

## Freeholder Board Awards Grant To Promote Forestry in County

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders was recently awarded a \$2,000 grant to promote forestry and environmental awareness in its communities.

In particular, the grant will provide for educational programs within the county's many ethnic groups.

"Even though we are in an urbanized area, Union County is home to thousands of acres of parks and hundreds of species of plants, animals and birds," said Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan. "We want residents to have an even greater awareness of the treasures in their own backyards."

The grant was developed by the New Jersey Division of Parks and Forestry to help local and county governments to promote forestry and environmental awareness within their communities, particularly the importance of healthy tree cover within their communities.

With its cultural diversity, Union County officials have proposed a program which will bring information and awareness to the many ethnic groups in its 21 municipalities.

County parks such as the Watchung Reservation, Lenape Park and Rahway River Park, as well as smaller parks and the proposed neighborhood "pocket parks," are home to very different unique environments. Educational materials would also explain the different fauna and environments within the county's forested areas.

The county would also develop special events and materials to bring individuals from the county's ethnic clubs and organizations into the county's forested areas.

Among the topics the county will bring to communities are educational materials and speakers on environmental topics and issues, particularly on the role played by trees and green areas in our communities; guided tours of Union County's forested areas; explanations of the impact of the "El Niño" and "La Niña" weather systems on green areas in the county, and en-

courage residents to attend the county's educational programs on tree planting and maintenance to encourage greater awareness of the importance of healthy tree cover.

Programs and educational materials would be customized for the county's largest ethnic groups. Printed in several languages, the materials would include comparisons of Union County's environment to systems elsewhere in the world. A strong emphasis would be placed on the importance of preserving the plants and animals in this region.

### Literacy Volunteers List Summer Workshop Dates

The Union County Affiliate of Literacy Volunteers of America has announced its new 1998 Summer Workshop Programs for the training of tutors.

The first is an English as a Second Language Workshop at the Elmora Library in Elizabeth. Registration will take place on Saturday, June 6, at 9 a.m. Classes will be held on Saturdays, June 6, 13 and 27, and on July 11, 18 and 25 from 9 a.m. to noon.

There will be another English as a Second Language Workshop at the Elizabeth Library (Main Branch). Registration will be held on Tuesday, June 16, at 6 p.m. Classes will be held on Tuesdays, June 16, 23 and 30, and on July 7, 14 and 21 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The last English as a Second Language Workshop of the summer will also be held at the Main Branch of the Elizabeth Library. Registration is scheduled for Saturday, July 25, at 11:30 a.m. Classes will be held on Saturdays, July 25, and August 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

There also will be a Basic Literacy Workshop at the Elmora Library. Registration will be held on Wednesday, July 1, at 10 a.m. Classes are scheduled for Wednesdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, and for August 5 and 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.



**CONSOLIDATED EFFORT...** Former Union County Clerk Walter Halpin of Fanwood, far left, joins Freeholder Chester Holmes, second from left, and Freeholder Donald Goncalves in congratulating Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi at an opening for the consolidated offices of Union County Clerk. At a recent dedication ceremony, Ms. Rajoppi unveiled the newly located divisions of her office, which merged from five different areas to one centralized location in the Courthouse.

## WHS Students Score High On Spanish Examination

Eleven Westfield High School (WHS) students recently captured high ranking honors in the National Spanish Examination, which was taken by more than 1,800 students from New Jersey.

First place winners in the state in the respective Bilingual/Native Category and Level Four Category were Aldo Cotrina and Tara Bhandari, both 11th graders.

Taking fifth and sixth place, respectively, in the Bilingual/Native Category were sophomore Melissa Quintanilla and junior Carla Araujo.

Other Level Four winners included junior Laura Gornowski, who placed seventh, and Marta Capasso and Terri Lee, also juniors, who tied for 10th place in the state.

In the Level Three category of competition, sophomores Amy Ngeow and Maura McMahon took sixth and seventh place. Two ninth graders, Victoria McCabe and Matthew Hall, garnered eighth and 10th place, respectively, in the Level Two category.

The National Spanish Examination, which is administered on a Saturday

each year, assesses proficiency in the Spanish language in a variety of skill areas, including writing and reading/listening comprehension.

"WHS students continue to distinguish themselves on the National Spanish Exam," commented World Languages Department Chairwoman Dr. Suzanne Jacobus.

"The achievement of our students reflects their commitment to learning the Spanish language and the strength of their classroom experiences in the high school's foreign languages program," she added.

### Christopher Munson Receives BS Degree

Christopher Ryan Munson, of Westfield, was one of 2,200 students at Kansas State University to receive degrees during commencement ceremonies earlier this month.

Christopher received a Bachelor of Science (BS) Degree in Family Studies and Human Services.

