

Union County Puts Itself in Forefront On Patient Advocacy in New Jersey

Last week Union County made history by appointing the state's first Patient Advocate. This post, which is strictly volunteer, has been filled by Dr. Erica Fried, a recently retired radiologist from Westfield.

Dr. Fried retired July 1 from Rahway Hospital where she was Chairwoman of the Radiology Department.

Given the recent trend towards managed care to control rising medical care costs, patients have been the ones left out in the cold as insurance companies and hospitals are looking to cut costs while many physicians want payment promptly.

When a person feels they need to see an expert regarding a specific medical problem and they have an HMO (Health Maintenance Organization), this decision must be approved by their primary care physician — thus taking this decision away from the patient, in some cases, unless they choose to pay for such services out of their own pocket.

The Patient Advocate will work on the patient's behalf to help them get the treatment they need. Dr. Fried and a staff of volunteers will help patients get through the ever-changing and complex health care industry. Why should patients be held in limbo to get important tests and medical procedures due to failure on the part of an insurance company or primary care physician to approve such procedures? (Please see Freeholder Chairwoman Linda d. Stender's column on the Patient Advocate's role.)

The new service, which will be available 24 hours a day, is expected to be in operation later this month. The program is being sponsored by Catho



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EVERSON PLACE HOUSE LISTED AS 'TOTAL LOSS' SINCE OIL STORAGE TANK BURST IN HOME'S BASEMENT

Westfield Family Files \$2.5 Million Lawsuit Against Fuel Company, Insurance Firms in Connection With '95 Oil Spill

By JEANNE WHITNEY Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

A Westfield family that has been virtually homeless since nearly 400 gallons of home heating oil spilled into the basement of their Emerson Place house two years ago, has filed a \$2.5 million lawsuit against McDowells Oil Heat, Inc. of Westfield, Prudential Insurance Company, Utica Mutual Insurance Company and MacArthur Fuel Oil, among others. MacArthur took over McDowells' home heating oil business since the oil spill.

The 38-count complaint includes claims for property and punitive damages, personal injury and fraud. The Town of Westfield was not named in the suit, although a lawyer for the family said, "It should be sued."

Burton and Nancy Michaels, along with their two teenage daughters, claim that a regularly scheduled delivery of oil from McDowells to their house in September of 1995 resulted in the bursting of a fuel oil storage tank in the basement that has made the house uninhabitable and "a total loss."

Mr. Michaels said he is still paying the mortgage on the corner property.

In the two years since the accident, the Michaels have lived in a hotel, a rented house that has since been sold, and a rented apartment. The family's homeowner insurance policy with Prudential was canceled shortly after the spill. Mr. Michaels suffered a heart attack in 1996.

A next door neighbor has said he will sue the Michaels if the Everson Place property is not cleaned up.

Westfield Construction Official Louis Raupp said he halted the cleanup of the Michaels' property in August of 1996 when the company hired to do the work by McDowells' insurer, Utica Mutual, began excavating under the house.

"It turned out they were digging under pilings and making the house unstable," Mr. Raupp said, "so I stopped them."

Mr. Raupp said the permit application for the work simply said "replace a basement floor."

The basement floor is now a deep open hole filled with what appears to be water, oil and other debris.

Westfield Health Official Robert M. Sherr said a sanitary sewer under the basement of the Michaels house is broken. Officials said the extensive digging was discovered when town officials surveyed the broken sewer pipe.

The company responsible for the attempted cleanup, Pennoni Associates, Inc., is also named in the Michaels' lawsuit.

Soil and cement removed from the basement of the house by Pennoni has been on the lawn and covered with tarps since last year, according to neighbors.

In the lawsuit, the Michaels claim at least 32 tons of soil were contaminated by the spill.

Mr. Sherr said the excavated soil was removed from the property this past July. Neighbors claim there were also green drums that said "toxic materials" and a storage trailer on the Michaels' lawn for the past year.

The lawsuit has charged that the storage trailer contained the Michaels' belongings and that they do not know where the trailer has gone.

Scotch Plains lawyer Douglas W. Hansen, representing the Michaels, said McDowells admitted liability for the spill in the first months after the accident.

Subsequently, the company transferred the sale of home heating oil business to McArthur Fuel. Mr. Michaels said early last week, "I have seen no communication from the insurance company."

Joseph S. F. Sewall, also named in the Michaels' lawsuit and a lawyer representing Utica Mutual, McDowells' Insurer, said earlier last week, "We're still with talking with (the Michaels') attorney."

Mr. Hansen said Utica Mutual made an offer of \$22,000 to settle the case the day before the Michaels filed the \$2.5 million lawsuit with the New Jersey Superior Court last Thursday.

A lawyer for McDowells, Robert L. Podvey, did not return a telephone call from The Westfield Leader, but a letter to State Senate President Donald T. DiFrancesco, a Scotch Plains resident, in December of 1996

from Mr. Podvey's law firm about the Michaels' claims, stated that, "no cleanup will ever be personally acceptable to the Michaels."

The letter stated that Utica Mutual proposed to buy the property from the Michaels "at a fair price."

Mr. Michaels said that he estimated his home was worth about \$250,000 before the oil spill.

Everson Place and Summit Avenue neighbors who did not want to be identified said the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) tested the soil at the site and it is okay. The Michaels' lawyer claims the spilled oil is contaminating area ground water.

Another neighbor said the Michaels' house reeks of oil inside and wants to see a new house built there. Mr. Michaels has indicated in the past that tearing down the existing house and building another is a possible solution.

Mr. Michaels said Prudential Insurance has claimed that his homeowners' policy with the firm does not cover the accident. Then, the homeowners policy was not renewed when he could no longer live in the house due to the oil spill.

A spokeswoman for Prudential said it does not insure vacant houses.

Mr. Michaels said local state Assemblymen Richard H. Bagger and Alan M. Augustine proposed a bill last year in the state Legislature, at the urging of Mr. Michaels, to alert and protect homeowner insurance policy holders like himself who believe they are covered for "everything" and then find out otherwise.

He said the bill was soundly defeated.



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WESTFIELD IMPROVES TO 4-1 ON SEASON

Devils Field Hockey Squad Beats Johnson, Kent Place

By ALICIA PICOU *Specially Written for The Leader and The Times*

The Westfield High school girls' field hockey team boosted its record to 4-2-1 by winning two important games this week.

The Devils faced Arthur L. Johnson High School at home on Friday. Both teams came out even in the first half with no goals for either side.

Less than three minutes into the second half, Devils' senior forward Shannon Wagner netted the only goal of the game off an assist from senior forward Jessica Brewster.

"We have a potentially strong scoring line if we keep pressure on, backed by an equally strong defense. Today, the offense took some great shots. We deserved more than a 1-0 win," said senior Cindy Koons.

