



PREPARED FOR TAKEOFF...Kaitlin Kominsky, Alison Donohoe and Julie Daurio show off the model planes that they made at Tamaques playground. The craft activity was part of the summer program offered at local playgrounds by the Westfield Recreation Commission.

County to Sponsor Golf Clinics For Developmentally Disabled

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will present a series of golf clinics designed to accommodate the learning needs of people with developmental disabilities.

Beginning Saturday, August 1, the clinics will continue weekly through Saturday, September 12, with the exception of September 5.

Ash Brook Golf Course's Pitch and Putt will be the site of this special program. Individuals age 8 and above who have a developmental disability are invited to join the county's team of instructors to learn the game of golf.

"A number of our past participants have become so proficient that they now competitively participate in Special Olympics tournaments," said Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, Liaison to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

"Golf is a wonderful lifelong recreational activity that can be enjoyed by everyone," he added.

Space Available For Arc Tourney

Space is still available for golfers to join The Arc of Union County's 10th annual golf outing slated for Shackamaxon Golf and Country Club in Scotch Plains on Monday, July 27.

The Arc, formerly the Association for Retarded Citizens, is a non-profit, community-based organization providing services to 800 children and adults with developmental disabilities such as mental retardation, epilepsy, Down Syndrome, cerebral palsy and autism.

All are invited to participate in this fundraising effort for The Arc of Union County. A tax-deductible donation of \$250 includes lunch, 18 holes of shotgun golf complete with golf cart identification mid-course refreshments, cocktail hour, gourmet dinner, prizes and awards.

A contribution of \$1,100 covers a golf foursome plus a tee sponsor.

Registration will begin at 11 a.m. followed by lunch. Tee time is 12:30 p.m. For more information or to register, call The Arc of Union County at (908) 754-7826.

Pre-registration is required for this program, which will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Applications and additional information may be obtained by calling the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation at (908) 527-4900.

A \$5 participation fee is due by tomorrow, Friday, July 24. Ash Brook Golf Course is located on Raritan Road in Scotch Plains.



READY TO COMPETE...Eight-year-old Zachary Skolnick of Westfield will be attending the AAU Junior Olympics being held in Norfolk, Virginia in August. He will be competing as a Red Belt in the Taekwondo Sparring and Forms Championships. Zachary previously qualified by taking a first place medal in the Mid-Atlantic Regional Championships. His most immediate goal is to achieve his next belt, a Black Belt, by his ninth birthday. The youngster is a third grader at Tamaques Elementary School.

Jodi Bertelson Makes Dickinson Dean's List

Jodi Bertelson, the daughter of Jay and Karen Bertelson of Westfield, was named to the Dean's List for the Spring 1998 semester at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

She is a graduate of Westfield High School.

All students earning a position on the Dean's List must have a grade point average of 3.7 or above on a 4.0 scale for the semester.

Westfield Playgrounds Wrap Third Week of Activities

The Westfield Recreation Commission will complete its third week of playground activities this week. Last week's calendar was full of entertaining activities that everyone enjoyed.

The week began with the Monday morning swim at Memorial Pool, in which 151 swimmers participated. On Tuesday, youngsters kept busy with softball and kickball games as the various playground groups played each other.

McKinley defeated the Westfield Neighborhood Council, 5 to 4, in a close softball game. Jefferson and Franklin tied in kickball, and Franklin, having home field advantage, defeated Jefferson in softball. Washington and Wilson battled it out, with Washington winning.

On Thursday, more kickball and softball games were held. Veteran pitchers Kevin Hennessey, Chris Mattes and Jeff Perella of Franklin were unable to stop the powerful McKinley batters. Joe Korfmacher did an outstanding job at shortstop and hit a home run for McKinley. Franklin was able to defeat McKinley at kickball.

Despite hard work by first baseman Matt Isabella and teammates Jordan Sharif, Jen Nemeth, Brett Defazio and Joey Panarese, McKinley was unable to stop the powerful kicks of the Franklin playgrounders.

The Westfield Neighborhood Council battled the Tamaques playground group and pulled out a victory. D.J. Hopkins of the Neighborhood Council pitched for his team and hit a beautiful home run.

