



**HONORING AN ATHLETE...**Joining Mountainside resident and Governor Livingston High School senior Chris Bergeski in signing his national letter of intent to play football at Southern Connecticut State University, pictured, left to right, are: Governor Livingston head football coach Terry Hanratty, Michael Bergeski, Chris, Maryanne Bergeski and Governor Livingston athletic director Bill Howard.

## Highlander Bergeski Signs National Letter of Intent

By FRED K. LECOMTE  
Specially for The Leader and The Times

On February 2, Mountainside resident Chris Bergeski signed the national letter of intent to play football at Southern Connecticut State University in the fall of 2005.

The Governor Livingston High School, 6'-1", 190-pound senior was a first team, all county, all area running back who rushed for 850 yards, scored 14 touchdowns, caught 24 passes for 350 yards, averaged 41 yards per punt, had six interceptions and 58 tackles.

"Playing for the Highlanders and Coach Joe Hubert for three years was a lot of fun and something I will never forget," said Mr. Bergeski.

### St. Helen's 8th Boys Run Record to 22-0

The St. Helen's eighth grade boys basketball team ran its regular-season record to 22-0 with four more victories this past week. St. Helen's is 8-0 in Union County CYO, 8-0 in Perth Amboy Catholic League (PACL) and 6-0 Our Lady of Peace (OLP) Varsity action.

In Union County CYO action, St. Helen's defeated Assumption behind 27 points from Jimmy Reardon and 11 points from Bret DeFazio. Also in Union County CYO action, St. Helen's Blue bounced St. Helen's White behind 13 points from Reardon and nine from Tony Dilorio. Kyle Marsh and Kevin Boyle each chipped in seven.

In the PACL action, St. Helens knocked off St. John Vianney behind 14 points from Matt Isabella, nine from Reardon and eight from Chris Sheehan. In OLP Varsity League, St. Helen's knocked off previously unbeaten St. Mary's of South Amboy behind 18 points from Isabella and 11 from Sheehan.

## FSPY 'A' and 'C' Girls Fare Well in Gymnastics Meet

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA (FSPY) "C" Division gymnastics team joined its "A" team for a combined meet on January 29. Hosting "C" teams from South Mountain and Montclair, the FSPY team earned its first win of the year.

In the 9U age group, Kacie Bumiller placed first all-around, capturing first on vault, second on uneven bars and floor exercise, and third on balance beam. Coming in second all-around, Lauren Lockfield placed first on bars and beam. Jenna Gould and Marissa DiBella tied for third on vault, while DiBella also finished second on beam. Zoe Stein placed first on floor and second on vault.

For the (10-11s), Kaitlyn Frey captured first all-around, placing first on bars, second on vault and floor, and third on beam. Alexa Vvino took second all-around, first on vault, second on bars and fourth on floor. Katie Buchbinder secured first on beam and third on floor. Lisa Matrale took first on floor, second on beam and third on vault. Leya Quinones and Victoria Ingato placed fourth on beam and vault, respectively. With consistent routines on vault, beam

and floor, Taylor Robustelli contributed to the team's win.

In the 12+ group, Tori Berman took first all-around, first on vault and bars and second on beam.

The FSPY "A" team hosted the Madison, South Mountain, South Brunswick, and Montclair YMCAs, in addition to a team visiting from New Hampshire. The "A" gymnasts competed for individual scores that will qualify them for the National YMCA Women's Gymnastics Championships held each summer.

In the Level 8 Division, (13U) Gina Pelosi took first on vault and fourth on bars. In the 14+ group, Jenna Skoller captured fourth all-around, second on beam, third on bars and fourth on vault. Laurel Devlin took fifth all-around, first on bars and fourth on floor.

For Level 9, Katie Zaleski took second on bars and third on beam, while Allegra Kenwell took third on bars. Kate Breuninger finished with a personal all-around high score for the year.

FSPY also offers gymnastics classes for all ages. For more information, please call (908) 889-8880 or log on to www.fanwoodscotchplainsymca.org.

## FSPY 'A' Swim Girls Defeat Westfield 'Y' Swim Girls

The Fanwood Scotch Plains YMCA girls "A" swim team ended the dual meet season with its fourth straight victory, with a win over Westfield on January 22.

