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TOWNSHIP-WIDE CLEAN-UP WEEK SET FOR EARLY JUNE

What to Do With Defeated School Budget Occupies Council; Township Budget Pends

Plans for 125th Anniversary on May 14 of Fire Department Told; Merchants Urged to Remain Open On That Day; John Shippen Golf Classic at Scotch Hills Club Will Be Sunday, June 5, Honoring Black Professional

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Budgets for both the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools and the township were of major interest on the agenda of Tuesday's Township Council session.

Because of the April 19 defeat of the school budget for the first time since 1990, officials of both the township and borough must meet with members of the Board of Education to determine what, if any, cuts should be made in the school spending plan for 1994-1995.

Recommendations for cuts must be presented by the two municipal governing bodies to the school board by Thursday, May 19, township officials announced Tuesday, and the board has the right to appeal the proposed decrease to the state Commissioner of Education.

If the funds are restored by the Commissioner, the municipalities also may appeal that decision to Superior Court.

At Tuesday's council session township, Mayor William F. McClintock, Jr. and Councilwoman, Mrs. Joan Papan, said they would meet shortly with Fanwood Mayor, Mrs. Linda d. Stender, members of the Borough Council and members of the board concerning the defeated budget.

On the municipal budget, Township Manager Thomas E. Atkins announced the spending plan has been sent to Trenton for review and comment.

The tab, which was introduced on April 19, will be published in *The Times of Scotch Plains and Fanwood* on Thursday, May 12, with a second reading, public hearing and adoption scheduled for Tuesday, May 24.

Prior to the start of the meeting Deputy Mayor Robert Johnston requested a moment of silence be observed in memory of former President Richard M. Nixon who died this past week.

Under bids, a contract for 1994's residential clean-up week was awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, A. Fiore and Sons of Kearny, who bid \$155,999. The company performed this service in 1993. Their 1993 winning bid was \$197,800.

A newsletter will be mailed to all residents on or about May 4, and clean-up week will be the first full week in June.

Apparently there has been a problem with Scotch Plains residents served by different post offices from receiving mailings. It is hoped that this will be corrected this year.

Mr. Atkins informed the council that the average cost per house for this service is between \$22 and \$23. The 1994 spring clean-up was approved by a 5-0 vote. Mrs. Papan said, "This is a service our residents want and we will provide." Councilman Alan M. Augustine continued, "This is a service long envied by other municipalities."

There will be a special council meeting at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3, to discuss particulars of a bid for a vertical turbine submersible pump to be used at Scotch Hills Country Club. It had been planned to award the contract at the meeting, however, certain legal questions were Tuesday's special meeting.

Mrs. Laura Botta, Director of Recreation, the Town Manager and Mrs. Judy Babinski, of the Legal Department, will confer before Tuesday's special meeting. It was the Recreation Commission which drew up the plan for the pump.

Bids for line striping of roadways were deferred until at least May 10 in order for Walter D. Nizzo, the Director of Public Properties, Mr. Atkins and the professional staff to better analyze the costs.

Bids were opened for oil and chip roadway sealant as well as for asphalt and slurry seal. Mr. Atkins also announced that Mrs. Sharon Pachler has been certified as a municipal recycling coordinator by the state.

Mrs. Pachler is also the Clean Communities Coordinator, and Saturday's "Clean Communities Day." Grant money will be used to clean up public land.

Over 500 volunteers are expected to participate. Coffee, donuts, T-shirts and cleanup assignments will be given out at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 30, at Scotch Hills Country Club. The Mayor said numerous organizations, including the scouts and schools, will benefit, and the town will be cleaner.

Councilman Johnston and Parade Chairman Vincent Romano gave an update on the 125th anniversary of the Scotch Plains Fire Department which will take place on Saturday, May 14.

At least 800 firefighters, 150 fire trucks and 60 departments will be in attendance.

Thirty of the fire trucks will be antique, that is over 30 years old.

