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School registration

Deerfield School announces its registration for 1997-98 kindergarten classes. Registration and screening will be held by appointment February 11, 12 and 13. 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 Komoroski, Deerfield's guidance counselor, will assist with screening.

Parents should call Deerfield School at 232-8828 to receive forms that should be completed and returned at registration. Children being registered should be five years of age by October 1, 1997. A birth certificate and proof of residency need to be presented to Nugent at the time of the appointment.

Dinner scheduled

The Union County Commission on the Status of Women is looking for honorees for its fifth annual dinner honoring "Women of Excellence" in Union County. The dinner will be held March 7 at L'Aubaine on Route 22 in Mountainside from 7 to 10 p.m. Applicants who either live or work in Union County should submit a resume and brief biography explaining their career and volunteer efforts to Carol Wortmann, at 302 Delaware Ave., Union, 07083 or fax to Jacqueline Carr at (908) 247-2256. For more information, call Carr at (908) 247-0900, ext. 5882.

Singles events

Interfaith Singles, a supportive group for single adults over 45, sponsors weekly discussions on successful single living as well as occasional social activities. A continental breakfast will be held every Sunday during January from 9 to 10:30 a.m., donation \$2. A special buffet will be held Sunday, and movie nights are scheduled for Jan. 19 and 26. All events will be held at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield. For more information, call (908) 233-2278.

Scholarships available

The Harold and Dorothy Snyder Foundation has announced the availability of scholarships to aid Union County students in college, or 1997 high school seniors pursuing careers in nursing or construction.

Applicants are judged on achievement, need, extracurricular activities including community service, and evidence of character.

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From the rainforest



Students in the Environmental Club at Deerfield School were treated to an afternoon of beauty featuring a new line of ethnobotanical skin care products. These products, called Epoch, were created in conjunction with Ethnobotanists. Seminar speaker Cynthia West explained to the group the importance of caring for skin along with the inventive use of plants, flowers, fruits and berries by indigenous people in the rain forest.

Technology is focus of towns

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

A look at the educational technology committees of Mountainside and Summit is a study of comparison and contrast. While both are helping to integrate new computer and telecommunication systems into their classrooms, their scales are widely different.

From a statistical standpoint, the two municipalities have a great deal of differences. The City of Summit has seven schools, including its own high school, serving the children of about 20,000 residents. The Borough of Mountainside has one elementary school for its 7,000 residents, and sends its teen-agers to Governor Livingston Regional High School in Berkeley Heights.

However, both communities have one important similarity. Both boards of education were faced with an integration challenge about a year ago.

"Mountainside had a three year technology hardware plan which met its goal early last year," said Technology Committee member Ronnie Landis, "but there was nothing to fol-

low. At some point, the Deerfield School Board had to decide which way it should go in integrating the technology with the curriculum."

"There was a hardware technology plan in place with some software involved," said former Summit Mayor Janet Whitman. "The question then became how to have children use the technology effectively and equitably."

Landis, along with Jeff Goldstein and about 10 other interested parents, formed the Mountainside Technology Committee with the blessing of Superintendent of Schools Leonard Baccaro last March. The committee, after extensive research with educational and industry experts, returned with a five-point recommendation plan last fall. The borough Board of Education accepted the plan and began acting on some of the committee's points, including a computer aide intern search, by December.

About the same time, Summit Schools Superintendent Michael Knowlton met with resident Jordan Glatt and then-mayor Whitman to form the Mayor's Partnership for

Technology. With the exception of Whitman and current Mayor Walter Long, both panels had a wide range of parents, citizens, educators and businesspersons.

"Although then-Deerfield Principal Margaret Dolan started the committee, the parents have been a motivating force," said Goldstein. "We have a representative mix: I run a small communications company, Ronnie is a clinical researcher, Michelle Norris is an educational consultant and Debbie Steinberg operates a business out of her home."

"The Mayor's Partnership is a private and public group," said Whitman. "Our private citizen makeup is diverse. We have some members who have children in the school system while my children have grown and moved away. Glatt has children who aren't yet school age."

Both groups saw the need to develop an educational foundation as an alternative to tax-based funding sources. While the Mountainside is starting one from scratch, however, Summit had one already in existence.

