



TOP STUDENT TEACHER...Brian Cook, center, a Kean University student, receives the Outstanding Student Teacher of the Year Award from Sue Miksza, left, Assistant Superintendent of the Clark Board of Education, and Rita Katchen, Mr. Cook's cooperating teacher at the Frank K. Hehny School in Clark. A Westfield resident, Mr. Cook received his award at a special ceremony celebrating excellence in teacher education held at the university, in cooperation with its School of Education. He is a member of St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church Youth Ministry in Westfield where he works closely with youngsters in various community service programs that include homeless shelters.

Mountainside Council Amends Ordinance For Parking Facility

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MOUNTAINSIDE — An amendment to a bond ordinance relating to the construction of a new borough parking facility was discussed by the Mountainside Council at its agenda setting meeting on Tuesday. The measure will be introduced on first reading at the council's next meeting on Tuesday, August 17.

According to Mayor Robert F. Vigilanti, \$180,000 of the \$195,000 project will come from a New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) grant that has not yet been received. He further explained that amending the bond ordinance would allow the borough to pay for the work being done from its Capital Improvement Fund, which is included in the \$7.3 million municipal budget for 1999.

Mayor Vigilanti noted that when the money is awarded from the NJDOT, then the \$180,000 will be put back into the Capital Improvement line.

Earlier this summer, *The Westfield Leader* reported on the borough's plans to add additional commuter parking. During an earlier Mountainside Council agenda setting meeting, Borough Engineer Michael Disko gave a presentation on the project.

At that time, he stated that a new lot would be constructed between the library and the Fire House at the northeast corner of Route 22, West, across

from Borough Hall, and will provide 24 parking spaces.

Mr. Disko also noted that the parking project will include running an additional driveway past the Hetfield House to give the borough 12 more spaces. The plan also calls for adding 10 spaces at the library.

In other business, it was announced that Pat Scherer was appointed as the borough's Assistant Treasurer and Tax Collector. According to Mayor Vigilanti, Mrs. Scherer is a Certified Tax Collector and will be working for the borough full time starting on Monday, August 30.

The Mayor also noted that Mrs. Scherer has worked for the borough in the past as a part-time tax collector, while working full time in the same capacity in Garwood.

In other business, a Shade Tree Contract was awarded to Caffrey Tree and Landscaping Service in the amount of \$16,496, which will last until Friday, June 30, 2000. According to Public Works Manager Robert Wycoff, no other bids for a Shade Tree Contract were received.

He added that Caffrey Tree and Landscaping is the same company that the borough has been using for many years.

Mr. Wycoff also noted that the responsibility of the service will be to aid the borough's Public Works Department in maintaining borough trees. The company will be responsible for planting, pruning and other such maintenance duties.

Finally, it was announced that bids are currently being sought for work to be done at the Fire House. According to Councilman and Fire Commissioner Werner C. Schon, an underground storage tank needs to be removed and a gas-fired broiler needs to be installed at the Fire House.



CHESS CHAMPS...Winners in the Westfield Chess Club's recent Junior Championships display their trophies. Pictured, left to right, are: front row, Melvin Diep, Ben Baron, Tim Woods, Andrew Gordon and Daniel Gordon, and back row, Carl Baron and Ari Minkov.

Junior Championships Held By Westfield Chess Club

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Chess Club held a chess tournament at the Westfield Y for players under 18 years of age and under 1600 rated by the United States Chess Federation (USCF) on July 18 and 25.

The four round swiss was played at a time control of 30 minutes for each player to complete the game. The players contested two games on July 18 and two games on July 25. The Westfield Chess Club currently has 25 juniors in the club, out of a total of 53 members.

Twenty-two juniors were eligible for the competition. Three juniors, including Yaacov Norowitz, a national chess master and current Westfield Chess Club Champion; Tom Bartell, a national chess expert and currently ranked 13th in the country in the age 15-16 category, and Jonathan Cohen, a national class A player, were not eligible because their rating was too high.

The Westfield Chess Club awarded trophies to the top seven players in the competition. Ari Minkov of Springfield won the competition with an undefeated score of 3 wins and a draw. Daniel Gordon of Short Hills placed second, with only a hard fought loss to Ari Minkov preventing him from taking first place. Ben Baron of Westfield came in third by winning three of his four games. Carl Baron of Westfield placed fourth and also drew with Ari Minkov for the latter's only draw.

Andrew Gordon of Short Hills came in fifth place. Tim Woods of Westfield finished in sixth place. Melvin Diep of Westfield came in seventh place in his first tournament. The event was directed by USCF Life Master Todd Lunna, President of the Westfield Chess Club.

For information about the Westfield Chess Club, please call Mr. Lunna at (908) 561-4974.

Children's Book Author Visits Youngsters in PEP Program

WESTFIELD — Students in the Westfield Public Schools Summer Primary Enrichment Program (PEP) recently enjoyed a visit from author Pat Brisson, who conducted a lesson on descriptive words.

Mrs. Brisson, a children's book author, told the students that the most important thing she ever learned was how to read.

Some of her most popular works, which she shared with the Westfield

students, are "Kate on the Coast," "Wanda's Roses," "The Summer My Father Was Ten" and "Hot Fudge Hero."

She also demonstrated how pages in a book are arranged for printing and binding.

The goal of the PEP program, which is concluding its 10th summer in Westfield, is to encourage students who are entering first, second and third grade to feel comfortable with Language Arts and to prepare them for the new school year.



ANY BOX TOPS?...The Friends of the Westfield Day Care Center are asking area residents to donate General Mills Education Box Tops, which the group will be collecting from now until next March. Moneys from this fundraiser will enable the Friends (formerly the Auxiliary) to continue supporting a program that provides child care to families from various socio-economic backgrounds, regardless of their ability to pay. The Infant Toddler Care Center, located at 462 West Broad Street, cares for 30 children ages 3 months to 2-1/2 years, while the Westfield Day Care Center, at 140 Mountain Avenue, provides full- and part-time day care for 108 children ages 2-1/2 through kindergarten.



ALWAYS AN EAGLE...Jim Pappas of Scotch Plains was the youngest boy to ever become an Eagle Scout, receiving the honor at age 12. He completed 45 merit badges and was awarded his Eagle Scout badge at Ebbs Field in Brooklyn on July 1, 1929. Jim was honored at SAGE Spend-a-Day this summer, commemorating the anniversary of President Woodrow Wilson's signing of the bill that established the Boy Scouts of America in 1916. Jim has been a member of the SAGE Spend-a-Day adult day program in Berkeley Heights for the last three years.

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