



Ms. Jennifer Knighton and Jeffrey DeVito

Ms. Jennifer Knighton To Wed Jeffrey DeVito

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Knighton of Southport, N.C. and Fargo, N.D., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ms. Jennifer Knighton, to Jeffrey DeVito. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dominic

Russo Family Welcomes Son, Nicholas Vincent

Vincent and Christine Russo of Washington have announced the birth of their son, Nicholas Vincent Russo, at 9 a.m. on Thursday, June 6, at Hunterdon Medical Center in Flemington.

Nicholas weighed 7 pounds and 11 ounces and measured 19 3/4 inches in length at birth.

He joins his brothers, Drew, age 4, and Daniel, 2 1/2.

The baby's maternal grandparents are Paul and Barbara Ranaldo of Westfield.

His paternal grandparents are Matthew and Rose Russo, also of Westfield.

DeVito of Westfield.

The bride-elect holds a bachelor's degree from Southwest State University in Minnesota. She is employed in Berkeley Heights.

Her fiancé received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., where he played football for four years.

He is also a United States Army veteran and is presently employed in South Plainfield.

A wedding is planned for August of next year.

Cannonball House To Be Open July 7

SCOTCH PLAINS -- The Osborn Cannonball House, located at 1840 Front Street in Scotch Plains, will be open this Sunday, July 7, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Costumed docents will give tours of the restored Colonial saltbox farmhouse, built circa 1760, and surrounding herb gardens. There is no admission fee.

Rutgers Cooperative Extension's 'If Plants Could Talk' Wins Award

WESTFIELD -- "If Plants Could Talk" received Internet recognition by winning the first place National award from the NACAA's (National Association of County Agriculture Agents) Communications Awards for best website.

The website component of the educational TV program makes getting information on gardening, landscaping and agriculture easy.

You can download fact-sheets, take virtual garden tours, and view informative slide shows at www.ifplantscouldtalk.rutgers.edu. The site even provides a list of deer tolerant plant selections and the locations of the nearest farm market or Pick-Your-Own farm.

"Our I.P.C.T. team was very

First Baptist Offers Meetings For Singles

WESTFIELD -- Widowed, divorced or never married individuals over age 45 are invited to come to the First Baptist Church of Westfield each Sunday at 9 a.m. for coffee, cake and discussions of issues related to single living.

It is not group therapy, but rather an opportunity to share experiences and enjoy the company of other single people, according to a program description from the church.

Other activities include winter movie nights, summer picnics and holiday get-togethers, plus additional activities.

The First Baptist Church is located at 170 Elm Street. Meetings are held in the lower level meeting room. A \$2 donation is requested and all are welcome. For more information, please call (908) 889-5265 or (908) 889-4751.

L'Oreal USA Playground Dedication Is Rescheduled

WESTFIELD -- On Tuesday, July 9, at noon, the L'Oreal USA Playground will be dedicated in a ceremony on the grounds of the Crossroads School at 45 Cardinal Drive in Westfield. The event was originally scheduled for June 14 but cancelled because of rain.

The ceremony will be followed by a festive picnic for the children and their families. Several community leaders and dignitaries are expected to attend.

In the event of rain, the dedication will be rescheduled for Thursday, July 11, at noon.

The playground was made possible by a \$25,000 gift from L'Oreal USA, as well as several other generous donations from the community, including the Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey.

Presently, 50 children are enrolled in the school, which has a capacity for 66 students. The school recently was relocated to the Cardinal Drive address to accommodate increasing numbers of children with autism.

The Union County Educational Services Foundation, led by Patricia Morris, President, supports the charitable interests of the Union County Educational Services Commission. The commission's activities are di-

rected by Superintendent Edward Hartnett.

The specially-designed playground will be named after L'Oreal USA of Clark, which initiated the campaign and has been a long-time supporter of education within the Union County community.

The Crossroads School subscribes to an educational philosophy, the Miller Method, that provides a supportive setting for children with autism who may be non-verbal, have difficulties relating to people, and/or lack body awareness.

The playground was researched and designed by parents and staff as a developmentally appropriate recreational space that provides ample opportunity for large body movements, a critical part of the learning process for children with autism.

The Union County Educational Services Foundation, established in 1995, offers various charitable programs for children served by the commission. Volunteer board members provide leadership and gifts to each new program.

For more information on ways to support the Union County Educational Services Foundation, please call the Commission Office at (908) 233-9317, extension no. 31.



Donnie and Dorothy Wanzor

Mr. and Mrs. Wanzor Celebrate Golden Anniversary

Donnie and Dorothy Wanzor of Hampstead, N.C. recently observed their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mr. Wanzor and the former Dorothy Kapica were married on June 8, 1952 at the Holy Name of Jesus Roman Catholic Church in East Orange.

