

SP-F Scholarship Applications, And Booklets Now Available

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Scholarship Foundation has reported that scholarship booklets and applications are now available for all Scotch Plains and Fanwood residents who will be graduating from high school in 2005, or who will be undergraduate students in college during the 2005-2006 academic year.

The materials may be picked up from the Counseling Services Office at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHS).

In accordance with the instructions found in the booklet, all applications must be received by the Foundation President, Ellie Kramps, by Tuesday, March 1.

For the 2005-2006 academic year, the members of SMAC (Student Movement Against Cancer) are mak-

ing two \$1,000 awards available to graduating SPFHS seniors. These grants will be called the SMAC-Robert Mattar Scholarships in honor of Robert, who is a member of the Class of 2002, and his battle with cancer.

During the past 38 years, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Scholarship Foundation Board of Trustees has administered scholarships through the generous gifts given by current and former members of the two communities.

Presently, the organization manages scholarships from 23 established funds and from 24 individuals and organizations that give them money on an annual basis.

To contribute to the foundation's Dollars for Students Fund, please send monies to the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Scholarship Foundation, P.O. Box 123, Fanwood, 07023.



CHAMPS...Westfield intermediate students Matthew Catenacci and Julian Seltzer won their school-level competitions of the National Geographic Bee last month. Pictured, left, Julian, a seventh grader at Roosevelt Intermediate School and school winner of the National Geographic Bee, receives praise from Principal Stewart Carey, while, pictured, right, Dr. Maria Schmidt, Supervisor of Social Studies K-12, congratulates Matthew on his achievement.

Geography Competitions Won by Westfield Pupils

WESTFIELD — Julian Seltzer, a seventh grader at Roosevelt Intermediate School, and Matthew Catenacci, an eighth grader at Edison Intermediate School, won their school-level competitions of the National Geographic Bee in January.

This marked the third consecutive year that Matthew won the right to represent Edison. At the school-level bee, the students answered oral questions on geography, kicking off the first round in the 17th annual National Geographic Bee.

The Westfield students will now take a written test, with up to 100 of the top scorers in each state eligible to compete in state championship Bees on Friday, April 1.

The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. for the state champions and teacher escorts to participate in the national championship on May 24 and 25. The first place national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship and a lifetime membership in the society.

Washington School, College Planning Featured on TV-36

WESTFIELD — Washington Elementary School in Westfield will be featured on cable TV Channel 36 throughout the month of February.

The regularly scheduled program, "Focus on Our Schools," which debuted on Westfield High School (WHS)-TV-36 in November, spotlights one Westfield Public School each month.

In November, McKinley Elementary School was featured; Franklin Elementary School in December; and Roosevelt Intermediate School in January.

The show can be seen beginning February 3 on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Thursdays at 2 and 10 p.m.;

Saturdays at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; and Sundays at 4 p.m. through February 27.

Washington Principal Joseph Malanga said, "Washington School is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. I am pleased to have the opportunity to show the public some of the wonderful traditions of our great school as well as the innovations occurring in our classrooms."

Immediately following the "Focus on Our Schools" program in February will be "College Planning Night for Juniors," a WHS presentation which took place in January that was taped for viewing on Channel 36. The featured speaker, Janet Rapelye, is Dean of Admissions at Princeton University.



MCKINLEY GOES MEXICAN...Kindergarten classes at McKinley Elementary School in Westfield celebrated the Mexican culture by hosting Mexican fiestas in class. Teacher Kathy Speir invited parents to attend a special program, which included Mexican songs, dances and food. The children worked hard to prepare the event, and are pictured, above, donning their homemade and personalized sombreros and serapes. Members of the kindergarten p.m. class, pictured, left to right, are: first row, Vagelis Pashaloudis, David Lindros, Uma Lakshman, Ms. Speir, Jack Serzan, Ethan Esvai, Abigail Jones; and second row, Sophia Gonzalez-Nolde, Manuel Gonzalez, Emily Kelly, Madelyn Jacobs, Katie Collieran, Jacob Morales and Jacqueline Chacon.

Weather-Related School Closings to Be Announced

WESTFIELD — In the event of unexpected school closings or delayed openings in the Westfield Public Schools, information will be available at New Jersey 101.5 FM, Cable TV Channel 36 and by visiting www.westfieldnj.com.

In addition to the above notifications, elementary school students' homes will be telephoned by Parent Teacher Association and Parent Teacher Organization parents to advise them of closings or delayed openings.

If a delayed opening of school is announced, the same notification procedure will be followed.

During a delayed opening, Westfield

High School will open at 9:30 a.m., the intermediate schools will begin classes at 9:45 a.m., the elementary schools will open at 10 a.m., Kindergarten A.M. will commence at 10 a.m., and Kindergarten P.M. will start at 12:35 p.m.