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Council focuses on pool, repairs

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

The Borough Council held its first work session of the new year to discuss items that will be voted on at their next regular meeting, and although the council was short on members, they were eventually able to vote to introduce two new ordinances which will have their first reading at the next meeting.

There were several items of interest that were discussed by council at the meeting, one of which was the awarding of a snack bar contract at the local municipal pool. The Borough Council received a letter from the Recreation Commission that they would like to have the contract awarded to the CBS Pool-side Company, the same company that ran the snack bar during the last municipal pool season. The amount of the contract for the pool season will be \$3,700, the same as last year's contract. The money will be paid to the Recreation Commission in order to cover the costs of machinery and utilities for the pool season at the snack bar. Tom Perotta, the council liaison to the Recreation Commission, noted that the Recreation Commission was very happy with the performance of the company during the last season, especially regarding service and the cleanliness of the snack bar area. Council should take action on the recommendation at their next meeting.

Another item of interest was the possibility of soliciting informal bids to do some repair work to the Mountainside Rescue Squad building. Bob Wyckoff was on hand at the meeting to share with the council exactly what kind of repairs would be needed. Most of the repairs would be minor in nature, mostly involving some window repair and caulking to prepare the building for a new paint job. Wyckoff estimated the work at \$3,000. Councilman Keith Turner asked if it would make sense to lump the Rescue Squad repairs in with the remaining Fire House repairs, which would be the same as far as window repair and repainting. It was decided that the Fire House repairs would be a much larger job and would also require that the borough formally bid out the job. With that point settled, the council authorized Wyckoff to go out and receive three informal bids for the repairs.

The council was also able, with the arrival of a late council member, to have sufficient representation to vote to introduce two ordinances.

Flooding is target of federal project

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

Federal officials have presented what they call a "balanced plan" to control flooding throughout the Watchung Reservation. The large Green Brook Flood Control project is designed to save thousands of residents from the effects of possible flooding by the Watchung Reservation waterways.

A public meeting was held Tuesday night so residents could question federal experts about the proposed plan. Another public meeting will take place Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at North Plainfield High School. According to William Slezak, head of Civil Projects Branch of the Army Corps of Engineers, they are at a major point in the project and are taking it to the public for comments.

The Green Brook sub-basin is made up of 13 communities in parts of Somerset, Union and Middlesex counties including Summit, Springfield and Mountainside.

The project plans to build concrete walls and place dirt mounds along the edges of the waterways to contain floodwaters. The plan will also create two

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Writers transform Deerfield students into poets

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

Deerfield School will be producing some future poets due to participation in a project run by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts. The WITS program, which stands for Writers In The Schools, just wrapped a week long program at Deerfield School for fifth and seventh grade students.

Two poets from New Jersey, BJ Ward and Betty Lies, came to Deerfield to help run poetry workshops for the students. The two poets arrived through the project sponsored by the New Jersey Council on the Arts and the Playwrights Theater of New Jersey, in cooperation with the National Endowment for the Arts. Through the Artists-in-Education program, the arts council seeks to heighten arts awareness in the classroom and encourage the creative process by giving students and their teachers first-hand experience working with a professional artist. The artist also serves as a resource person for the school and community.

