



**CELEBRATING READING...**The first graders who have participated in a Reading Recovery or Literacy Group Program in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district were recently invited to a Reading Celebration at School One Elementary. During the event, Maurice Shell read to his mother and demonstrated the progress he made this year on his journey to become a reader and writer.

## Twenty-Six Students Earn Adele deLeeuw Scholarships

AREA - Twenty-six students received scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000 at an awards dinner on June 15 at the Italian-American Progressive League in South Plainfield.

Approximately \$30,000 in total was distributed by the Adele deLeeuw Scholarship Fund, a fund of the Plainfield Foundation, which is financed from a bequest by Ms. DeLeeuw, a longtime Plainfield resident, author of 80 books, journalist and arts activist.

Two college seniors who have won deLeeuw scholarships for four consecutive years were honored as Adele deLeeuw Senior Scholars. They include Sarah Anderson of Fanwood, who is a photography major at Rhode Island School of Design and Allison Tietjen of South Plainfield, a biomedical engineering major at Stevens Institute of Technology.

Sarah and Allison were each awarded \$1,000.

Winners from the graduating class of 2004 included, from Plainfield

### Gil Arbitsman Placed On Spring Dean's List

WESTFIELD - Drew University in Madison announced that Gil Arbitsman has been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2004 semester.

Gil recently completed his freshman year with a 3.89 grade point average.

He is also a member of Drew University's Rangers men's lacrosse team, where he plays attack and middle. The team finished its season with a record of 8-6.

### Sara Baer Graduates Boston University

SCOTCH PLAINS - Boston University in Boston, Mass., awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Communication to Scotch Plains resident Sara Baer. She graduated magna cum laude.



**OUT IN THE FIELD...**On June 7, Evergreen Elementary School Physical Education teacher Ray Ciecisz held his second annual Field Day for the students. The emphasis of the event is to get out and exercise while having fun. The students participated in a variety of games such as relay races, tug-of-war, barrel ball basketball, parachute fun and water games. The fourth graders faced off against the teachers and staff in an all-out tug-of-war battle. The fourth graders won.

## Local Dean's List Students Told by Bucknell University

AREA - Westfield and Scotch Plains pupils attending Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa. have been placed on the Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement during the spring 2004 semester.

Elisabeth Salemme of Westfield, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Salemme, was placed on the roster. Fellow Westfield resident Judy Mathew was also placed on the list.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mathew.

Scotch Plains residents Steven Doremus, Michael Heinrich and Jacqueline Klock also earned Dean's List status.

Steven is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Doremus, Michael is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Heinrich, and Jacqueline is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Connie Klock.

## Scott Joseph Pober Earns NJSCPA Accounting Grant

FANWOOD - Scott Joseph Pober, a resident of Fanwood and a Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School student, was recently awarded a \$3,500 accounting scholarship from the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants (NJSCPA) Union Chapter Awards.



Scott Pober

The grant was presented at the 44th Annual NJSCPA Scholarship Awards Ceremony on April 22 at the Sheraton in Iselin, where more than \$250,000 was awarded to nearly 70 New Jersey high school and college students.

"It's an honor and privilege to have received a NJSCPA award," said Scott.

# Arts & Entertainment

## Paper Mill Playhouse Grants Awards to Westfield High

WESTFIELD - On June 8, Westfield High School's (WHS) spring musical production *Evita* was in the spotlight at Paper Mill Playhouse's annual Rising Star Award ceremonies.

WHS' Ryan Leonard captured the Best Actor in a Musical award for his portrayal as Che Guevara in *Evita*, competing against 114 other actors.

WHS also received the Educational Impact Award for incorporating the historical, political and cultural lessons in *Evita* into the classroom. Led by Suzanne Jacobus of WHS and Lynne Gerber at Roosevelt Intermediate School, an entire curriculum unit was developed around the production for intermediate and high school students in the Spanish foreign language program.

Joe Nierle, WHS drama teacher, received Honorable Mention for the Best Production, Erica Cenci, a WHS graduate, received Honorable Mention for Best Choreography and the school also was acknowledged with an Honorable Mention for Outstanding Performance for a Chorus.

Samantha Hooper-Hamersley had been nominated as Best Actress for her starring role as Evita. A nomination for Best Lighting was also added to the recognitions for the school.

A total of 115 schools competed for top honors.

Following the award ceremony, which recognized the quality of WHS' production of *Evita*, Nierle said, "Without a doubt, our students rose above all the levels of expectations in this production."