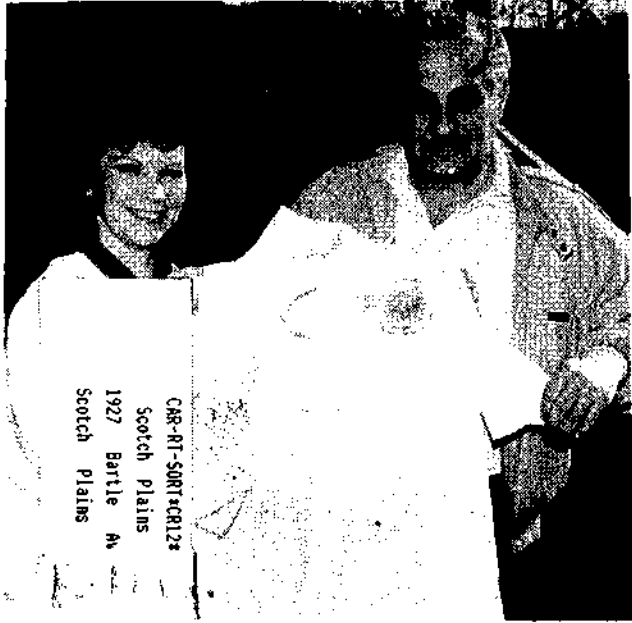
The Wayne Fire Department will bring its 1911 steamer truck, and Terry Lou Zoo will sponsor a petting zoo which will be located behind the Southside Fire House.

Mr. Romano said "Smokey the Bear" will make an appearance. Smokey is 50 years old.

Hamburgers, hot dogs and corn-on-the-cob along with soda and beer will be served. Mr. Johnston once again urged town merchants to remain open throughout the day to accommodate guests and visitors.

Councilwoman, Mrs. Irene Schmidt, reminded everyone the John Shippen

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PAF...Displaying the T-shirt given out at Fanwood's... They are Mayor, Mrs. Linda d. Stender, left, and Public Work... Ray and Manfra.

Bowcraft Park Owner Honored For Being Oldest 'Little Brother'

After He Was Put on Probation for Stealing, Big Brothers Turned His Life Around

This past Monday Scotch Plains resident Ted Miller, 81, was honored for starting life as somewhat of an outcast but being redeemed through the Big Brothers program.

Mr. Miller, as part of the 90th anniversary celebration of Big Brothers-Big Sisters of New York, was cited at New York City's Waldorf Astoria as the oldest living "little brother."

The morning of the gala Mr. Miller was scheduled to appear on *CBS This Morning*.

The journey to the honor began in 1922 when 10-year-old Ted Miller was arrested for stealing pool cues

and balls from the billiard parlor across the street from his residence in The Bronx.

Sentenced to two years on probation, the boy came to meet a representative from Big Brothers-Big Sisters.

The program introduces children who are going through hardships to adults of the same sex to provide each youngster with a pal who can be a good influence.

Mr. Miller, who owns the Bowcraft Amusement Park on Route No. 22 in the township, noted he was assigned a gentleman known as Mr. Guise as his "Big Brother."

According to the Scotch Plains man, the billiards parlor across the street from his Westchester Avenue home in The Bronx when he was 10 years old and he joined some friends in taking equipment.

After being ordered to meet with a probation officer twice a month for the next two years, Mr. Miller was put in touch with Big Brothers.

The organization took him to all parts of the city and for the next three summers he was taken to camp near Tuxedo, New York for no charge.

Later, Mr. Miller learned how to ski and repair skis, and, in 1942, he began service with the 10th Mountain Division Ski Troop in the Apennines mountain chain in Italy during World War II.

When he came home from the war he purchased 7.5 acres of land north of the highway, was clearing through what was then forest and built a ski-repair and archery shop.

The later years saw the addition of amusement rides and the eventual closing of the sporting goods shop.

In 1955, when good fortune shined on the business Mr. Miller began contributing to Big Brothers and never stopped.

One of his regrets, however, is he never was able to locate the kindly Mr. Guise, who he remembers as being well-educated and a lover of softball and volleyball.

Late Schedules Slated For Registration of Voters

Extended periods of registration for the Tuesday, June 7, Primary Election have been scheduled by the Clerk's Offices in Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

The Scotch Plains Township Clerk's Office will be open for voter registration from 4:30 to 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, May 5 and 6, and on May 9 as well as during the normal 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. office hours. The Fanwood Borough Clerk's Office will be open from 4:30 to 9 p.m. on May 9 as well as during its normal office hours.

To register, prospective voters must be 18 years of age on or before June 7 and must have lived in New Jersey 30 days before June 7 in order to vote in the Primary Election.

Those who have changed their address should notify the union County Board of Elections at 271 North Broad Street, Elizabeth, 07208.

Change-of-address cards may be obtained from the respective Municipal Clerk's Office or a voter registration card may be used.

Day of Prayer Slated May 5 in Township

Observance to Ask Help for Government Leaders

Thursday, May 5, will mark the 43rd consecutive observance of the Annual National Day of Prayer.

Americans are encouraged to set aside time for concentrated prayer at work, school, church and home in recognition of this year's official theme, "Heal Our Land."

From 7:30 to 7:45 p.m. there will be prayer for the country and its leaders in the park adjacent to the Scotch Plains Municipal Building.