Ten minutes after Wagner's goal, junior Megan Pollock shot a rocket into the top of Johnson's goal. But the shot was called dangerous by the referee and taken back.

Seniors Meghan Hely and Brewster also had near goals, but Hely's shot bounced off the left post, and Brewster's sailed wide by inches.

"We've been practicing on scoring, and we're looking to put the ball on the goal rather than the keeper's pads," said Head Coach Maggie McFadden.

Senior goalie Abi Bercovicz combined with sophomore Jen Woodbury for the shutout in front of Westfield's goal.

Westfield faced Kent Place on Saturday, and came up big by beating Kent Place for the first time since 1988.

Westfield came out strong in the first half with two goals in the first 15 minutes. Junior Allie Cook opened up the scoring off a pass from senior Anisha Ambardar.

Three minutes later Brewster sent a clear shot straight past the Kent Place goalie off a pass from Wagner.

Lauren Worthington of Kent Place answered with three minutes left in the half, but it wasn't enough. The Devils held their lead through the second half to win 2-1.

"We're all really proud of each other," said senior Kit Simons. "This is the first time Westfield has beaten Kent Place in a long time. We're glad we got to do it in our senior year."

WHS girls soccer

WESTFIELD SOCCER TEAM KEEPS ON ROLLING

**Devil Girls Crush Cranford, Livingston; Mark
Now at 6-1**

By Amy Coccaro

Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The Westfield High School girls' varsity soccer team crushed formidable opponents Cranford and Livingston this past week to improve their record at 6-1.

Westfield traveled to Cranford on September 23 knowing they were in for a tough game.

"Cranford is always one of the best games in our conference. We knew we were in for a game before we stepped off the bus," said Westfield Coach Pete Giordano.

Knowing the power of the Westfield offense, Cranford Coach Marc Best moved Junior Shanon Murray from center halfback to sweeper. Murray proved to be an obstacle for Westfield as many of their early offensive attacks were thwarted.

However, 38 minutes into the first half junior Suzanne Heinkel dribbled into the corner and crossed the ball to the penalty spot where teammate Amy Coccaro was waiting and buried the ball in the corner of the goal.

Coccaro and Heinkel teamed up again two minutes into the second half when Coccaro put the ball across to Heinkel who knocked in the second goal.

Cranford failed to capitalize on perhaps its best scoring chance of the game when Devon Murray crossed the ball in front of the goal mouth only to find Westfield defender Becky Hamilton who cleared the ball out.

Cranford goalie Starr Long tallied seven saves in the game to hold Westfield's scoring at two.

Westfield Tri-Captain Vicki Nusse said, "We came out flat and did not play to the best of our ability, but you know you have a strong team if you can still capitalize in a rough game."

Westfield traveled to Livingston High School on September 27 to notch another win on their record. The field change from grass to astro-turf did not seem to bother the Devils as they crushed Livingston, 5-0.

Coccaro erupted for two goals and an assist, while Meghan Shutts, Kristen Salmond and Jessica Lutkenhouse also tallied goals. Heinkel, Katie Egan, Salmond and Becky Hamilton all contributed assists as the Devils held Livingston to only three shots on goal.

"At times we panicked against Cranford, but we controlled the ball better and had much better possession against Livingston. The team still has a lot to learn but I am confident that we are getting better every day," said Coach Giordano.

WHS JV girls

Devil JV Girls Remain Undefeated in Soccer

In this week's soccer action, the Westfield High School junior varsity girls' soccer team ran their record to 6-0 by defeating Cranford High School, 3-0, Linden, 6-0, and Livingston, 3-0.

On September 23, Westfield traveled to Cranford to play a very determined and aggressive Cranford squad. The first half was a scoreless tie as both teams fought for domination of midfield. The Westfield defensive corps had their work cut out for them.

Cranford had two near breakaways against Devils goalie Emily Lieberman, but fullbacks Amanda Kelly, Aubrey McGovern, Stevie Larson and sweeper Erika Van Anglen managed to head them off with four shots being registered on goal, but did give up three corner kicks to Cranford.

The second half was another battle for possession, but Val Griffeth got a through ball from Diana Kressner and hit it home at the 15-minute mark. It seemed to deflate Cranford when Griffeth repeated the performance on a cross from Albertson at the 17-minute mark.

Elisa Cognetti moved up from her halfback position to right wing and hit a 20 yarder from a difficult angle at the 30-minute mark to close out the scoring. Goalies Lieberman and Marina Powell wound up with

10 saves in the hard fought contest.

In last Thursday's action, an outnumbered Linden squad came to Westfield and were defeated, 6-0. Meg Albertson opened the scoring on a drop pass from Griffeth and fired it point blank past the Linden keeper. Stacy Donahue took passes from Giovanna Romano and Melissa Fry and hit one home at the 20-minute mark to close out first half scoring.

In the second half, Westfield again dominated as Albertson took a chip pass from Constandis and headed it into the goal at the four-minute mark. Defensive halfback Kressner then volleyed home a cross from Kelly at the seven-minute mark.

Fry got a pass from Cognetti at the 12:00 mark and left-footed one into the corner. The defense held off Linden until the Devils Jamie Mack volleyed home a cross from Romano at the 18-minute mark to close out the scoring.

On Saturday, Westfield traveled to Livingston for a morning game and came away 3-0 winners. The game stayed that way until McGovern volleyed a low shot from Kelly that eluded Livingston Goalie Jen Horowitz and seemed to deflate a scrappy Livingston squad.

Kerri Anness took a through pass from Donahue and volleyed one into the back corner to give Westfield a 2-0 half time advantage. In the second half, Westfield put the game out of reach when Kelly intercepted a clearing kick and volleyed a high, hard shot over the Livingston keeper.

Westfield wound up with a 20 2 shot advantage in the contest.

Hanas Story

Hanas Sets Goal to Make Regional Cycling Squad

By MEGHAN CORBETT

Specially Written for The Leader and The Times

An up and coming star in the cycling world, Westfield High School student Matt Hanas captured the New Jersey State Road Race Championship on August 24.

Competing in the junior 17- and 18-year-old category, Hanas finished the 12-mile race in 29:38.

Hanas trains every day in the off-season (March through October), which entails cycling 20 to 40 miles a day.

He receives coaching from Pat Driscoll, owner of a Millburn bike shop. In fact, Driscoll sold him his first racing bicycle.

"There are three other boys from Millburn High School who I race with. We train together and race together; it's a junior team," Hanas said.