"Harvey Cedars Boat" by Sandy Anton

Photo Courtesy of and copy-written by Sandy Anton

## Community Band to Welcome Talents of Kaplan and Parisi

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Community Band, under the direction of Elias Zareva, will continue its Summer Concert series on Thursday evening, June 24, at 7:30 p.m. in Mindowaskin Park in Westfield.

In the event of rain, the concert will be held in the Assembly Hall at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield, at the rear entrance to the church.

The evening will feature Helene Kaplan, a resident of Basking Ridge, who is in her second season playing the tuba with the Community Band. Kaplan will perform the tuba solo *Asleep in the Deep*.

She has performed on percussion and low brass instruments in various musical groups from grade school through college. She has been a member of several regional and All-State ensembles and has played at Lincoln Center with the Ridgewood Symphony Orchestra.

Kaplan also performs with the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts Concert Band.

A highlight for the evening will include one of the band's members taking the baton, as Glenn Parisi leads the band in the *American Folk Rhapsody* by Clare Grundman. He is in his first year of performing on the trumpet with the Westfield Community Band.

Parisi is a music educator in the Plainfield public schools, having taught general and vocal music for children in kindergarten through fourth grade for the past 13 years.

Other features of the evening will



SOLOIST...Helene Kaplan will perform the tuba solo, *Asleep in the Deep* in the band's June 24 concert.

include *El Capitan* by John P. Sousa, *Procession of the Nobles* by Rimsky Korsakov and *Die Fledermaus Overture* by Johann Straus.

The Westfield Community Band's Summer Concert series will continue on Thursday, July 1, 8 and 15 in Mindowaskin Park, Westfield. All events are free to the public, and it is suggested that the audience bring lawn chairs or blankets.

The series is sponsored by the Westfield Recreation Department, Bruce Kaufmann, Director.

For more information, please contact (908) 789-4080.

## Radio/TV Personality Berg Will Visit Theater Project

CRANFORD - Adriane Berg, a radio and television personality, will lead a post-performance panel discussion after the 8 p.m. performance of *Top Girls* at 10:30 p.m. A book signing will follow.



Adriane Berg

Berg will discuss changing roles of women in society as reflected in *Top Girls* at 10:30 p.m. A book signing will follow.

Berg can be heard on Sundays, from 10 a.m. to noon, from coast to coast, on the Business Talk Radio Network. She is the author of 13 books on personal finance, and she is a frequent

guest on "The Oprah Winfrey Show," "Live With Regis and Kelly," "Good Morning America" and "CNN Financial Network."

During her visit to the Theater Project, she will share her insights about the challenges successful working women face in a rapidly changing society.

The event will be held at Roy Smith Theater in Union County College, 1033 Springfield Avenue in Cranford. Tickets are \$18 for general admission and \$10 for students.

For more information and to order tickets, please call (908) 659-5189.

## Pingry Lower School Tells Local Award Recipients

BERNARDS TOWNSHIP - During a special ceremony commemorating the outstanding work of students, Pingry School Headmaster John Neiswender and Lower School Director Ted Corvino presented awards for academics, citizenship and improvement to local students.

Some students received Honor Roll distinction, while others earned the John Pingry Award, which is given to students in each grade beginning in the first grade, who exemplify the values taught by the school's founder.

John Pingry Award winners exhibit citizenship, live the honor code and are constant reminders to do one's best. These pupils are chosen each year by the faculty.

Westfield resident Alexander Daifotis, a sixth grader, was placed on the Honor Roll. Samuel Fisher, another sixth grader from Westfield, earned the John Pingry Award.

Kasra Manoocheri, a fifth grader,

David Robusto, a first grader, and Neeraj Shekhar, a second grader, also received the John Pingry Award.

Fifth grader Whitney Weldon received a Citizenship Award.

Berkeley Heights student Jennifer Soong, a sixth grader, was placed on the Honor Roll.

### Daniel Blonsky Earns Honors and Graduates Wausau East High School

WESTFIELD - Daniel Blonsky, the grandson of Milford Blonsky and the late Miriam Blonsky, both of Westfield, graduated with honors from Wausau East High School in Wausau, Wis.

He will attend the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wis. as an honors student studying biology.

This summer, Daniel will travel around the country, performing with the Blue Stars Drum and Bugle Corps as a contra player.



THIS LITTLE PIGGY...Kindergarten students from Trish Corcoran's morning class at Franklin Elementary School in Westfield wrote an original play, *Our Own Version of the Three Little Pigs*, which was selected to be performed by the professional theater company, Child's Play. The kindergartners are pictured, above, with the Child's Play actors and Ms. Corcoran, pictured, top row on right.

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