



**MEN AT WORK...**On Tuesday, construction was underway on Park Avenue in Scotch Plains.

## Union Catholic HS Reports Local Honor Roll Students

SCOTCH PLAINS - Sister Percylee Hart, Principal of Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains, announced the names of Scotch Plains and Fanwood students who achieved First Honors for the Third Marking Period.

The announcement was made to

the pupils and their parents during an Honors Breakfast.

To qualify for First Honors, students must attain a grade point average of 3.75 with no grade lower than "B".

Seniors Kimberly Feil and Cheryl Ritter, both of Scotch Plains, joined sophomores Kevin Cassidy and Sean Gaynor, both of Scotch Plains, and Elizabeth Casserly and Megan Dyckman, both of Fanwood, in garnering First Honors.

Freshmen Kaitlyn Bennett, Kristin Cassidy and Cynthia Ritter, all of Scotch Plains, joined Fanwood resident James Trollo in achieving this honor.



**HONORED PUPIL...**Abigail Franks of Fanwood, a senior corporate communications major at Lycoming College in Williamsport, Pa., was honored for special achievements at the college's Honors Convocation. She received the Gertrude B. Madden Communication Award, which is given to the senior communication major who, in the judgment of his/her peers, has best integrated academic excellence, professional development in a mass media field, and contributions to campus media.

## Cooper Rd.

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zoning ordinances, building a house on the island would negatively impact the local environment and ecosystem, increase storm water runoff and be a detriment to the neighborhood in general.

## Franklin PTO Plans Special Plant Sale

WESTFIELD - The Franklin Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) will host its annual Mother's Day Plant Sale on Friday, May 6, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., rain or shine, in the front of the school on Prospect Street in Westfield.



**LITERACY LESSON...**During National Library Week, which was celebrated at Brunner Elementary School in Scotch Plains, over 30 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School students read to Brunner pupils. Some of the students chose to read their favorite childhood book, some read poetry, and others chose newly-published books like "The Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog" by Mo Willems. Pictured, above, Lauryn Adams captivates first-graders while reading "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" by Judi Barrett.

## Newly Elected Bd. Members Sworn In To Garwood BOE

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Specially Written for The Times

GARWOOD- Four out of five newly elected members of the Garwood Board of Education (BOE) were sworn in Tuesday evening at the board's annual reorganization meeting. Tracey Schadewald could not attend the meeting and will be sworn in at a later date in Business Administrator Barbara Tudek's office.

The board re-elected Adele Lewis to serve as president, but failed to elect a vice president due to a 4-4 tie in votes. Board members Barbara Greet and Gary Maher each received four votes each. The motion will be tabled until the next board meeting, to be held Tuesday, May 17.

BOE member Linda Koenig will again serve as the board's Clark representative for Garwood's send-receive program with Arthur L. Johnson High School. The existing contract was for a period of 10 years and is subject to renegotiation this year.

"At this point, it is going to be renegotiated hopefully for another 10 years. We are very hopeful that we can negotiate this (contract) because it has worked out well for everybody," informed Ms. Koenig. "It was a bad situation to happen when the de-regionalization (of the former Union County Regional High School District) went through. All the other districts suffered because of it, too."

Ms. Koenig went on to say that Berkeley Heights, Boonton, Springfield, and Kenilworth districts are all having problems now and in her opinion, "The de-regionalization should not have happened."

In early January of this year, Clark Mayor Sal Bonaccorso wrote a letter to Garwood Mayor Dennis McCarthy expressing his disagreement with certain terms of the contract. In the letter, Mayor Bonaccorso declared that, "Clark is subsidizing Garwood students in excess of \$1 million." This created a stir within the Borough of Garwood.

Mayor McCarthy responded to the letter the following week.

"The agreement between the boards was fairly negotiated and was deemed, at the time, to benefit both parties," insisted Mayor McCarthy, who at the time was serving as a Garwood Councilman.