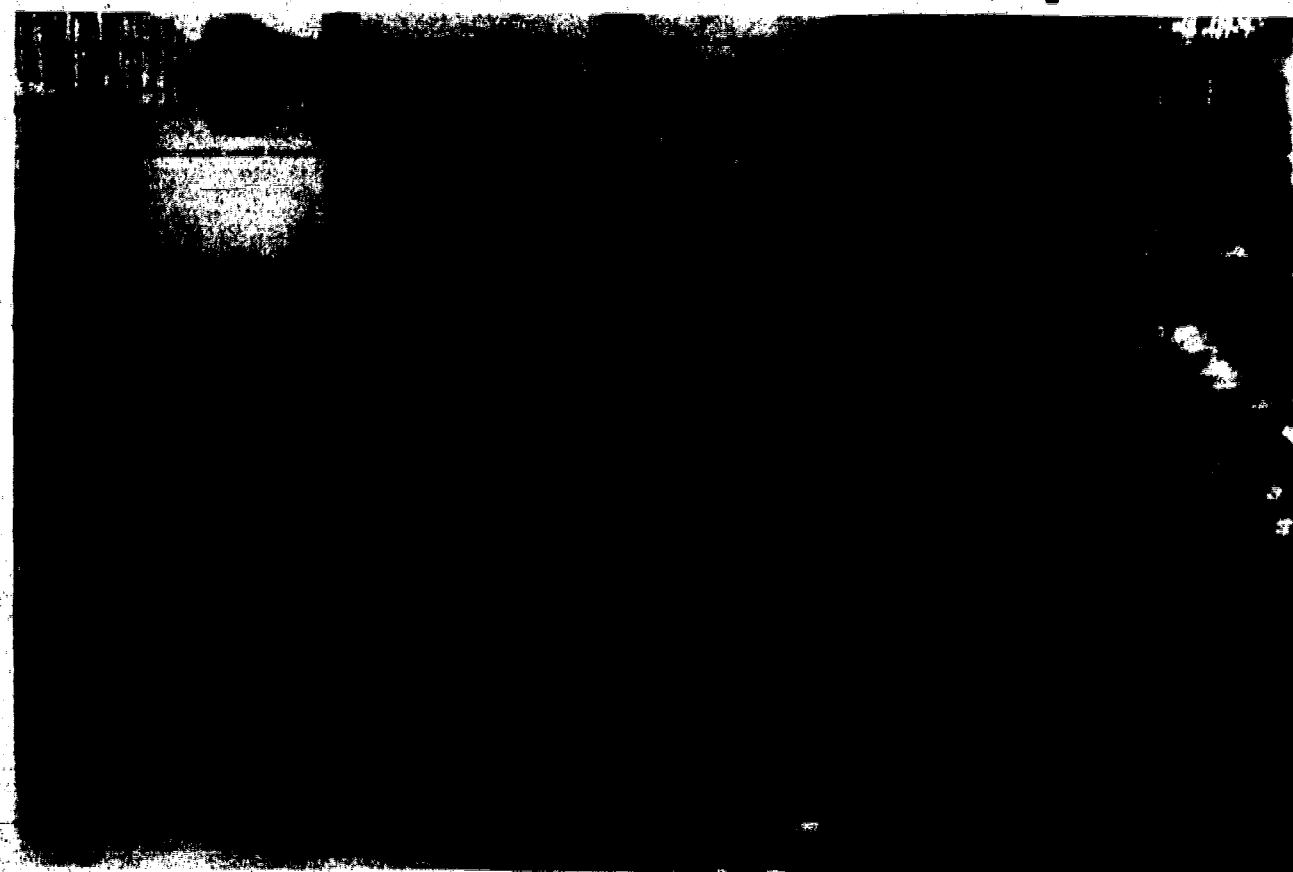
The poets will work with the children for a week, reviewing the finer points of poetry, and the children will have a chance to try their hand at writing their own works to be submitted for an anthology.

After the writers leave, the children will each publish in the anthology that gets written. Part of our contractual agreement with the state is that

they will receive from us an anthology in which every child is represented and that everybody will write one page of the anthology," said Elaine Fass, enrichment coordinator for the Deerfield School.

Not only does the writing program help the children get a chance to work on their writing skills, but it also gives them a head start in other areas. "The other thing that works out really nicely is that Deerfield is on top of having computers in the school, so the children are involved with actually desk top publishing their own page of the anthology. The project integrates style and design as well typing and computer skills because they are going to format their individual pages the way they want to. So not only do the children get to write their own poems, but they can format and design them the way they want them to look," said Fass.

The finished anthology will not only be for the benefit of the students who participate, but will be available for others to enjoy. "The children will all get copies of the anthology as well as the town library, the school library, and copies will get sent to all of the legislators in New Jersey and Board of Freeholders, which is a bonus because the children get to learn who their legislators are. In fact, BJ Ward has also asked the children to send a



Tyler Wolford joins Writer-in-Residence Betty Lies, along with classmates Jennifer Hauser, Marissa DeAnna, Tim Britt, Jenna Freudenberger, Dana McCurdy and Danielle Pace.

copy to the White House and to send one to Robert Hess, the Poet Laureate of the United States, to see if they get a response," said Fass.

