

WHS Ice Hockey Announces Its Annual Skate-A-Thon

WESTFIELD — The Westfield High School Ice Hockey Team will hold its annual Skate-A-Thon on Saturday, November 5, at Warinanco Park Ice Rink in Roselle, from 6 through 8 p.m.

This event has become recognized as a favorite among families in the community and doubles as a fundraiser for the hockey team, which is partially self-supported. All are invited to come out and skate with the high school team, test their shot on Westfield's goalies, skate in relay races and have fun.

Admission is \$6 for skaters. Figure skate rentals are available. Sticks, helmets and gloves are suggested, but not mandatory. The snack bar will be open and Westfield Ice Hockey team

apparel will be for sale. All proceeds are to benefit the Westfield High School Ice Hockey team.

Directions to Warinanco Park rink from Westfield are as follows: South Avenue, East, through Cranford to Roselle. At traffic light with a Texaco station on the right, turn right onto Linden Road. Go past two traffic lights and straight into the park. After merging into the park loop, the ice rink is on the right. Parking is to the left and past the rink on the right.

Westfield's Varsity Ice Hockey team was co-champion of the Harold VanCott Cup for the 2004-2005 season and we invite all residents of our community to come out and cheer them on for another successful season in 2005-2006.

Learn to Be a Police Officer With Westfield Explorers

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Explorers Post No. 90 is accepting applications from young men and women who have an interest in law enforcement.

Founded in 2002, the post offers young men and women who may have an interest in law enforcement the opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge of what it is like to be a police officer. Nationally and locally, the program is associated with the Boy Scouts of America and is open to individuals ages 14 to 21. The Explorers attend weekly meetings on Tuesday nights at Westfield police headquarters. During meetings, they learn about fingerprinting, first aid, CPR, traffic direction, crowd control, self-defense and more. Explorers also have field training and will have the opportunity to participate in special events such as the downtown street fairs and parades. They also have a chance to accompany regular police officers on "ride-alongs," and assist the officers with their everyday duties.

Explorers are also introduced to the FBI, Secret Service, K-9 units, DEA, State Police and other law enforcement agencies. In addition, they participate in a national competition with Explorer Posts from around the country.

To join the Explorers, certain requirements have to be met: full parental approval, maintain a "C" grade point average, be able to attend 70

percent of the functions, pass an interview, have a neat and clean appearance, follow all post rules and have no criminal record. Explorers are also provided with their own uniforms.

For further information, please contact officers Jason Rodger or Frank Ricci at the Westfield Police Department.

Engineers to Meet On October 25

AREA — The Professional Engineers Society Union Chapter's (PESUC) first self-run meeting of the 2005-2006 year will take place on Tuesday, October 25. The featured guest and program leader will be John Rhodes, P.E., Senior Vice President of Haley & Aldrich, Inc. located in Parsippany. Mr. Rhodes will present state and national perspectives.

Haley & Aldrich, Inc. is an underground engineering and environmental science and management consulting firm. It has appeared in *Engineering News Record* as a top 100 U.S. firm for engineering design and environmental consulting.

The event will take place at L'Affaire, 1099 Route 22, East, in Mountainside. The event kicks off at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m. The cost is \$20. Individuals are asked to respond by Monday, October 24, to marcwpe@waage.com, call (908) 322-6487 or fax to (908) 245-8477.

Westfield BOA Approves 14 Applications, Seeks Revisions

By JAMES HALLERAN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Board of Adjustment reviewed more than 14 applications seeking variances for home expansion during Monday's monthly meeting. The applicants appearing before the board had been reminded that only those who had a pre-existing condition or could prove a hardship situation would have their variances approved.

In the case of Donna and Andrew Wasserman of 471 Channing Avenue, who were seeking permission to erect a 10-foot by 10-foot roof over their patio, Mr. Wasserman argued having a roof over his patio would improve the cosmetic make up of his home. However, the board felt it was not enough of a hardship case and the application was denied.

The board also did not approve the request of Donna and Kevin Ardenente of 426 Coddling Road to rebuild their home with a second dwelling, which had existed before the house burned down. Board Chairman William Heinbokel said he did not want to set a precedent for a two-family home in a single-family neighborhood.