They resided in Fanwood for 27 years before retiring to North Carolina in 1993.

Mr. Wanzor retired from Lockheed Electronics Corporation in Plainfield

and Mrs. Wanzor retired from Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church in Mountainside.

The couple has five children, including Karen Burns of Texas, Garrett Wanzor of Virginia, Susan Nevezar of New Jersey, Lisa Wanzor of California and Theresa Gauthier of Georgia. They also have eight grandchildren.

In August, the entire family will celebrate Mr. and Mrs. Wanzor's golden anniversary on a Disney Wonder Cruise to the Caribbean.

Westfield Library Schedules Summer Story Times

WESTFIELD -- Story Time for Little Listeners, for children aged 2 to 3 1/2 years old with an accompanying adult, will be held each Monday from July 8 through July 29 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the Westfield Memorial Library, located at 550 East Broad Street.

"Time for Tales," a story time for children 3 1/2 to 5 years old, will be held each Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:30 to 11 a.m., from July 9 through July 31.

"Lunch Bunch" will be held each Thursday from noon to 1 p.m., from July 11 through August 1. Children who have completed Kindergarten through third grade are invited to bring a lunch and something to drink and join in for stories, crafts

and movies.

No pre-registration is necessary; just sign in at the Children's Desk the morning of the program. Children must have a Westfield Library card and be the appropriate age for the Story Time. Sessions will start promptly and no child will be admitted after a session begins. Group size is limited.

Pre-schoolers through second graders may attend the Vacation Video Program, with animated picture books, on Fridays from 10:30 to 11 a.m., July 12 to August 9. No registration or sign-in is required.

Stop by the Children's Department or call Adrienne Basso of the Westfield Memorial Library at (908) 789-4090 with any questions.

PANDA Sponsors the American Youth Character

WESTFIELD -- The Westfield Municipal Alliance/PANDA, co-sponsored by the New Jersey Governor's Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, hosted the American Youth Character Awards.

The American Youth Character Awards honor worthy young people who embody all of the six "Pillars of Character": trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. "Character Counts" is a program developed by the Josephson Institute For Ethics and is nationally recognized by the National Education Association, the YMCA of America, the American Red Cross, American Youth Soccer Association, Babe Ruth League of America, National Association of Secondary School Principals, the National Association of Student Assistance Professionals, the United Way of America and many other national service and professional organizations.

Last year was the first time that PANDA, the Westfield Municipal Alliance, presented the "American Youth Character Awards" to three male and three female Peer Leaders from Edison and Roosevelt Intermediate Schools. This year, the "Character Counts" program was open to all grades at the middle school level.

Twelve finalists from each grade in each school were the local award winners. From the 12 finalists, two males and two females from each grade in each school were the National Award Recipients. The National Award recipients from Edison School in the eighth grade were Alissa Eisenberg, Gianna Parflimi, Charlie Barber, Maurice Blackmon, and Nicholas Brownstone. In the seventh

grade, the winners were Katie Cronen, Jasmine Farmer, Eric Anderson, and Brian Checchio. In the sixth grade, the winners were Alex Hunt, Christine Tolias, Jonathan Bolt and Alex Kopp.

In Roosevelt School, the winners in the eighth grade were Hannah Cataldo, Jeannine Clark Caitlin Jennings, Nicholas Colucci, and Kevin Smith. In the seventh grade, the winners were Tara Daly, Antonia Rodriguez-Dunn, Phillip John and Patrick McCabe. In the sixth grade, the winners were Rose Driscoll, Marissa Mumford, Joseph Maran and Daniel Markowski. Where there were three names, there was a tie.

In addition, PANDA honored the Westfield DARE police officers for their work in the schools. Detective Sandra Chambers accepted the recognition on behalf of the DARE officers. Additional "Giraffe" Awards were given to two outstanding adults who "stick their neck out on behalf of children." The "Giraffe" Awards were given to Marie Koch, Substance Abuse Coordinator for both Edison and Roosevelt Intermediate Schools and Maureen Mazzaresse, the Substance Abuse Coordinator for Westfield High School. The Giraffe Awards were made possible from a grant from the Westfield Service League.

Hundreds of finalists, their parents, school administrators and interested community members turned out for the festivities at the Westfield Municipal Building to honor the award recipients. The winners have shown the ability to overcome obstacles, make difficult choices, exhibit a spirit of generosity and willingness for self sacrifice in devotion to helping others and have demonstrated a sense of community service in working toward the common good of the school and the community.

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