and acting/musical theatre classes. He studies voice with Doris Younken and participates in the Almost Famous Players' Haunted Woods Tour in the fall. Joey would like to thank his parents and his honeybee for everything they have done.

Bird Girls

CHRISTINA FERRER (Bird Girl/Hunch) This is Christina's second musical. Her first was *Cabaret* for South Plainfield High School. She enjoys acting, singing and dancing. She hopes to be in many more productions in the future. Christina also enjoys playing guitar and aspires to be a performer and a chef. She is also in the South Plainfield Marching Band and Choir.

CASIDHE HOLOBOSKI (Bird Girl) is psyched to be a part of the SPSPDW cast for another year. She is a dancer at Ms. Doreen's Fabulous Feet in Metuchen. She has performed in the annual Nutcracker. Casidhe has been in *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*, *Pirates of Penzance*, *How to Eat Like a Child* and *FAME*. When Casidhe isn't at the dance studio, she is shooting a hilarious movie with Brett or hanging out poolside. She would like to thank Laurie, Wayne, Eric and Duane for making this year the bomb and give an extra thanks to Tyler for cheering her on and for being the best brother in the whole world. To the cast, "This year was best! Stay lookin' HOT!"

JORDAN KATOWICH (Bird Girl) is going to be a junior at SPHS. In her free time, she enjoys being awesome. She has been with The Almost Famous Players for three years. She has also performed in SPHS's *Beauty and the Beast* (dancer), *Cabaret* (KitKat Girl) and *Murder's in the Heir* (Miss Trent). Other performances include *Damn Yankees* (SPSPDW) and *Robber Bridegroom* (Edison Valley Playhouse). When not on stage, she enjoys messing with lights. She'd like to thank everyone involved with the show for the amazing experience. This performance is dedicated to her one true love, Batman. "Autobots, roll out!"

KRISTINA PALAZZO (Bird Girl) recently graduated from South Plainfield High School and will be attending Montclair State University this fall. This is her fourth show with SPSPDW, having previously appeared in *H2S*, *Damn Yankees* and *FAME*. Kristina studied acting, dance and musical theatre at Kelsea's Performing Arts Center (KPAC) and has taken vocal lessons with Doris Younken for the past two years. She has also been a member of Almost Famous Players for the past four years. Kristina would like to thank everyone who has dedicated their time and effort to making *Seussical* an amazing show.

KATIE SALVATORE (Bird Girl/Fish) This is Katie's second and final production with SPSPDW. She will be going into her second year at MCC and is pursuing a career in teaching. Katie would like to thank Eric, Laurie, Wayne and everyone else who put so much time and effort into this year's production of *Seussical*. She would also like to thank the entire cast and crew for making her last year a memorable one! Good luck, guys!

DANIELLE TRAMUTOLA (Bird Girl) is going to be a senior at SPHS. This is her third year with SPSPDW. She has also been in *FAME* (Lambchops), *Damn Yankees* and *Cabaret*. Danielle is involved with the Edison Valley Playhouse and Almost Famous Players. She is very excited to be a part of this production and would like to thank her wonder twin for being amazing.

Wickersham Brothers

TYLER HOLOBOSKI (Wickersham Brother) is thrilled to be back at SPSPDW in *Seussical*. Tyler has been dancing for 13 years at Ms. Doreen's Fabulous Feet in Metuchen. He also student teaches tap, jazz and lyrical; and competes in the competition team. When he isn't dancing, he can be seen blasting Lady GaGa in his friends' cars or reading any book he can get his hands on. Before joining SPSPDW last year, Tyler had played in *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown* (Charlie Brown), *Pirates of Penzance* (Samuel), *Beauty and the Beast* (The Baker/Pepper Shaker) and *Seussical* (The Cat in the Hat). He would like to personally thank Lady GaGa for getting him through some really tough, emotional times and for being such a great influence. He would like to thank Laurie, Wayne, Duane and Eric, for without them the show would not be possible. He would like to thank his family, especially Casidhe, for putting up with the insanity and for being so supportive. To the cast he would like to say, "Have a great show and make Lady GaGa proud. I love you all!"

