

health at the Adult Screening starting at on Saturday, March 8, at Madison Health Center, 28 Walnut St., on. The screening is the CMP (comprehensive metabolic profile analysis), blood pressure checks, information on diet and fitness, preventing osteoporosis. MP analysis includes cholesterol, HDL and LDL components. Adults are advised to their cholesterol number. A cholesterol reading over 200mg/dl is recommended, but the levels of LDL, components of cholesterol, are also of importance for good health. Information on lowering cholesterol levels will be available at the screening. Registration for the screenings is necessary and may be made by calling 973-593-3079 ext. 18 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays. Madison residents are charged a non-refundable fee of \$25 for the blood test. The fees are paid within the registration period. All residents of Madison may participate annually. Participants should have their physician's name, address and telephone number ready when they call.

RE serves pancakes

MADISON — The Madison Police Department's C.E. program will host a pancake breakfast fundraiser from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on March 1 at the Elks at 192 Main St. The cost is \$6 per person and donations are not needed. All proceeds will be used for the annual graduation of the Newark Bears football team for all fifth graders. Students who complete the year-long C.E. program are educated in the dangers of alcohol, tobacco and drugs. For further information or reservations, contact Police Officer Frank Wulff, Jr. at 973-3042 ext. 8083.

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We'll use green technology where we can.

Peggy Hagen of The Connection expansion plans.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — Conditions were perfect with the thermometer at 15 degrees at 7:45 a.m. on Feb. 12, for planning Madison's town-wide cleanup, May Day, to be held on May 3, when the temperatures are sure to be warmer! Committee members, from left, Barbara Carey, Gene Cracovia, Mayor Mary-Anna Holden, LaJunta Hurt, David Maines, Downtown Manager Janice Piccolo, Jim Burnet and Marsha Ann Zimmerman, met on Tuesday, Feb. 12, to prepare for the annual Borough-wide clean up. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact the event chair Marsha Ann Zimmerman, who is the branch manager of Investors' Savings Bank located on Waverly Place, at 973-408-9222.

years of serving Madison Borough as a part-time downtown manager, Janice Piccolo will become Administrative Secretary to the Chatham Borough mayor, administrator and engineer as well as Farmers' Market Manager, effective March 3.

The newly created full-time position will also entail working with the downtown's merchants, working closely with the Shade Tree Commission, assisting with grant writing and working with the borough's recycling and solid waste program.

Her annual salary will be \$50,000 and she will receive an additional \$2,500 to serve as the Farmers' Market manager.

After organizing Chatham's first Farmer's Market last year, Ms. Piccolo said her eyes were opened to this new opportunity. "Change is good," she said while acknowledging that she had a great opportunity while working for Madison and was proud of her accomplishments.

A certified grant writer, Ms. Piccolo said, "I brought almost \$1 million into the borough in the first quarter of 2007

the New Jersey Historic Trust for Hartley-Dodge Memorial, an \$80,000 county grant from the Community Development Block Grant Program to rehabilitate Chapel Street and a \$25,000 Community Stewardship Incentive Program grant that allowed the borough to commission professionals to survey trees in the borough's right of way.

"Chatham is in a growth period," said Ms. Piccolo. "I look forward to stimulating new ideas and helping assist others to join in Chatham's growth."

Report Card: Schools ranked third in county

By STACEY McEVOY

MADISON — The annual New Jersey State School Report Card came out on Feb. 6.

Madison High School ranked third in the county for SAT scores with a combined score of 1,690. The 186 students who sat for the test scored an average of 569 on math, 560 on verbal and 561 on the essay portion of the exam.

Chatham High School took the number one spot in the county with a combined SAT score of 1,741 from the 204 students who sat for the exam. Mountain Lakes ranked second with a combined SAT score of 1,730 from the 165 students who took the exam.

In the Madison school district, eighth graders who took the GEPA exam: 91% passed Language Arts, 84.5% passed math and 93.5% passed science. Seventh graders who took

the NJASK exam: 92.4% passed Language Arts and 85.1% passed math.

Sixth graders who took the NJASK exam at Torey J. Sabatini School: 94.6% passed Language Arts and 97.2% passed math. Sixth graders who took the exam at Kings Road School: 89.1% passed Language Arts and 93.6% passed math. Sixth graders who took the exam at Central Avenue School: 95.6% passed Language Arts and 97.1% passed math.