All residents of Scotch Plains and Fanwood may attend.

The National Day of Prayer Task Force, a non-sectarian group with no political affiliation, says it is the right, privilege and responsibility of citizens to pray for America, its leaders, churches, businesses, schools and families.

"Government is a powerful institution, but in the face of the crime, violence, family disintegration and racial divisions that are running rampant in our society, it can only do so much," said Mrs. Shirley Dobson, the Chairman of the task force. "Our forefathers recognized this fact by placing their ultimate faith in God

and in a regular reliance on prayer as they oversaw the painful and difficult birth of our country. If we are to overcome the ills that plague us today, our only hope is to return to the humble practice of our predecessors and to pray for divine mercy, guidance and blessing in our personal and corporate affairs and to petition God to heal our land."

From Maine to Hawaii, volunteer state and local coordinators, along with clergy and lay leaders in hundreds of churches and synagogues, will sponsor service and gatherings for the Annual National Day of Prayer.

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MAYOR'S GALA SEEKS NOMINATIONS

Scotch Plains' Mayor, William F. McClintock, Jr., will host the Fourth Annual Mayor's Charity Gala scheduled for Friday, December 2. For the first time, not only will a male and female volunteer be honored at the gala, but an organization as well will be recognized for its work in Scotch Plains.

"Despite its short history, the Mayor's Gala is a community-wide celebration by, for and of the people of Scotch Plains," Mayor McClintock said. "The gala is meant to be a celebration of all that is good and worth celebrating about our town," he added.

Nomination forms can be obtained at the Recreation Office in the Scotch Plains Municipal Building and must be submitted by June 3.

Area Children and Adults Flock To Kids Expo Science Show

Exhibit Profits Support 'Y,' Jewish Center Camps

Thousands of children and adults were attracted to the Kids Expo sponsored by the Westfield "Y" and the Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey in Scotch Plains at the Raritan Center Exposition Hall in Edison on Sunday.

The number of exhibitors nearly doubled that of last year, according to Richard Corman, the Executive Director of the center.

The show, designed to be both educational and entertaining for children, attracted over 200 volunteers and 115 exhibitors from all over the Garden State, according to Mr. Corman.

Both boys and girls flocked to one

exhibit outside the hall as they approached it.

Thanks of a South Plainfield construction firm they were able to operate a Caterpillar backhoe excavator and a Caterpillar front-end loader.

The safety locks were, of course, in place so the machines did not move and the arms went up and down with the assistance of workers from the firm.

Other construction equipment on display included a 1983 Autocar tractor and a fully-equipped environmental emergency response truck, through which tours were conducted.

Last year's event at Union County College in Cranford attracted about 6,000 adults and children, but this year crowd estimates were as high as 10,000.

Activities included, which enabled children to move and work with the equipment, include music, science, the arts, business and daily life.

Theaters on three fronts hosted a magic show, a musical health show, a young children's sing-along, a seeing-eye dog demonstration and other amusements.

On hand to greet the children also were many cartoon characters including Barney, the purple dinosaur.

An automatic teller machine provided by a bank included special graphics of Bart Simpson and was loaded with phony money children could "withdraw" and "deposit."

A doctor from Westfield showed children how casts were put on broken arms and the Children's Museum

of Manhattan allowed children to make recycled paper at its exhibit.

Alice in Wonderland, portrayed by a book store employee, read the children her fairy tale, and children's hair stood on end when they touched the globe of the Vande Graf static generator from the Liberty Science Center in Jersey City.

A Plainfield firm erected a model of a co-generation facility with a greenhouse which obtained steam

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DEADLINES HELP PAPERS SERVE YOU

Those preparing press releases for submission to *The Westfield Leader* or *The Times* are reminded all copy should be in the hands of the Editor at 50 Elm Street, Westfield, by 4 p.m. on the Friday before the Thursday on which they wish it to appear.

Leader releases also may be mailed to Post Office Box 250, Westfield, 07091, and Times releases to Post Office Box 368, Scotch Plains, 07076, to meet the above requirements.

For events which happen the weekend prior to publication, press releases should reach the Editor by Monday of the week of publication at 10 a.m.

Obituaries will be taken until Tuesday at 5 p.m.

For events which are planned weeks or months in advance, we encourage submission of stories as early as possible prior to the event.

The above deadlines are meant to enable us to prepare your copy carefully.



CALLING 'PLAY BALL'...Helping the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Little League begin its season with ceremonies at Booth Field on Saturday are Fanwood Mayor, Mrs. Linda d. Stender, and Scotch Plains Mayor, William F. McClintock, Jr.

William A. Burke for The Westfield Leader

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