RYAN LIND (Wickersham Brother) Ryan is a senior at Bishop Ahr High School and is excited to be back at SPSPDW again this year. This is Ryan's third year with SPSPDW (he has worked on *Carousel* and *FAME*). Most recently he has been in *Androcles and the Lion* (Androcles), *The Wizard of Oz* (the coroner, a tree and a jitterbug), *A Christmas Carol* (ensemble), *Little Shop of Horrors* (ensemble) and *Much Ado About Nothing* (Antonio). He thanks his parents for supporting him and his family and friends.

SEAN PIERSANTI (Wickersham Brother/Cadet) This is Sean's second production with SPSPDW. His first production was *FAME*. He is a graduate of Bishop Ahr High School, Class of 2010. This past spring, he performed in his school's production of *The Wizard of Oz* (Winkie/Ozzian). This fall he will be attending the College of New Jersey, majoring in Interactive Multi Media. Sean enjoys performing with SPSPDW and meeting new friends.

DANNY SIMS (Wickersham Brother) This will mark Danny's fifth production with SPSPDW and he couldn't be more thrilled to be a part of *Seuss!* Danny will be a junior this fall at South Plainfield High School and will also continue his fifth year of dance and musical theatre training at KPAC and third year of voice training with the wonderful Doris Younken. Past acting credits include *Cabaret* (Cliff Bradshaw), *Thoroughly Modern Millie* (Jimmy Smith), *Fame* (Nick Piazza), *Beauty and the Beast*, *High School Musical*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Cheaper by the Dozen*, *Murder's in the Heir* and many, many more. Danny would like to thank the fantastic production staff and cast of *Seussical* for making this an unforgettable summer!

Sports

TIGER SHARKS SWIM TEAM By Cheryl Nagel-Smiley

Tiger Sharks Win Another Meet

The Tiger Sharks Swim Team won another swim meet on July 7 at the East Brunswick Community Pool with a final score of 161-112.

The boys started the meet placing first in the individual medley events. Taking home blue ribbons were M. Stanik (10 and under), D. Galarza (11/12) and A. Gurrieri (13-18). The girls turned around and did the same for the longer freestyle events. In the 10 and under age group, C. Carter, A. Marish and D. Fung placed first, second and third respectively. Megan McDermott placed first for the 11/12 age group, and sisters Emily and Gracie Piekarski placed first and third for the 13-18 age group.

In the butterfly, M. Stanik (9/10) and Marcel Green (13/14) placed first, while Harrison Anesh (eight and under), A. Galarza (9/10) and P. Stanik (11/12) placed second.

In the breaststroke events, K. Tam was the only eight and under to place with a third place ribbon. In the 9/10 age group J. Yan, C. Carter, and A. Marish swept their age group taking a first, second and third place. B. Tang (11/12) and A. Huber (13/14) also placed first in breaststroke. For the 15-18 girls, C. Butrico and M. Valentino placed second and third.

The boys freestyle events gave Joseph Anesh (eight and under) a third place ribbon. A. Galarza and B. Tang won second and third place ribbons for the 9/10 boys. D. Galarza (11/12), Marcel Green (13/14), and A. Gurrieri (15-18) took home blue ribbons for placing first. P. Stanik (11/12) and C.

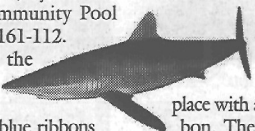
Butrico (13/14) received second place red ribbons.

In the backstroke events once again K. Tam was the only eight and under to place with a white third place ribbon. The 9/10 girls took first and second by D. Fung and J. Yan. The 11/12 girls took first and second by B. Tang and M. McDermott. In the 13/14 age group, A. Huber was the only girl to place with a third place ribbon. E. Piekarski took home a first place blue ribbon for the 15-18 age group.

