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Stiffer penalties

A new law signed by Gov. Christine Whitman that would slap twice-convicted prostitutes with stiffer penalties and seize their patrons' cars is being lauded by Union County officials and local police. They're hashing the legislation as "an important new tool."
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End of hunt?

The county's five-year deer reduction program in the 2,002-acre Watchung Reservation may end if hunters reach their goal this year. After 10 days of this year's deer hunt, the county is already less than halfway from this year's goal of 116 deer, which would reduce the herd to 60 deer.
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Borough Board of Ed continues budget talks

By Pamela Isaacson
Staff Writer

Discussion on the 1999-00 preliminary school budget continued Tuesday night as the Mountainside Board of Education received presentations regarding recommended technology upgrades and programming for Deerfield School. The board must vote on the budget Feb. 23. A public hearing for the budget is scheduled for March 23.

"One goal is to teach the different fields of employment in technological areas," manifested Jerry Anderson of Lab-Volt, the New Jersey-based company that manufactured the proposed computer modules for sixth through eighth graders. "We want this to blend in with the rest of your curriculum."
Anderson used the example of the flight simulator module which uses interactive means to describe the duties of a pilot and technician, and also allows students to explore the different parts of an airplane. According to Anderson, they will not only learn the physics behind flying but students also will build a model plane using parts provided by Lab-Volt.

There are currently about 2,000 school districts in the country that use this system, where two students are assigned to one module for seven to 10 days. Twenty districts throughout the state have implemented the Modular Technology Program into their curricula in some form.

Mountainside has included the program in the preliminary budget for students in grades six through eight, with the hope that the program will be funded by students complete all 10 modules over that three-year span.

Industrial Arts teacher Tom Predale proposed implementing the program and including modules that deal with such topics as animation, automation and robotics, mechanical power, video production and weather satellite.

Computer upgrade

There are 10 computers at Deerfield School that are no 2000 compliant. Said Computer Technology Coordinator Randy Palmer, referring to the Y2K problem or the "millennium bug."

Replacing these computers are a small portion of Palmer's technology plan, of which items marked as main priorities such as Y2K compliance, have been included in the preliminary budget. In short, the five-part plan includes an instructional program for students, staff development, equipment and infrastructure, management and community.

In the current school year, many computer labs have been installed in every classroom in grades three through eight. There also has been an expansion of computer classes and the beginning of Internet access.

Next year, Palmer hopes to include the kindergarten and second grade classes, as well. Another goal is to provide all faculty and staff with e-mail accounts, update printers and scanners and upgrade the intercom/phone system, which also has been regarded as non-compliant.

School calendar

Debate surrounded next school year's calendar, a non-negotiable item twice approved. Berkeley Heights, including Governor Livingston High School, will begin before Labor Day, on Sept. 7.

Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller is recommending that Deerfield School begin Sept. 8, as students and teachers historically have finished school Day weekend. Schaller explained that 68 families have children both at Deerfield and at Governor Livingston and will be affected by varying starting dates.



Rob Fenick, middle school science teacher at Saint James the Apostle School in Springfield, tries to make a model volcano erupt during the school's Knowledge Fair Sunday.

Knowledge Fair begins celebration of Catholic schools in Springfield

By Pamela Isaacson
Staff Writer

Both prospective and current parents and students received an introduction at the Knowledge Fair at Saint James the Apostle School in Springfield last Sunday, an event that began the celebration of Catholic Schools Week.

Staff and students presented interactive displays that illustrated curricula for various subjects and grade levels ranging from kindergarten to eighth grade. "We wanted to show the different methods we use, show parents what they're doing and learning about in school," Spanish teacher Vivian Fumagalli explained.

A science teacher showcased student-made volcano erupting with "lava" sugar granules. Alex Wright said his 10-year-old visitors gawped at their "Tooth Test" project. Willing guests stuck their hands inside a box and tried to determine what was inside using only their sense of touch.

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The event was geared toward both parents with students already enrolled and for prospective families. "We live in Union and we're not all that happy with the upper grades. We came here to investigate other areas," said Roseanne Taylor, the mother of a sixth grader in public school. "This is very well presented. Since I'm coming in here fresh, I need all the answers I can get."

With faculty as involved as the students, Taylor said she found the answers easily and was impressed with the helpfulness and knowledge of the staff.

This week celebrates the 8,000 Catholic schools across the nation. "We are celebrating the special offerings Catholic schools do for the communities they serve," said Publishing Officer Sharon Ahongye.

She explained that the students at Saint James have scheduled a variety of programs throughout the week such as Disney Day and Teacher Recognition Day.

Springfield officials get a jump on Fourth of July plans

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Deputy Mayor Sy Mullman, Burlington County Statehouse owner, Ed Young and Emergency Management Coordinator John Cotage have been making the "service group rounds" with their "Take Pride in Springfield Weekends" last week. The trio explained their Fourth of July weekend project and sought support from the Springfield Chamber of Commerce Jan. 28 and the Rotary Club Tuesday.

"While some communities are preparing to celebrate the millennium on Dec. 31, we're going for starts six months early," Mullman said. "We

have a good thing going with the Fourth of July celebration at Meisel Field and we want to build on it."

Mullman, explaining that the Fourth of July Celebration Committee is in a brainstorming period, has "Taste of the Town" and "Dine at Meisel Field" in mind for the weekend.

"Taste of the Town," scheduled for Saturday, would have local participating restaurants provide samples of their fare for a central location. The inaugural event would anchor any other activities set for that day.

"July 4 at Meisel Field" would be an expansion of the current 5-to 9:30

5:30 p.m. program. Mullman and Cotage suggested line or square dancing among the additional activities. The weekend's scheduled climax would be the pyrotechnics provided by Garden State Fireworks of Mulholland.

While most of the weekend's activities "could be free," the committee hopes a \$4 donation for the Meisel Field day. Proceeds would create an achievement fund for Jonathan Dayton High School students.

"We get 3,000 to 5,000 people on Meisel Field for the fireworks in a town of 15,000," Mullman said. "If we get half the population in, imagine

how much money we can raise. We could set up a 50-50."

The Springfield chamber, like others (a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation according to Susan Jacobson of the Union County Chamber of Commerce), "As such, we cannot get involved in a gaming situation."

The committee maintains a donation-basis admission at Meisel Field is owned by the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation. Mullman said they received a field use permit from the county last October.

The committee, which includes the mayor and members of the Office of

Emergency Management, has staged the fireworks event for decades. The Springfield Chamber of Commerce, whose members have provided rides, displays and food vendors, joined as a partner in 1997.

"This is going to be a larger undertaking than what has been done before," Cotage said. "We're sending out a mailing to residents as volunteers. Subcommittee for various aspects of the weekend will start forming in two weeks."

For details, write the Springfield Office of Emergency Management, Municipal Building, 108 Mountain Ave., Springfield 07081.

Scouts sledding without snow



Boy Scouts Richard Whitehead, left, and Matthew Kiebus carry the front of their sled across a creek during the annual Klondike Derby at the Watchung Reservation in Mountainside. See story, Page 10.

Borough, township net increase in state funding for schools

By Pamela Isaacson
Staff Writer

Both Springfield and Mountainside school districts discovered increases in their state aid for the 1999-00 school year, according to the New Jersey Department of Education's figures which were released throughout the state last week.

The figures represent an increase of 10.7 percent throughout the county. Mountainside can expect to see \$322,801, an increase of 0.4 percent. Springfield school district also will see additional aid, with a 4.7-percent increase from \$1,013,342 last year to \$1,060,530 for the 1999-00 school year.

"We were more fortunate since some of the bigger districts lost heavily," said Mountainside Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller.

Eighteen of the county's districts received an increase, with Clark Hills and Watchung the only exceptions.

A majority of Mountainside's state aid, \$309,616, is devoted to special education. Transportation aid weighed in at \$155,191.

Similar to the borough, Springfield found more of its aid directed at special education with an allocated \$646,081. Transportation and the district's learning network, which is long-range technology program,

For a look at state aid countywide, see Page B1

received \$192,550 aid \$72,492, respectively.

