



NEW LIBRARY SPEAKS VOLUMES... More books, computer stations and space for students will be available this fall when the Roosevelt Intermediate School library in Westfield opens its doors. Extensive renovations and a 1,000 square foot addition are being completed this summer as part of the 2007 bond referendum that included updating the library to meet state standards and bring additional resources to the school's sixth, seventh and eighth graders. Business Administrator Robert Berman, left, and Roosevelt Principal Stewart Carey examine the new computer stations that will hold more than double the technology previously available in the library.

Local Residents Receive FDU Scholarship

AREA - Farleigh Dickinson University's College at Florham, located in Madison, has announced the recipients of its different scholarships.



Brianne Mahoney

Brianne Mahoney, a graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School is a recipient of the prestigious Colonel Farleigh S. Dickinson Scholarship, which is granted to incoming students based on their academic records, SAT

scores, co-curricular accomplishments and on-campus interviews with FDU faculty.

Brianne plans to major in Communications.



Maalik Holloway

Maalik Holloway, who recently graduated Westfield High School, has received the Provost's Award, granted to incoming students who have shown strong SAT scores and academic records. Maalik plans to major in Computer Science.

Scotch Plains Children's Learning Center Opens

SCOTCH PLAINS - The 32nd Degree Masonic Learning Center for Dyslexic Children will open for the 2008 - 2009 academic year on Monday, September 16.

The center, located at 301 Forest Road in Scotch Plains, will begin its 12th year of serving dyslexic children and will provide services for 41 students.

Since its inception in 1996, more than 300 children have received services from the Learning Center.

The Learning Center is supported by the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry and is run in collaboration with Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck and Madison. Teachers from Fairleigh Dickinson University are first trained in a specialized curriculum-based program and then provide one-on-one remedial instruction for dyslexic children.

Dyslexia is a learning disability that makes it difficult to read, write and spell, particularly affecting school-age children, and can lead to emotional and self-esteem problems throughout their lives.

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Instruction at the Scotch Plains Learning Center is free to all children with dyslexia. The costs of tutoring a child for a year is approximately \$5,000, and children usually require an average of two years of tutoring. All aspects of the program are financed by the Free Masons through their fund-raising efforts.

The Scotch Plains Center houses 15 classrooms and primarily services children from Scotch Plains and 45 neighboring districts, including Westfield, Fanwood, Cranford and Clark.

For more information on the 32nd Degree Scotch Plains Learning Center for Dyslexic Children, contact the center at (908) 322-6241.

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Fall Kids Arts Classes At Watchung Arts Center

WATCHUNG - Watchung Arts Center's 2008 Fall Kids Art Workshops are open for registration. The workshops offer children ages 6 to 12 a 10-week programming experience near the Watchung Mountains and lakes. Classes are run by professional teacher/artist Monica Schraiber Otero.

Students ages 11 to 15 can sign up for Junior Drawing and Painting on Tuesdays, September 16 to December 9. They will be taught new techniques and improve skills in sketching, shaded

blind contour, perspective and the human figure. Different mediums will be used.

Younger students, ages 6 to 12, will have two options: Painting on Wednesdays, September 17 to December 10, will teach the fundamentals of painting using non-toxic acrylics on canvas boards; and Drawing on Thursdays, September 18 to December 11, in which young artists can create pieces of art work with charcoal, watercolors, pastels and India ink.

Tuition for each class is \$155 per session (members \$150), which includes a supplies fee and registration fee. For more information or to register, call (908) 753-0190, e-mail wacenter@optonline.net or download registration form at watchungarts.org.

Also coming to the center is a Children's Juried Art Show, which will be open to children ages 4 to 17 residing in New Jersey. All media including sculpture accepted. No entries done in crayons, markers or photography and only original work will be accepted.

The entry fee per child is \$15 (\$12 for members). Up to two entries per child may be submitted. Checks may be made payable to "Watchung Arts Center."

The maximum size of work, including frame, should be 16" x 20". Three-dimensional work is not to exceed 18" x 18". Two-dimensional work should be matted or framed for display. Visit watchungarts.org for more information.

WF Students Make Rochester Dean's List

WESTFIELD - Three local students earned placement on the University of Rochester Dean's List for the spring 2008 semester.

Evan Bilheimer, a junior majoring in history and chemistry at the University of Rochester, was named to the Dean's List for academic achievement in the College of Arts, Sciences and Engineering for the spring 2008 semester.

Evan, a resident of Westfield, is a graduate of Westfield High School. He is the son of Dr. Susan Kaye.

Ryan Burslem, a senior majoring in economics at the University of Rochester, was named to the Dean's List for academic achievement in the College of Arts, Sciences and Engineering for the spring 2008 semester.

Ryan, a resident of Westfield, is a graduate of Westfield High School. He is the son of Donna Burslem.