The racing season begins in June and runs through September. During this time Hanas and his teammates participate in races almost every weekend during the summer, with the largest competition being a five-day stage race in Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

The stage race offers a different race each day with participants accumulating points that are totaled the final day. Hanas finished 20th out of 55 people in the road races and 17th out of 55 people in the time trial. The first day of racing is a five-mile race, the third day a 50-mile road race and the fifth day a 25-mile road race.

Besides his high finishes in the New Jersey State championship and the stage race, Hanas also has finished in the top 10 of the Tour of Basking Ridge, a 20-mile road race. The races Hanas and his Millburn teammates take part in attract competition from all over the world.

"I originally started mountain biking and after a couple of years saved up my money and bought a road bike. Road bikes are designed for higher speeds and are much lighter.

"I have to go to Millburn to race and train because there is not enough interest or information in Westfield, although I do belong to the Vélo Club," said Hanas.

Hanas will weight train and cycle this winter to prepare for next year's racing season.

"My main goals for next season are to make the Eastern Regional Team where we would race in Junior Olympic meets and then some of us would be chosen for the United States National Team to race in the Pan-American Games.

"I would also like to finish in the top five at the Junior National Cycling Championships," Hanas noted.

Looking towards the not-so-distant future, Hanas has his hopes set on cycling at either Rutgers, Columbia University, Pennsylvania State University or the University of Pennsylvania.

"They have good racing teams and I want to cycle in college," he added.

Argyles

Argyles Squad Gains Split Against Westfield, S. Brunswick Squads

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Argyles under 9 girls' soccer team had a busy weekend on September 27 and 28 as they played Westfield at home on Saturday and visited South Brunswick on Sunday.

The game against Westfield started off well for the Argyles as Linda Missal scored from her wing after a great run. Maggie McLaughlin was solid at her midfield position, where she set up Liz Halpin for the second goal of the contest.

Strong play at the fullback positions by Melissa Kliesch and Carol Monteiro kept the Westfield team from penetrating the net.

In the second half, Westfield came out to score, but goalie Ashley Jacobi turned them away with several fine saves. Tiffany Smith played very well at halfback, along with Jessica Reddington.

Lisa Carmarda tallied the final goal for the Argyles, with help from Kimberlee Appezzato. Westfield was able to score in the final quarter. The final score stood at 3-1 in favor of the Argyles.

On Sunday, the team faced a strong squad from South Brunswick, They found themselves down by one goal quickly, and tried to even the score for the rest of the first half. The girls played valiantly, but could not score.

The second half saw the opposition continue to attack the Argyle defense. In spite of their efforts, the defense could not stop the South Brunswick offense. Three more goals were scored putting the final score at 4-0 in South Brunswick's favor.

Killer Bees

Killer Bees Trounce Kenilworth Kicks, 8-0

The Westfield under-12 girls' soccer team, the Killer Bees, beat the Kenilworth Kicks 8-0 last Sunday.

The Bees, playing this season against girls about a year older than them, shot out to a 1-0 lead on a breakaway by Danielle Fried.

The Killer Bees then scored again on one of their favorite plays -- a strong pass by center halfback Gio Palatucci while splitting the defense so that Fried could outrun the defenders.

Palatucci then scored twice as she positioned herself in the center of the 18-yard box so that she could receive crossing passes from the wing. The first half ended with the Bees tallying twice more on goals by Jenna Federgreen and Melissa Rosen.

In the second half, the offense kept the pressure on as the defense led by Emily MacNeil, Jessie Elkoury, Ali Carter and Justine Palme held the other team's kicks scoreless.

The second half saw the Bees score two more goals; one scored by Amanda Dickson who also assisted on the other goal earlier in the half to Rosen.

The Killer Bees beat New Providence, 2-1, in New Providence on September 21.

Their opponent had won their previous game 11-1 and looked strong early on in the game but the Bees broke a scoreless tie on a goal by center forward Fried and followed it with another one on a beautiful pass from Hannah Burke to Sophie Hall who put it in for the score.

New Providence scored a goal late in the second half but the Bees defense held their opponent at bay.

The Bees lost their opening game 3-2 the week before to Roselle Park despite having the better of the play for most of the game. The Bees led 1-0 on a beautiful goal by Lauren Purdy but then gave back three goals in a short period of time.

The Bees scored on a goal by Rosen on a pass from Fried to narrow the gap but were unable to tie the game despite several late opportunities that just missed.

The Killer Bees record now stands at 2-1.

Sp-f Soccer Assoc. _Sports

Plenty of Action on Field

By SP-F Soccer Association

Editor's Note: The final game summaries were sent to *The Times* courtesy of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Soccer Association.

House League Boys Grade 2

David Chapman excelled in goal for the Metrostars behind the great defense by Jessie Marvosa and Christopher Magnan. Eddie Kahn and Taylor Molinaro were instrumental in keeping the ball forward.

Joey Blaes and Matthew Chiarello along with Harry Stuppler delivered some powerful kicks from the back. Ryan Krueger, (2); Daniel Wright, and Jimmy Leischner (2) scored for the Burn. Keeper Michael Bello opened the match with a fine save, and Leischner was solid goal with five saves in the final quarter.

Dan Sapienza put the ball in the net for the Mutiny to finish a cross to the center. Doug Mecca also scored. Brendan Kirby had a great day in midfield with a goal and an assist to Andrew Clark. Gregory Bencivengo, Zachary Feldman, Danny DeCataldo and Andrew Mann played well all around while Jackson Udelsman was great at both ends of the pitch.

John DeLuca of the Galaxy answered with a goal of his own. Tim Stuart came close with a shot off the left post. Ellis Lieberman, Tommy Sutter, Teddy Rosenblatt, Chris Casserly and Jeff Stuart were strong on defense along with a great one-on-one save by goalie Michael Bover. Stunt, DeLuca, Scott Salmon and Brian O'Donnell applied the offensive pressure.

DC United continued its scoring prowess led by Michael Divizio's three-goal hat trick.

Brian Hessemer scored two goals and James DiNizo added another. Jarek Cohen, Alex wexler and Ne Merchant provided the assists. Adam Brous and David Haynes made super saves in goal with Corey Davis and Mark Badalementi strong efforts on defense.

The Revolution was strong versus the Wizards with constant offense by Andrew Barry, Joe Lepri and Keith Bronikowski. Marco Zanfardino had his second multi-goal game. Jordan Guiffre, John

Irace and Andrew Monroe were dazzling in midfield, and Trevor Cannon anchored the defense.

The Rapids were a fireworks display versus the Crew. Travis Rosado, Larry Dent and Alec Jacobs led the attack with Daniel LiVolsi netting the first goal. Eric Davis and Steven Klehm continued the pressure to lead to more scoring.

In the second half the Crew came back with some goal of their own. Keith Baker and Dylan McMahon closed out the scoreline. Midfielders Eric Briggs and Jason Boff played with great promise.