Mayor McCarthy also explained that the Garwood students are utilizing Clark's "excess capacity" in reference to Mayor Bonaccorso's accusation towards Garwood students being subsidized by Clark. He also pointed out that there has not been any additions or construction done to Clark schools because of the attendance of Garwood students.

He said that he believes the contrary is true in that, "One may look at this situation as one in which Garwood is subsidizing the Clark system." Mayor McCarthy also reminded Mayor Bonaccorso of Garwood's duplicated expenses, such as having its own superintendent of schools.

He ended his letter by respectfully suggesting that the two boards should be conducting the negotiations. They originally struck the agreement, and they are most familiar with the needs of the students and the district.

Superintendent of Garwood Schools Dr. William Murphy says that he has had an "excellent working relationship with Assistant Superintendent Susan Miksza for the six years that I've been here."

Dr. Murphy also said that it is "because of the very fine articulation that we have between Garwood and Clark that our children go to the high school so well prepared."

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Time asked Dr. Murphy if the recent changeovers to the Garwood Board of Education affect day-to-day deliberations. Dr. Murphy responded, "This is a very supportive board and I've worked with all of these people before. So, I don't have any lack of confidence that things are going to change in any way. We are going to continue to get the support that we need and that's why we've been such a model school district."

## School One Fourth Graders Offered Instrumental Recital

SCOTCH PLAINS - Fourth graders from School One Elementary in Scotch Plains, under the guidance of Choral Director Debbie Shapiro and Band Director Joseph Reo, treated family, friends and teachers to a musical performance at their recent winter concert.

The instrumental recital featured soloists Ju Yong Lee on clarinet and Lucas Cimafonte on violin, a saxophone duet by Vincenzo Bianco and Gaelle Gilles, two clarinet performances by Kathleen Colonna, Alicia Fung-A-Fat, Sonali Kamath and Amy Sato, the second accompanied by Vincenzo Bianco on alto saxophone, and the finale, "Theme by Beethoven" with Kathleen Colonna,

Ju Yong Lee and Amy Sato.

The Fourth Grade Chorus followed with "Movie Melodies." A whole group rendition of "Pick Yourself Up" kicked off the program, followed by "I Whistle a Happy Tune," featuring soloists Charles Colman, Ju Yong Lee, Asia Easley and Anna Sophia Rivero.

"Yellow Submarine" was next on the program, followed by "Over the Rainbow" with soloists Colin O'Kell, Taylor Swaak, Lucas Cimafonte, and Bridget Reynolds. "The Bare Necessities" preceded the grand finale, "Under the Sea," which featured soloists Lia Gordon, Faizah Romano, Briana Lolo, Ashley Martinez, and Amy Sato.

Inspired musical performances were offered by Alicia Fung-A-Fat on sand-blocks, Hannah Greaney on maracas, Melissa Gara on castanets, and Matt DeBiasse on bongos.



**MESSAGE OF CHAMPS...**Pro-skateboarder Andy MacDonald, center, is swarmed by Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School students on April 21. The pupils learned from Mr. MacDonald about the importance of staying focused on their educational goals and remaining drug-free. His visit was sponsored by Verizon Wireless as part of the company's "Str8Tlk" pilot program.

## Pro-Skating Legend Visits Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS

SCOTCH PLAINS - Top-ranked skateboarder Andy MacDonald visited Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHS) on April 21 as part of a motivational program sponsored by Morristown-based Verizon Wireless.

Mr. MacDonald shared messages about education, goal-setting and being drug-free as part of "Str8Tlk," a pilot program launched by the wireless network.

According to Alan Miller of Verizon Wireless, Mr. MacDonald talked to the SPFHS students "about the importance of education/staying in school, as well as the importance of staying clear of distractions such as drugs and alcohol that could keep you from reaching your goals."