However, Springfield Superintendent of Schools Gary Fretland expressed dissatisfaction with the figures, saying the increase reflects an adjustment in state aid for this school year. "Now they will be paying us the aid we were supposed to receive last year, next year," Fretland said. "The increase in aid is much smaller because they are lumping the aid together."

According to Fretland, only a percent of the school budget comes from state aid; the remainder comes from revenue generated by the district and taxes. "The same aid translates to \$38,000 from a \$20 million budget."

Fretland added that a new funding law bases aid on the number of students enrolled in a district as of Oct. 15, rather than in previous years which projected figures were utilized.

State aid is divided between community wealth and actual enrollment, with both factors relative to the aid of the communities in the state.

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NEWS CLIPS

Local assembly office open late on Thursdays

The legislative office of Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger, located at 205 Elm St. Westfield, is open from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursdays.

In addition, the assemblyman's office is open during regular business hours on weekdays and one Saturday per month. The 2nd Legislative District, which includes Mountaineer, Berkeley Heights, Chatham Township, Cranford, Dunellen, Eastwood, Garwood, Green Brook, New Providence, North Plainfield, Long Hill, Scotch Plains, Warren, Watchung, Westfield and Winfield.

For more information, call Bagger's legislative office at (908) 232-3673.

Monthly vendor sale to benefit Runnells

The Volunteer Guild of Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County will hold its monthly vendor sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 11 in the Multi-Purpose Room of the facility located at 301 Watchung Way, Berkeley Heights.

First-quality merchandise will be available at discount prices, including rayon tops, skirts and dresses, geometric dresses, batik prints, golf shirts, polar fleece jackets, name brand sweaters, shorts and sunglasses. Retailer and plus sizes will be available and alternate charge cards will be accepted.

The public is welcome to shop every month at this vendor sale. Staff Union County Freeholder Mary Riosky, liaison to the Runnells Hospital Board of Managers. "These extremely popular sales are made possible by the hard work of Runnells' Volunteer Guild. A part of every sale goes back to the guild to purchase items for our residents and patients at the hospital. The guild buys VCR's, televisions and prizes for life bingo games. The Volunteer Guild also sponsors a Christmas holiday party and gift distribution and a summer picnic in cooperation with the Berkeley Heights Lions Club."

The Volunteer Guild of Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County is made up of volunteers. Anyone interested in contributing a few hours per day can contact the Runnells Office of Volunteer Services at (908) 232-8541.

Recreation department offers summer positions

The Springfield Recreation Department is accepting applications for summer positions from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Interviews for all positions will be held after applicants are turned in to the recreation department. Pick up and return applications to the Sarah Bailey Child Center, 30 Church Mill, Union County employees must re-apply.

Applicants must be mature, hard-working individuals and must be certified lifeguard, CPR certified and first aid trained. Experience with lifeguarding is a plus, and applicants must be personable and willing to work 30-40 hours per week, including holidays and weekends.

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Registration dates set for Deerfield School

Deerfield School has announced its registration for 1999-2000 kindergarten classes. Registration and screening will be conducted by appointment Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Appointments for registration and screening will begin at 8:45 a.m.

Parents are requested to call Susan Nugent to make an appointment for the screening that will be conducted by kindergarten teachers, a speech therapist and an occupational therapist, Barbara Komozski. Deerfield's guidance counselor, will assist with screening.

Parents should call Deerfield School at (908) 232-8828 to receive forms that should be completed and returned at registration. Children being registered should be five years of age by Oct. 1, 1999. A birth certificate and proof of residency must be presented to Nugent at the time of the appointment.

Committee sets dinner and dance for February

Dance committee members from the Fathers and Friends of Deerfield, including Ed and Collins of Mountaineer, have announced that the group will sponsor their annual dinner/dance Saturday at the Madison Hotel in Convent Station. Deerfield's financial aid program and the Rod and Regina Keller Scholarship Fund will receive all benefits from the Blacktie affair.

The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a cocktail reception in the conservatory, to be followed at 8 p.m. by dinner and dancing. For dinner reservations or information, call the Deerfield development office secretary at (973) 538-3231, ext. 3051.

Filing deadline for school board election March 1

The deadline for filing nominating petitions to run for positions on the Board of Education is 4 p.m. March 1. The election is scheduled for April 20. Prospective school board candidates can obtain a "School Board Candidate Kit" at the local school district office. Published by the New Jersey School Boards Association, the School Board Candidate 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 Board Act, important dates in school election process and briefing sessions for school board candidates, are also included in the kit.

MDA to sponsor gala in Mountaineer

The 1999 Black & Blue Ball to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association will be held Saturday at L'Affaire in Mountaineer. The gala is an unusual and outrageous combination of a dinner with a walk on the wild side.

Tickets are \$100 per person. The price of the ticket includes an open-bar, six international cuisine stations. Ticket cards a picture of a Harley Davidson and a fake tattoo.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association receives no grants or fees from clients, but relies on the safe support of private contributors and the business community.

For more information, call the local MDA office at (732) 750-2333.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader in uniform reports of various community activities and government meetings. To give your community event the publicity it deserves, mail your schedule to: P.O. Box 3109, Union, NJ 07083.

Today
• The Towbitt Club of Mountaineer will have a luncheon at noon featuring "Getting into Crafts" with speaker Brenda Ayles. The event will take place at Big Fields in Westfield and guests are welcome. Call (908) 232-3626 for reservations.

Sunday
• The Trilobite Nature and Science Center will conduct a Sunday planetarium show called "Dino's Winter Battle" at 2 p.m. The show will explore the evening winter 43 and Dino's battle with Taurus and the planets, the days Arrigo and Gemini. The program has an admission price of \$3 per person, \$2.50 for seniors, and is for ages 6 and up. For more information, call (908) 789-1670.

Wednesday
• The Springfield Garden Club will meet at 10:15 a.m. at the Presbyterian Parish House, 37 Church Mill in Springfield. The guest speaker will be Marilyn Francis, who will talk about the Greater Newark Conservancy. All are welcome. For more information, call (973) 376-3430.

Coming Events
Feb. 10-March 1
• The Mountaineer Public Library will conduct a "Toddler Time for 2-year-olds, Wednesday at 10 a.m." The program will include songs and finger games for children accompanied by a parent or caregiver. In addition, preschool storytime sessions presented by the library will be held on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. The program will be for ages 3-5.

March 4
• The Mountaineer Public Library will present the opening reception for an exhibit called "Bridges of Mountaineer" on Wednesday, March 4, at 7 p.m. The exhibit will highlight photographs of Mountaineer's bridges throughout the state.

Ongoing
• The Springfield Senior Citizen Swimming Program, which is located at the Sarah Bailey Recreation Center, a nutritional hot lunch is available for seniors for \$2. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, at noon. Menus are available at the center, library and post office. Call (973) 922-9039 for reservations one day in advance. For more information about the program call Maureen McInerney at (973) 912-2300.

• The Oncology Department at Overlook Hospital has established a free cancer support group for adults living with any type of cancer. The group meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the hospital, 590 Bellevue Ave., Summit. The group is led by Debra Harris Salzman, former nurse and 4-year-old Thursday at 2 p.m. The program will be for ages 3-5.

Eagle Scout honored by freeholders



Union County Board of Freeholders Chairman Nicholas Scutari awards Springfield resident Jeff Fantini with a resolution for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America.

The Union County Board of Freeholders recently honored Springfield resident Jeff Fantini for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

In a resolution sponsored by Freeholder Chairman Nicholas P. Scutari of Linden, who is himself an Eagle Scout, Fantini was cited for his notable achievement as a Boy Scout of America for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

Only 1 percent of all scouts achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. "It is no simple task, earning the rank of Eagle Scout," Scutari said. "A young man must be dedicated and demonstrate outstanding leadership traits, personal fitness, high moral character and that he has performed a valuable service to his community. On behalf of the board I would like to commend Jeff for having what it takes to become an Eagle Scout."

STUDENT UPDATE

Area students named to Oratory honor roll

Oratory Catholic Prep School has announced that several local students were named to the headmaster's honor roll.