Jefferson lost to Wilson with Nicole Fredricks as pitcher. Chris Sailors had a great hit for Jefferson in the first inning. All games are practice for the tournament to be held later in the summer.

There was a baby picture contest at the Jefferson Playground. Among the winners were Samantha Pacheco,

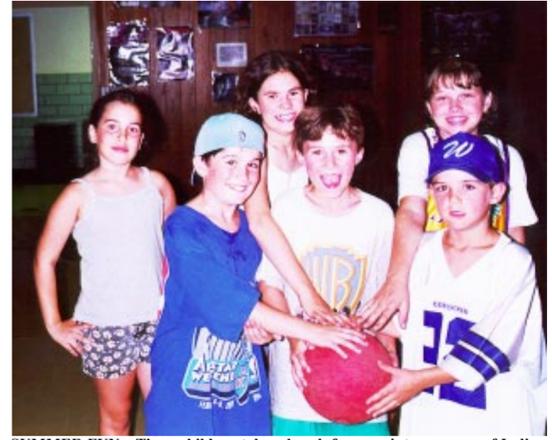
cutest smile; Andrea Gordon, future movie star; Alexa Vella, most surprised face; Jamie Bentuegna, cutest superbowl fan; Kim Townsend, prettiest dress; Drew Lasar, Santa's cutest helper; Ashley Alvernes, cutest shoes, and Brittany Vella, cutest beach baby.

Other winners included Robby Ciarocca, nicest eyes; Thomas Fringer, happiest baby; Anthony Awens, cuddliest baby; Patrick Fringer, cutest Mets fan; Jessie Porter, cutest Christmas baby; Chris Witkowski, best hair; Jackie Porter, jolliest; Robbie Witkowski, cutest pose, and John Buyle, cutest cookie baby.

Additional winners included Danny Selert, most comfortable; Brian Dunn, cutest sailor baby; Katie Lee, cutest Halloween baby; Hanna Lee, biggest smile; Krissy Wendel, prettiest eyes; Jackie Wendel, most lovable; Emanuel Baldwin, cutest cheeks, and Sharra Vella, cutest outfit.

Tetherball and Nok-Hockey tournaments were also held at the playgrounds. Winners from Wilson School included Nicholas Cox in first, followed by Lauren Brunhoffer and Mathew Gralla, in the 6 to 8 year-old division of tetherball. In the 9 to 11 year-old division, Mike Patella won, followed by Scott and Kim Legones. Neil Ameto won the Nok-Hockey tournament, with Mike Rubino and Danny Sullivan in second and third.

Playground youngsters were busy planning for their fairs, which were held on July 16. All the money made at the fair will go toward future playground activities. Every school had its own fair.



SUMMER FUN...These children take a break from an intense game of Indian pin to smile for the camera at Jefferson Playground in Westfield. Pictured, left to right, are: front row, Richard Hughes, Kevin O'Rourke and Chris Sailors, and back row, Ashley Alvernes, Adruebbe O'Rourke and Hanna Lee.



A DAY AT THE PLAYGROUND...Enjoying their day at the Westfield playgrounds, left to right, are: counselor Meghan Schwarzenbek, playgrounder Craig Cognetti, counselor Christina Ho, playgrounders Shaunna Siegel and Kaitlin McGovern, counselor Laura Brucia and playgrounder Catherine Cognetti.

SAT Prep Courses To Start in August

Educational Services Center, an Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) training facility, is offering Preparation Courses in August and September this fall.

PSAT and SAT I exams will be given in Scotch Plains, Summit, Edison and Metuchen.

The course teaches test taking techniques and improves mathematics and verbal skills.

Experienced, licensed, high school teachers conduct eight, three-hour sessions for classes of 10 to 17 students. The cost is \$330 including books. Students can arrange for free, additional help from the instructor.

Marcia Frankel, Director of Educational Services Center, explained that knowing how to take a test is as important as knowing the material. She said that Educational Services Center's SAT Preparation Courses help students feel relaxed, assured and self-confident.

The center guarantees that students will improve their scores, or they can take the course free of charge next season.

To register, or for more information, please call (800) 762-8378 or (914) 356-8963.