Intercity Division

The SPFSA Sabers opened their regular fall schedule win a 2-1 win over a tough North Hunterdon side. Andrew Silber struck first for the Sabers off the skillful offense by Greg Leischner, Patrick Schiazza, Jeffrey Bell, Sean McNelis and Bill Schoenbach.

Steve Gaetano, Casey Hoynes O'Connor, Robert Lasher and Matt Colon were strong in midfield to combine with the back line power of Terence Charles, Ryan Aspell, Sean Smith, and Adam Greenwald.

Bill Albizati, Schoenbach and Silber provided solid protection for the Saber goal to hold the match at 1-1. In the final minutes, McNelis drove hard through the North Hunterdon defense for the match winner.

Soccer Assoc.

Soccer Assoc. Introduces Portable Goals for Youths

It was almost two years in the making, including a trial period with the third- and fourth-grade Division 5 players initially, but portable goals for all the youth soccer players in the Westfield Soccer Association (WSA) became a reality on September 14.

Teams of WSA parent volunteers transport, erect and disassemble the goals each week. When the first games began the excitement was palpable.

WSA Vice President George Handza, who has coached both Division 6 in town and the Division 5 travel teams, observed that "this is my

second time around in Division 6 in town and the sound of parents and relatives exhorting the players seemed greater than my previous experience. I think the difference is the goals."

Handza, who was instrumental in developing the portable goal concept with Bill Gundrum and Chris Carson, was clear to point out that "none of this would be even close to feasible without the incredible soccer volunteer parents who dedicate their time, energy and resources to make Westfield a dynamic community of striving, caring individuals who help all these young people in some small way to prepare for the rest of their lives."

WSA - Sports

JUMPING FOR JOY...Members of the Westfield Soccer Association (WSA) Division 6B Pandas and Jaguars jump for joy after completing their first game on the new portable goals introduced by the WSA this season for all nine fields at Memorial Park. Winning or losing didn't seem to matter in light of the fun and realism of playing on scale appropriate official soccer goals.

SP-F PAL

Raiders PAL Squad Pounds Union, 27-8; Cranford, 30-19

This past week, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Police Athletic League "A" team picked up two more wins on September 25, against Union (a non-league eighth grade team) and Cranford.

Against Union, the Raiders were facing a much bigger team, but size didn't stop Scotch Plains-Fanwood as they dominated both sides of the ball. As the game started, Union mounted a long drive and it looked as if they would be able to push the Raiders around.

That was until defensive tackle Chris Feighner came up with the first big play of the game for the Raiders as he registered a quarterback sack. The first quarter ended with the two teams locked in a 0-0 tie.

The Raiders turned the ball over to Union on a fumble in the second quarter but Feighner got the ball right back with a fumble recovery of his own. On first down, the Raiders executed a perfect "hook-and-ladder" play as Connor Crehan hit Rory Verducci who lateraled to Ryan Crawford for a 23-yard gain.

On the next play, halfback Mike Buffardi refused to go down as he steamrolled 35 yards for the touchdown. The half ended just as Brad Belford recovered a Union fumble and the Raiders clung to a 7-0 lead.

The Raiders put together a sustained drive at the start of the third quarter which ended with Ian Bundy taking the ball in from the five-yard line for a 14-0 Raider lead. On Union's next possession, Matt Loomis stormed in untouched and blocked a punt.

On their first play, Crehan hit Crawford with a 26-yard scoring strike and a 20-0 lead.

With the Raiders leading 20-8 in the fourth quarter, Buffardi hit Verducci with a 41-yard halfback option. Four plays later, the Raiders closed out the scoring with Crehan hitting Brian Schiller with a six-yard scoring strike. Josh Finkelstein put the finishing touches on Union as he also blocked a punt.

With all the scoring the Raiders did, the true heroes of the game were the offensive linemen. Robbie Mattar, Andrew Pavoni, Belford, Feighner and Finkelstein did an outstanding job of opening holes and protecting the quarterback.

This was evident in the fact that the Raiders only lost yardage on one play and were able to rack up 236 yards of total offense. Defensively, middle linebacker Kyle Adams had an outstanding game as he led the team with eight tackles and was all over the field.

Against Cranford, the Raiders were really put to the test but managed to come out on top 30-19. The first half saw a lot of scoring and lead changes as momentum seemed to switch on every series. On the second play of the game Raider defensive tackle, Pavoni, scooped up a Cranford fumble and raced 59 yards for the touchdown.

On their very next possession, Cranford broke off a 63-yard touchdown to knot the score at 6-6. The Raiders then scored on their next series as Ian Bundy found daylight and raced 53 yards for a score putting the Raiders on top, for the moment, 12-6. On Cranford's next possession, they mounted a sustained drive which they capped off with a 31-yard touchdown reception to again knot the score at 12-12, in the first quarter.

On Cranford's first possession of the second quarter, they took the lead for the first time as they scored on a 46-yard touchdown run and converted the extra point for a 19-12 lead. With time running out in the quarter and Cranford driving, Pavoni came up with his second fumble recovery.

The Raiders drove towards the goal but the clock was working against them. With only four seconds left, Buffardi hit Verducci with a perfect halfback option pass for a touchdown and the Raiders went into halftime trailing 19-18.

The Raiders came out in the second half determined to keep their perfect season in tact. The defense flexed it's muscle and became impenetrable. Meanwhile, the offense was not done putting points on the board. Buffardi swept around the right end and refused to be brought down as he raced 25 yards for the touchdown.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood had the lead for good at 24-19. On Cranford's next possession, cornerback Steve Lowen timed the quarterback's delivery perfectly as he stepped in front of the receiver and picked off the pass. The Raiders went into the final quarter knowing they needed more points.

The offense took over and chewed up valuable time off the clock as they drove into Cranford territory. The drive was capped off with a four-yard scoring run by EJ McGuire. Josh Finkelstein dashed any hopes Cranford had of mounting a comeback as he sacked the quarterback late in the quarter. When the final gun sounded, the Raiders record was 3-0.

Bundy was the leading rusher for the Raiders with 99 yards on seven carries. The Raiders threw the ball 18 times on the day. Crehan was 11 for 16 for 123 yards. McGuire, Adams and Loomis all had standout games for the Raider defense.

DeVito

DeVito Contributing To Success of Marist

Jeff DeVito, a junior at Marist College and the kicker on the football team, has been contributing to the success of the team.

He has had an 11 for 14 season so far in three games in a combination of point-after-touchdown (PAT) and field goals.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Dominic DeVito of Westfield, Jeff is a Dean's List student and the recipient of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) scholar-athlete award, as a result of having one of the top 20 Grade Point Averages (GPA) in the Middle Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC).