For both the second quarter and first semester of the 1998-99 school year, Springfield residents Stephen Malcolm, 10th grade, received first honors, and Andrew Brody, 11th grade, Andrew Elek, eighth grade and Patrick Daly, seventh grade, received second honors. Team grade student Christopher Daly also received first honors for the second quarter of the 1998-99 school year. In addition, Mountaineer residents David Kessler, 11th grade, and Teobaldo Fernandez, 10th grade, were awarded first honors for both the second quarter and first semester of the school year.

Sayanlar achieves honors during fall semester

Springfield resident Jennifer Sayanlar, daughter of Ted and Julia Sayanlar, was named to the dean's list at Boston College for the Fall 1998 semester. Sayanlar is a sophomore at

Boston College majoring in chemistry in the pre-medical program. She is a 1997 graduate from Oak Knoll School in Summit.

Local students nominated for Governor's School

Jonathan Dayto, High School has announced its nominees for the 1999 Governor's School Program. Jessica Lau was nominated for the sciences; Mampela Gama for the environment; Rachel Sehler for public issues and the future of New Jersey; Liana Raviv for creative writing; Daniel Karem for social music; Adam Sater for theater; and Laura Boyce for art.

The Governor's School Program by "academically" and "artistically" talented students are sponsored by Governor's Office and the New Jersey Department of Education. Selected students attend a four-week, tuition-free program session at a host college. High school seniors in Jersey may nominate 10th grade students to apply to these programs.

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Jeffrey Michael Stinner and Andrea Castellano

Castellano to wed Stinner

Mr. Michael Castellano of Belleville and Mrs. Claire Ramos of Kenilworth have announced the engagement of their daughter, Andrea Castellano, to Jeffrey Michael Stinner, son of Walter Stinner Sr. and Mrs. Joanne Stinner of Union.

The bride-to-be is completing her bachelor's degree in biology at Caldwell College, Caldwell and is employed by the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, New Brunswick, as a PC applications specialist.

The future groom is a graduate of the John H. Stamber Police Academy in Scotch Plains and is employed by the Mountainside Police Department as a police officer.

A November wedding is planned.

STUDENT UPDATE

Liab named to dean's list at Brandeis University

Adam Michael Liab of Springfield was named to the dean's list for the fall 1998 semester at Brandeis University in Eartham, Mass. Liab, class of 2001, is the son of Martin and Linda Liab.

Dean's list honors are given to students who have earned a grade point average of 3.5 or better.

Napier receives master's

Teresa Napier, daughter of James and Mary Frances Napier of Springfield, received her master's degree in nursing in December from the University of North Carolina. The degree qualifies her as an adult nurse practitioner. Napier is a graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School and Seton Hall University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in nursing.

She resides in Chapel Hill with her

daughters Rebecca and Melissa. Rebecca is a junior at North Carolina State University and Melissa is a freshman at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Birch achieves dean's list at Penn State University

Heather Birch, a 1997 graduate of Jonathan-Davton High School, has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Penn State University of University Park, Pa.

Birch is a sophomore majoring in speech pathology and audiology. She is the daughter of Jim and Linda Birch of Springfield and the granddaughter of Evelyn Birch, also of Springfield.

Named to the dean's list are students with grade point averages of 3.5 or better for the semester.

Editorial deadlines

Following are deadlines for news, church and social. Thursday

Book fair promotes literacy, Girl Scouts

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

What started as an ordinary day for most Springfield Barnes & Noble customers ended to the left of the bookstore's information desk Saturday.

Near the desk, a table occupied by Debra Lampert-Rudman and several members of the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council had books and fliers about the scouts and literacy for presentation. Tables and chairs were being set up in other places for related activities.

"This is our first 'Read to Lead' book fair," Lampert-Rudman said. "Twenty percent of today's sales made by families and friends of the scouts will go to the council. There

Scholarships offered through local BPW

The Summit chapter of the Business and Professional Women's organization is offering several scholarships to eligible women in the Summit area.

Four types of awards are available: career advancement at the state and local chapter level; Summit High School scholarships; and the Summit Red-Cross scholarships.

The Career Advancement Scholarship at the local chapter level is available to all New Jersey women living within a 50-mile radius of Summit who plan to re-enter the job market or advance their careers through continuing education. Awards of up to \$1,500 will be made and women can re-apply on an annual basis.

The State Scholarship awards are up to \$500 and applicants must be at least 25 years old and New Jersey residents. The State Scholarship can be used for business equipment purchases in addition to tuition and related expenses.

Summit BPW also provides scholarships to Summit High School girls. Interested seniors should contact their guidance counselors to acquire application materials.

Interested women for the scholarships should send a self-addressed, stamped envelope requesting the specific scholarship application desired to Summit BPW Scholarship Committee, c/o Julie Shaw, 6 Iris Road, Summit 07901.

are also sign-up lists and other events designed to promote reading.

On one side of the table was registration for the Literacy Volunteers of America: The Washington Rock Girl Scout Council and the local I.V.A. affiliate are looking for volunteer reading tutors. One of the council's goals is to improve reading levels among girls.

On the other side were books by featured authors Ilene Kelly and Dr. Yvonne Thornton. While writer-illustrator Kelly was holding a science project in the children's section of the store, Thornton held court in another aisle.

"It took me 18 years to write 'The Ditchdigger's Daughters,'" Thornton said to about 30 mostly Girl Scout spectators. "As about my father, who worked three jobs so that I and my five sisters would become doctors. No

publisher would take a risk on the book until a small company did three years ago."

Her story became an award-winning cable television movie in 1997 and the book is in sixth printing. While Thornton advised her audience that the only people who can stop them from realizing goals are themselves, the scout's 30-member inter-generational choir were preparing to sing in the cafe. Another group of Girl Scouts, carrying toy infants, were coming back from an activity elsewhere in the store.

While all the activities involved reading and literacy, a third theme was being promoted: The Washington Rock Girl Scout Council has sought to narrow the participation and test scores gaps between affluent girls and those in mathematics and the sciences. Events fostering a positive "can-do

spirit is part of the council's effort. "I haven't really thought about the scouting connection until I got here today," Thornton said. "The streets, Stephanie Zanardi is the one to thank for having me aboard. She took a change on my talking here years ago and since then I sit at her call anytime."

"Yvonne is such an inspiration. I had to put her on today's program," she mused. "Lampert-Rudman said she had a similar fair with another Girl Scout council in the Midwest. Once I got permission from the corporate office, I and the local council worked to make this fair happen."

"We haven't had the time to add up the proceeds," Lampert-Rudman said in terms of why the fair's success. A lot of people learned about what they were doing to promote literacy.

Donating holiday gifts



From left, Diane Fischt, senior contact coordinator, joins Springfield residents Marie Cook, Ann Steve, Josephine Zenta and Eleanor Politz of the Senior Contact Program of Overlook Hospital during a buffet lunch. The seniors donated holiday gifts to the Family Service of Summit.

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Jitney bus will aid commuters

At long last, there are some tangible developments in Springfield's quest to begin a municipal jitney bus for commuters who travel the rails to work each day.

After prolonged debates, discussions and disappointments regarding the jitney, the Township Committee approved a contract with New Jersey Transit last week to enter into a two-year agreement to run the jitney bus.

Thanks to NJ Transit's Morris and Essex County Minibus Challenge Grant, several local municipalities, including Springfield, each received \$50,000 plus a subsidy to run the service. Alleviating parking shortages at rail stations, especially shortages caused by commuters using the popular Midtown Direct service to Manhattan, provided a large incentive for the grants.

This service promises to alleviate commuter headaches, of which there are a great many in this area. Now township commuters can park their cars near or even walk from their homes to Springfield bus stops, ride to area rail lines and be on their way to work with ease.

While the price tag attached to jitney service plus parking privileges near the bus stop amounts to \$350 per year for residents, \$550 per year for non-residents, the problems that the bus will solve for commuters will be well worth the cost. Those who opt to walk to the jitney bus from home will pay \$50 less per year, and one-way fares will cost \$2.