Deerfield School has been participating in this project for several years, and possess a collection of past anthologies in the school library. As for this

year's bunch of future poets, it will be their turn to add to the wealth of poetry coming forth from Deerfield School.

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Goal is same for towns

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"The Mayor's Partnership for Technology was able to link up with the Summit Area Public Fund," said Knowlton. "As a result, the group was able to start a \$600,000 drive for the partnership's pilot program. They've raised about half of that goal as of November."

The pilot program involves the use of laptop computers by Summit High School students. Knowlton and Whitman foresee instructors teaching subjects on the portable units available to each student. While subject selection, teacher training and other details are being worked on, the partnership envisions a four-year phase-in.

"We've had some calls from private schools asking about the pilot program," said Knowlton of the laptop project's uniqueness.

By the time Summit's pilot program is fulfilled, however, Mountain-

side's integration plans will be long completed. Still, members of both committees proudly reflect on their town's volunteeristic spirit.

"Given the emphasis on the current state funding formula, communities like MountainSide that are relatively well off sometimes don't get the full benefits," said Goldstein. "So I think volunteerism is becoming more and more important in these times."

"We have an excellent spirit of volunteerism among Summit's citizens," said Whitman. "They're up to any call or need."

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AT THE LIBRARY

The following is the Winter 1997 schedule for children's programs at the MountainSide Public Library:

- "Toddler Time for Twos": An introduction to the library and storytime for two-year-olds. Parent or caregiver must accompany the child, held Wednesdays, Feb. 5 - Feb. 26 at 10:30 a.m.

- "Storytime for threes and fours": Stories and crafts for children ages 3-4. Programs last approximately 45 minutes, held Thursdays, Feb. 20 - March 13 at 2 p.m.

Librarian Anne Lycan will lead the storytime programs. Parent or caregiver must remain in the library during storytimes. Please arrive early to receive nametags. If unable to attend a session, please call the library. Registration is required and may be done by phone or in person.

- "Storytime Theatre," held Tuesdays from 2 - 2:45 p.m. for Kindergartners, Tuesdays from 3:25 - 4 p.m. for First Graders:

Session 1: Feb. 25 - March 18
Session 2: April 8 - April 29

Jan Elby, chair of the Westfield Summer Workshop Drama Department and director of Studio One, will lead youngsters in programs combining stories with acting, movement, props, and costumes.

Registration is required. Call the Library at (908) 233-0115 to sign up.

School board candidates sought by superintendent

The deadline for filing nominating petitions to run for positions on the MountainSide Board of Education is 4 p.m., Monday, Feb. 24, Superintendent Leonard J. Baccaro announced today. The election is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15.

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 Ethics Act, impor-

tant dates in the school election process, and briefing sessions for school board candidates is also included in the kit.

"I urge citizens who believe they can make a contribution to their schools to consider board of education membership," said Beulah M. Womack, NJSBA president. "You don't have to be an educator or have a college degree to serve on your local school board. What you need most is a sincere interest in children and their education."

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- The Union County Regional Board of Education will meet at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, Mountain Ave., Springfield at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday

- The MountainSide Newcomers Club will hold a ladies night out. For information, call (908) 654-7853.

Coming events

Jan. 25

- The MountainSide Newcomers Club will sponsor a "Daddy and Me" Police Headquarters Tour. Donuts, coffee, and cider will be provided. For more information, call (908) 654-7853.

Jan. 26

- Trailside Nature and Science Center in MountainSide will conduct an exploration of constellations and planets starting at 2 p.m., and again at 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$3 per person.

Also at 2 p.m., Trailside will hold a "Behind the Beast" tour of animal tails with Marty Stouffer, and then examine the tails on some "creatures from the museum's collections. The fee is \$1 per person.

At 3:30 p.m., Trailside will feature a program on Native American Skylore. Constellations that have interesting Native American lore associated with them will be explored. Admission is \$3 per person.