Brett Bushinger Earns Dean's List Recognition

SCOTCH PLAINS – Brett Bushinger, a senior majoring in general management from Scotch Plains, has been named to the dean's list at Syracuse University's Martin J. Whitman School of Management for the fall 2004 semester.

Westfield BOE Candidate's Filing Deadline February 28

WESTFIELD — Westfield residents interested in becoming a candidate for the Westfield Board of Education can obtain petitions at the Board Secretary's office at 302 Elm Street.

Petitions need to be signed and delivered to the Board Secretary Robert Berman by Monday, February 28. The annual school election will be held on Tuesday, April 19, from 2 to 9 p.m.

The term for an elected board member is three years. Each year, three positions become available as a result of expiring terms. Those school board

members whose terms are expiring this year include Arlene Gardner, Alice Hunnicutt and William Ziff.

Ms. Gardner announced at the January 25 meeting of the board that she would not seek re-election. She has served on the board for nine years and called the experience "a priceless pleasure of public service."

Prospective school board candidates can obtain a School Board Candidate Kit at the board office at 302 Elm Street. The kit includes information about legal qualifications for school board candidacy, campaign procedures, and the role of the school board member.

Information about the New Jersey School Ethics Act, important dates in the school election process, and briefing sessions for school board candidates are also included in the kit.



RIGHT ON TRACK...Accepting a check for \$1,500 from the Running Company, pictured, left to right, are: Westfield Boosters Association President John Bennett; Westfield Public Schools Superintendent Dr. William Foley; storeowner Gene Mitchell and Manager Brian Harris. Mr. Harris noted that the contribution demonstrates their support of the new track and artificial turf field to be installed at Kehler Stadium later this year.

Running Company Donates To School Field/Track Project

WESTFIELD – Westfield Superintendent of Schools Dr. William Foley and Westfield Boosters Association President John Bennett accepted a check for \$1,500 from the Running Company of Westfield toward the Kehler Stadium artificial turf and new track project.

In a check presentation made on January 25, storeowner Gene Mitchell, accompanied by Manager Brian Harris, said, "We are glad to show our support for the school district's plans to place a new track and field at Kehler Stadium. This project will benefit all athletes and the entire town."

The store's contribution is a result of the sale of Lance Armstrong bracelets, with the Running Company matching the sales, for a 200 percent donation.

Mr. Mitchell also donated 10 percent from the sale of track shoes as well as his own personal contribution to round out the total contribution to \$1,500.

In accepting the donation, Dr. Foley said, "We appreciate the financial support of the Running Company and their enthusiasm toward the Kehler

Stadium project. Thanks to the support of the community through the bond referendum and individual contributions, we are now in the process of creating bid specifications with the hope that the track and field will be ready for use in the fall."

The Westfield Boosters, a 501c3 organization, is monitoring the contributions, which will help offset the cost of this initiative. Donations of \$100 or more will be acknowledged on a special plaque in the new fieldhouse at Kehler Stadium.

A pledge form can be accessed at www.westfieldnj.com/schoolbond/index.htm.

In addition to individual pledges, several financial pledges have been made from local youth athletic organizations. The Westfield Soccer Association and Westfield Lacrosse Club each pledged \$50,000; Friends of Girls Lacrosse is contributing approximately \$30,000; Westfield Boosters and PAL have pledged \$25,000 each; and Friends of Westfield Track will donate \$10,000. In addition, Holy Trinity and the Westfield Flyers are raising funds for the field and track project.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF WESTFIELD HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

NOTICE OF MEETINGS
Be advised that the Historic Preservation Commission of the Town of Westfield will meet at the Westfield Town Hall, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield at 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of acting on items before the commission on the following days in the year 2005:

- February 28
 - March 28
 - April 25
 - May 23
 - June 27
 - July 25
 - August 22
 - September 26
 - October 24
 - November 28
 - December 19
 - January 23, 2006
- 1 T - 2/3/05, The Leader Fee: \$21.95

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Planning Board of the Township of Scotch Plains will hold a Public Hearing on February 14, 2005, to hear the application of Esther Stuart for 2 Balfour Lane, Block 14901, Lot 10 and Block 15003, Lot 9, R-1 Zone which proposes to take approximately 6,166 square feet from Lot 9 and add to Lot 10, subdivide proposed Lot 10 into two lots and construct two new homes. The following variances are requested:

- Section 23-4.2(a)-Front Yard Setback Proposed Lot 10.01; Required: 60 feet; Proposed: 79 feet
 - Proposed Lot 10.02; Required: 60 feet; Proposed: 66.5 feet
- All interested persons may be present and be heard. The file pertaining to this application is in the Office of the Planning Board and is available for public inspection during regular office hours.
- Barbara Horev
Board Secretary
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