The Township Committee is doing a good job in planning ahead for the program, with first-year Committee member Steven Goldstein spearheading an effort to promote the jitney's financial self-sufficiency. With the possibility that NJ Transit will not award a second-year grant for the jitney, Goldstein suggested the township "build a war chest" to prevent the necessity of raising jitney fares to keep the service alive.

As an increase in rates for almost anything is generally met with loud grumblings from those asked to pay more than expected, this thought is especially appealing.

We support the minibus program and hope the township will follow through with the project by signing the contract with NJ Transit.

Shared services deserves close look

Gov. Christine Whitman's proposed property tax relief of \$200 million per year throughout the state is welcome news. As opposed to hearing about another tax increase. During the fifth year of the plan, residents of Mountainside stand to save \$226 on their taxes, and Springfield residents \$533. While the tax rebate program promises to save taxpayers up to \$1 billion a year in four years, Whitman's proposal will not solve the basic problem of too many redundant services operating within separate, but closely knit communities.

Sharing services between neighboring municipalities reduces this redundancy and the subsequent excessive burden on taxpayers. In Hudson County, for example, five towns have decided to share fire services, saving at least \$5 million per year.

The potential to share services with neighboring municipalities is especially applicable for Mountainside, which has experienced grave problems with its volunteer fire department and first aid squad during the past year. With the many emergency Westfield note that willing to discuss improving the quality and stability of both towns' emergency services by pooling their resources, borough officials should seriously reconsider the idea of a paid department.

Mountainside Mayor Robert A.iglianti, leery of the loss of control at the local level, has proven resistant to the idea of shared services. While his fears of losing home rule have some validity, the loss of a small amount of municipal control must be weighed against the potentially large savings for taxpayers.

The Whitman administration has already earmarked \$55 million in grants to encourage towns like Mountainside to look into sharing services. With this grant money available, in addition to the potential savings of shared services, now is an optimal time to consider this concept as one way to reduce administrative overhead and control property taxes.

The efforts of borough officials to hire police and other municipal workers to double as fire and first aid personnel has been admirable, but these endeavors are unlikely to prove sufficient in the long run. If a serious crisis ever occurred in Mountainside, the borough could easily find itself short-handed.

"Free speech does not live many hours after free industry and free commerce die."

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MAGIC-BUS STOP—Springfield children, from left, Genia Carey, Laura Frankel and Jake Tyler join township librarians Kathy Perocco and Susan Permahos, left, as they accept the latest installment of the Magic School Bus series from PSE&G employee and Springfield resident Tracy Clark Tyler, right, at the Springfield Public Library. In the next few weeks, PSE&G employees will be presenting a copy of this book to public libraries throughout the state.

Creating a new vision for Springfield schools

Superintendent's Report

By Gary Friedland

The past spring the Board of Education staff, community members, and selected members of the high school student body participated in a three-day workshop designed to assist the group in developing a "Vision for the Future of Springfield Public Schools." The outcome of the 450 minutes of time was a set of plans based on four major areas:

- Facilities improvement
- Communication improvement
- Technology integration and utilization

Each of these plans was reviewed and advanced into a three-day administrative session this past summer organized by the superintendent of schools and three of the four plans have been released for additional teaching staff input before a presentation to the community committee and Board of Education for their comment.

There is located in that plan a five-year vision for the schools which is based on improvement of student performance, better utilization of human and physical resources and an increased integration of technology into day-to-day learning.

If Springfield is to maintain its leadership position among the top school districts in the state, it will need to take an aggressive position regarding its technology initiative within the next 12 months. Much work on this part of the plan has already been accomplished by the establishment of a networkable infrastructure in each of the elementary schools and the ability of the district to connect all buildings into a Wide Area Network. This has been done through the district's use of a community committee and the superintendent's ability to harness capital funding and financing resources for the initiative. Networkable servers, hubs and routers.

The district is now poised to deliver Internet e-mail, voice and video to each pre-K-12 classroom through eighth grade classrooms.

During the next six months, the district will need to pursue an aggressive plan to provide the high school with similar infrastructure capabilities and to purchase networkable computers for all classrooms. This technology initiative will bring the district to the forefront of integrating today's technology in each classroom. It will bring science, geography, science, foreign language and mathematics never before imagined to the fingertips of Springfield students. In an effort to facilitate this five-year plan, the district will apply for \$270,000 of grant funding and ask the community for a two-thirds match of the total technology initiative of \$510,000. These funds will enable the district to purchase each high school classroom the Wide Area Network and purchase sufficient computers to enable each classroom to have access to the multitude of resources located in the school libraries and on educational web sites throughout the world. Although this goal is only one of the four goals established during the five-year vision retreat, it is important to recognize that the plans for technology integration into day-to-day classroom activities is well on its way to being accomplished.

Your support of the vision is extremely important to maintaining Springfield's cutting edge status in technology instruction.

Gary Friedland is superintendent of the Springfield public schools.

New Jersey needs true property tax reform

My Two Cents

By Mark Hryniak
Regional Editor

Have you ever balanced your checkbook and realized you have more money than you expected? Well, now you know the position our state government is in. Not only do, but states across the land — as well as the federal government — are enjoying budget surpluses thanks to this booming economy, among other factors. Everyone, it seems, is rolling in dough these days.

Gov. Christine Whitman wants to put a dent into ever-increasing property taxes with a \$1 billion relief program. The Garden State is not the only one in the union with such on its hands. According to a recent issue of U.S. News and World Report, Florida, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, California and Texas are deciding what to do with all the extra cash they have. More than 30 states expect tax cuts this year.

The federal government is grappling with what to do with the projected \$4.4 trillion surplus over the next 15 years. What should be done with it? Save Social Security? Invest in the market? Tax cuts for all? I know. I'll never be mistaken for an accountant, but if one gives more money than one has, that person has a debt — not a surplus. The last time I checked, the federal government had a debt in the trillions of dollars and was continuing to give money away to other nations.

If the ongoing fiasco in Washington has not revealed a need for a legitimate third party, the property tax relief proposal has darkened the lines between state Democrats and Republicans again. It's one of the other "no" in between.

Republicans of course, are harping their governor's proposal while Democrats are responding with, "Well, duh... Watching some television reports last week, I saw one Democratic Assembly leader who basically said the governor's plan is all well and good, but we've been

had the relief proposal in her 1998 State of the State with no state elections last year to raise the question of legitimacy — that it is a start. And again, he hopes that the Democrats have a "could be" coming in the next few months, just in time for the Assembly and election. This position is not a thing works both ways.

One Democratic assemblyman has said his party would like to see a tax relief bill passed in the next few months. What is the difference between my so-called governor, Gov. Whitman's relief program, and a campaign platform?

Whitman's relief in 2003 is expected to reduce the average \$600 per home per year. With school tax rates remaining, their assessment rates really don't go up except match the local school tax increases. But the school tax relief program's better than nothing. Until there is the property tax reform in New Jersey, it is up to local boards of education and school administrators to hold the line on school tax hikes.

Some Democrats blasted Whitman for presenting her school tax relief program this year — the same year as Assembly elections. Well, how about if she made the tax relief proposal two years ago when she was up for re-election? The timing of a move like that truly would have been curious to say the least. As if these same Democrats wouldn't do the same.

That's the level politics are at. This of course, is not a new observation. Politics reached this point long ago. There are people who have such a pessimistic view of politicians and the future system and they are always asking themselves what is the best motive behind any proposal. These people are usually called journalists.

Quite honestly, the motives of any such an elected official goes within the year of re-election and usually are questioned. Again, that is not earth-shattering news. It would have been nice if Whitman

was considered part-time positions and are paid about \$55,000, plus health coverage and pension plans. A similar pay hike movement more than 100,000 year ago didn't materialize.

In the State Senate, the measure passed 20-6 in December while last week in the Assembly, the bill was approved 64-8.

Local Republican Senator Donald D. Lucas and C. Louis Bassano and Democrat Ray Lesniak voted in the affirmative.

