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ALL-STAR FOOTBALL

QBs help each other succeed in the 2009 Robeson Classic. **STORY, PAGE B1**

300 turn out for rally in support of Lake Hopatcong

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HOPATCONG — Some 300 people turned out for a Lake Hopatcong rally Sunday to present a united front in demanding better management of the state's largest lake.

Within the past month, a

group of homeowners and business owners joined to create the Lake Hopatcong Alliance in an attempt to get Gov. Jon S. Corzine and the Department of Environmental Protection to respond to their concerns about the lake's water levels and weed management.

Headed by Ray Fernan-

dez, owner of Bridge Marina in Jefferson, the group said it had 100 people sign up to become members within one week and was gathering more signatures Sunday during the rally at Kabob's at the Northwood Inn. They also

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Demonstrators pack docks on Lake Hopatcong Sunday during a rally to demand better oversight of the state's largest lake, which has experienced falling water levels this year.



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Fifth- and sixth-grade readers in Harding show off their literary prowess. **STORY, PAGE A3**



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FOR FREE: Foundation gives head gear to young cyclists



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Unloading bicycle helmets to be distributed are (from left) Erik Hammar, his mother Debbie Hammar, Christopher Jerry and Mike Savino.

Bicycle Safety Day puts emphasis on wearing helmets

By MELANIE HIRSHBERG
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WASHINGTON TWP. — Christopher Jerry knows the difference a bicycle helmet can make in an accident.

The Long Valley resident was struck by a car while cycling on Parker Road in May 2008, fracturing his pelvis and breaking his leg. His injuries required numerous surgeries to correct.

"Everyone from the EMTs to the doctors said, 'You are so lucky you were wearing your helmet,'" said Jerry, 44, who will participate in a charity ride and Bicycle Safety Day on June 28, at Long Valley's Rock Spring Park.

The event will be hosted by the David D. Hammar Foundation, named after another township resident who was struck by a vehicle while he was bicycling. But Hammar was not wearing a helmet and died of a brain injury the morning after the Sept. 21, 2006, accident in Long Valley.

Jerry is on the board of directors of the Hammar Foundation, which was established by David Hammar's daughter, Allison, and her husband, Michael Savino, in January 2007 in memory of her father.

"David was an inspiration to his family and friends throughout his life and now through his



Christopher Jerry holds the bicycle helmet he was wearing when he was hit by a car while cycling.

death," Allison Hammar said about her father on the foundation's Web site.

Based in Long Valley, the foundation's main goal is to give away helmets to local children. The foundation also travels to numer-

ous events every year to raise awareness about bicyclists and bicycling safety. Its members have worked to get bike lanes, crossings and road signs put in around their area.

The foundation also offers scholarships to local student athletes, Jerry said.

"Our goal is to promote safety measures so that the kind of thing that happened to my father doesn't happen again," Allison Hammar said. "We want to raise awareness from both ends, the drivers and the bicyclists."

The Ride for Awareness and Bicycle Safety Day features a 30.9-mile ride in the morning, followed by a children's safety event. The ride will begin and end at Rock Spring Park. The riders will be escorted by Sgt. Douglas Compton of Washington Township's Community Policing Unit.

Jerry, who is helping to organize the event, said cyclists of all skill levels can attend, though preregistration is required.

Following the ride, children can attend a free safety event, where the foundation will offer free helmets and fittings. Cycle Works, the event's sponsor, will have safety demonstrations and tune up bicycles. When not learning about bicycle safety, children also can participate in an obstacle course and a bike raffle.

"This event is to help get the word out about cycling safety," Jerry said.

According to the Na-

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Top teacher inspires love of reading

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MOUNT OLIVE — Christine Trevorror remembers being sent to a dreary basement classroom for extra reading help when she was a child. She dreaded her first-grade reading circle and desperately tried to decipher the sentence she'd have to read in advance, to avoid the embarrassment of failing.

Trevorror, who didn't learn to read until the fourth grade, said the experience left her with such negative memories that she grew up wanting to shield other children from a similar fate.

She now is the reading specialist at the Sandshore School and has been named Morris County's 2009-10 teacher of the year. In nominating her for the recognition, her colleagues said she has succeeded in igniting a love for reading among students, teachers and parents.

Trevorror is now in the running for the state title, which will be announced in September.

"I feel like I was born for this job," said Trevorror, 43, of Blairstown, who is married to Eric Trevorror and has two children; Steven, 10 and Victoria, 9. "I get to

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STAFF PHOTO: JOHN BELL

Reading specialist Christine Trevorror, Morris County's teacher of the year, helps Shannon Totten (left), 6, and Hanatt Assan, 7, at the Sandshore School in Mount Olive.



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Megan Mohrbutter of Florham Park is applying for jobs, hoping to put her college degree to use, as she awaits surgery for spina bifida.

Refusing to be handicapped

Megan Mohrbutter wants to work for the New York Jets.

She'd actually like to work for anyone who would let her put her communications degree to good use, but the Jets would be her "dream job," she said.

Full of ambition, fresh

from graduation from Caldwell College, Mohrbutter, 22, said she's not quite sure what to do with her time.

"I'm not used to all this downtime," she said. "I feel like I'm having my midlife crisis at 22."

She is impatient, driven and filled with the hope

that passing a milestone such as college graduation brings.

She sent a resume to the Jets with the hope of landing a job in the public relations department of the team that practices 10 minutes from her home in

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