

American Legion Honors Rescue Squad Volunteer

WESTFIELD — Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad member Patrick Tighe was recently honored as the American Legion's Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) for Union County and is now eligible for the American Legion's EMT of the Year for New Jersey Award.

"It is fantastic to be recognized by veterans, some which I directly helped," Mr. Tighe stated. "Even better than that is an award that is respected amongst my peers."

A member of the Westfield Rescue Squad for more than four years, Mr. Tighe has served as Training and Scheduling Lieutenants and said he continues to enjoy his experience with the squad. He went on to say that he feels he is making a difference in people's lives and truly enjoys receiving letters from individuals he has helped.

Rescue Squad Captain Miki Urso said, "Pat has made many contributions to the squad over the years. He is a skilled EMT and very deserving of this award."

"The people who volunteer their time to their community are a cut above the rest," Mr. Tighe commented. "They're special people from all walks of life."

The award is only given to veterans. Mr. Tighe served as a United States Marine for six years, including four years on active duty. He served in the Lebanon and Grenada conflicts and is a member of American Legion Post No. 3 in Westfield.

The squad is currently holding its annual fund drive. Tax-deductible contributions may be made to: Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 356, Westfield 07091.



PERFORMING WITH A SELECT GROUP...Three musicians from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School performed recently in the Central Jersey Music Educators Association Orchestra and Chorus concert held at Monroe Township High School. Pictured, left to right, are: sophomores Nancy Twu and Flora Alexander and junior Michael Gleason. These students were selected to perform with the group that was under the direction of Mr. Gabriel Gordon.

County Sets Drop-off Dates For Electronic Equipment

AREA — Looking to trash that old television, computer monitor, fax machine or other electronic equipment? If so, you are not alone. But don't put it out with the regular household garbage; bring it to be recycled at one of Union County's three free drop-off collection events being held this spring, beginning Thursday, April 25.

The dates and locations of the collection events are: April 25 at the Westfield Conservation Center, Lambers Mill Road, Westfield, 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.; May 4 at the Union Township Department of Public Works, Vauxhall Road, Union, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and June 13, John H. Stamler Union County Police Academy, 1776 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, 12 p.m.

to 6 p.m. Electronic equipment that will be accepted includes computer monitors, hard drives, modems, keyboards, CPU's, mice, printers, scanners, speakers, televisions, VCR's, fax machines, and circuit boards.

Refrigerators, washers and dryers, microwaves, and air conditioners will not be accepted.

Pre-registration is not necessary. This recycling program is open to Union County residents only. No businesses please. For more information, visit the Environmental Services web site at www.unioncountynj.org/oem or call the Environmental Services Hotline at (908) 654-9889.

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KIM HALEY NAMED #1 AGENT IN BUYER CONTROLLED SALES FOR TWO YEARS IN A ROW

WESTFIELD- Coldwell Banker's Westfield office is pleased to announce that realtor, Kim Haley, has achieved the honor of being #1 in Buyer Controlled Sales, both for the year 2000 and 2001. Ranked 9th among 3,100 Coldwell Banker Associates from January to June of 2001, Kim continues to exceed all expectations.

Although she has only been in the real estate industry for 4 years, Kim is no stranger to success having brought in more than \$52 million in revenue from closed sales. This earned her membership in Coldwell Banker's prestigious International President's Elite during each of those years, an honor reserved for the top 1 percent of all Coldwell Banker Associates. Kim's other achievements include membership in the NJAR Million Dollar Club at the Gold level for 1998, 2000 and 2001, a prestigious honor bestowed upon only top associates in the field.

"Kim Haley's reputation and the awards she continues to win, speak to her passion for providing the highest level of services," said Michael Scott, manager of the Westfield office. "Her achievements are a reflection of her dedication to the real estate industry and commitment to continually improving people's home buying experiences. She is one of our company's top professionals, and it is an honor to have her as a member of our sales team."

Kim is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University and she resides in Westfield with her husband, Drew, a financial consultant at Morgan Stanley, and their three children.

Kim personifies the kind of professionalism and dedication to customer satisfaction on which Coldwell banker

has built its reputation. Providing excellence in real estate throughout Westfield and the surrounding areas, the Westfield Coldwell Banker sales team conducts extensive business in residential re-sales, new construction, commercial properties, and land sales. For specific information on properties in these areas, call Kim Haley at (908) 301-2004.



Kim Haley

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Annual Wildlife Sunday To Be Held At Trailside

MOUNTAINSIDE — The 13th Annual Wildlife Sunday will be presented by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders at the Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside; on April 21 from 12 until 5 p.m.

"Wildlife Sunday is a special event dedicated to educating people about wildlife through a variety of live animal demonstrations, displays, nature walks and children's activities," said Freeholder Deborah Scanlon, liaison to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. "The whole family will enjoy the wonders of nature at this popular annual event."

Featured presentations include "The Flight of the Raptor" at 12:30 and 3:30 p.m. Raptor expert Ray Pena will share his knowledge on the background history of birds of prey, their nesting habits, hunting adaptations, flight patterns and more. Live raptors on display may include a peregrine falcon, kestrel, screech owl and a gyrfalcon. If you've never seen these birds up close, you don't want to miss this. The indoor presentation will be followed by an awe-inspiring outside flight demonstration (weather permitting).