Jan. 31

- Hatzolah of Staten Island is sponsoring a weekend getaway at the Fallsview Hotel, Friday dinner to Sunday lunch. Guest speaker Dr. Sydney Toyaker will speak on "Marriage 101." Activities include indoor pool, children's day camp, racquetball, dancing, and ice skating. For more information, call (201) 467-9673.

Feb. 1

- The MountainSide Newcomers Club will hold a Winter Valentine's Day Gala. For more information, call (908) 654-7853.

Federal program aims for flood control

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detention basins to reduce the flow of water downstream. One of the basins would be placed off Sky Top Drive in the Watchung Reservation, and the other would be placed off Oak Way at the Watchung/Berkeley Heights border.

The plan also proposes the replacing of bridges, erection of mechanical floodgates to hold back water, creating 16 new pumping stations, and the deepening and widening of stream beds and flood proofing area homes.

The project's price tag is in the area of \$362 million. Out of this \$362 million, \$265 million would be paid by the federal government. The remaining \$97 million would have to be picked up by the state and local governments. According to Bernard Moore of the state Department of

Environmental Protection, the three counties would be approached to pay for the local government's share of the projected costs.

"At this point, the county does not feel that we have had enough time to evaluate the material that was submitted by the Green Brook Flood Commission or respond to it. The environmental impact statement is hundreds of pages long, and we have not had a chance to go through it. Of the public forums that are scheduled, none are to be held in Union County, and it is my understanding that the Freeholders of Union County feel that the project is important enough to have a public hearing in Union County and I think that the board is going to officially request one," said Charles Sigmund of the Union County Parks Department. With regards to the basin that

would be placed at the top of the Watchung Reservation, it is still unclear who would be responsible for the control and upkeep of the basin. "This is one of the questions that will have to be further evaluated. Once the basin is constructed it is my understanding that the maintenance aspect of it then falls upon local government, which could be the County of Union or the local municipalities," which is a major concern," said Sigmund.

However, the county does have some idea how much this project may end up costing the taxpayers. "The overall cost estimates, and they are just estimates, are that it will cost two to three million per year for ten years to Union County or other local agencies in Union County," said Sigmund.

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Young model maintains professional attitude

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

To her school mates at Deerfield School in Mountainside, 6-year-old Ashley Paige Wilson is a pretty, friendly little chum. To her teachers, she is well-learned, well-mannered, active in recreation, and, without showing off, a little actress-model of whom to be proud. To her mother, Lorraine, an attorney in Roselle, and to her father, James Ashley, she is an exceptionally talented, outgoing child, who has a love of modeling — she is, incidentally, a professional model — a love of computers, a love of books, and most important to the child, a love of art. To her grandparents, Jerry and Rita Kallinger of Mountainside, and Woody and Louise Wilson of Coral Springs, Fla., she is a precious, lovely granddaughter — and to her sister, Brittany, who is 4-1/2 years old, shy, uninterested in the world of modeling, Ashley is an occasional playmate — and an occasional pest.



Ashley Wilson

"But that's normal," said her mother the other afternoon at this office, after she had helped both girls remove their winter coats. "They fight and they make up. And they're as different as night and day. Ashley loves to model; Brittany wants nothing to do with it at all, and they are both beautiful children."

Indeed, while Brittany was given a toy to distract her, Ashley was affirmative in her answers to simple questions, such as, "Do you like modeling?"

While her mother explained about how Ashley was chosen to model for Bradlees, Ames, Burdines and Bloomingdales, among others, Ashley interspersed the conversation with how much she liked her latest commercial in New York City for Tea Bunny Babies, in which she played hostess at a "tea party." In fact, the first grader at Deerfield School had even brought a video of the commercial to show at a Show and Tell project, when she was chosen Student of the Week.

How did it all begin?
"About two years ago," said Ashley's mother, "I was contacted by a representative from the National Talent Associates of Fairfield. Apparently, NTA had heard about Ashley — they knew where she lived and that she was quite bright, and they came to my house at the beginning of 1994." "I was in kindergarten then," explained Ashley.

"Yes," added her mother, "and

decided they wanted to see if she would be suitable. Well, first time out, she got it!"

