



IN SENATOR SULIGA'S MEMORY...Anmmarie Pakulski, right, widow of former State Senator Joseph Suliga, recently hosted a reception at her home in Linden to present non-profit organizations, including Children's Specialized Hospital (CSH), with contributions donated by Senator Suliga's friends, family and supporters. Ms. Pakulski is pictured above with Amy Mansue, CSH President and Chief Executive Officer.

Cty. Centenarians Invited to 'Birthday Party of Century'

AREA — All current or former Union County residents who will be 100 years old or older by the end of the year are invited to help celebrate the 100th "birthday" of the Union County Courthouse on Thursday, May 5, the date the Courthouse opened in 1905.

"The 'Birthday Party of a Century' will include corsages for the centenarians, songs from the Summit High School Chamber Chorus and a visit by students from St. Mary of the Assumption Elementary School in Elizabeth. A giant faux Centennial Birthday Cake (wooden) and balloons will be on display. Real birthday cake and other refreshments will be provided.

"It is only right to celebrate our history with the people who helped make Union County such a special place over the past 100 years," said Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi, Chairwoman of the Union County Courthouse Centennial Committee.

The festivities will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the first floor Courthouse

Rotunda. The Courthouse is located at Broad Street and Rahway Avenue in Midtown Elizabeth.

Centenarians or their family members who are interested in attending the event are asked to call the Union County Clerk's Office at (908) 527-4787.

"It would not be a party without them," said Union County Freeholder Chester Holmes, Liaison to the Centennial Committee. The birthday party is the latest in a series of activities celebrating the Union County Courthouse's 100 years as a center of law, justice and government in Union County. A Courthouse Centennial and Cornerstone Capsule Exhibit will be on display through December 9. The exhibit includes unique artifacts from a time capsule buried in 1903, as well as memorabilia celebrating the past 100 years of history in Union County.

Masonic Lodge Sets Child ID Program

WESTFIELD — Atlas-Pythagoras Masonic Lodge, located at 1011 Central Avenue in Westfield, will offer a Children's Identification Program on Saturday, May 7, from noon to 3:30 p.m.

Children will be fingerprinted, videotaped and photographed, and identification cards will be made in cooperation with the Union County Sheriff's Department. Youngsters will be weighed and measured, and special features such as birthmarks, scars or moles will be noted.

In respect to privacy, all tapes, pictures and cards will be given to parents or guardians. The lodge will retain no records. There is no charge for this service, and light refreshments will be served. For more information, please call (908) 233-7349.

Forrester: School Corp. Chairman Must Go

WEST WINDSOR — Republican gubernatorial candidate Doug Forrester has called for the acting governor to remove School Construction Corporation Chairman Jack Kocsis.

"The Inspector General released a scathing report last week citing numerous examples of government waste including \$67 million in taxpayer dollars for land that was already publicly owned and thousands for staff bonuses. The SCC has blown through \$6.75 billion and hasn't delivered on their promise to our children. The chairman should have resigned when the report was released," Mr. Forrester said.

County Trap and Skeet Range To Close After 78 Years

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Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

COUNTY — After 78 years, the county's Trap and Skeet range in Lenape Park in Cranford will close for good as of Monday, May 2. The closure comes just months after the Board of Chosen Freeholders changed the ammunition used at the facility to non-lead based shot.

Parks and Recreation Director Charles Sigmund told *The Leader* and *The Times* after last Thursday's Union County Freeholders meeting that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) now requires that all ranges that shoot on or above water use non-lead based shot. The 25-acre facility is located on land classified as wetlands.

EPA officials informed the county in April of 2004 that the trap and skeet facility must cease using lead shot, which is used to fire at clay pigeons. The 25-acre facility, located in Kenilworth on the Cranford border, is situated on land classified as wetlands.

Mr. Sigmund said since the county made the switch at Lenape in December, attendance has declined by 65 percent. The facility has also been a favorite pastime for target shooters and is used for safety training by the

state's Department of Fish, Game and Wildlife.

County Counsel Robert Barry had indicated last year that a survey of users conducted last year revealed that 75 percent of respondents were not willing to switch to a non-lead shot, which is more costly. The cost to reload a gun ranges from \$2.50 for lead shot to \$6.50 for steel shot.