The team was able to win four out of the six relays which gave the Tiger Sharks the win. Swimming the girls free relay in the 9-12 age group were M. McDermott, D. Fung, B. Tang and C. Carter. In the 13-18 age group were S. Soto, A. Huber, M. Valentino and G. Piekarski.

The boys swam the medley relays. Swimming in the eight and under age group were J. O'Shaunessy, D. Faustini, H. Anesh and J. Anesh. The 13-18 boys were A. Gurrieri, M. Green, I. Muhlgeier and C. Butrico.

The Tiger Sharks would like to thank Coaches Mary and Jen Otlowski for sponsoring and organizing the Swim-A-Thon in memory of former coach Robin Cone. There were many swimmers from the Tiger Sharks, former team members, coaches, parents and family who attended the event raising money for the Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation. This will be an annual event in memory of Robin.



Members of the South Plainfield High School Football Tigers along with Coach Phil McGuane and members of his staff participate in the first Darren Gorman Football clinic.

Eagles Football Holds Football Clinic

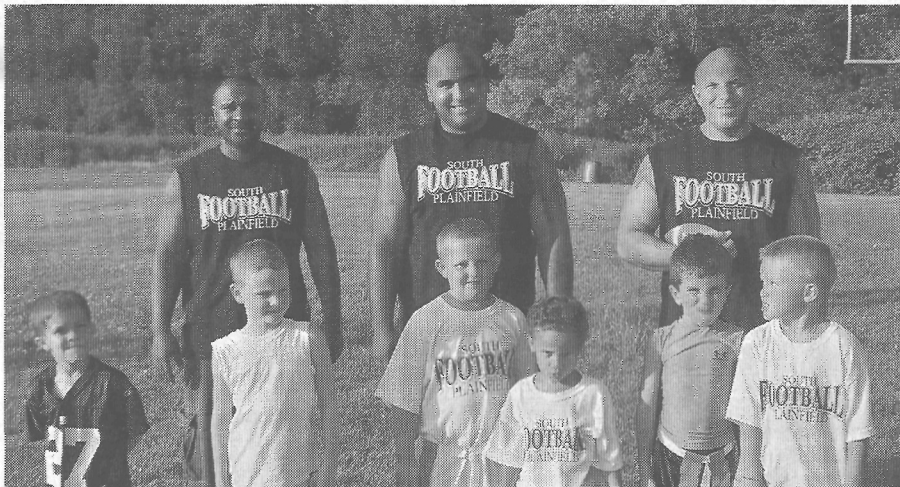
This past week marked the first Darren Gorman Football Clinic sponsored by the South Plainfield Eagles, along with the assistance of Coach Phil McGuane, the South Plainfield Tigers Varsity Football coach. The turnout was better than expected and all the kids had fun in a relaxed, safe learning environment.

Coach McGuane, along with some

of his staff and players, handled the older participants and ran them through various drills to teach them offense, defense, special teams and other parts of the game of football. As for the younger participants, who will be playing flag this year, Ty Crudup, Kevin Dunn, Bob Ginda and Ernie Nieves began teaching the boys about the sport of football.

The Eagles would like to thank Coach McGuane along with his coaching staff and high school football players for donating their time. The Eagles would especially like to thank all the children who attended.

All the funds collected will go towards a scholarship fund in the name of Darren Gorman to be awarded to a graduating senior of the Class of 2011.



Young participants in the Pop Warner Eagles Football program learn skills from SPHS football coaches at the Darren Gorman Football clinic.

By Gary Lampasona

JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES

Fall Ball Registration

It's hot and muggy, but not too early to start thinking about fall baseball. From ages seven to 14, we'll be playing exciting and fun baseball beginning in September.

For new players age seven, you must turn seven before May 1, 2011 (bring birth certificate).