"I really liked it," echoed Ashley. "She did a photo shoot two days later and it turned out that she made the cover for the Christmas catalogue of Rich's in Boston — a department store. She was in front of a Christmas tree with another little girl. I was shocked," exclaimed Wilson. "I was really, really shocked."

"Me, too," added Ashley. "All of a sudden," declared Wilson, "she became a professional, and she really liked working with the modeling coordinating system. That was the beginning."

"I love it because I got to do a commercial on the Nickleodeon channel on TV," said Ashley. "The 'Tea Bunny Babies.' It's coming out this month. I like it."

In that commercial, explained her mother, "there were rare ceramic teacups — rabbit babies in the cupcake — and Ashley is the one introducing the project around a porcelain tray which weighed quite a bit. It was filmed on the porch of a Victorian home — in Haddenfield. She walked across the porch carrying that tray."

"I walked with the tray about 90 times," recalled Ashley.

"They were original tea bunnies — each one in a different color — six different colors," said her mother. "And if she had dropped the tray or any of the bunnies, they would have been irreplaceable."

"I was so happy doing the commercial," said Ashley, "that I didn't drop it. I kept looking at the director."

"They treated her very well," said Wilson. "They had three baby sitters for the three youngsters in the commercial. Ashley was the youngest. The other two were the little girl who plays Jessica in 'The Cosby TV Show' and the little girl from a Disney commercial. Ashley was the only novice in this commercial."

Wilson mentioned that Ashley "loves to learn new projects, arctic projects, pilgrims, penguins in the South Pole. She's a typical kid — she plays with her sister, she fights with her sister. They would like Brittany to model, but she doesn't want to. Ashley likes to be in the spotlight; Brittany doesn't care."

Has Ashley ever been disappointed?

Ashley nodded. "I went on an audition for a movie video — an educational video, but I didn't get it. I was disappointed because it would have

been the first time I would be on a movie, and I haven't got one movie yet.

"I also love computers. I have two at my house, and Mommy has one. I learn a lot about money coins. It makes me good at math, which is one of my favorite subjects in school. Brittany prints out her own stories. I love to ice skate, love the Brownies, swimming, I even passed the deep water test on the high dive. And I like to read."

What kind of books?
"Uh, children's books, holiday books, Arthur books and the Berenstein Bears books. I get books out of the school library once a week," explained Ashley.

"And in between, Ashley's done quite a bit of work on commercials," said her mother. "She's been on interviews for Colgate-Palmolive, Samsung Electronics for the Olympics. I have a good attitude about it. She reads so well that when she was on an audition for 'Guiding Light,' they couldn't believe that she was 6-years-old. She was turned down because her looks didn't match up with a boy who was to play her brother."

"But now they all say, 'I want Ashley Wilson.' She's very well established now, and there are not too many go-sees. She doesn't even have to audition. Like the Oreo cookies and the toy commercials, which she loves."

Her school work is not affected by all these distractions. "Her teachers all tell me where she stands academically. There's no problem. Both children attended the Montessori schools — Ashley for three years until September 1992 when she went to Deerfield — and Brittany, one year. She really received an outstanding education. My experience with all this has always been a positive one," said Wilson.

"I'm beautiful — on the inside," declared Ashley.

"And that's what's important. That's where it counts."

"I also love my art classes," added the youngster. "That's my favorite. I'm going to be an artist when I grow up. I love to color and paint."

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County plans examination for law enforcement spots

By Chris Suswal
Staff Writer

Local police departments have good news for those interested in becoming involved with law enforcement.

The New Jersey Department of Personnel has announced an examination for law enforcement officer titles. Union County police departments currently have applications but the closing date for filing the forms, with required fees, is Jan. 31.

Anton Danco, Clark chief of police said, "This is a rare opportunity for those who want to get into this field of work. People should try to take advantage of this."

The form enables the applicant to be considered for all entry level law enforcement titles listed. The range includes: municipal police officer, campus police officer, park police officer, housing police officer, county police officer, sheriff's officer, county corrections officer, and state corrections officer recruit. Some of these titles include a separate title distinction of bilingual in Spanish and English. The titles are based on residency requirements and needs of appointing authorities.