The only local assemblyman to vote against the bill came from the 21st Legislative District — Republican Joe Weingarten and Kevin O'Toole. Assembly Republicans Richard Bagger, Alaf Augustine and Democrat Neil Cohen, Joseph Sullivan, Donald Tucker and William Pulte all voted in favor.

Once the commission completes its study and sets a salary, legislators would then vote on the actual raise. If the Legislature does not approve a pay raise by November, they would not get one until 2002.

Base separation won't have to worry about the fallout of any pay raise since they are not up for election until 2004. Members of the Assembly, however, see elections this year.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Clinton guiltless during good times

In these words, the economy is good, unemployment is at its lowest, there are no declared wars and we're all living high on the hog. Thanks, President Clinton, for the amazing wrong he'd done! Count — Gov. Steve American. Joseph C. Chappo, Mountainside

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We're asking What do you call the Feb. 15 holiday?



Sue Shoor "I'm not sure how I think it is. Presidents Day is a way to combine and honor both."

Jeff Kowpada "I think it's Presidents Day. There are a lot of presidents both in February, but we honor Washington and Lincoln."

Hugo Noguera "Presidents' Day? I think it combines both Lincoln and Washington's birthdays."

Rashaan Holmes "I call it Washington's Birthday. We have one president's birthday followed by a second one in a week or so."

MDA fund-raiser to aid county residents

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

A Muscular Dystrophy Association Black and Blue-Ball will be held by the Union and Middlesex counties chapter on Saturday at 7 p.m. at L. Affairs, Middletown.

The fund-raiser will be sponsored by Silvio Perinoglio, and Maria Price, main district director of the Central New Jersey office, located in Avenel.

"This is our first fund-raising event, and we'll have one every year from now on. We expect a great crowd," she said, during a recent conversation. "and it's really going to be unusual — and outrageous. It's going to be like a formal affair but with a twist. People could wear formal clothes and perhaps blue jeans or leather jackets with their tuxedos. It will be a mixture of dress — and it's going to be a lot of fun. People will be able to have their pictures taken at a Harley Davidson motorcycle."

Price explained that all the money raised for the event will stay in Union County to help the people there. "We have about 300 people here."

The district director, who has been with the MDA for the past two years, explained that her many duties include: "framing this office, responsible for fund-raising — a million and one things. The MDA has been around since the 1930s and is only one of 15 years. It's rewarding," Price said, "especially when you meet the people you are actually helping. It's very rewarding to meet the adults and children. It's a lot of work, but when you meet them it's a real and big experience. You know, there are 40 different neuromuscular diseases and they all fall under the MDA umbrella."

The money comes directly for the people and to the JFK Hospital Clin-

support groups, summer camps for children. It makes the proud to be a part of it all.

"It was reported that the Muscular Dystrophy Association is a voluntary health agency working to defeat 40 neuromuscular diseases through programs of worldwide research, comprehensive client and community services and for reaching professional and public health education. The fund-raiser will benefit hundreds of Central New Jersey residents with neuromuscular diseases. The Muscular Dystrophy Association receives no grants or fees from clients. It relies on the sole support of private contributors and the business community."

Allyson Falop, program coordinator, said "the money raised from our local chapter will go back to the people we serve in Middlesex and Union Counties. It will go toward wheelchairs and leg braces."

Falop praised Jerry Lewis for his magnificent assistance. "The annual national telethon is held in Los Angeles and the local telethon in this state area on September 30's been in existence since the 1950s," she said. "Jerry Lewis is extremely dedicated to the cause. He spent a lot of time and effort helping children. Certainly his participation has been astounding. Basically, he's a wonderful child."

"The money also goes to research and to a summer camp in Long Beach geared toward all the children's needs," said Falop. "It's a week for them to be a regular kid — baseball, swimming, horseback riding. It cost \$400 for one child. And isn't it worth it?"

Falop said that "it's just wonderful being able to help our local kids. We have several hundred families that we serve. These are our neighbors — and friends."

Mountainside police arrest Summit man for DWI

POLICE BLOTTER

Mountainside
Blood test results to determine the blood-alcohol level for Summit resident Stephen Grzesz, 42, are pending. The Mountainside Police Department arrested Grzesz Jan. 23 at 12:38 a.m. after he was injured in a lone motor vehicle accident on Summit Road.

According to Detective Neil Todd Turner, Grzesz's vehicle left the roadway. "When police arrived, evidence was established for the man's arrest and driving while intoxicated charges. Grzesz was transported to Overlook Hospital for a face laceration, where he stayed two days and returned to a laboratory for further investigations."

Newark **Barber/Rudolph Smith**, 41, was observed on Route 22 West, crossing over the center line number, on times Jan. 31 at 9:57 a.m. When Smith did not stop his vehicle as requested by South Plainfield officers investigating the driver's license and found it suspended. This Newark resident was arrested and charged with eluding officers and driving with a suspended license.

Denville **Castro**, 26, was charged with possessing fictitious documents, after he was pulled over on Route 22 West at 11:00 p.m. Jan. 30. The driver had been stopped for obstructing traffic.

Failure to maintain his lane and a broken down narrow caused officers to pull over Anthony Jackson, 38, Friday at 12:25 a.m. Further investigation revealed the driver's license to be driving with a suspended license.

Cliffside **Callie**, 33, of Newark, was observed traveling on Route 22 East with a suspended registration at 12:27 p.m. Jan. 28. The Puerto Rican native was consequently arrested and charged with driving without a license.

A Rishwood resident, Edwin Musyaga, 24, was arrested by South Plainfield Police on a Motor Vehicle codebook of court warrant Jan. 28 at 11:00 p.m. He was taken transferred to the Mountainside Police Department.

Donald Salik, 27, of Roselle, was stopped on Route 23 East Jan. 27 at 8:05 a.m. for a cracked windshield. Further investigation led to a search for a suspended driver's license and a warrant out for an electrical fan drug possession.

South Orange resident William Taylor, 23, was stopped for speeding on Route 22 West Jan. 27 at 12:05 a.m. Further investigation revealed Taylor's license had been operating with a suspended driver's license.

A Bell resident, Robert's Hammer, resident Thomas Walker Jr. who 56 was stopped on Route 22 West Jan. 27 for a broken headlight. Further investigation revealed the suspension ticket

The chain of events began on northbound Mountain Avenue near Sherwood Road at about 5:23 p.m. A Ford Ford truck driver had stopped to make a left hand turn when he and the Olds car-ended turn. While no injuries occurred, the Springfield officer ticketed the second motorist for failing to stop properly.

The Oldsmobile driver continued on Mountain Avenue when he was seen swerving into the right-hand lane while approaching the Shunpike Road intersection. The motorist drove a parked and unoccupied Toyota pickup at about 5:30 p.m. Police gave the Oldsmobile driver a ticket and he did not the vehicle moved.

A pair of trucks from Kenilworth had an unpleasant meeting on South Springfield Avenue close to an 800-gallon storage tank. The first Ford was slowing the traffic volume while approaching Lyra Drive when the northbound Ford rear-ended it at about 8:54 a.m. While both vehicles suffered minor damage, a large ice puddle was noted before the scene.

Lawyers paid for a third's running a red light at Morris and Maple avenues Sunday. The first (two motorist), wheeling a Lincoln and a Buick respectively, got the green light and proceeded west on Morris. They said a third car, a Mitsubishi, came from northbound Maple and ran into them at about 1:51 p.m.

A bystander confirmed that the Mitsubishi had run the red light on Maple. The driver said he was distracted by his daughter while approaching the intersection. He was cited for failing to heed the light.

Loose gravel was blamed for a

1997.

A Philadelphia man, Mark Henderson, 22, was stopped Jan. 19 at 2:11 a.m. on Route 22 East for a marijuana violation. Further investigation revealed that the driver had been in possession of a controlled dangerous substance.

Springfield
A Oklawaha driver from Springfield became involved in two accidents along Mountainside Avenue at 28 minutes Thursday.

Springfield
The Springfield Fire Department arrived on the scene of a burning car on Route 78 East at about 11:41 a.m. Jan. 25. The car had run off the road, rolled onto its side and caught fire near Exit 49.

