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Webelos receive awards for conservation work



Pictured above, Webelos Scout Edward Van Blarcom of Pack 277, takes a break from making a natural thicket in Brookside Park Wildlife Preserve. For their conservation work led by Mrs. Keenoy, the Webelos Den received recognition from the Watchung Area Council by receiving individual certificates from Lester Friedman, executive director. Watchung Council has recommended the Den and the Pack for the prestigious William T. Hornaday Award presented by the Boy Scouts of America national headquarters in Texas.

Other members of Webelos Den are Michael Martin, Kelly Keenoy and Andrew Shetton. All four boys recently graduated from Pack 277 and joined Troop 111 where they will have the opportunity to continue their conservation work.

FANWOOD LIBRARY TO GET A NEW FLAG...TWO OF THEM

Boy Scout Troop 203 has volunteered to replace the 10 x 15 ft. flag that was stolen from the pole in front of the library recently. The boys will begin a \$180 fund raising project to duplicate a specially constructed flag.

Meanwhile, the library will not be without its 24-hour flag as Mrs. Marian Hobart Butler donated a 5 x 10 ft. flag in memory of her late husband Jack Hobart who was a trustee of the library for a good many years.

MUSIC BOOSTERS URGE RESIDENTS TO SAVE NEWSPAPERS

The Music Boosters of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School are asking citizens of Scotch Plains and Fanwood to save newspapers during the summer months for a collection and drive they will be holding on Sunday, September 12. Please help to get the 1982-1983 fund raising efforts off to a great start in the Fall.

Y.E.S. OFFICE CLOSED JUNE 23 - JULY 6

The Y.E.S. office will be closed from June 23 to July 6. Since the holiday weekend follows so closely to the end of school activities, it will give volunteers and students alike a welcome breather before summer begins.

On July 6th, the office will be open daily from 9:30-11:30 a.m., Monday through Thursday, and be closed on Fridays for the remainder of the summer.

BEST WISHES TO THE CLASS OF 1982

Student Council promotes S.O.B.E.R. concept for drivers

Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School student council has been promoting the S.O.B.E.R. concept among the students. S.O.B.E.R. stands for "Slow on the Bottle. Enjoy the Road".

The S.O.B.E.R. logo, the words "Bottoms Up" over an overturned car was in evidence throughout the high school on posters and small pocket-sized cards giving information about drinking, driving and the law. Bright blue bumper stickers with the letters S.O.B.E.R. were distributed to driver's education students and S.O.B.E.R. "commercials" were played on the public address system during announcements. The school newspaper, too, carried the message.

This project was undertaken by the student council in cooperation with the Union County Council on Alcoholism. The public information campaign is regarded as timely since

automobile death is the leading cause of death in the 15-19 year old age group and 80% of these are alcohol related. Since the drinking age in New Jersey was lowered in 1972 the incidence of fatal automobile accidents in the 18-20 year old group has increased almost four fold.

There are many mistaken ideas among the general population about forcing sobriety. The information disseminated during these weeks points out that exercise, cold showers, coffee and food do not hurry sobriety. Only time clears a person's head and information is available as to how much time is needed. Legal penalties for driving while intoxicated are clearly listed on the S.O.B.E.R. literature.

More information on the S.O.B.E.R. campaign is available by calling the Union County Council on Alcoholism at 233-8810.

"CHILDREN OF ALL AGES" PARTY SET FOR SUNDAY

If you've ever owned a library card in Fanwood, or ever read a book, join the friends of the Fanwood Library who will gather Sunday afternoon, June 27, from 1 to 4 p.m. The party for retiring children's librarian Jean Soderberg will be a gala affair and all of the young readers who Jean started the wonderful path of books, will stop by to renew old acquaintances with a grand little-lady. See you at the library?

Front St. condo objectors plan appeal proceedings

A group of concerned citizens, desiring to halt the construction of 20 townhouse condominiums on East Front Street between Myrtle and Syremore Aves. in Scotch Plains, will meet tonight, Thursday, June 24 at 8 p.m. at the Scotch Plains Library.

The Scotch Plains Planning board voted 7-0 Monday night to give developers for

the project, Dolly Construction Co., the green light to proceed with construction.

Mayor James Flinn abstained as he was concerned that it would change the face of the neighborhood that consists of predominately one-family homes. He also stated that property values would decrease and that the homeowners in the area

would have every right to have their property re-evaluated.

Mrs. Anita Bowser, a Myrtle Ave. resident and one of the coordinators of the movement to negate the Planning Board's approval of the project (to be called "St. James Court"), said that the historic value of that section of town should be preserved

at all costs and that all of Scotch Plains should be concerned and not just the residents surrounding the condo site. She added that Paul DiFrancesco of DiFrancesco Realty, promised to help the group in any way he could.

The group has ten days in which to appeal the Planning Board's decision. Mrs. Bowser urged everyone who is interested in seeing Scotch Plains remain the charming, historic community that is, to attend tonight's meeting.

"It's a treat to beat your feet in the Indiana mud..."

by Ruth Ott Lewman

Greetings from the "wetlands" of Central Indiana. The rain in May in Central Indiana was very spotty and all of it hit our spot! We recorded over 8" of rain--twice the official Indianapolis accumulation. In fact, the Northern and Southern parts of this County received only one to two inches of rain. The storms cut right through the middle each time. While the lesser amounts of rain were beneficial, our deluges have wiped out about 5% of the corn we had planted and seem to be, doing the same amount of damage to the soybeans.

For the first three weeks in May we worked "pell mell" planting the corn at a record pace. We were very confident when corn planting was completed by May 11. Corn needs about a week to germinate and break through the surface of the ground. That's when the rain came. The poor corn plants have had to struggle valiantly with water and cool weather in the effort to grow. Richard has been able to apply the needed Nitrogen (in the form of anhydrous ammonia) to 70% of the corn.

We finished plowing on May 15 and it has taken until June 14 to finally get all of our soybeans planted--for the

first time. Last Friday, while discing, I managed to drive into a wet spot and bury the

tractor up to the axle. So I had to be pulled out. Open- Please turn to page 4

H.S. Marching Band in need of a truck

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Raider Marching Band under the direction of Vincent Turturiello and his assistants is planning an all new and exciting field show for the Fall football and competition season. The band will be increasing in size due to the increased interest of our young people in participating in this popular and rewarding activity at SPFHS. The increase in the number of instruments to be transported and the special

effects planned for the field show necessitates the use of an 18-foot enclosed truck whenever the band is required to travel to an away football game or to a band competition. If anyone in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood area has a truck that would be available and could be donated to the Music Boosters on weekends during the Fall, please contact Linda Remler, Music Booster President at 322-4856.

DID YOU KNOW . . .

—These will NOT get you sober:

- Exercise
- Coffee
- A Cold Shower
- Food

Only TIME will get you sober.

—Drinking and driving is punishable:

- \$250 - \$500 FINE and/or
- 30 Days in JAIL
- License Suspension - 6 months to 1 year

—Penalty for refusing the breath test:

- 6 months license suspension

KNOW YOUR LIMIT USE THE CHART!

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