Bergen, sports

John Bergen to be Inducted Into Washington Hall of Fame

John P. Bergen, of Westfield, is one of 10 new members who will be

inducted into the Washington College Athletic Hall of Fame on Saturday, October 4.

Bergen was a four-year letterman in basketball, making the Mason-Dixon Conference All-Star team his last two years. In 1955, he led the Mason-Dixon Athletic Conference in scoring with a 26.6 points per game average.

He was said to have a deadly one-hand jump shot and was a consistent 20-point scorer in every game he played. Bergen served as Captain of the basketball team during his senior year. Additionally, he participated in track and field in his freshman and sophomore years and in varsity lacrosse during his junior and senior years.

Hurricanes

Hurricanes Defeat Montclair Squad, 3-1

The Hurricanes, a Scotch Plains-Fanwood Soccer Association Intercity team, defeated Montclair on the road, 3-1 on September 21.

The Hurricanes took an early lead in the first half by forward Joseph Bianco. Strong defense by sweeper Andrew Colon allowed halfback Brendan McKenna and Greg Brand to maintain control of the ball.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood continued to dominate in the second half with goals by Bianco and Matt Heuther. Fullback Jason Zelesnick had two good saves and halfback Colin Van Wagner was intimidating with his ball-handling skill.

SportsHighlites Roundup

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

September 24

Westfield 5, Cranford 0

SINGLES:

1st: – Jen Matro (W) d. Rebecca Severs, 6-1, 6-0.

2nd: - Becky Matro (W) d. Kelly Bromwell, 6-0, 6-0.

3rd: – Sarah Sharpe (W) d. Julie Kiamie, 6-1, 6-2.

DOUBLES:

1st: - Caroline Tell and Katie Richards (W) d. Diana Capece and Mara Goodgold, 6-0, 6-1.

2nd: - Rebecca Goldberg and Lisa Gorbaty (W) d. Caroline Blake and Christine Clay, 6-0, 6-0.

Union Catholic Regional 5, Shabazz 0

SINGLES:

1st: – Kathryn Rooney (UC) d. La Sean Green, 6-2, 6-1.

2nd: - Tracy Acuna (UC) d. Candice Green, 6-0, 6-2.

3rd: – Elizabeth Lee (UC) d. Ameerah Smith, 6-0, 6-0.

DOUBLES:

1st: - Kathryn Wood and Sarah Terpenning (UC) d. Natifah Curry and Darnitah Moultrie, 6-0, 6-0.

2nd: - Cecile Cornato and Jayme Ganey (UC) d. Yasmeen Holmes and Yomaira Soto, 6-0, 6-0.

Scotch Plains -Fanwood 5, Rahway 0

SINGLES:

1st: – Carolyn Pilkington (SPF) d. Megan Bauer, 6-0, 6-0.

2nd: - Diegi Notoane (SPF) d. Tiffany Carbonaro, 6-0, 6-0.

3rd: – Danielle Kapner (SPF) d. Dianne Amann, 6-0, 6-0.

DOUBLES:

1st: - Cara Bristol and Gita Shoor (SPF) d. Jackie Cornell and Vicki Guidi, 6-0, 6-1.

2nd: - Jan Weiner and Allison Zatorski (SPF) d. Melissa Mallick and Candice Wilford, 6-0, 6-0.

CORBETT BATTLES IN THRILLER

Devil Girls Pressure 2nd-Ranked Millburn

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The Westfield High School girls' tennis team took a strong Millburn High School team, ranked second in the *Star Ledger* Top Twenty, right to the limit at Tamaques Park in Westfield on September 23 by dropping an extremely close 3-2 match.

Third singles player Ilka Netravali was unable to compete due to an injury sustained during the Kings Girls Tennis Showdown on September 14. Her absence from competition created an awkward situation for the Blue Devils.

The Blue Devils had to rearrange their lineup just prior to the match due to a state ruling which requires the number-four tennis player to move into the third singles spot to fill in for the injured Netravali.

Blue Devil second doubles player Meghan Corbett moved to the third singles spot, second doubles player Katie Richards teamed up with

Sarah Sharpe at first doubles and Lisa Gorbaty moved into the second doubles spot with Caroline Tell.

Although there were several crucial games among the girls, the real pressure ended up with all eyes focused on the third singles match between Corbett and Jessica Shfofmackher of the Millburn Millers.

The third singles match seemed to go on-and-on as the first two sets had to be decided by tie-breakers with Corbett winning the first and Shfofmackher capturing the second.

"It was a very close match. We were caught off guard because we did not know of the switch until five minutes before the match," stated Corbett.

When asked about the details of her match with Shfofmackher, Corbett explained, "I served first in the first tie breaker and went up 5-2. Jessica came back to tie, then I went ahead 6-5. Jessica tied it again, then I won the last."

"I guess I got mentally nervous in the second set and the match seemed to go on forever. There were some close calls and everyone was watching me," continued Corbett. "In the last set, I went down 4-0, then came back to 4-2. Then, I fell and hurt my ankle but I wasn't going to quit," added Corbett.

"Despite the loss, the whole team was happy because we played them tough and came so close to beating the second-ranked team in the state," exclaimed Corbett. "Next time we play them, we will have a full team."

SINGLES:

1st: – Jennifer Tuchband (M) d. Jen Matro, 6-1, 6-2.

2nd: - Brooke Moldenhauer (M) d. Becky Matro, 6-3, 6-3.

3rd: – Jessica Shfofmackher (M) d. Meghan Corbett, 6-7 (5-7), 7-6 (7-4), 6-2.

DOUBLES:

1st: - Sarah Sharpe and Katie Richards (W) d. Alyssa Hochberg and Danielle Stein, 6-4, 1-6, 6-2.

2nd: - Coroline Tell and Lisa Gorbaty (W) d. Ambika Singh and Kyoko Toyama, 1-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Field Hockey

Blue Devils Battle Columbia, 0-0 Tie

The Westfield High School girl' field hockey team traveled to Maplewood and battled to a scoreless tie with Columbia High School on September 22.

The Blue Devils pressed the attack and made more shots on goal than Columbia. Devil goalkeeper Abby Bercovicz needed only to make two saves while Columbia goalie Charla Tores was forced to make five.

Westfield 0 0 0

Columbia 0 0 0

Boys Soccer

Devils Brick Warwick, R. I., Prevail at Soccer Tourney

The Westfield High School boys' soccer team stunned West Warwick High School from Rhode Island on September 22 by scoring all five goals in the first half, then allowed the defense to take over for the remainder of the game at the Kearny Tournament.