Mr. Miller added, "It was an exciting program that the students really enjoyed. Andy even brought a few (students) up on stage to get in on the

act as he jumped over them on his skateboard. At the end of the program, he was mobbed by the students, who wanted his autograph and wanted to take photos with him, which he was happy to do."

An eight-time World Cup skateboarding champion, Mr. MacDonald is also known around the country and the world for his "lead by example" anti-drug approach and his commitment to youth reading program, which have made him a role model for today's youngsters.

Former President Bill Clinton is among a group of dignitaries to recognize Mr. MacDonald's efforts to reach young people through his message.

He also spoke to students at Linden High School, Abraham Clark High School in Roselle, and Parsippany High School.



**NEW ALPHABET...**Students at Evergreen Elementary School in Scotch Plains learned how to "sign" the letters of the alphabet when the program "Music in Motion" came to their school. The show promotes deaf awareness through "signed" skits set to music. The pupils learned the importance of this form of communication and promised to do their best to learn it.

**Scotch Plains Recreation Department Events Calendar**

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**Girls softball clinic, kindergarten to second grade.** This eight-week instructional program will teach children the basic skills and rules of softball. No permanent teams will be created. Parent volunteers are needed to assist Shon Briggs with this program, which will be offered on Wednesdays from May 4 to June 22 from 4 to 5 p.m. at Brookside Park. Registration is \$45 per child.

**Multi Sport Camp.** The Recreation Department will once again offer this camp at Kramer Manor Park from July 18 to 22 for ages 5 to 7, at \$147 per person, and for ages 7 to 14, at \$169 per person.

**Teen Event.** The Recreation Commission and Municipal Alliance Committee will offer this program on Thursday, June 16, on the Village Green from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Ping-pong, knock hockey, and basketball will be featured along with a DJ. Chaperones are needed. There is no fee to attend this event.

**Steve Balboni Baseball Camp,** for boys and girls ages 10 to 16. This camp will be held Tuesday, August 16 to Friday, August 19 from 9 to 3 p.m. at Farley Park. The cost is \$250 per person. Details will follow.

**Summer Parks, ages 6 to 12, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday, July 5, to Friday, August 12.** This program is for Scotch

Plains and Fanwood residents. The six-week program features games, contests, weekly trips, as well as arts and crafts. Parents can choose either the Brookside or Green Forest Parks for their children. The program supervised by mostly college students experienced in supervising children. The registration fee is \$40 per child prior to Friday, June 10, and \$50 after this date.

**Small Fry Program, ages 3 to 5.** Registration for this program, which began April 16, is \$40 before Friday, June 10 and \$50 after Thursday, June 16. The program can only accommodate 25 kids. The program includes arts and crafts as well as active and passive activities.

**MARACAS Summer Spanish Camp,** for children aged 4 to 8, 9 to 11 a.m., Monday through Friday, June 27 to July 22, at the Scotch Hills Country Club. Each day will include songs, games, crafts designed for continued learning interactive activities, stories, ideas and materials to take home. Tuition for the camp is \$150 per child and includes all materials and supplies. Call call Amanda Seewald at (908)-447-8447 for more information. Space is limited and the registration deadline is Friday, June 17.

**Youth Tennis Team, ages 10 to 17,** Monday through Friday, June 28 to August 13, from 1 to 3 p.m., at the Kramer Manor Park Tennis Courts. The team will play matches with other teams in the area who are members of the New Jersey Town Tennis League. Players are eligible to compete in the state tournament. The fee for this program is \$15 per person which includes a T-shirt. Registration will take place from Saturday, June 4 through Thursday, June 23.

## Carolyn Lathrop Earns Dartmouth Citation

SCOTCH PLAINS - Carolyn Lathrop, a Dartmouth College student in the Class of 2006 from Scotch Plains, has been cited for outstanding academic achievement in "Mathematics 036" during the 2005 winter term. She is the daughter of Peter Lathrop and Martha Sides-Lathrop.

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