A Springfield official reported to the driver's burn, colleagues at the Summit Fire Department also arrived on the scene to assist with securing the area and standing by until the vehicle was removed. The driver refused medical assistance or other transportation although a Summit Volunteer Fire Aid Squad truck was present.

The department did not receive any calls concerning fires Jan. 29 or Jan. 28, but responded to three medical services along both days.

A vehicle leaving both days on Route 224 cut across the road, forcing a stoppage Jan. 27 at 9:13 a.m. The Jan. 28 was great responses to three medical services calls.

Firefighters battle burning car

FIRE BLOTTER

A reported car fire brought members of the department to Route 78 East Jan. 23 at 11:38 a.m. Two hours later, at 1:48 p.m., firefighters responded to the intersection of Brook Street and Caldwell Plaza for an oil spill.

The department also responded to five medical service calls on the day.

An engine was loaned to the Summit Fire Department on a Union County Mutual Aid request Jan. 24 at 9:37 a.m. All units responded to an Oak Ridge residence on an activated fire alarm at 7:28 p.m.

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Photo by Walter Elliott

From left, front, Pastor Clarence Alston of the Antioch Baptist Church in Springfield greets Robert Bell of Samaritan's Purse Sunday. The church made a donation to help Samaritan's Purse provide food and medical care in the Sudan.

Township church reaches out to Sudan with donation to international mission

By Walter Elliott Staff Writer
Springfield's Antioch Baptist Church may be changing its ministerial might slightly after Sunday morning. The church's ministry, which serves the local congregation, is about to reach out to the Sudan with Samaritan's Purse. The Rev. Clarence Alston presided at the church's Sunday service. Samaritan's Purse Vice President Robert Bell, at the head of the worship service...

EDUCATION

FBLA boasts winners in area competition

Jonathan Dayton High School's Future Business Leaders of America Club participated in a regional competition Jan. 16. The competition involved over 20 different high schools in the North Central Region. Pat Darach and Antoinette Modrak, FBLA advisors, have announced the following placements in the regional competition...

JDHS students team up in learning economics

Eight Jonathan Dayton High School students in a Business Management class participated in a county-wide economics competition. The Management Economics Simulation Exercise Competition was sponsored by Novartis and held at the Grand Summit Hotel in Summit. The students competed against teams from 10 other schools by making strategy decisions regarding price, output, marketing, capital investments, and research and development for a imaginary firm.

Announcement policy

Couples are encouraged to send their engagement and wedding announcements to the lifestyle editor. Announcements should be typed, double-spaced in legible handwritten and no longer than one page. All announcements should have a daytime phone number for verification or if questions arise.

Public Notice section containing various legal notices, including township board meetings, sheriff's sales, and court proceedings.

EVENTS

Evening group to plan for upcoming activities
The Evening Group of the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield will hold their next meeting Feb. 17 in the church building at 7 p.m. The topic will be 'The Church and the Community.'

Five-part series examines the Jews of Russia
Salo Eliaz of Springfield will start a five-part Thursday evening adult course Feb. 15 (7:30 to 9 p.m.). The course will be called 'The Jews of Russia' and will be conducted at the Ethical Culture building in Maplewood.

GLHS plans fundraiser for Project Graduation
Feb. 1 marked the fundraising kick-off for Governor Livingston High School's 10th annual Project Graduation. Each year the committee of Berkeley Heights and Montclair students provides to raise \$12,000 to provide an all-night drug- and alcohol-free party for the senior class on the night of graduation.

Newcomers Club sets activities schedule
The Mountaineer Newcomers Club has announced several upcoming member activities. The 'Mintony and Me Valentine Day Party' will be Feb. 12 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Community Room at Devon Hill. The cost is \$4 per child.

GLHS band fundraiser scheduled for Feb. 26
A fundraiser sponsored by the Governor Livingston Band Parents Organization will be held at Governor Livingston High School Feb. 26. The event is located on Walbridge Avenue in Berkeley Heights. Doors will open at 7 p.m. and the fundraiser will begin promptly at 8 p.m.

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The Sunday planetarium show at Trillium Nature & Science Center, 252 New Providence Road, Mount Laurel, features 'Laser 'n' Feb. 11 at 8:30 p.m.

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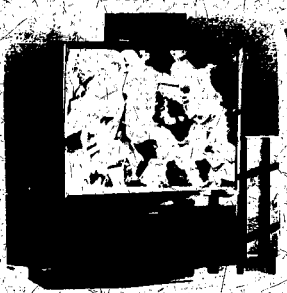
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OBITUARIES

Fred J. Filler

Fred J. Filler, 80, of Mountaintop, died at home and was a long-time resident for 34 years before retiring in 1968.

He served in the Navy during World War II as a pilot specialist. He was also a member of the Mountaintop Golf and Country Club, the Mountaintop Golf and Country Club, the Mountaintop Golf and Country Club, the Mountaintop Golf and Country Club.

Frank Wehrle

Frank W. Wehrle, 85, of Springfield, died at Overlook Hospital, Summit.

He was employed as a Principal Patent Attorney in Philadelphia for 50 years. He was also a member of the Philadelphia Bar Association and the Philadelphia Patent Bar Association.

He was a devoted and member of International Teamsters Local 177, Hightstown, and the local shop steward in Cliftonville.

DEATH NOTICE

LONG, May, Edward, 95, on January 28, 1999, at the Overlook Hospital, Summit, New Jersey. He was born in New York City and was a member of the Holy Cross Church, Summit, New Jersey.

and Mrs. Susan E. Hilly, a sister, Mrs. Helen O'Neil, 91, grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Clarence Oberst

Clarence Oberst, 90, of Springfield, died Jan. 30 at Overlook Hospital, Summit.

He was an electrician for Westinghouse Electric Co. in Springfield, for 37 years before retiring in 1974.

He was born in New York, he lived in Irvington before moving to Springfield 44 years ago.

Surviving is a daughter, Susan

United Way seeks volunteers to honor with annual awards

The United Way of Summit, New Providence and Berkeley Heights has begun its annual search for the Citizen of the Year, Volunteer Service and Fairway 11-Kaw Youth awards.

The chairman of the Search Committee, David Rosen, has seen letters to more than 130 community, civic, educational, religious and service organizations asking for nominations for these awards. Nominations for the awards should be returned to Summit, New Providence or Berkeley Heights.

This year's recipients were Lauren Martin of Summit, Jessica D'Angelo and Natalie Knight of New Providence and Danny Lillis of Berkeley Heights.

All award recipients will be honored at the United Way Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner in May. Nominations should be sent to the United Way office at 1282 Springfield Ave., New Providence 07074 by Feb. 18.

For more information call (908) 771-0717.

Giving to a worthy cause



Senior Center Coordinator Diane Fischl, back, joins Mountaintop residents, including Eleanor Sawyer, Iris Uhlig, Ella Saverberger, Evelyn Savarese, Carl Scouthard and Helen Gettko during a buffet lunch, where members of the Senior Center Program of Overlook Hospital donated holiday gifts to the Family Service of Summit.

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The Governor Livingston High School girls' basketball team, sparked by the hustling play of No. 4 Katie Dello, swept Roselle in Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division competition. The Highlanders defeated the Rams 63-33 at home last week and won again on Monday to improve to 10-3. After tough back-to-back losses to Hillside and Roselle Catholic — teams it previously beat in conference play earlier in the year, GL won two games last week, defeating Johnson 67-21 in Clark after its win against Roselle. GL defeated visiting Newark Central 60-45 Monday. The Highlanders are also eyeing a high seed for the upcoming North Jersey Section 2, Group 2 state playoffs.

GL basketball squads are both winners vs. Johnson Girls' in contention for MVC-Mountain title

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

The Governor Livingston High School boys' basketball team snapped a long drought last week while the girls' team continued its winning ways.

The boys' team managed to down a much-improved Johnson squad 37-34 in Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division competition in Berkeley Heights.

Terrance Reddy scored a team-high 18 points, including 12 in the second half after the game was tied 17-17 at the half.

Chris Butler scored eight points and Mark Cannagallo had two.