The Class of 1998 is the 131st class to graduate from Kansas State University since 1867.

## Edison Honor Roll Includes 262 Students

The names of 262 students who earned Honor Roll standing during the third marking period at the Edison Intermediate School in Westfield were recently announced by Principal Dennis Murphy.

In the sixth grade, 35 students, or 20 percent of the 175-member class, were named to the Distinguished Honor Roll, which requires an "A" in all major academic subjects and no grade below a "B" in any minor subject.

Fifty-five students, or 31.43 percent of the class, were named to the Honor Roll, which requires an "A" or "B" in all subjects, major or minor.

In the seventh grade, 23 students, or 14.56 percent of the 158-member class, were named to the Distinguished Honor Roll. Forty-seven students, or 29.75 percent of the class, were named to the Honor Roll.

In the eighth grade, 21 students, or 11.11 percent of the 189-member class, were named to the Distinguished Honor Roll, and 81 students, or 42.86 percent of the class, were named to the Honor Roll.

Omitted from the sixth grade second marking period Honor Roll was Alison Weingarten.

- SIXTH GRADE DISTINGUISHED HONORS**
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|-------------------|--------------------|
| Brian Bigelow     | Kimberly Lam       |
| Benjamin Bogen    | Kelli Layton       |
| Sean Callahan     | James Leong        |
| Matthew Calvaruso | Meghana Limaye     |
| Michael Checchio  | Cassandra Lo       |
| Stefanie Courtney | Alison McCabe      |
| Reine Duffy       | Emily McDermott    |
| Rebecca Fallon    | Matthew McManus    |
| Suzanna Fowler    | Richard Moran      |
| Jennifer Frost    | Amanda Nehring     |
| Adam Gercikens    | Laura Pietruszki   |
| Joseph Hagmann    | Rebecca Sabreen    |
| Kevin Hobson      | Noril Sandeep      |
| Carrie Hubbard    | Christina Santilli |
| Anthony Johnson   | Jaclyn Steinbach   |
| Paul Johnson      | Lauren Steller     |
| Thomas Killian    | Tovah Tripp        |
| Jenna Zorn        |                    |

- SIXTH GRADE HONORROLL**
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| Rahul Bhasin       | Jacqueline LeBlanc |
| Maximilien Blanton | Samuel D. Leib     |
| John Boyd          | Ryan Leonard       |
| Kathryn Brucia     | Kaitlin Lipe       |
| Nicole Brunetto    | Kristina Lucarelli |
| Ryan Burslem       | Rachel Mandragona  |
| Danielle Coleman   | Dana Ann Marra     |
| Emily Colvin       | Jeffrey Mathews    |
| Mikaela Cruz       | Alexandra McMahon  |
| Joshua Dennerlein  | Jason Mesches      |
| Daniel Francis     | Christine Milazzo  |
| Carolyn Freundlich | Catherine Mouton   |
| Ariel Garfinkel    | Pamela Musat       |
| Amanda Genova      | Slacy Osborn       |
| Brendan Gorman     | Matthew Parness    |
| Scott Grau         | Patel Pooja        |
| Robert Greifeld    | Alison Petrow      |
| Jessica Guerrero   | Melissa Pizor      |
| Samuel Gurdus      | Andrew Pusar       |
| Sophie Hall        | Melissa Rosen      |
| Christina Hamway   | Zachary Rosenberg  |

### Business Major Finishes At Indiana

Martin Todd Vincentsen, a 1991 graduate of Westfield High School, recently graduated from Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Indiana, with a Bachelor of Science degree.

He majored in Business Management and completed a minor in Management Information Systems.

He is the son of Sarah J. Vincentsen of Dayton, Ohio, and V.W. Vincentsen of Westfield, and the grandson of Inez Vincentsen and the late Martin W. Vincentsen of Westfield.

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| Matthew Hodges   | Andrew Royston  |
| Heather Idland   | Gillian Scoria  |
| David Israelow   | Michael Sherry  |
| Steven Jacobsen  | Amanda Spero    |
| Katherine Kiehar | Callin Stanley  |
| David Lanza      | Rachel Tressitt |
| Shanna Vella     |                 |

- SEVENTH GRADE DISTINGUISHED HONORS**
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|---------------------|----------------------|
| Sean Adams          | Katherine E. Lechner |
| Raj Bhandari        | Joshua Lerner        |
| Worlu Biftu         | William Masket       |
| Shannon Boyle       | Tyler Palla          |
| Angelina Chaplygina | Daniel N. Rea        |
| Emily Chen          | Cari-Nicole Rock     |
| David Eisenberg     | Vincent Shen         |
| Stephanie Finn      | Staci Spass          |
| Jennifer Fleck      | Cristine Velazco     |
| Mollie Gibbons      | Alison L. Weinstein  |
| Lawrence J. Kao     | Jill Woodbury        |
| Kelly Yang          |                      |