Registration fee is \$75; registration

will be held on

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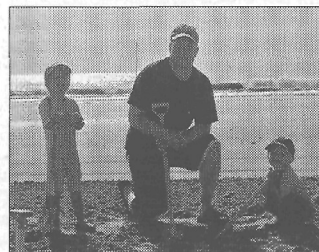
THE CORY KLINE MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

September 29, 2010

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Please join the friends and family of Cory Kline as we honor his memory in the inaugural Cory Kline Memorial Golf Tournament. All proceeds will go to his wife, Nicole, and children, Elizabeth and Jaxon.

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	Reception/Lunch	1:30 PM
	Awards	2:00 PM
	Completion	2:30 PM
*Players must arrive by 8:00am		
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Contests	Longest Drive	
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Awards	1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd place	
Cost	\$150 per player	



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Sports

Obituaries

Submitted By Bob Nilan

Joe Diller was the medalist for the league last week when he turned in a sparkling even-par 33, and he put together another terrific round this week, a 2-over 35, to power his first-place Twin City team to a 12-8 victory over McCriskin's Home For Funerals. Diller got his usual fine support from Guy Severini who posted a 38. Good old reliable Mark "Mr. Steady" Chichvar shot a 37 for McCriskin's.

Rich Pelligrino and his buddies on the Italian American Club took full advantage of the handicap system in besting Oak Tree Dental, 12-8. Pelligrino earned the medal for his team with a 41. Martin Lillis of Oak Tree Dental had to feel more than a bit frustrated by the loss after registering a beautiful 1-over 34 only to see his team lose the match. Robert Pomovets (who incidentally plans to listen to the advice of his dear old dad permanently) continues to scorch his drives and show a nice touch on the greens as he carded a 3-over 36, and Marty Van De Vaarst contributed a 38, all in a losing effort.

Jeff Orth of the defending champions, 2 Buds, 2 Dubs, put all the elements of his fine game together and fired a marvelous 1-over 34, but his fine performance was just not enough as KC's Korner went on to record their ninth victory, the best record in the league. Tony Cotone, Jr. is on fire this year and had another gem, a 2-over 35, a score that was matched by the talented fill-in, Mike Behr.

No one in the league is playing better than Sean "The Birdie Guy" Brooks who obviously relishes hot, humid weather. Brooks was absolutely superb in carding a 1-under 32 to earn the medal for the night. Witty's Liquors needed his excellent performance as they earned a narrow 12-8 win over Sport & Social. Bob Chase of Witty's had a nice round of 38 while Frank Mathews and Dennis Bibby

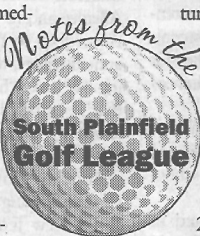
turned in a pair of 38s for Sport & Social.

Jerry Foglia of the Roughriders was briefed about the unique rally cap that Danny Griffin of Alfie's Boys sported last week and Foglia, who dreads no dreadlocks, rose to the challenge and shot a terrific 2-over 35, a score that was matched by Andy "The Caddie Comedian" Hayward as the Roughriders went on to blow out Alfie's Boys, 20-0. The final score does not reflect how well both teams played; Fran Weingart managed to match some nice play around and on the greens with his massive drives in carding a 38. Alfie's Boys got very solid performances from Mark Gokey who had a 36, from Mike Gokey who shot 39, and from Mike King who also had a 39. For Alfie's Boys it was tough to shoot that well and still get stampeded by the fired up Roughriders.

After gaining this huge win, the Roughriders held a secret team meeting and voted unanimously that Captain Bob Nilan should take his grandchildren to Point Pleasant every Tuesday for wrist band rides. In fact, the team said they would gladly pay the admission for Fionnuala and Declan to ride free each week.

It's a pleasure watching a masterful golfer like Tom Kaufman (of Gotham City fame) of the Polish National Home tour the West Nine course he knows so well. Kaufman played beautifully and had a 33, but his splendid solo effort was not enough to overcome the fine team effort from Unique Sports Accessories who gained a 14-6 victory. Chris Dillon really has his game together as he shot a superb-round of 33. Ted Stanick keeps ripping his drives down the middle and had another fine round of 35, and Mike Dillon pitched in with a 39.