Rebecca Fallon, a senior majoring in brain and cognitive sciences at the University of Rochester, was named to the Dean's List in the College of Arts, Sciences and Engineering for the spring 2008 semester.

Rebecca, also a resident of Westfield, is the daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Fallon. She, too, graduated from Westfield High School.

FSP Rotary Club Donates to CERT

SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD - The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club donated \$250 at its August 6 meeting to help the Fanwood Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) with the purchase of a new heavy-duty laptop computer, which will assist the CERT program with training and back-up support to first responders.

The FSP Rotary Club is celebrating 70 years of service to the communities this year. To learn more about the FSP Rotary Club or to become a member, please go to fsprotrary.org.

Italian: Language of Art, Music, Cooking

AREA - There are plenty of reasons to learn Italian, whether it's for a trip to Italy, to learn about heritage or to appreciate an opera, a movie or a book in Italian. The Center For Italian and Italian-American Culture will offer classes on Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. starting October 1 at the Passaic Valley Regional High School on Main Street in Little Falls.

There will be four levels - beginner, advanced beginner, intermediate and advanced - all taught by qualified instructors. Tuition costs are \$100 for members of the center and \$150 for non-members (includes membership). The book is additional and will be offered at the first lesson.

For more information or to register, call the center at (973) 571-1995 or (973) 571-1116 to reserve a space. Individuals also may send an e-mail to centeriac@aol.com. Formation of classes will depend on the number of students enrolled.

VP Salon in Westfield Welcomes Nicole Craft

Paid Bulletin Board

Victor Passucci the owner of VP Salon in Westfield has been totally involved in the pursuit of excellence in hair design. With an active list of clients, and an even more active waiting list, Passucci has been on a constant search for a professional trained in the Jacques Dessange technique.

It was his good fortune that Nicole Craft, senior stylist at Carsten Union Square, was yearning to bring her energy and exuberant New York hair designs to New Jersey. Actively involved with the hectic pace of runway shows, Nicole not only trained in the same haircutting technique as Passucci, she is consistently invited to cut and style hair for the Ford

Model Agency in Manhattan.

Notably interested in the constant pursuit of continuing education, Nicole Craft eagerly awaits August 26th, her first day, at VP Salon. "I truly recognize the importance of a great hairstyle," she said. "I believe when your hair looks good, you look good. I also believe it is important to establish a relationship with your stylist. I look forward to meeting my new clients."

Victor Passucci cordially invites the public to call for an appointment. "Remember, when you look good, you feel good." VP Salon is located at 210 South Avenue, Westfield. (908) 928-1133.



Nicole Craft, VP Salon
Photo by Millicent K. Brody



CLASS IN SESSION... Audrey Zavetz, principal of newly renovated Lincoln School in Westfield, invites kindergarten children and their parents to the school's orientation on Tuesday, September 2. Morning Kindergarten classes will take place from 1 to 1:30 p.m. Afternoon Kindergarten classes will be welcomed there from 1:45 to 2:15 p.m. Every parent will receive a handbook (shown in photo with Mrs. Zavetz) at the time of orientation. Classes begin at Lincoln and all the Westfield Public Schools on Wednesday, September 3.

WF Student Holds Annual Charity Baseball Game

WESTFIELD - For the third consecutive year, local children will gather to play ball while supporting a worthy cause. Daniel's Charity Baseball Game will take place on Saturday, September 6, at noon on Tamaques Park's Field 4.

Friends and teammates of 14-year-old organizer Daniel Berke, a ninth grader at Westfield High School, will participate.

In addition to the baseball game, there will be bagels, muffins, coffee and snacks donated by Stop n Shop,

Starbucks, Shoprite, Costco, Bagel Chateau and Manhattan Bagels.

A raffle will be held to give away items donated by local stores and restaurants, as well as tickets donated by the Mets and Nets organizations.

Each year, Daniel selects a different charity to support.

This year's charity is The Hannah Peretsman-Breene Foundation, which was founded in memory of Hannah, who died of cancer in 2004 at the age of 16.

For more information about the charity or the game, visit charitygame.roxer.com/homepage or e-mail charitygame3@yahoo.com.

Callahan Named to Fairfield's Dean's List

WESTFIELD - Colin Callahan of Westfield has been named to Fairfield University's Dean's List for the spring 2008 semester. He intends to major in Finance. Colin is the son of Michael and Dianne Callahan.

Fairfield, located in Fairfield, Conn., requires that students attain a grade point of average of at least a 3.5 to be selected to the Dean's List.

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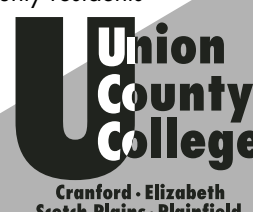
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