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A winning hug



Shawn O'Connor, Den #5, McGinn School Pack #277, gets a congratulatory hug from sister Erin for his second-place win at the Pack's annual Pinewood Derby race, held March 14 at McGinn School. Shawn and first-place trophy winner Paul Sanker, Den #4, are now eligible to compete in the District finals. They finished in the top two slots out of 62 cars registered for the Pack event.

Residents input sought for spring clean-up survey



Mayor Irene Schmidt announced that the Scotch Plains Township Council is still deliberating on whether or not it will be possible to have residential spring clean-up in 1992. On April 14 between 8 pm and 9 pm. Township residents can call Township Hall to register their concerns on the issue. Phone numbers that should be used are: 322-4361 or 322-3818. Residents are asked to simply state if they are in favor of the clean-up this year or opposed to it, and give their name and address. The Township Council will release the results of this telephone poll later on that evening at the regular Council meeting. Please remember to use the phone numbers and state your views succinctly and expediently so that everyone who might be interested will have the chance to call.

TIMES introduces a new feature

Beginning this week, a new feature, "Limerick of THE TIMES", will appear regularly on page 4. We hope our readers will enjoy this bit of current events poetry.



School Election Results

School budget narrowly passes; Syvertsen, Sheldon & Martin take seats

Approximately 2,500 voters turned out Tuesday to narrowly pass the school budget in Board of Education elections. The current-expense budget passed 419-311 in Fanwood, but was defeated in Scotch Plains by votes of 868-860.

In the Scotch Plains

race incumbent Albert Syvertsen received 1,053 votes to retain his three-year seat on the board and newcomer Donald Sheldon won handily with 860. Voters cast 860 for John Roberts.

"I'm glad to see the voters had confidence in me and the job I've

done," said Syvertsen. "I look forward to serving the people of Scotch Plains for the next three years."

James Martin defeated David Hagan 319-316 to earn his first board term.

Martin said he was pleased that he won and eager to contribute in a

positive fashion.

As of press time Scotch Plains newcomer Donald Sheldon could not be reached for comment.

The Board of Education will hold their annual Reorganization Meeting on Tuesday, April 14th at 7:30 P.M.

Dr. Howlett will bid district a fond farewell

Dr. Robert Howlett will next year begin his 15th and final year as our Superintendent of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district. In addition to being one of the longest, if not the longest, serving superintendents in the history of our district, his career here has been distinguished by many contributions and accomplishments beneficial to our children's education and welfare. As Board President, I would like to publicly and personally thank Bob Howlett for all his valuable service to Scotch Plains-Fanwood.

In recent months, Dr. Howlett shared his plans for retirement with the full Board of Education and requested modifications in



DR. ROBERT J. HOWLETT

his current contract and in next year's final contract. For the past two months the Board has been com-

pleting its annual Superintendent evaluation and negotiating contract terms. Time constraints and schedule conflicts made it necessary to

postpone agreement on this final contract from the customary March public meeting last Thursday until tonight.

These motions represent a fiscally responsible reallocation of monies to which the Superintendent is entitled, by past and current contract. All increases in salaries are paid for by a dollar-for-dollar deduction from the value of unused sick days and unused vacation days. Rather than receive all monies for these days upon retirement, a large part is being distributed into salary. This re-allocation of monies has a net cost of zero to the Board, i.e., no new monies are being paid. In fact, the only new money being expended is in the form of a change in a

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Easter Egg Party in Fanwood April 18th

The Fanwood Recreation Commission announces that their Annual Easter Egg Party will be held on Saturday, April 18, at the Fanwood Fire House (behind the Municipal Building). The event will begin at 10 am. The program is for the following age groups: four and five year-olds, six and seven year-olds, eight and nine year-olds, and ten and eleven year-olds.

In addition to the prizes given at the Easter Egg

Party, there will be prizes given in the egg decorating and bunny drawing contests for the same age groups. Prize categories in the egg decorating contest are: the most original, most decorative and the prettiest. Prize categories in the bunny drawing contest are the most original, the prettiest and the cutest. All entries for the egg decorating and bunny drawing contests must be made between nine and 10 am on Saturday, April 18.

Rec. Dept./Junior Women sponsor Egg Hunt

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt, co-sponsored by the Scotch Plains Junior Woman's Club and the Scotch Plains Recreation Department will be held on Saturday, April 11th at Brookside Park, off Hetfield Avenue. Rain date for the event is Saturday, April 18th.

The Juniors will have face painting for the children, at 50¢ per character. In addition to the hunt for eggs, children

will take part in several games and contests with "rewards" promised. Coffee will be available for the adults and an extra added attraction will be the presence of the fire truck, courtesy of the S.P. Fire Department.

As in the past, the Juniors will rope off a section at Brookside so that toddler population, as well as those youngsters to age 8, can hunt for eggs on that day.