"For reasons of declining attendance and environmental concerns," the county opted to close the Trap and Skeet range in Lenape Park as of Monday, May 2, county spokesman Sebastian D'Elia confirmed last Thursday.

Mr. Barry had said the EPA would require the 31,000 cubic yards of land the range utilizes to undergo reclamation, a process whereby the top soil is skimmed off and the lead shot is sifted out.

He estimated that, given the nearly eight-decade active use of the facility and the heavy brush on the range, the effort would cost the county around \$2.3 million. If the county continued to use lead shot, this process would have to be completed every five years, although the cost would be lower per occurrence since there would not be as much lead shot to dig out of the ground.

Fanwood Recreation Dept. To Offer Summer Camps

FANWOOD — The Fanwood Recreation Department will sponsor summer soccer and baseball camps as well as the Raider Basketball Camp.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Varsity Head Coach Tom Baylock will run the baseball camp. The camp, for players entering second through sixth grade, will run from 9 a.m. until noon, July 5 to 8 and July 25 to 29. Registration forms may be received by e-mailing tbaylock@spfk12.org.

The soccer camp will be run by Dave Moser, a coach at New Providence High School. Assisting him with the camp will be the SP-F Girls Varsity Soccer Coach Kevin Ewing. This soccer camp is for players ages four to 10 and will run from 9 a.m. until noon the weeks of June 27 to

July 1, July 11 to 15, and August 8 to 12. For more information, please visit www.fanwoodsoccercamp.com.

The Raider Basketball Camp will be run by teachers and coaches in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district. The camp, headed by Mr. Ewing and Mr. Baylock, has been in existence for over 15 years.

Awards and prizes will be given out at the end of each camp. Registration forms can be received by e-mailing kewing@spfk12.org.

Early registration is encouraged due to limited space. Last year, most of the camps were booked to capacity.

For more information, interested individuals are asked to call the Fanwood Recreation Office at (908) 889-2080.



IN FOCUS...Students from the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School TV/Film Production Club, pictured above, are helping to present the Movies in May 2005 film festival.

Movies in May Festival Will Continue Throughout Week

FANWOOD — Movies in May 2005, a local film festival featuring the works of local filmmakers, will be presented from Wednesday, May 4, to Saturday, May 7, by the Fanwood Memorial Library, the Scotch Plains Public Library and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School TV/Film Production Club.

This festival is running in conjunction with the Westfilm Independent Film Festival.

On May 4 at 7 p.m., at the Fanwood Memorial Library, a screening of *Finding Neverland* will be followed by a discussion with the Academy Award nominated screenwriter of the film, David Magee.

On Thursday, May 5, at 7 p.m., there will be a presentation by documentary filmmaker Mary Olive Smith on the art and commerce of the documentary film at the Fanwood Memorial Library.

The opening night screening of *Movies in May* films will take place on Friday, May 6, at 6 p.m. at the Fanwood Memorial Library.

"Filmmakers Forum," a presentation and question and answer session with a variety of festival filmmakers including Mr. Magee, Ms. Smith, Peter Paul Basler, Ken Waddel and William McMeekan, Jr., will take place on May 7 at 4 p.m. at the Scotch Plains Public Library. This forum will

be followed by a reception with the opportunity to meet and mingle with all of the filmmakers from Westfilm and *Movies in May*.

The festival will conclude at 6 p.m., with a screening of *Movies in May* films at the Scotch Plains Public Library.

All *Movies in May* events are free and open to the public.

For further information on *Movies in May*, please call Mr. McMeekan at (908) 889-1977. For information on Westfilm 2005, please call Mr. Basler at (732) 396-4419.

Stem Cell Panel Discussion Set

CHATHAM — The New Jersey Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice invites the public to a panel discussion about the science of stem cell research, its potential impact on individuals, the religious positions of three clergy, and what people can do to ensure passage of Acting Governor Richard Codey's stem cell initiative. It will be held on Wednesday, June 1, at The Episcopal Church of St. Paul in Chatham from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The Episcopal Church of St. Paul is located at 200 Main Street. For more information, please see www.NJRCRC.org or call the church at (973) 430-9909.



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