Rick Mikula of Hole in Hand Butterfly Farm will also be joining us to share a fast-paced, humorous and informative presentation on butterflies and butterfly gardening at 2 p.m. A breath-taking slide presentation, collected specimens and live butterflies will amaze people of all ages and leave everyone with a better appreciation for wildlife.

Additional live animal demonstrations for all ages will begin at 1:00 p.m. with Vinnie Reo and his wolf dogs from Wolf Visions. Mr. Reo will dispel the myths of "the big bad wolf"

and discuss the important role that wolves play in a balanced ecosystem. Many wolf-related items will be available for purchase. This program will be repeated again at 3:30 p.m.

Snake lovers will learn about green, corn, pine and other snakes of New Jersey from Trail-side naturalist Ruth Yablonsky, who will introduce a different snake each hour between 1-4 p.m.

Grant Stiles of Stiles Apiaries will present live honeybees and demonstrate the use of specialized beekeeping equipment at 2 and 4 p.m.

Dr. Sylvio Codella of Kean University will demonstrate his simple insect-collecting and preservation techniques for the whole family at 3 p.m.

All afternoon in Trailside's Visitor Center the Turtle Back Zoo and the Avian Wildlife Center will introduce visitors to live mammals and birds. New Jersey Fish, Game & Wildlife, the Sierra Club, the Greater Watching Nature Club, the Friends of Lenape Park and the New Jersey Herpetological Rescue Society will provide educational table displays and materials that visitors can bring home. In addition, wildlife-related gifts and photos will be offered for sale.

Families may also participate in ongoing activities such as children's wildlife crafts, face painting and casting contests.

Admission to the Wildlife Sunday event is \$2 per person and children ages 6 and younger will be admitted free of charge.

The Trailside Nature and Science Center, located at 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside, is a facility of the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation.

Telephone (908) 789-3670 for further information on this special event and upcoming spring and summer programs.

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Rich DeMott Becomes Alcohol And Drug Counselor in Westfield

Westfield now has a Licensed Professional Counselor and Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor in town.

Rich DeMott, MA, LPC, CADC is a private psychotherapist who has worked in the fields of special education, mental health and alcohol / drug treatment for the last twenty years. He has participated on television panels with high profile celebrities and athletes discussing treatment and recovery. Mr. DeMott has also written a book nearing publication for the general population with themes that touch upon sobriety, co-dependency and spirituality. He has started a second

manuscript geared for treatment professionals entitled, "Contemporary Recovery Themes For Chemical Dependency Groups".

Mr. DeMott was also recently interviewed by the Sunday Star-Ledger for his expert opinions on how all members of a family affected by alcoholism can make progress and recover.

DeMott works with adults, adolescents and their families during individual, group and couples sessions. Due to the current, hostile managed care environment—he only works with out of network insurance benefits and self-pay (including sliding scale where appropriate).

Rich DeMott, Licensed Professional Counselor and Certified Alcohol / Drug Counselor is located at 102 Elm Street, 2nd floor, Westfield, NJ, 07090. (Phone number, 908-272-0115). Call for appointment.

Echo Lake C. C. Honored For Environmental Excellence

WESTFIELD — Echo Lake Country Club has achieved designation as a "Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary" by the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System (ACSS), the educational division of Audubon International. Echo Lake Country Club is the 14th course in New Jersey and the 375th in the world to receive this honor.

The Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses is an environmental program designed specifically for golf course superintendents and industry professionals. Through the program, golf course personnel receive information, support, guidance and recognition for undertaking proactive environmental projects to enhance wildlife habitat, conserve natural resources and protect environmental quality on the golf course.

The open space of a golf course not only provides challenging opportunities for golfers, it can also provide valuable wildlife habitat. This is especially pertinent in urban and suburban areas where population expansion and development have signifi-

cantly diminished existing wildlife habitats. By undertaking projects to enhance habitat in non-playing areas, a golf course can attract and sustain a diversity of wildlife species.

Echo Lake Country Club currently has 12 bluebird houses placed strategically around the course. Last season, 35 bluebirds were fledged. There are also red-winged blackbirds nesting in the reeds in the ponds on the 6th and 14th holes. Great Blue Herons, American Bitterns, Red-Tail Hawks and any of thirty other species of birds can be seen at Echo Lake. The butterfly garden to the right of the 15th tee has been very successful in attracting a wide variety of local butterflies and birds.

The Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program presents a win-win opportunity for the game of golf and the environment. For more information, contact Audubon International, 46 Rarick Road, Selkirk, NY 12158, USA, or call (518) 767-9051. You can also email them via the Internet at acss@audubonintl.org, or visit their website at www.audubonintl.org.

St. John's Church to Hold Health Fair on April 27

SCOTCH PLAINS — St. John's Women's and Health Ministry will present a Gigantic Church and Community Health Fair on Saturday, April 27, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. John's Baptist Church, located at 2387 Morse Avenue. Door prizes and giveaways will be included.

The fair is open to the public and will include diabetes and stroke assessment; vision, audio and blood pressure screenings; AIDS and STD (Sexually Transmitted Disease) education; health and fitness informa-

tion; organ donor education and registration; NJ Kid Care health insurance registration, and a blood drive.

Information on free screening locations for breast, colon and prostate cancers will be available. There will also be free workshops on colon cancer, juvenile diabetes, nutrition and illness, life after a heart attack, chiropractic medicine, breast cancer, youth health issues, drug education, alternative medicine and domestic violence for youth.

Pre-registration is required for all workshops and may be done by calling (908) 668-4813 or (908) 789-8494.

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