



TAKE THE PLUNGE...Children enjoy the international theme of last year's Vacation Bible School at the First Congregational Church of Westfield. This year's camp will feature a water park theme, with games, crafts and other activities for children pre-school through fourth grade. To register, please call the church office at (908) 233-2494.

First Congregational Offers July Vacation Bible School

WESTFIELD – Children age four through fourth grade are invited to "Take the Plunge" this summer at the First Congregational Church's Vacation Bible School, to be held Monday through Friday, July 23 to 27. Enrollment is open to all area children and church membership is not required. Entitled "Take the Plunge, Make a Splash with Jesus," this year's camp theme is based on a water park, with a friendly penguin as a guide. Children from kindergarten and up will be grouped into small classes with an adult or teen leader, while a separate program will be provided for pre-school age children.

Each day, classes will rotate through music, theater, crafts and Bible stories, with units such as "Lifespring Lagoon," "Ocean of Motion" and other lively stops. The camp program will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, located at 125 Elmer Street in Westfield. The cost to attend is \$15 per child (maximum \$30 for families with more than two children). For further information on the Vacation Bible School or to register for the program, please call the church office at (908) 233-2494. The First Congregational Church is a member of the United Church of Christ.

Presbyterian Church Plans Vacation Bible Camp Week

WESTFIELD – The Presbyterian Church in Westfield is inviting area youngsters to attend its Vacation Bible Camp program. It will be offered Sunday through Thursday, June 24 to 28, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. each evening at the church.

Those in kindergarten through the fifth grade as of September 2007 are eligible to attend. Participants need not be members of the church. This year's camp theme will be "Avalanche Ranch: A Wild Ride Through God's Word!"

Each day of the program, children will participate in fun learning experiences with the Bible, utilizing the senses of sight, sound, touch and taste. Bible Point Crafts, games, story-telling, lively singing, "chuck-wagon" dinners and Chadder's Adventure Theater will be among the featured activities during the week. The praise band "Serge" will take part in the final night's festivities.

The cost is \$40 per child, with a maximum of \$100 for a family. Scholarships are available. For more information on the Vacation Bible Camp and registration, please contact the church office at (908) 233-0301 or visit the church's website at westfieldpc.org.

According to the church, the Vacation Bible Camp fills up quickly, so interested persons are encouraged to register as soon as possible. The Presbyterian Church in Westfield is located at 140 Mountain Avenue.



NEW EAGLES...Four new Eagle Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 79 are honored during a Court of Honor June 8 at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church. Among those offering congratulations were Assemblyman Jon Bramnick and Third Ward Councilman Mark Ciarrocca. Pictured, from left to right, are: Luke Hammond, Eric Courtney, Matthew Ciarrocca and Matthew Scharpf.

WHS Students Attain Rank Of Eagle Scout at Ceremony

WESTFIELD – Westfield High School seniors Matthew Ciarrocca, Eric Courtney and Luke Hammond, along with sophomore Matthew Scharpf, of Boy Scout Troop 79, attained Eagle Scout status when St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield held its annual Court of Honor June 8.

Just 2 percent of all boys who enter scouting become Eagle Scouts – the highest rank available in Boy Scouting. As part of the requirements for achieving this honor, each of the young men completed a service project benefiting the community.

Matthew Ciarrocca is the son of Dr. Kenneth and Laura Ciarrocca. For his project, sanctioned by Westfield's mayor and town council, he stenciled house numbers on Belgian block curbing to help first responders such as police, fire and rescue personnel easily locate households in need. With the help of volunteers, he completed one section of Westfield's Third Ward.

Matthew began his scouting experience as a Tiger Cub with McKinley Elementary School's Pack 179. With Troop 79, he has been an instructor, mentored younger scouts and served as troop librarian. He completed 21 merit badges.

Eric is the son of Donna and Rick Courtney. His project consisted of renovations to the patio area at the Center For Hope Hospice in Scotch Plains, with donations from local businesses and help from his team of volunteer scouts. The work included replacement of 35 feet of handrail fence and the repair of the access

stairs. Eric also refurbished the Center For Hope Hospice sign.

A scout since joining Tiger Cub Pack 673 at Jefferson Elementary School, Eric has earned 23 merit badges. He also has served as quarter-master, patrol leader and senior patrol leader, and will attend Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia, Pa.

Luke is the son of Bill and Claire Hammond. For his project, he led volunteers in renovating and refurbishing the Manor Park Monuments, which mark the entrance at Central and Elizabeth Avenues to that neighborhood of Westfield. He also developed a web link offering historical information on the area and distributed educational fliers.

Luke received donations of materials to clean, restore and seal the masonry and to recreate a missing concrete sphere, as well as plantings to be placed at the base of each section. He also secured the service of a tow truck to hoist one of the monuments that had been hit by a snowplow.

Luke, who began his scouting career as a Tiger Cub in Pack 673 at Jefferson School, plans to attend St. Anselm College in Manchester, N.H.

Matthew Scharpf is the son of Michael and Julie Scharpf. His project entailed refurbishing an unused meeting room at the Acadia House into an art/group therapy room for the Center For Hope Hospice's bereavement center, which he achieved with donations and the help of fellow scouts and volunteer contractors. The area will allow clients to engage in various art and psychotherapy-related activities.

Matthew, who began his scouting experience as a Tiger Cub in Pack 79 at Tamaques Elementary School, has earned 22 merit badges in addition to the 12 required merit badges.

Highland Pool Plans Saturday Open House

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Highland Swim Club, located at 1235 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains, will showcase changes to its facility at an open house on Saturday, June 16, from 10 to 4 p.m.

Guests will have an opportunity to see the club's new bathroom, kiddie pool and club entrance and to use the facilities at no charge. They also will be able to speak to members of the pool's board of governors. Food and refreshments will be served.

Anyone interested in joining the swim club is encouraged to attend. For more information, please call (908) 889-4804 or visit the club's website at members.aol.com/hsepool/highland.htm.



Timothy Huff

Timothy Huff Is Named New Marcal Director

WESTFIELD – Marcal Paper Mills, Inc., a manufacturer and distributor of bath tissue, kitchen towels, napkins and facial tissue, has announced that Timothy Huff of Westfield has been hired as its director of Business Development.

With more than 25 years of experience in the sale of consumer goods, Mr. Huff will focus on expanding Marcal's new Sunrise 100 percent Recycled Premium into the pharmaceutical, mass merchandiser, traditional and alternative grocery businesses.

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HISTORICAL FINDS...Over the past several weeks, archaeologists have been uncovering information at the historic Frazee House in Scotch Plains. Among the artifacts recently found are ceramic cookware and pipes from the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Pictured are Denise Hughes, right, vice president of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Frazee House Inc., and Stacy Spies, second from right, historic preservation consultant and archaeologist from the Louis Berger Group, Inc. of East Orange.

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