According to Mr. Heinbokel, "The mother/daughter homes has presented a problem for us. We have to uphold the variance in this case and not permit a two-family home in a residential neighborhood."

The board approved a number of variances for applicants who wished to expand their homes. Applications were approved for Barbara and Joseph Ganz of 657 St Marks Avenue, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schwartz of 41 Doris Parkway, Brian and Raita Quinn of 415 Birch Place, Samuel Younger of 402 North Chestnut Street, Jodi Anderson of 180 Cottage Place, Britain and Maureen O'Connor of 9 Bennett Place and Marielena Glassman of 100 Brightwood Avenue.

The board requested that Mr. Gre-

gory Napiorkowski of 866 Tice Place revise his plans and add more windows on his plans for a two-floor addition, which the applicant agreed. The board did not want to approve an addition to the home where the right side of the house would appear as a large wall mass with no windows.

The board requested in two cases that the applicants revise their plans. Kevin and Eileen Sroka of 526 St Marks Avenue were asked to reduce their lot coverage from 23.5 percent to make it closer to the 20 percent allowed under town ordinance.

The Srokas' home said their home is located in an area of larger dwellings and that they wanted to bring their home in line with the surrounding neighborhood. However, because of their small lot, their expansion plans will have to be revised.

The board also asked Kim and Joe Manning of 123 Lincoln Road to rethink their plans of moving their detached garage while they were adding a second floor to their home.

UC College Offers

Course in Real Estate

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Division of Economic Development and Continuing Education at Union County College will once again offer courses for those in the real estate industry. "Introduction to Real Estate Appraisal" is a prerequisite course to all the other appraisal courses. This course will cover the appraisal profession, real estate and its appraisal, the real estate marketplace, the appraisal process, building construction data collection, site valuation and the cost approach.

Students will be required to pass a final exam upon the completion of the course. This course will begin on Monday, November 7 on the college's Scotch Plains campus at 1700 Raritan Road. The course cost is \$325.

Jeffrey Milanette Appointed To U.S.-Russia Tech Council

WESTFIELD — Westfield management consultant Jeffrey C. Milanette, president of Innovative Partners, Inc., was recently appointed to the United States-Russia Innovation Council on High Technology by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Mr. Milanette is an expert in the development of small, innovative technology companies and business incubation. Since 2000, he has collaborated with the Russian Venture Capital Association in organizing the annual Russian Venture Fair, an event based on the New Jersey Venture Fair. In addition, he trained hundreds of Russian and American entrepreneurs in the skills necessary to start, manage, and finance a new company through his leadership of the New Jersey Entrepreneurs Forum, a non-profit networking and training organization.

The formation of the council is the result of meetings between President George W. Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin where the two leaders agreed that the United States and Russia should cooperate on high technology issues, innovation and entrepreneurship. Consequently, the Office of Technology Policy of the Technology Administration negotiated a Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in Technology and Innovation with the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Fed-

eration.

The ICHT held its first meeting at the MES in Moscow on June 22 and 23. The meeting was co-chaired by Dr. George Atkinson, Science and Technology Adviser to the Secretary of State, and by Professor Sergey Mazurenko, head of the Federal Agency for Science and Innovation (FASI). The ICHT meets at least twice per year, alternating between Russia and the United States. Another meeting of the council is planned for February 2006, in Washington, D.C.

Public Asked to Honor 250th Signal Battalion

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Family Support Group for the deployed 250th Signal Battalion of the Westfield National Guard Armory has asked people throughout the state to decorate the outside of their homes and businesses with yellow ribbons and/or flags to welcome home the 250th Signal Battalion from Iraq.

The group also made the request as a way for people to show their support for all soldiers serving in the United States military.

Additionally, the group has asked that on Friday, Veterans Day, November 11, everyone add a red, white and blue ribbon in honor of all veterans.

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If you are experiencing marital difficulties, contemplating divorce, or simply curious about your rights in a separation or divorce, this Seminar will be of value to you. If you are already divorced, the Seminar may be of value in explaining post-divorce rights and obligations of former spouses.

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