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Scotch Plains man killed in accident

A Scotch Plains man was killed after his car collided with a van on Westfield Avenue, Monday, January 27th.

The Scotch Plains Rescue Squad extricated Paul Fiedler, 29, from the vehicle shortly after 4:30 p.m. He was then airlifted by State Police helicopter to University Hospital in Newark, where he died several hours later.

The driver of the van, Juanita Marshall of Plainfield, was taken to Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. A passenger in Paul Fiedler's car also required hospital treatment.

Athletic Boosters hold 12th Annual Quarter Dip

The Scotch Plains Fanwood H.S. Blue Raider Athletic Boosters will host their twelfth annual "Quarter Dip" on Wednesday, Feb. 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the SPFHS cafeteria.

The "Quarter Dip" gets its name from the way it is set up. Parents of athletes donate all kinds of varieties of food dishes and they are set up buffet style. As you go through the line, you pay only a "Quarter" for each "Dip" of food you take. It is a very inexpensive meal and the variety of food is endless.

Proceeds from the evening help support the athletic programs at the H.S. Each year Boosters give out scholarships to deserving student/athletes, host award presentation ceremonies, provide supplies to various teams, purchase jackets for championship teams, host the Senior Athletes Dinner, and numerous other activities and services.

The "Quarter Dip" has become a very popular evening for the families of our communities. It gives people the opportunity to eat a very inexpensive meal and socialize with neighbors and friends. Plan on eating at the SPFHS "Quarter Dip" on February 5, from 6 to 8.

Rotary holds Clean-Up Day

Scotch Plains-Fanwood Rotary Community Service Committee Chairman, Sean Duffy recently organized an Environmental Clean Up Day. Sharon Pachler, Scotch Plains Solid Waste Coordinator was contacted for information as to where Rotary Club members could best use their efforts for the clean up. Ms. Pachler provided members with plastic bags and gloves and directed them to the area surrounding Scotch Hills Country Club along Plainfield Avenue and Jerusalem Road where a great deal of littering takes place. After a few hours, the small pick-up truck pictured was filled with plastic bags full of litter.

Sean Duffy said Scotch Plains-Fanwood Rotary plans to conduct a clean up at least once a year.



Pictured left to right: Rotary President, Dr. Jim Checchio, Jane Peterson, "Pete" Peterson, John Ciambone. Kneeling: Community Service Chairman, Sean Duffy, Irene Schmidt, Robert Kraus, Dr. Khagen Chatterjee, David Ringle. Not shown: Tom Turnbull, who drove the pick-up.

Brown blasts FAA during DECA run council meeting

Calling it a "renegade bureaucracy responsible to no one", Councilman George Brown blasted the FAA for its lack of response to the aircraft noise issue which has become a state-wide issue in New Jersey. Brown chastised the agency in his special committee report Tuesday evening at the regular meeting of the Scotch Plains Township Council at the Municipal Building. Brown also let it be known that a full-scale investigation of the FAA was being called for because it is over 2 years late with its environmental impact study which was mandated by Congress, and is "still stalling", as Brown put it, to the point where nothing will be forthcoming from the FAA before August of this year.

The meeting featured the annual "Youth In Government Day" where members of the D.E.C.A. Chapter of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School sit in as mayor, council, township attorneys, township manager and township clerk. The students ran the whole meeting and those participating were Mayor Jeffrey Rezza, Council members Mark Kondak, Deirdre Hannigan, Jeffrey BaCote, Chris Yurchuck; attorneys Darren Gottesman and Gil Engelke; township manager Kenneth Accardi and township clerk Kathy Jeon.

During the meeting, regular township manager Tom Atkins took time to

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Local D.E.C.A. students participating in "Youth In Government Day" at Tuesday's Scotch Plains Township Council meeting. The students are seated beside their local government counterparts.

Fanwood Mt. Laurel decision is postponed

On October 9, 1991, Administrative Law Judge Ralph Tolomeo issued a "recommended decision" regarding Fanwood's Mt. Laurel affordable housing requirement. The judge found that all four sites were suitable with density set at twelve units per acre. This matter was to be decided by the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) at their January 8, 1992 meeting. COAH is the state agency empowered to implement provisions of the Fair Housing Act.

According to a COAH spokesperson, COAH has requested and been granted an extension by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL).

The extension was requested due to the complexity of the case and to give COAH additional time to compile research and background. COAH meets the first Wednesday of every month. According to the spokesperson, the Fanwood case is not on the February 5 agenda and they are unsure as to whether it will be decided at the March meeting.

Basically, COAH is considering two main issues. First, they must "accept, reject or modify" Judge Tolomeo's "recommended decision" regarding the four sites. The four sites are on North Ave., 3rd St., Terrill Rd. and Midway. According to Robert G. Rau, owner of the North Ave.

and 3rd St. sites; Barbara Steinfeld is the principal owner of the Midway site and Michael McCabe is the owner of the Terrill Rd. site.

In an interview, Mr. Rau stated that he was "optimistic" about the 3rd St. and Midway sites. According to Rau, "the Borough's own planner, Ables and Schwartz of New York City, has found these two sites suitable for re-zoning."

The second issue to be decided by COAH concerns the motion Fanwood has filed regarding the number of units that must be built. Currently, the number of units assigned to Fanwood is 87. The Borough has asked for a 'real or actual' number.

Township Council honors fire department

At the January 13 meeting of the Scotch Plains Township Council Municipal Manager Thomas E. Atkins announced the 1992 Company officers for the Volunteer Fire Department. Fire Chief Jonathan Ellis had recommended to Atkins that Richard Regenthal be reappointed as Deputy Chief, and that Captains for 1992 be Peter Kowalski and Edward Frame. Lieutenants recommended by Ellis

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Mayor Irene Schmidt and the Township Council honored the Scotch Plains Volunteer Fire Department on January 13. Pictured with Mayor Schmidt and Deputy Mayor Joan Papen (center) are from left to right Lieut. Dave Ziegler, Lieut. Carmen Grausso, Capt. Ed Frame, Fire Chief Jonathan Ellis, Deputy Fire Chief Richard Regenthal, Capt. Peter Kowalski, Lieut. Mark Mecca, and Lieut. Bill Malone.