Low scores for the night: Sean Brooks, 32; Tom Kaufman, 33; Chris Dillon, 33; Martin Lillis, 34; Jeff Orth, 34; Andy Hayward, 35; Jerry Foglia, 35; Joe Diller, 35; Ted Stanick, 35; Tony Cotone, Jr. 35; Mike Behr, 35.



Art Muglia's longtime friends (L-R): Eric Giuliano, Vito Tamborrino and Bob Longo.

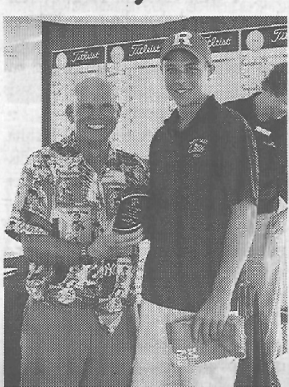
Art Muglia Golf Tournament Raises Funds for Matheny School

The seventh annual Art Muglia Memorial Golf Tournament was held on July 9 at the beautiful Heron Glen Golf Course in Ringoes. Thanks to the golfers generosity and the generosity of many friends of Art Muglia, a check for \$4,500 was given to Art's favorite charity, The Matheny School, home to children and adults with developmental disabilities.

Although no one made a hole in one to win either a car or \$10,000, 60 golfers did give it their best.

Individual honors went to Doug Walters for men's long drive and men's low gross score; Marie Sileo for woman's low gross and woman's longest drive; men's low net honors was achieved by John Reck; ladies low net champion was Linda Frankenshan; senior longest drive was hit by Jim Sileo, and closest to the pin was achieved by Joseph Muglia.

After golf a delicious barbecue lunch and lots of beverages were enjoyed, while fond remembrances of Art's, "If you're on time, you're late"



Jim Muglia presents the Men's Low Gross champion trophy to Doug Walters.

philosophy, his charter presidency of the South Plainfield Business Association, and his love of family was shared by all.

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The South Plainfield Recreation Department Summer Parks Program wrapped up their camp season this week at each of the elementary schools. Counselors spent the day entertaining children with games of wiffle ball, basketball, frisbee and indoor crafts.

policereport

- On July 13 Derek B. Brown, 28, of Plainfield was arrested for failure to wear a seat belt and three outstanding warrants.
- On July 14 Ricardo Antonio Maldonado, 33, of Browns Mills was arrested for careless driving, driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.
- Peggy Marie Saunders, 51, of South Brunswick was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.
- William D. Lynch, 50, of Edison was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, leaving the scene of an accident and failure to report an accident.
- A Melrose Avenue resident reported that the trunk of his vehicle had been spray painted.
- On July 17 Paul Wierzbicki, 27, of Manville was arrested for simple assault.
- A Christopher Avenue resident reported that their mailbox had been snapped off its post.
- On July 18 Jyotindra R. Amin, 56, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated.
- A West Crescent Parkway resident reported that the rope lighting around their rear deck had been broken, two condoms were found on the deck and the chain link fence was knocked off its posts.
- On July 19 Antonio M. Ixcuna, 31, of Plainfield was arrested for displaying a fraudulent inspection sticker, unlicensed driver, failure to inspect, driving on a suspended license, display of unclear license plates, failure to wear a seat belt and three outstanding warrants.
- Carlos D. Cortijo, 18, of Piscataway was arrested for maintenance of lamps and an outstanding warrant.

OSHA Fines Sodexo For Safety Violations

(Continued from page 1)
going to be spending \$200,000 more on a custodial company because some language is slightly off," said Butrico. Roselle stated that the board had to make a decision prior to June 30 when Sodexo's contract extension expired. Last week New York State Attorney General Andrew Cuomo successfully sued Sodexo and won a \$20M settlement. Sodexo, who is also a food service provider, promised to provide goods at cost but failed to acknowledge rebates from suppliers resulting in illegal overcharges to 21 school districts, the State University of New York and state facilities, including a center for abused, neglected and abandoned children.

