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GRADUATION REMARKS...Union County College President Margaret McMenamin, Ed.D., addresses graduates at the May 22 commencement ceremony held at Kean University.

Mr. Calcagno Recalled For Law Work, Hist. Preservation

By SUZETTE F. STALKER
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WESTFIELD—Attorney Andrew John Calcagno continued to be remembered by the Westfield community this week for his legal prowess, his work on behalf of 9/11 victims and for his contributions to historic preservation in the town.

A distinguished personal-injury lawyer and Westfield resident for more than 20 years, Mr. Calcagno passed away on May 20 at the age of 54. He and his wife, Regina, are the parents of three children.

Mr. Calcagno was managing partner of Calcagno & Associates, a law firm he established in 1997, representing clients in New Jersey and New York. The practice is located in Cranford. Since launching the firm, Mr. Calcagno had won numerous multi-million-dollar verdicts and settlements for clients, according to the law office's website.

His obituary noted that Mr. Calcagno had additionally "dedicated countless hours of his time pro bono for the victims of 9/11. As a result of his devotion to the victims of 9/11, Mr. Calcagno is listed as a 'hero' in a book published by Trial Lawyers Care."

This evening, June 6, Mr. Calcagno will be honored posthumously during the annual Harry Devlin Awards presentation hosted by the Westfield Historic Preservation Commission (WHPC). He will be recognized for extensive restoration work on Westfield's historic Flatiron Building, located on property he owned at

44 Elm Street, in the heart of downtown Westfield. The restoration involved removing the structure's existing façade to reveal its original cast iron columns and facilitating the return of stained-glass panels to the building, as previously reported in *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*.

Last year, the Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC), the management entity of the Special Improvement District, approved what DWC Design Committee Chairwoman Peg Lockwood noted at the time was "the largest grant that we have ever recommended" in support of the renovation project. Ms. Lockwood also had commended the "fantastic job" Mr. Calcagno had done in renovating the Flatiron Building.

The awards program will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Westfield Municipal Building, located at 425 East Broad Street. The public is welcome to attend the ceremony, along with a reception in the recipients' honor. Established in 1992 and culled from nominations from the community, the Devlin awards recognize "outstanding efforts in the restoration, expansion, alteration, and maintenance of older properties," as stated on the WHPC website.

The funeral for Mr. Calcagno took place last Wednesday under the direction of Dooley Colonial Funeral Home, 556 Westfield Avenue, Westfield. Further information is available at doyleycolonialfuneralhome.org.

Mountainside Begins Search For New Administrator

By PAUL J. PEYTON
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MOUNTAINSIDE —Mountainside Borough Administrator James Debbie is retiring next month after 20 years in the part-time position.

Mayor Paul Mirabelli said Mr. Debbie has been employed with the borough for 48 years.

"He's been talking about it (retiring) for a while now," Mayor Mirabelli told *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*.

The borough placed a classified ad on the New Jersey League of Municipalities' website as well as *The Times* seeking candidates for the position.

The deadline to submit an application is Friday, June 7. The administrator is responsible for a \$13-million municipal budget and 60-employee workforce.

"In addition to daily office duties and interacting with residents, the individual will fulfill human resources functions including regulatory compliance, employee benefits administration, recruitment and maintenance of personnel files," according to the job listing.

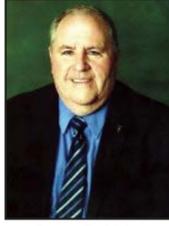
Mr. Debbie served simultaneously as police chief a borough administrator before retiring as police chief in July of 2014.

Mr. Debbie's retirement comes at a turbulent time following an ongoing lawsuit that was filed May 11, 2018 against the borough's police depart-

ment over sexual harassment allegations involving a sex toy. The Union County Prosecutor's Office concluded there was no proof that former Mountainside police chief Allan Attanasio pointed a gun at borough officers, as alleged in the lawsuit brought by five borough officers. The allegations in the suit led to the suspension of Chief Attanasio and two lieutenants. Chief Attanasio and Detective Sergeant Andrew Huber retired last summer. Mr. Attanasio was promoted to chief in February of 2015.

Mayor Mirabelli said the borough council might use an interim administrator if a new administrator is not hired by Mr. Debbie's retirement date.

"We're looking at all of our options," Mayor Mirabelli said.