The Highlanders improved to 2-11 overall with the victory while Johnson slipped to 2-9. Johnson did not win a game last year.

GL's girls' team, after tough back-to-back losses to Hillside and Roselle Catholic — teams it previously beat in conference play earlier in the year — won two games last week to improve to 9-9.

The Highlanders first beat Roselle 16-13 at home before winning 57-21 in Clark.

Jenny LaBrosse paced GL with an 18-point performance and Lauren Kibel scored 17 in the conference win over Roselle. Kibel scored 17 of her 17 points in the first half to help guide the Highlanders to a commanding 14-14 advantage.

Heather Kantorek scored 18 points for GL and Allison Kibel had seven.

Kibel scored a game-high 16 points in her win over Johnson, while Kanger scored 14 points and Catherine 12. Allison Kibel scored 10 points.

GL, in the running for the MVC-Mountain Division title along with Union Catholic and Roselle Catholic, began the week with a 9-1 overall record.

Dayton hoop teams bounce past Manville Boys' eyeing state berth

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

Both Dayton High School basketball teams were victorious last week in Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division competition against Manville.

Dayton's boys' team defeated Manville 63-60 in Manville while the girls' team beat 47-45 at home.

The boys' after a tough 50-49 loss at home to New Providence last Friday, began the week at 6-4 overall and 4-1 in the Valley Division.

The Bulldogs have two games remaining that count toward qualifying for the North Jersey Section 2, Group 1 playoffs — the cutoff date being this Saturday.

High School Basketball

Dayton was scheduled to host Bound Brook Tuesday night and tomorrow has a game scheduled at Governor Livingston. The Bulldogs defeated Bound Brook 70-54 in Bound Brook last week.

Manville was the only two games Dayton plays through Saturday's cutoff date and week if the Bulldogs should lose both, Dayton will still qualify again.

Christine Santarella scored a season-high 22 points in Dayton's winlast week over Manville. Dayton began the season by beating Manville 65-42 at home.

back on Dec. 18. Terrance Franklin paced the Bulldogs in scoring in last week's win, netting 23 points. Ryan Frenchick, who had 13 points and 12 rebounds in the first win over Manville, scored seven points in last week's victory over the Somerset County Mustangs.

Franklin scored 27 points and Santarella 13 in the close loss to New Providence.

Dayton's girls' team snapped a five-game losing streak with its win over Manville. The Bulldogs were defeated by Manville 36-33 at Manville back in the season opener.

Linda Agnosta paced Dayton in its third victory of the season with a 15-point effort. Ester Alzenberg, who had been scoring many points as of late, scored 10 and grabbed 10 rebounds.

Rachel Tate scored seven points and Christina Tompkins added seven. Dayton began the week at 7-7 overall and 2-6 against MVC-Valley Division opponents.

The Bulldogs were scheduled to play at Bound Brook Tuesday night and at Somerset on Wednesday night. The cutoff date being this Saturday.

Wrestlers roll

GL's wrestling team improved to 5-6 by downing Johnson 36-30 last Thursday in a Mountain Valley Conference makeup match in Berkeley Heights. The match was originally scheduled to take place Jan. 8, but was snowed out.

GL won seven of the 13 contested bouts, including the last three, two of them by pin.

It was a 5-4 decision won by Tom Robing over Matt Bobbits at heavyweight that clinched the victory for the Highlanders.

Kevin Nadrowski earned GL's first win by beating Jason Best 13-7 at 125.

Defending Union County Tournament champion Brett Vanderveer threw won a 17-2 decision over Ryan Best at 130.

Quigley won came from Chris Let camps at 140. Tim Marcagnano at 160. Mike Farrell at 180 and Fred Williams at 215, all pins.

Let alone stopped Ed Nowak in just 43 seconds, while Marcagnano halted Brian Kennedy on 4:43.

Farrall pinned Bill Harris in 4:18 and Williams pinned Ryan Peters in 1:12.

GL wrestlers will be participating in the 24th annual UCT scheduled for Feb. 12-13 at the Dunn Sport Center in Elizabeth.

GL's girls' basketball team improved to 10-5 with a 60-45 win over Newark Central Monday in Berkeley Heights.

Catherine and Kantorek scored 18 points each in the Mountain Division triumph.

GL's wrestling team slipped to 5-7 after falling to an 11-3 Scotch Plains team 55-21 Monday.

Vanderveer, Marcagnano, Williams and Robing were victorious for the Highlanders, Vanderveer, Marcagnano and Robing winning by pin.

Dayton Boys' Basketball
Feb. 5 at Gov. Livingston, 7:00
Feb. 9, Oratory, 7:00
Feb. 12 at Breadley, 7:00
Feb. 16 at Roselle Park, 7:00
Feb. 18 North Plainfield, 7:00
Feb. 19 St. Mary's, 7:00

Dayton Girls' Basketball
Feb. 5 Mt. St. Mary's, 7:00
Feb. 9 at Oak Knoll, 4:00
Feb. 12 Breadley, 7:00
Feb. 16 Roselle Park, 4:00
Feb. 18 at North Plain, 4:00
Feb. 19 St. Mary's, 7:00

Dayton (Brearley) Ice Hockey
Feb. 10 Montgomery at Lehman, TBA
Feb. 13 Newark Academy, 8:15

Dayton (Brearley) Indoor Track
Feb. 5 at Summit, 3:45
Feb. 9 Varsity Classic
Feb. 14 State Meet at Princeton, 3:45

Dayton (Brearley) Swimming
Feb. 5-6 UCT Meet at Eliz.
Feb. 9 at Cranford, 3:00
Feb. 13 Old Bridge, 8:30

Hoopers cutoff date is Saturday for state

The cutoff date to qualify for a state tournament team as boys' and girls' basketball is this Saturday, meaning to be at 5:00 in better.

Minutemen 8th grade team bounces back to beat NP

Springfield improved to 11-5

The Springfield Minutemen 8th grade basketball team gave it all it had despite falling to host Linden 79-64 last week.

Andre Gallender had another outstanding game as he scored 39 points and grabbed 14 rebounds.

Nick Perretti had 11 points and seven rebounds, Mike Nimolo and Yuri Perigola combined for six points and 10 assists and Donald Volpert and David Lavine scored four points each.

Springfield rebounded to defeat visiting New Providence 47-31. With the score tied 6-6 midway through the first quarter, Lavine came in and hit back-to-back outside shots, sparking Springfield to a 20-8 lead.

Springfield received solid inside play from Perretti, Kevin Dash, Andre Bagg, J.T. Weatherston and Steven Cohen. Playing well from the outside were Dean Chencharik, Sean Frank and Dominick Bak.

Gallender became quickest, but he is one of four, including Schwatzhek.

Valender became the fourth player Springfield player under Minutemen coach Tom Wisniewski to score over 1,000 points.

The other members of the elite group include Chris Schwatzhek, Ryan Hager and Jeff Miller.

Gallender is the quickest to achieve the milestone, doing it in his 62nd game.

Clauder, a three-sport standout, is averaging 26 points this year.

7th graders play hard against Linden, New Providence.

Springfield's 7th grade team played hard despite falling at Linden 60-54 and at home to New Providence 58-41.

Against Linden, the Minutemen came out strong, leading 15-11 after the first quarter.

Linden then took over and dominated for the balance of the game, although the Minutemen never gave up.

7th graders scored 17 points and grabbed five rebounds Springfield while sophomore Ian Scott scored 10 points and pulled in nine boards.

Jordan Gerber scored nine points as did Frankie Mitchell, who made one and a half point basket.

Heidi Abdalgaziz scored nine points, made a three-pointer and grabbed five rebounds.

Kenture suffered an injury early in the New Providence game and was held out for just one point.

Gerber was high-scoring for Springfield with an 11-point effort. He also came up with six rebounds.

Mitch was sidelined for most of the game with the flu.

Mike Luciano scored four points and grabbed two rebounds while Kevin Moore made 3-of-4 shots from the foul line.

Lee Weatherston, Mike Triss, Robert Klaysman, Dilly Pomeroy and Jesse Galinkin each contributed with two points.