The company released this statement on their website: "Sodexo re-

mains committed to ethical business practices and maintaining strong relationships with its clients. Sodexo is proud of our track record of corporate responsibility and contribution to the U.S. economy. Sodexo operates in partnership with more than six thousand clients with a client retention rate of more than 95 percent, providing jobs and opportunities for more than 120,000 employees throughout the United States."

For over a decade, Sodexo has also maintained their status as the lowest or lone bidder each year for the school district's food service contract.

The company was launched in 1966 by Chairman Pierre Bellon in Marseille, France, initially serving company restaurants, schools and hospitals. During the 1970s, the company

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Council Approves Amended Budget

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Finance Committee Chair Councilman Ray Rusnak said, "It was a very long process to get to this point. I would like to thank the Finance Committee for their work in putting this budget together. As I said at the last public hearing, I believe we have done what we set out to do in the beginning—giving the taxpayers relief and still maintaining the services that the citizens of South Plainfield demand."

"The budget that was passed has over a one million dollar increase in taxes," said Butas. "This is unacceptable anytime, but especially during these tough economic times. The Republicans are saying that there is actually a decrease in taxes, but that is not due to the budget, but instead of how prior tax quarters were billed out." She stated that she had presented many solutions to the Finance Committee that would have further reduced the tax levy, but those suggestions were ignored. "I

had no choice but to vote no."

Council President Matt Anesh thanked CFO Glenn Cullen and the entire council for their hard work. "Even with the loss in state aid, increasing pension and healthcare costs, the council was able to cut spending and keep vital services intact. Perhaps even more important is the fact that the borough is well positioned for the 2011 calendar year budget as many of the changes enacted this year will continue to provide cost savings into the future," said Anesh.

"They [Republicans] continue to tell people that the reason they are seeing a lower tax bill is because of actions they took which is just plain inaccurate—some might even say lying," said Butrico.

Most of the savings to the borough, according to CFO Glenn Cullen, came from the large number of employees retiring recently, saving the borough almost \$700,000. Job titles

have also been combined and positions eliminated through attrition. Hiring retired employees back at significantly lower wages in part-time positions has also saved money by not having to pay vacation and sick time to full-time employees who received high salaries. With a good deal of additional workers scheduled to retire in the near future, Cullen anticipates a savings of approximately \$1.2M in salaries in 2011. With the workforce down, Cullen still feels that borough services will not suffer and services will not be compromised. He even anticipates hiring several part-time workers next year.

Even though the municipal portion of the tax bill will be lower this year, the county tax rate has increased from .736 in 2009 to .804 in 2010. The school tax is down slightly from 2.824 to 2.799 and the open space fund is .058, down from .084.

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The success of this year's event will allow us to donate over \$30,000 to the JFK Medical Center and brings our 10-year total to over \$260,000. We have continued to expand our relationship with the JFK Medical Center and after numerous meetings with them this year, we are proud to announce that we will be opening the COACHES Care Therapeutic Learning Center for Children. While our focus this year has been on children with brain tumors, the beauty of the room is that it will be flexible enough to handle those children and an even broader scope as well. Thom Lanza and I had a first hand look at what transpires in the center and we are proud to partner with JFK and lend our support to the children.

To the Big Man, how about your big bro in the putting and chipping finals? Thanks for the great weather and hope you enjoyed seeing everyone together again. To RH, another year of not taking any day for granted and our hope for a senior year to remember.

To all our participants, thank you for making each year more rewarding than the previous one, and we will see you on June 11, 2011.

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Eagle Scout Project Provides Access to Highland Woods Trail

SPHS Senior Will Continue With Volunteer Projects at Nature Center

South Plainfield High School senior Joseph Ifrach completed his Eagle Scout project in June with a little help from his friends.

Joseph's Eagle project entailed building a 100-foot wooden boardwalk along a soggy trail at Highland Woods Nature Reserve, no easy task given that the site had no convenient access to bring in construction material.