- SEVENTH GRADE HONORROLL**
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|----------------------|------------------------|
| Sara H. Ackerman     | Christine Leiz         |
| Robert A. Baldwin    | Kristen A. Lohrutto    |
| Beniam T. Biftu      | Christine McGrath      |
| Catherine Bonard     | Beth Mokrauer          |
| Katharine Cass       | Adam Osborn            |
| Marc Castellis       | Geoffrey Ostrega       |
| Jennie Chang         | Elizabeth Paynter      |
| Paul Cognetti        | Alexander Pinho        |
| Margaret Curran      | Lauren Pollock         |
| Robert Eckman, 3rd   | Meryl Reichbach        |
| David A. Falk        | Layna J. Rolnick       |
| Michael Federici     | Kenny Sanocki          |
| Jessica R. Flynn     | Kirstyn H. Scaperrotta |
| Shannon L. Gilmartin | Kelly Schmidt          |
| Charles D. Hely      | Joshua A. Shapiro      |
| Zontee Hou           | Emily Sharpe           |
| Dean Jan             | Gennifer A. Stribling  |
| Christa Jensen       | Tara Stroud            |
| Matthew Kahn         | William L. Subjack     |
| Ariel B. Kaye        | Ashley Tate            |
| Daniel Lange         | Scott Villa            |
| Joshua T. Lawrence   | Melissa Walsh          |
| Brian Lederman       | Mun Yin Yeow           |
| Joshua Zucker        |                        |

- EIGHTH GRADE DISTINGUISHED HONORS**
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| Alicia Bilheimer | Aaron L. Klinger    |
| Ashley A. Carr   | David Louie         |
| Valerie Chu      | Christopher Mackay  |
| Bryan Clancy     | Sara McGovern       |
| Maureen Cooke    | Nehal L. Mehta      |
| Daniel Deserio   | Michael Nahaczewski |
| Daniel Finstein  | Jalee Noguchi       |
| Mara Judd        | Rosanne Palaucci    |
| Daniel R. Kagan  | Anura A. Patil      |
| Yuka Kawano      | Bree Sherry         |
| David Zorn       |                     |

- EIGHTH GRADE HONORROLL**
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| Christy Abdelmessiah   | Nicole Infantino      |
| Crystal Aldrich        | Hannah G. Israelow    |
| Jessica Alice          | Janna Kambel          |
| John Edward Alvaro     | Kirsten Kolb          |
| W. Matthew Andzel      | Steven Krakauer       |
| Sasha M. Bartoff       | Jennifer A. Lamont    |
| Rachel Bavolar         | Brian Lanza           |
| Charles Benisch        | John S. Leonardis     |
| Casey Benson           | Alex Leong            |
| Priya Bhasin           | Joshua D. Lieberman   |
| Moa T. Bitu            | Rui Lu                |
| Michael Biggs          | Anthony Lund          |
| Sara L. Bobertz        | Timothy Mansfield     |
| Samantha Bourque-Treff | Zintis May-Krumins    |
| James Bridgeman        | Marta McGlynn         |
| Lauren Caravello       | Ryan Miller           |
| Erica Cenci            | John Murch            |
| Michael Charmatz       | Roxane Nassirpour     |
| Charles Chung          | Caroline L. Page-Katz |
| Fumiyuki Chin          | Dana Passananti       |
| Stephen Collucci       | Meeta Patel           |
| Caillin Conroy         | Andrew Pilecki        |
| Erin Corbett           | Kristen Pollock       |
| Bryan Cordes           | Devim Power           |
| Christopher Curcio     | Laura Pregenzer       |
| Jacquelyn Cusimano     | Valerie M. Rawnicki   |
| Robert Daurio          | Erin E. Reed          |
| Amy Beth Early         | Scott Satkin          |
| Joseph Fischetti       | Elizabeth Schaffer    |
| Robert Freundlich      | Rory Schulman         |
| Bethany Goldman        | Shaun Simone          |
| Elyse F. Goldwetz      | Michael C. Sofka      |
| Alvaro Guerra          | Jessica Ann Speir     |
| Eli Harel              | Michael K. Stanley    |
| Megan Hein             | Joanna G. Todaro      |
| Katherine Hild         | Rosemary Topar        |
| Elizabeth A. Horan     | Jessica R. Tyminski   |
| Lynn Ting Huang        | Ivan Villafane        |
| Karen Huskey           | Andrea Waksman        |
| Suanne Hutchinson      | Thomas Weingarten     |
| Emily Yudkovitz        |                       |