The requirements for law enforcement applicants include:

- Applicants must be citizens of the United States.
- An applicant must meet the residency requirement of the appointing jurisdiction and may be required to maintain continues residency in that jurisdiction up to and including the date of the appointment. For jurisdictions that do not have specific residency ordinances, eligibility is open to all residents of New Jersey.
- Applicants must be graduates from high school, vocational high school or must have possession of an approved High School Equivalent Certificate. Those who will graduate by June 30 will be eligible for this announcement.
- The applicant must be 18 years of age by the Jan. 31 closing date for filing applications.
- Appointees may be required to pass through medical and psychological/psychiatric examinations.
- Drug screening through urinalysis is mandatory during the pre-employment hiring stage and again during training pursuant to the attorney general's Law Enforcement Drug Screening Guidelines.
- Appointees to bilingual positions must be able to read, write, speak, understand and communicate in English and Spanish. Candidates will be tested for Spanish language ability at time of certification.
- Appointees will be required to successfully complete a training program mandated by the New Jersey Police Training Commission or a six week in-residence Corrections Officer Recruit training program.

Nursery School registration set

Calvary Nursery School and Child Care, in its fourth year of operation at Calvary Lutheran Church, 108 Eastman St., Cranford, is offering three opportunities for parents to tour the facility and learn about the program.

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Registration for September 1997 will begin on Wednesday. Parents and children are invited to tour the facility, meet the director and teaching staff, and receive information about the program. Enrollment materials will be available.

The nursery school offers a half-day program for children two-and-a-half years old through five years of age on a two-day, three-day- and five-day-a-week basis. Hours are from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

The facility also offers a year-round child care program for young children. Hours are from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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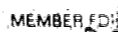
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Traffic tie ups top blotter

POLICE BLOTTER

Springfield
 • A trip down Meisel Avenue turned into a visit to the Springfield Township Police Headquarters for a Union motorist Jan. 9. The driver of a black Mazda was heading southbound when he was hit on the passenger side by a deer just north of Riverside Drive at about 8:38 p.m. He pulled into the station to report the incident and that his right side door was dented and the accompanying window smashed.

• A pair of Springfield police detectives arrested a Brooklyn couple Jan. 9 on the charge of supplying phony identification in order to buy drivers licenses for street resale. The suspects, identified as Alton Lee-Laitus, 37, and Katrina Dawn Laitus, 32, were arrested on one count of forgery each and had their 1993 Honda Accord impounded. A. Laitus is being held in the Union County Jail in Elizabeth without bail. He is also wanted by the New York City Police Department.

• Springfield's roads weren't kind to out of state drivers as well. A driver from Loudon, Tenn. was trying to exit the 7-Eleven parking lot when her Dodge Colt was struck by an east-bound Morris Avenue motorist at about 3:15 p.m. Jan. 11. A Ford driver from Australia thought the car ahead of her had merged on to Rt. 22 E from a lot and ran into the Dodge instead at 11 a.m. Jan. 13. All parties involved drove away uninjured after filing reports.

Mountainside

• Hillside police said that they were able to recover a stolen truck thanks to the cooperation of the Mountainside Police Department.

Police said that at 3:46 a.m. on Saturday they received a call from Mountainside police requesting they verify the whereabouts of a tractor

that had been stopped by Mountainside officers on Route 22 West. The vehicle was listed as belonging to a resident who lives on Yale Avenue and the Mountainside police said they wanted to confirm that it was.

The police said that as they were enroute to the owner's residence, the driver told the police in Mountainside that he had stolen the vehicle and its trailer from a parking lot on Central Avenue and North Broad Street. The driver also admitted to dumping the trailer and chassis in the parking lot of Shop Rite on Route 22 West.

The owner was transported to Shop Rite where he identified both the trailer and chassis. The police also said they advised him to contact the Mountainside police to retrieve his vehicle.