This proved to be no problem as Joseph divided the boardwalk into sections and coordinated the construction at home. As the sections were built, they were transported to and temporarily stored at the Nature Center. Early on the morning of June 13, Joseph and a bevy of helpers carried the boardwalk sections to the designated area for assembly. Fellow Scouts from Troop 207 of the American Legion, Scout leaders, fathers and school friends lent a helping hand in a smooth

and coordinated effort. Moms delivered pizza and supplied cooling drinks in the heat. By mid-afternoon, the project was completed.

Joseph will receive his Eagle Scout designation in a formal ceremony in the fall. John Mocharski is the Scout Unit Leader, and Richard Franzson represented the Unit Advancement Committee.

Joseph has continued his volunteer work at the Nature Reserve by monitoring the Wild Bird Feeding Station and will assist with educational programming at the Nature Center this fall.

The boardwalk became the sixth Eagle Scout project completed at Highland Woods Nature Reserve since 1997.

For further information on available Eagle Scout projects, contact Dorothy Miele at spnaturerails@verizon.net.



Scouts and volunteers join Joseph Ifrach (standing, fifth from left) in completing the installation of a boardwalk in the Highland Woods Environmental Reserve. Standing (L-R) are Joe Nicastro, Glenn Edridge, Richard Rotella, Troy Harzula, Ifrach, Jorgen Holterman, James Conrad, Mr. Harzula and Ed Sullivan. Seated (L-R) are Mike Schaeffer, Izhak Ifrach, Dorothy Miele of the Friends of the Woods and Eric Holterman. Not pictured, but also lending a helping hand on June 13 to install the boardwalk, are Susan Ifrach, Joe and Helene Nicastro, Patrick Foy, Brian and Mr. McCarthy, Douglas and Richard Veit and Chris Duffy.

Expect Miracles: Tiger Nation for Nancy Aug. 26

Nancy McMahon, resident of South Plainfield for 16 years, was suddenly stricken with a serious heart malfunction and recently received a



Tiger Nation for Nancy

Nancy is sponsoring a softball game versus 95.5 WPLJ on Thursday, Aug. 26 at 7 p.m. at the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club (Field 4).

Food, drinks and prizes will be available from the WPLJ Fan Van. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the PAL Building on Maple Avenue. Checks can be made payable to South Plainfield PAL, with "Nancy McMahon" in the memo. Please help support Nancy and her family in their time of need.

For more information, call Kevin Hughes at (908) 226-5596.

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Old Timers Deliver Get Well Wishes to Local Girl

By Jean Fultz

The Old Timers Motorcycle Club, gearing up to host the fifth annual Run For The Children Battling Cancer on Sunday, Oct. 3, decided to bring some good cheer to a local girl. Jillian Bengivenga, 8, the daughter of Tony and Christine Bengivenga of South Plainfield, recently slipped and fell and suffered a painful broken leg.

On Sunday morning, a contingent of motorcycle club members rode to Jillian's home, complete with balloons, a "get well soon" sign and a huge, pink teddy bear outfitted in an Old Timers t-shirt. The sign was handmade by Rebecca Rhein, daughter of club president Greg Rhein. Rebecca also rode on the back of her dad's motorcycle, along with the teddy bear.

Jillian and sister Gina, 11, attend Sacred Heart School, while older sister Jenna, 15, attends Mother Seton High School in Clark. Jillian loves her many pets, especially Milo, the family dog that mom, Christine, rescued from a shelter.



Greg Rhein, president of the Old Times Motorcycle Club, signs the cast of eight year old Jillian Bengivenga while her mom Christine supports her leg.

The Old Timers Motorcycle Club and Century 21 Moretti Realty, along with Open Your Heart to Children Battling Cancer Foundation, Inc., will again team up to raise funds for local families with children battling cancer on October 3. A car show will also be

held in conjunction with the run, organized by Ron Fusco.

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