Springfield teams were scheduled to begin the week Monday with games at Cranford. The 8th grade team had an 11-5 record and the 7th graders were 7-6.



Springfield Minutemen 8th grade basketball coach Tom Wisniewski has coached four players that have scored 1,000 points, his latest being Andre Gallender, who was the fastest to reach the milestone. The three-sport standout reached 1,000 points in his 62nd game.

to begin the week Monday with games at Cranford. The 8th grade team had an 11-5 record and the 7th graders were 7-6.

Both squads were scheduled to have home games last night and will continue at home this Saturday night against Roselle, the 7th grade game set to start at 6 and the 8th grade game to follow at 7:30.

Springfield is scheduled to host Union on Saturday night, Feb. 13 at 6 and 7:30.

These players will represent Springfield at the district level this Saturday at St. Teresa's R.C. Church in Kenilworth, the competition beginning at 9:20 a.m.

Soccer coaches' license course later this month

The Soccer Club of Springfield is pleased to announce that it will be a host club for an NYSSA (NY) license course.

The NY license is a nine-hour program for all New Jersey soccer coaches. The course will be held on Friday, Feb. 19 and Saturday, Feb. 20 and pre-registered is required.

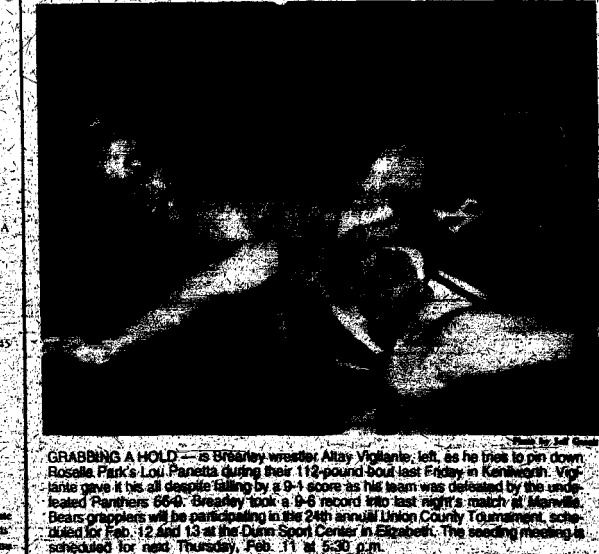
The fee for the course is \$30 and payable to the Soccer Club of Springfield. More information may be obtained by calling Marc Marshall at 908-273-5569.

Mountainside Youth Baseball third annual fundraiser April 17

Mountainside Youth Baseball, a non-profit organization, is holding its third annual silent auction/fundraiser on Saturday, April 17.

There will be several hundred people from the area in attendance. Proceeds from this event will be used for league expenses.

More information may be obtained by calling Gail Ajigallo at 908-232-7381 or Michael Frazier at 732-340-9395.



GRABBING A HOLD — is Brearley wrestler Altay Vigilante, left, as he tries to pin down Roselle Park's Lou Panetta during their 112-pound bout last Friday in Kenilworth. Vigilante gave it his all despite falling by a 9-1 score as his team was defeated by the undefeated Panthers 66-0. Brearley took a 9-6 record into last night's match at Manville. Bears grapplers will be participating in the 24th annual Union County Tournament, scheduled for Feb. 12 and 13 at the Dunn Sport Center in Elizabeth. The seeding meeting is scheduled for next Thursday, Feb. 11 at 5:30 p.m.

Area scouts learn survival skills in Watchung Reservation



Photo By Jeff Grant

Stephan Oshinski, 12, helps review the first aid checklist during the Boy Scouts annual Klondike Derby Saturday in the Watchung Reservation.

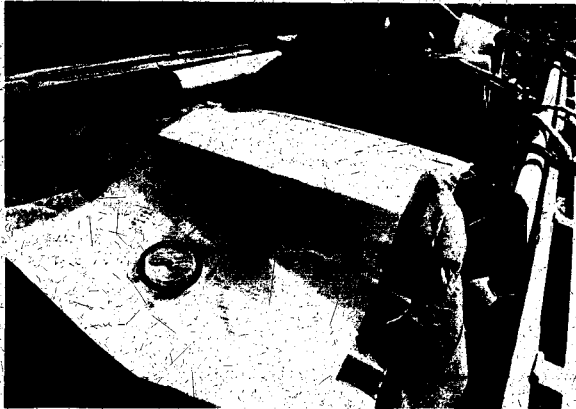


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A compass and map degrees for the Klondike Derby are stacked on a sled for the scouts.

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Area residents taking a nature walk or using the playground in Mountain-side's Watchung Reservation encountered an odd sight Saturday. Over 100 boys spent the day pulling sleds through the reservation without the benefit of dogs or sleds.

The boys were Boy Scouts from Mountainside and other western Union County towns. They made up 21 patrol teams competing in the annual Watchung Council Patriot District Klondike Derby.

"This is an improvement from last year," scout official Tom Bruening said. "The ground was so soft, we used backpacks instead of sleds."

Bruening and fellow official Jerry O'Neil are present and past Klondike Derby governors, respectively, who have the ultimate authority in judging weather conditions and derby conduct. The event, which started in the 1950s, were postponed five times due to inclement weather.

Bruening and O'Neil said the Klondike Derby teaches scouts orientation and winter-related survival skills while running a 4.75-mile course.

Like the original Klondike and Olympic races, patrol teams pulled homemade sleds to 10 specified points over time. The sleds were weighed and checked before the scouts started.

"When each patrol stops at a checkpoint, they have certain skills to perform related to the run," O'Neil said. "They may have to perform first aid, set up a camp, tie knots or learn to measure and read with compasses."

The mayor of each checkpoint rewards their success with gold-painted slugs we call nuggets, which count towards their score."

While 21 patrol teams from 14 troops are considered an average Klondike field, they cannot start all at once. Organizers solved that problem by having patrol teams start and finish from different points. All teams run an equal distance — unless they got lost — and were required to stop at each point.

Although all teams were on course by 9 a.m., one appeared to be a pacemaker on the scoreboard. The five-member Jaguar patrol team from Westfield Troop 73 stopped at seven of its checkpoints and seemed headed to the finish line by 2 p.m. While the

Jaguars lead the over-13-year-old senior division, their Eagle patrol was trying to do the same in the junior category.

"The sleds have to weigh 100 pounds and have to have specific equipment aboard," O'Neil said, "some of them have been in troops for generations."

While seven-year-olds make up a team, O'Neil said the minimum crew consists of a runner and four pullers. If a team falls below the minimum manpower, as happened to one senior team with a sick member, they were withdrawn.

The Jaguars arrived at their last checkpoint by 4:50 p.m. Their fast time and 88 nuggets gave them 340 points for six other teams to beat.

"The course wasn't as bad as last year," Jaguar team member and Mountainside resident Joshua Zawistak said. "Last year was so muddy, we had to use backpacks. They would also throw a surprise skill at us at some of the checkpoints."

The Eagles of Troop 73 pulled in by 12:30 p.m., amassing 85 nuggets and 300 points. Their nearest rival earned 184 points.

The Jaguars and Eagles had to wait until 3:30 p.m. to be declared winners. Nine teams remained somewhere on course when snow flurries blew through the reservation at 3 p.m. Bruening, after some consultation, decided to call all stragglers in at 3:15 p.m.

"The fast pace kind of trailed off after 2 p.m.," Bruening said. "The patrols that were good were really good. There were those who weren't as good, but every team kept trying."

Those who wish to see Springfield Troop 73 in action during a derby may do so at 9 a.m. Saturday near the playground in the reservation. Springfield is scheduled to compete as part of another Boy Scout district.



Photo By Jeff Grant

Scouts race through the reservation to get to the first marker for a compass direction.

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MILLBURN 25 Main Street Millburn, NJ	MILLBURN 25 Main Street Millburn, NJ	MILLBURN 25 Main Street Millburn, NJ	Totter Park
MILLBURN 25 Main Street Millburn, NJ	MILLBURN 25 Main Street Millburn, NJ	MILLBURN 25 Main Street Millburn, NJ	Wilmington

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