West Warwick ran into the Blue Devils' brick wall defense and only forced goalie Mike Idland to make four saves. The rest was all Westfield as the Blue Devils attacked West Warwick with a barrage of shots. Goalkeeper Jim Petrarca was shelled all afternoon as he made 13 saves.

Frank Ianni drilled the first two goals for the Blue Devils and teammates Mike Baly, Alex Lau and Jeff Kivetz added one goal each. Dylan Dupre had three assists.

Westfield High School lifted its record to 4-1 and captured the ninth

ranking in the Star Ledger Boys' Soccer Top 20. West Warwick dropped to 2-3-2.

West Warwick 0 0 0

Westfield 5 0 5

3rd-Ranked Raiders Romp Over Dazed Indians, 3-1

Junior Todd Moser drilled a goal off a free kick from 18 yards out with 26:57 remaining putting the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys' soccer team ahead for good over the Indians in Scotch Plains on September 23.

Senior Tri-Captain Mike Milberger found the net with a penalty kick in the first half to give the Raiders a 1-0 lead, then Rich Cohan of the Indians tied the score early in the second half.

Junior Raider Taffarie Laing put the icing on the cake when he whizzed the ball past the goalie later in the second half. Senior Tri-Captain Jeff Gillie had three saves.

The superb ball control of the Raiders, the *Newark Star Ledger's* third-ranked boys' soccer team, created a situation of defensive desperation for Rahway High School goalie Elmer Ventura as he had to keep scrambling to prevent further scores. Ventura did manage to gather nine saves.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood upped its record to 5-0 while Rahway slipped to 2-2.

Rahway 0 1 1

Scotch Plns-Fanwood 1 2 2

Devil Boys Get on the Trail, Track Down the Cougars

The Westfield High School boys' soccer team got its second victory in-a-row; this time at the expense of Cranford High School on September 24. The Blue Devils fired 18 shots on goal as they triggered a 3-1 ambushing of the Cougars.

Senior striker Dylan Dupre scored twice in the first half to put the Blue Devils ahead 2-1. Dupre's second goal came from a penalty kick with 3:40 remaining. Joe McComb had the only goal for Cranford.

In the second half, the Blue Devils added a little cushion when sophomore midfielder Ralph Rapuano blasted the ball into the net. Junior Blue Devil keeper Mike Idland recorded five saves and Cougar keeper Derin Klebaur had 15 saves.

Westfield improved to 5-1 while Cranford slid to 2-2-1.

Cranford 1 0 1

Westfield 2 1 3

Linden 5, Union Catholic Regional 1

The Vikings were overcome by the sure foot of Linden High School's Dario Experience as he scored three times as the Tigers ripped Union Catholic, 5-1, on September 23.

Pedro Oliveira and Jean Thomas each added a goal for the Tigers and Mark DeOliviera scored for the Vikings.

GIRLS SOCCER

Viking Girls Get on a Roll, Crush Linden in Soccer, 8-0

Senior Laura Iden was unstoppable as she plundered the Linden High School girls' soccer team by coming up with three goals and two assists to lead Union Catholic Regional to a 8-0 shutout of the Tigers at Scotch Plains on September 23.

Vikings Tanya Wynarczuk and Jessica Ballweg were not much nicer to the Tigers as they whipped in two goals each and Shelly Iden added

another. Jen Castillo also had three assists for the Vikings.

The Tiger goal area became a virtual shooting gallery as the shell-shocked keeper Margaret Selosz was forced to make 20 saves. Viking goalkeeper Lisa Henderson made five saves of her own.

Union Catholic Regional lifted its record to 4-1 as Linden fell to 2-3.

Linden 0 0 0

Union Catholic 5 3 8

Raider Girls Boot Rahway; Vanderheyden Scores Big

Senior Tri-Captain Kate Vanderheyden provided the necessary offensive kick in the first half and added an assist in the second half to lead the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School varsity girls' soccer team to a 2-0 blanking of the Indians in Rahway on September 23.

Vanderheyden's goal came when teammate Amy Citrano skid a pass for a perfect setup. The Raiders added a cushion in the second half when freshman Renee Zidonik took the pass from Vanderheyden and banged it into the Rahway net.

The awesome Raider dominance was apparent when Rahway goalie Margarita Castro earned her keep as she was forced to make 21 saves. Junior Raider keeper Christine Bowers had five saves of her own.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood improved to 2-2 while Rahway slipped to 1-3.

Scotch Plns-Fanwood 1 1 2

Rahway 0 0 0

Coccaro Propels the Devils Past the Tamed Cougars, 2-0

Senior forward Amy Coccaro took a feed from junior forward Sue

Heinkel and slapped it into the net with three minutes remaining in the first half to help lead the Westfield High School girls' soccer team to a 2-0 victory over Cranford High School on September 23 in Cranford.

Five minutes into the second half, Coccaro passed to Heinkel who, in turn, flicked the ball past the Cougar goalie for the second Blue Devil score.

Senior Blue Devil goalkeeper Vicky Nusse had eight saves and Cougar keeper Starr Long made nine saves.

The *Star Ledger's* fifth-ranked team improved its record to 4-1 as Cranford dropped to 2-2.

Westfield 1 1 2

Cranford 0 0 0

Viking Girls Trample Rahway in Soccer, 7-0

Senior Laura Iden and her sophomore sister Shelly each scored two goals as Union Catholic Regional High School shut out the Rahway High School girls' soccer team on their own turf, 7-0 on September 25.

Laura Iden also had two assists and Tanya Wyncarczuk added a goal and had two assists of her own as the *Newark Star Ledger's* 12th-ranked team kept consistent pressure on Indian goalkeeper Jen Wilds whose diving and leaping kept the score from being even worse.

Jessica Ballweg and Lisette Brandao added one goal apiece for the Vikings and goalkeeper Lisa Henderson would not allow the goal line to be penetrated as she made six saves. Rahway keeper Wilds got the opportunity to make 15 saves.

Union Catholic upped its record to 5-1 while Rahway fell tumbled to 2-4.

Union Catholic 3 4 7

Rahway 0 0 0

Devil Soccer Girls Riddle Linden With 8-0 Shutout

The Fourth-Ranked Westfield High School girls' soccer team demonstrated why they deserve such a high ranking as they not only shutout Linden High School, 8-0, but also kept them from making a shot-on-goal in Westfield on September 25.

Not only did several of the Blue Devil offensive team members score goals, but also two defensive players added goals as Becky Hamilton Kati Bertelson each fired in goals of their own.

WATCHUNG CONFERENCE:

Boys Soccer:

Plainfield 3, Elizabeth 2

Plainfield(3-1) 2 1 3

Elizabeth(2-3) 0 2 2

Girls Soccer:

Voorhees 2, Cranford 2

Voorhees(5-0) 1 1 2

Cranford(1-1-1) 0 1 0

Jazz Stuff Cranford Strikers In Inter-City Soccer Action

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Jazz, a girls under 10 inter-city soccer team, were challenged this past weekend by the Cranford Strikers in a game at Park Middle School.