Fifth graders who took the NJASK exam at Torey J. Sabatini School: 94% passed Language Arts and 96% passed math. Fifth graders who took the exam at Kings Road School: 92.6% passed Language Arts and 88.9% passed math. Fifth graders who took the exam at Central Avenue School: 98.6% passed Language Arts and 93.1%

passed math.

Fourth graders who took the NJASK exam at Torey J. Sabatini School: 95.7% passed Language Arts, 97.9% passed math and 95.8% passed science. Fourth graders who took the exam at Kings Road School: 81.8% passed Language Arts, 86.3% passed math and 91% passed science. Fourth graders who took the exam at Central Avenue School: 96.1% passed Language Arts, 91.1% passed math and 93.7% passed science.

Third graders who took the NJASK exam at Torey J. Sabatini School: 94.3% passed Language Arts and 96.2% passed math. Third graders who took the exam at Kings Road School: 97.8% passed Language Arts and 95.5% passed math. Third graders who took the exam at Central Avenue School: 93.3% passed Language Arts and 94.7% passed math.

Revised science curriculum fully implemented

MADISON — For some of us it's hard to wrap our heads around a school district's curriculum development and programming. At best, we might have a cursory knowledge of what our children are learning based on their homework assignments and our assistance during exams.

Then, to understand what the state requires each district to incorporate into their curriculum is generally beyond an average parent's radar. In fact, how many of us knew that the NJ mandates curriculum review every five years?

Beginning in 2005, the district embarked on a comprehensive five-year curriculum renewal process to critically evaluate the entire K-12 academic experience. The analysis and revisions were overseen by the Office of Curriculum and Instruction with "teams" of faculty members contributing their expertise along the way.



SCIENCE IN ACTION — Kings Road School fourth grade students, from left, Neil Petrosino, Shane Horn and Bailey Hurst participate in a lesson involving conflict.

"It's important to look at the entire K-12 program when reviewing curriculum, instead of focusing only on one particular grade level. This provides an opportunity to reflect on a student's full experience in that subject area and allows us to gather parent, teacher and student input," said Barbara Sargent, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction.

Madison's curriculum utilizes a three year review cycle for each academic discipline. For instance, science was the first area of focus. In 2005-06 examiners evaluated the science curriculum and made recommendations for improvement. In 2006-07 the enhanced curriculum made its initial introduction into select classrooms and later in the year incorporated all the necessary revisions. By 2007-08 the new science curriculum was ready for

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Look out Hollywood, P. Hiscano's on his way

By STACEY McEVOY

MADISON — When borough resident Peter Hiscano went away on his 30th annual "bachelor" weekend away with his buddies, little did he know he would wind up creating a 31-minute film that would make it into the International Independent Film and Video Festival and an invitation to the festival's opening night bash at The China Club in Manhattan.

Mr. Hiscano's "The Bachelor Weekend" was selected to be viewed at the New York International Independent Film and Video Festival www.nyfilmvideo.com and is slated to be shown at 1:45 p.m. on Thursday, March 6, at The ImaginAsian Theatre located at 239 East 59th Street.

Opening night of the festival is tomorrow, Thursday, Feb. 28.

"The Bachelor Weekend" was entered into the "Short Documentary" category. Mr. Hiscano, who has no professional film experience, describes his film as "a quaint and homey weekend get-together." Speculating why his film was selected, he said, "My theory—I think that the writer's strike hurt the industry. But, luckily, it gave someone like me a chance."

Founded in 1993, the festival is the largest film festival in the world and has been recognized by the film and entertainment industry as one of the leading film events on the independent festival circuit.

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Jazz Concert will aid Luke Miller Forge

MADISON — The Madison Historical Society is sponsoring a Jazz Concert to benefit the Luke Miller Forge.

The concert will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 16, at the Dorothy Young Center for the Arts at Drew University.

Slated to perform are jazz pianist Rio Clemente, jazz vocalist Laura Hull and Steve LaSpina on bass. Compositions by Gershwin and Rodgers & Hart will be featured in a program designed to appeal to everyone. The society would like to thank Investors Savings Bank Charitable Foundation for helping to fund the entertainment.

Concert goers will be able to view

an art and photography exhibit which will focus on local historical subjects done by art and photography students from Madison High School.

The funds raised at this event will benefit the Luke Miller Forge on Ridgedale Avenue in Madison. Partial funding for a project grant was received by the Madison Historical Society from the New Jersey Historical Foundation, a Division of the Department of State, for an archaeological study of the Forge and surrounding area.

Tickets cost \$45 and may be purchased at the Drew University Box Office at 973-408-3917.

For information call 973-377-0722, Ext. 8.