James Debbie



ACE READERS...Renee Golush, pictured left, of Westfield, and Judy Epstein of Scotch Plains flew to Paris recently with *The Westfield Leader* to shop and attend the 2019 French Open.

Primary

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Muñoz of Summit, who were unopposed in the Primary on Tuesday, and an Independent ticket of Martin Marks of Cranford and Harry Pappas of Springfield.

In the 22nd Legislative District, Democratic incumbent Assembly members James Kennedy of Rahway, 6,588, and Linda Carter, 7,020, defeated Carlos Rivas, 4,018, and Mark Lighten, 3,616. They will face Republican Patricia Quattrocchi in November.



Paul Lachenauer for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times
GARWOOD ROCKS...The Garwood Rocks Street Fair was held June 2, along Center Street, and is sponsored by the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce. The annual music festival and street fair features live entertainment presented by Crossroads, hundreds of vendors, a classic car show, delicious festival food, beer garden, activities for kids at the Kids Zone, and much more.

Board of Health Discusses Legionnaires Cases In N.J.

By MICHAEL BONACCORSO
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WESTFIELD – After five people died with 22 infected from a legionnaires outbreak in New Jersey last week the Westfield Board of Health addressed "resident safety concerns" at its Monday night. Westfield Regional Health Department Director Megan Avalon said discovering what prompted the outbreak is a multi-step process. She said containing the outbreak with such a quick response has been a "win" for the New Jersey health community.

Legionnaires disease, also known as legionellosis, is a form of a typical pneumonia caused by any type of legionella bacteria, stated Ms. Avalone. Symptoms include cough, shortness of breath, high fever, muscle pains, and headaches.

Drinking water containing the virus in certain concentrations are often the cause of the source, stated Ms. Avalone. She said New Jersey's drinking water is

not dangerous to consume, adding that New Jersey Department of Health officials will investigate where each infected person was to draw a conclusion on a possible source.

DNA testing the bacteria and the expected source can be a way to verify the suspected source to eliminate possible further infections, stated Ms. Avalone. She said those often most vulnerable to legionnaires bacteria are those who frequently smoke or who have suppressed immune systems.

"We have found the recent cases were not necessarily those in long-term care facilities or who had multiple comorbidities before infection," stated Ms. Avalone.

Ms. Avalone said "more likely than not" a source with an overwhelming bacteria count will be discovered as causing the outbreak after further state investigation is completed.

The health department director stated that she will remain in contact with the state's Department of Health to receive updates on the legionnaires source with plans to disseminate the updates to concerned residents.

In other business, the Westfield Board of Health discussed amending the bylaws to allow all board members a vote at any particular meeting whether they are an alternate or full board member. Board member Thomas O'Neill said the bylaws must clearly reflect whether or not alternate votes count even if a quorum has been met or if full board members are present.

Mr. O'Neill said the unanimous board verbal sentiment is if a board member or an alternate attends a meeting their voice should be heard. Alternate board member are appointed by the mayor for three reasons, stated Mr. O'Neill.

He added that during a vote certain board members might have to recuse themselves from a vote because of a conflict of interest. During this time period an alternate would be proposed to replace the full member as a vote assuring quorum can be met, stated Mr. O'Neill.

A second instance where an alternate may be needed is if a board member is ill or on vacation, stated Mr. O'Neill.

The main concern is having the bylaws fully resolved or articulated on what votes count and what votes do not count (if any) when a contentious or close vote is decided upon, stated Mr. O'Neill. Addressing the bylaws now will eliminate any confusion in the future, stated Mr. O'Neill.

The board discussed banning flavored-vape products from stores which sell gas, food, or alcohol. The ban would leave nicotine vaporizers to be sold in smoke shop settings, stated Ms. Avalone.

In addition, a revised ordinance would ban store owners from allowing customers to sample a flavored vape oil before purchase.

No official ordinances addressing vaporizer bans or products has officially been introduced by the board. The ordinances are still in the discussion stage and would need to be reviewed and implemented by the town council.

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fully compliant with the specifications of the project.

In separate business, it was noted that there was a student recognition awards ceremony scheduled for Monday, June 10, at 7:30 p.m., at Evergreen School.

The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, June 13, at 7:30 p.m., in the administration building at Cedar Street and Evergreen Avenue in Scotch Plains. The final meeting for the 2018-2019 school year for the board is scheduled for Thursday, June 27, at 7:30 p.m.



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