The Jazz, showing their best stuff, struck out the Strikers by a score of 3-0.

Lauren Mains set up the game's first goal when she carried the ball from just past the halfway line, down the right sideline and crossed a perfect pass to the middle of the field where Allie Hambleton scored on a shot from 12 yards out.

Strong defensive play by Katie Van Haasteren and Briana Falco helped keep the half-time score 1-0 in favor of the Jazz.

Maddie Wasser got the Jazz going in the second half with a strong clearing pass that was picked up by Hambleton who passed it to Bitsy Kipping who fired in the goal to give the Jazz a 2-0 lead.

Two minutes later Kipping came flying in at the right wing and knocked in a rebound for her second goal of the game. In the final period, Lauren Hercel helped keep the Strikers stuck in their own end with some strong play on the right wing and Hallie Mintz made a couple of nice saves to preserve the shutout.

The Jazz have had a successful fall season thus far with a 3-0 record.

XCountry Stewart Memorial

KASLUSKY CAPTURES 5TH PLACE

Devil Girls Place Fifth, Boys 7th in Memorial

By DAVID B. CORBIN *Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times*

The Westfield High School girls' cross country team finished fifth at the Stewart Memorial Cross Country Race at Warinanco Park in Elizabeth on September 27 and the Blue Devils boys placed seventh.

The Blue Devil girls finished with a total of 133 behind fourth-placed Middletown South High School which had 115. Roxbury High School captured first-placed honors with 50.

In the varsity girls race, the Blue Devils did run as a pack. Lindsay Totams finished 23rd with a time of 21:55, Laura Brucia in 24th at 21:59, Susan Wilson in 25th at 22:02, Sara Carpenter in 27th at 22:04, Sarah Mullen in 34th at 22:13, Tina Ho in 45th at 22:55 and Anna Dujnic in 58th at 23:57.

Alexis Anzelone grabbed a first place in the freshman girls race with a time of 14:36 and teammates Rachel Ackerman and Kyle Legones placed 3rd and 5th, respectively, with times of 15:35 and 15:50.

Heather Dennis placed fourth in the junior varsity race with a time of 22:34, Tara Bhandari took 13th at 23:06, Priscilla Hurley grabbed 16th at 23:13, Tanya Tran came in 22nd at 23:39 and Sarah Lechner placed 23rd at 23:45.

The Blue Devil boys finished seventh with 211 points behind Toms River South High School which had 192. Randolph took top honors with 55 points and beat out St. Joseph's of Metuchen which finished in second at 74.

Gordon Kaslusky placed fifth among the boys with a time of 16:36 just one second behind Joao Oliveira of Newark East Side and two seconds behind Dan Contreas of Don Bosco Prep. Ray Driscoll of St. Joseph's captured first with a time of 16:17.

Black Watch Defeated By East Brunswick

On the road for the third straight week in the boys' under-10 flight 2 Division, Scotch Plains-Fanwood's Black Watch soccer team had the better of the play but the worse of the score last Sunday.

On a field that favored the team attacking south to north, the Black Watch had numerous first half opportunities but did not convert. With the tables turned in the second half, they played East Brunswick even before giving up a late goal to lose the game.

Fullback play was strong throughout. John Cox ran down several East Brunswick breakaways, Ryan Cerick displayed a strong clearing kick, and Joey Dzedzic made a heads-up play to save a goal in the second half.

Offensively, Matt Fleissner pressured East Brunswick constantly during the first half.

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Argyles In Tie Game With East Brunswick

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Argyles faced a tough East Brunswick team in their first home match of the season last Sunday. The rivalry between these two clubs is very strong. After the contest, these under-9 girls can say they know this firsthand.

The East Brunswick team struck quickly with the first goal after a few minutes passed. The Argyle defenders, Melissa Kleisch and Carol Monteiro, fought to keep East Brunswick away from the net, but the opposition came on strong, scoring for a second time. The Argyles got their first goal on a neat play which saw Liz Halpin cross the ball to Maggie Mc Laughlin, who sailed it into the corner of the net. Linda Missal and Tiffany Smith kept up the pressure at midfield. Halpin tied the score at 2-2 with a fine run that resulted in a goal. East Brunswick came right back with a shot from outside that squibbled into the goal.

The second half saw both teams play excellent soccer. East Brunswick kept penetrating the Argyle defense, despite the fine play of Jessica Reddington and Kimberlee Appezzato. They could not capitalize however, because Argyle goalie Ashley Jacobi smothered every attempt they made at the goal. Missal and Smith, along with Mc Laughlin and Halpin, kept up the pressure on the East Brunswick defenders. Lisa Camarda, who had missed a few attempts earlier in the game, blasted a shot that found the corner of the net and knotted up the score at 3-3. Despite great plays by both teams, defense prevailed and the game ended tied at 3-3. The crowd in attendance at the field was treated to a fine match by both squads.



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TEAM SPIRIT ...Craig Stock of the Westfield Jaycees, third from left, stands with the captains of the Westfield High School (WHS) ice hockey and girls' lacrosse teams, both of which are beneficiaries of the proceeds from the Livingston Taylor concert to be held on Saturday, October 4, at the WHS auditorium. Mr. Stock and the Jaycees chose to assist the two self-funded high school teams because of their determination and efforts to raise a combined \$75,000 to run the teams each year. The captains, pictured left to right, are: Brendan Hickey, Bryan Gates, Meg Hely, Kit Simons and Kelly Korecky.

Livingston Taylor Concert To Benefit Two WHS Teams

Folk singer Livingston Taylor will perform in concert on Saturday, October 4, at 8 p.m. in the Westfield High School (WHS) auditorium. Proceeds from the concert will benefit two of the high school's athletic teams.

The ice hockey and the girls' lacrosse teams — both self-funded — will be the recipients of the proceeds, thanks to the generosity of the Westfield Jaycees.

The ice hockey team held its annual "Skate-A-Thon" event at the Westfield National Guard Armory on September 20. Team members are also planning snow shoveling and poinsettia and Easter candy sales as future fundraisers, as well as two cocktail parties.

The Friends of Girls' Lacrosse held their annual cocktail party on September 20; they had a booth at FestiFall the following day, and the players are currently selling Sally Foster wrapping paper and Christmas wreaths.

Both teams have sold tickets to the Livingston Taylor concert. Tickets are also on sale at the Music Staff in Westfield.

For further information on the girls' lacrosse team, please call Bobbie Todd at (908) 232-7484 and for information on the ice hockey team, please call Sue Schwarz at (908) 233-5595.