The Piranhas started strong in the individual medley. (15-18s) Maggie Goussman and Kelly Morris went 1-2, following (13-14s) Morgan Smith and Nicole Colucci's 1-3 finish. (11-12s) Stephanie Baliko and Rebecca Dunn touched 2-3. 10-year-old Karen Blacklock took third.

(8Us) Sarah Cronin and Savannah Llewellyn took 1-2 freestyle, with (9-10) Micaela Lyons and (11-12) Kelly Gajdzisz each taking second. (13-14s) Melissa Helock and Ariana Lyons finished 1-3 while Liz Hawkins led a clean sweep at 15-18 along with teammates Jess Desnoyers and Kristen Henkels.

In breaststroke, (8U) Julia Hagan placed third, followed by (9-10s) Carolyn Maguire and Elsa Lestikow who touched 2-3. (11-12s) Stephanie Baliko and Ann Maguire also went 2-3 while (13-14) Kaitlin McGeehan led a sweep with Meaghan Gaynor and Catherine Maguire. (15-18s) Amanda Dickson and Darrell Ann Smith finished 1-3.

In backstroke, (9-10) Micaela Lyons took third. (11-12s) Kelly Gajdzisz and Kara Gaynor went 2-3. (13-14) Mary Henkels took second. (15-18s) Liz Hawkins and Daniel

Atachunas took 1-2 as did (15-18s) Jillian Murphy and Amanda Cameron.

In butterfly, (8U) Sarah Cronin and (9-10) Karen Blacklock each took second. (11-12) Ann Maguire took third. (13-14s) Janene Senofonte, Morgan Smith and Nicolle Colucci swept as did (15-18s) Melissa Helock, Brittany Reyes and Allison Hagan.

In medley relay, (13-14s) Helock, Lyons, McGeehan and M. Henkels and (15-18) Goussman, Reyes, Morris and Murphy won.

### WF PAL Mat Kids Top Rival Scotch Plains

The Westfield PAL wrestling team got its fourth win on January 31 with a 45-34 win over rival Scotch Plains. The team competes in the Central Jersey Midget Wrestling League.

Providing the edge with wins for Westfield were Jake Rabinowitz, Nick Kalimtzis, Mike Kalimtzis, Matt Albano, Troy Skibitsky, Colin Barber, Jay Yingling, Christian Barber, Tony Pafumi and Helen Delpopolo.

PAL sponsors a beginning wrestling program (K-3rd grade), a team in the Central Jersey Midget Wrestling League (3rd through 6th grades) and a team in the NJ Grade School League (5th through 8th grades). For more information of the PAL wrestling programs, please visit www.WestfieldPALWrestling.com.



**FLICKING IT PAST A DEFENDER...**Blue Devil Greg Speir, No. 4, fires a shot past a defender. The Blue Devil ice men won three game this past week.

## Blue Devil Icemen Knock Off Bernards, Parsippany, Millburn

By ANDREW GOLDMAN  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The Westfield High School ice hockey team won all three of its games this past week. The third win of the week and the ninth overall of the season enabled the Blue Devils to clinch a berth in the state playoffs.

The first game of the week was a 3-1 victory over Bernards on February 1. Adam Becker played a strong game in goal against a Bernards team determined not to be embarrassed like they had been in the Blue Devil's earlier 9-1 victory.

Westfield then obliterated Parsippany, 10-0, on February 2. The

game ended due to the mercy rule with five minutes to play. John Attanasio, junior Assistant Captain Sal Esposito, Brian Davidson, Jay Anderson and senior Captain Brent Davis each netted a goal while and Brady Lau fired in two goals. Jonathan Weintrub added his first varsity goal. Goalkeeper Adam Becker earned the shutout.

The Blue Devils concluded the week with a 5-3 win over 9-7-3 Millburn on February 4 to elevate their record to 9-6-4. Esposito led the Blue Devils with two goals while Jay Anderson, Brady Lau and Phil Buonocore scored one goal a piece. Eric Zagroski played strongly in goal.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the meeting of the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Scotch Plains held on February 3, 2005, the following decisions of the Board were memorialized:  
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Linda M. Lies  
Secretary to the  
Zoning Board of Adjustment  
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