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Fanny Wood Photos

by David B. Corbin for *The Times*

The Story



CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES ...The Celebration Singers, a choral group which specializes in popular and traditional songs, appeared last Saturday at "Fanny Wood Day" in downtown Fanwood. Among the songs performed by the ensemble were "Danny

Boy," "Song of Galilee" and "O Solo Mio."



ALL ABOARD... Captain Robert Carboy of the Fanwood Police Department, left, and Fanwood Fire Chief Daniel Librandy welcome visitors to a "Fanny Wood Day" exhibit featuring a fire engine from 1947. Also on display was a hose cart, circa 1890, which was used by the

Fanwood Fire Company before the community had even been designated as a borough.



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BEAR FACTS...A representative of Fanwood's Channel 35 chats with "Smokey the Bear" during the "Fanny Wood Day" celebration last Saturday in the borough. The event featured merchants' displays, youth activities and musical entertainment.



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'Fanny Wood' Brings 10,000 to Downtown

By SUZETTE STALKER Specially Written for The Times

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Fanwoodians couldn't have picked a better day to welcome back their namesake, as enthusiastic crowds filled the borough's downtown last Saturday for the second annual "Fanny Wood Day" celebration.

More than 10,000 people turned out for the event, which is named for a popular folklore character. Sunny skies and mild temperatures added to the celebratory atmosphere at the festival.

Merchants, vendors and crafters displayed an array of merchandise, ranging from clothing, jewelry and gifts, to food, household goods and souvenirs, at tables and booths which lined Martine and South Avenues.

There also were games and activities for children, musical entertainment and a collection of educational exhibits. Youngsters got to climb aboard a fire engine from 1947, and a restored hose cart, circa 1890, was also on display.

Jack Ruh, a former Assistant Fire Chief in Fanwood, explained that the hose cart, which had to be pulled by two men, was used by the Fanwood Fire Company even before the area was designated as a borough in 1895. "We're older than the borough," he remarked.

The Celebration Singers, a 16-voice ensemble, performed a varied choral program including such traditional selections as "Danny Boy" "Song of Galilee" and "O Solo Mio," featuring baritone Pat Cutaneo of Bernardsville.

"We've had a fabulous day," remarked Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly during the festival. "We've had rave reviews from a lot of attendees, merchants and vendors. I think we've had a lot of new people involved, too."

Mayor Connelly came up with the idea for "Fanny Wood Day" last year as a way to celebrate the borough's heritage.

"It's a beautiful day, a great turn out — we're very, very pleased," remarked Sally Drewes, Manager of Irma's Hallmark on Martine Avenue, which was crowded with shoppers.

Across the street, Hans Jessen, co-

owner of A Tasteful Touch with his partner, Eric Sinka, also was doing big business. "I think it brings business into town," he commented, though he felt even more merchants need to participate.

The celebration, which lasted from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., could probably have kept going another couple of hours, according to Pamela Sayles, a member of the Fanny Wood Day Committee. "People didn't want to leave," she said.

The celebration culminated Saturday night with the first "Fanny Wood Dance" at the Italian American Club in Scotch Plains, which drew about 130 people, according to Mrs. Sayles.

Those in attendance enjoyed a buffet and homemade desserts partially donated by A Tasteful Touch and the Florida Fruit Shoppe, while lively musical entertainment was provided by the Up Beat Orchestra.

Tables were decorated with mums partially donated by Parker Greenhouses in Scotch Plains, Mrs. Sayles revealed.

Mayor Connelly said afterwards that this year's festival was even more successful than the first, and predicted next year's celebration would be better yet.

She anticipated the festival would represent a "significant achievement" toward the purchase of a Victorian clock for the downtown in time for the millennium.

The clock is planned as part of an overall new theme to help revitalize the business district, which faces competition from larger retailers and malls.

New benches and banners, to be followed by planters and street trees, are among the other enhancements planned for the downtown.



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HUNG UP!! The Positive

By Milt Faith, Aspects of Executive Life Director

Youth and Family Weather Storms

A reflective reader writes:

A competitor of yours, Ann Landers, recently wrote her "Gem of the Day" saying: "Life is a lot like twirling a baton, turning a handspring and eating with chopsticks. It looks so easy until you try it." This saying touched me and I can identify with it. Growing up was never difficult for me. I had a loving relationship with my parents; I went to college, became a teacher, married a wonderful guy, have two healthy children and now suddenly, my world has come crashing down on me.

My father had a massive heart attack and died; my mother had a stroke, but is recovering; I have recently been diagnosed as having breast cancer and after surgery, I've begun chemotherapy. I need assistance and have become more and more dependent on my husband and mother-in-law to help with every day tasks.

Sometimes I feel like I'm being punished. Keeping everything in balance is difficult. Consequently, Ann Lander's saying stood out when I read it. How does one go on and not feel saddened and so overwhelmed?

Answer:

I believe it is appropriate to feel saddened and overwhelmed. You are faced with real traumatic life situations. You have been very fortunate to have had such positive life experiences: A loving family, good marriage, gratifying career and healthy children.

As life moves along, most of us encounter difficult moments, some of which last longer than moments. I have no magical nor psychological pill to make you feel better. However, I do believe that our faith, our family and friends, and our conviction to try to meet the "storms" of life are strong supports.

We also have to believe that each of us is a special person and that there is a reason for our being here and for our continuing to survive. Does it hurt when it gets rough? Yes. Should we feel all kinds of emotions — anger, depression, confusion? Yes. And then we must attempt to go on.

I hope and pray that your health improves. You seem to have loving

support from your children, husband and mother-in-law, and others. Your mother's health is improving. Continue to have hope that someday you will have good control of the baton twirling, the handsprings and the eating with chopsticks.

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WHS Ice Hockey Team Association

Thank for Support at Skate-A-Thon

On behalf of the Westfield High School Ice Hockey Association, we thank all those who helped support our annual Skate-A-Thon on September 20.

Thanks to all our local merchants who donated prizes: Smoothy's, Jay's Cycle Center, Sam Goody, Kehler's, I Can't Believe It's Yogurt, Cosimo's Pizza, Stoneback Brother's Guitars, Town Book Store and West Coast Video.

Also, we thank Bruegger's Bagels for supplying the food and refreshments and the Westfield Jaycees. Thanks to the residents of Westfield who supported the team by generous lap pledge contributions during our door-to-door campaign.

As you may know, the Westfield High School ice hockey team is a fully self-funded sports program, dependent on contributions from team parents and the community. Again, we thank everyone who helped keep the ice hockey team skating this year!

Phil Falcone

Al Lund

Jerry Marer

Skate-A-Thon Co-Chairmen

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