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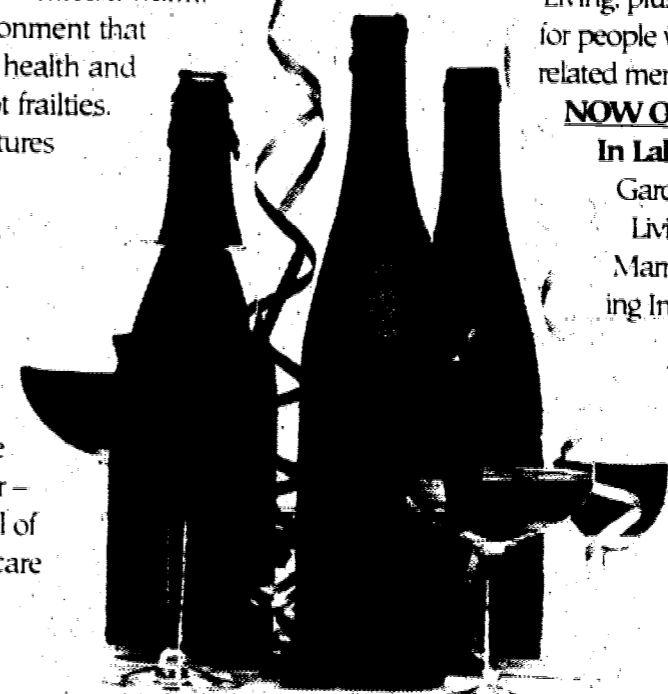
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COMMUNITY FORUM

A promise made — and kept

As we've expected, the Whitman administration continues to reduce the tax burden on state residents as the three-year phasing-in of property tax relief began Jan. 1.

It's nice to have a governor who not only talks about cutting taxes, but also follows through.

Gov. Christine Whitman's property tax deduction/credit program allows taxpayers either to deduct a portion of property taxes or rent from gross income or to take a credit against their income taxes due. Tenants can deduct 18 percent of their rent paid during the tax year in recognition of property taxes paid.

While it is not an actual tax cut, the program allows deductions on the state's income tax. It is the least disruptive way for the governor and Legislature to ease the strain on property taxpayers without hurting municipalities' revenues.

In this first year, the program will provide \$100 million in direct tax relief. New Jersey residents may deduct up to 50 percent of their first \$5,000 of property taxes, or \$2,500.

Homeowners and renters are guaranteed a credit of at least \$25 in the first year if their property tax deduction does not reduce their gross income tax liability by the same amount.

The second phase of the program will allow taxpayers to deduct up to 75 percent of the first \$7,500. Starting in 1998, the deduction will increase to a maximum of \$10,000. The minimum credit will increase to \$50. The program also provides a \$50 minimum benefit on senior citizens who pay property taxes but not income taxes.

"With the enactment of the full 30 percent income tax cut plan and the property tax deduction/credit program, we are helping our citizens keep more of their own money," Whitman said.

It's refreshing to hear a politician who understands whose money it really is.

Continuing the tradition

The Borough of Mountainside welcomed another Republican Borough Council during last Tuesday's reorganization meeting with the swearing-in of Keith Turner, Thomas Perrotta and Paul Mirabelli.

Some have criticized the council for being too secretive and not allowing sufficient public debate on issues facing the borough. This has been blamed on the fact that Mountainside is a one-party town. While this point may have some validity, the bottom line is that the borough is run smoothly and efficiently.

For the most part, small communities such as Mountainside do not face the challenges of larger communities, such as Elizabeth. However, elected officials are still required to pay close attention to quality of life issues, and we believe the council has made an honest attempt to fulfill this responsibility. For instance, projects ranging from the renovation and expansion of Borough Hall, the construction of the new Police Department, and the newly renovated pool have been undertaken with an eye toward borough improvement. Property taxes have indeed risen, but so have rates in communities throughout the county. There may always be ways to trim the fat from budgets, but there is a limit to the control that municipal governments have over taxes.

In addition, we believe the Borough Council can silence those who complain of a lack of dissent by encouraging greater public discussion at council meetings.

A river runs through it

It seems that some Springfield residents have had to deal with more than the typical damp cellar.

Apparently, runoff from a tributary of the Rahway River has been causing sewage to seep into homes. One Lyon Place resident attributes this problem to the recent heavy storms, which he says have caused the storms and sanitary sewer mains to overflow. He also speculated that there might be an underground break in pipes or a blockage.

It has been clearly established that there is a problem. Now it is up to the township and the state to find a solution.

On the township level, former Committeeman Herbert Slote said there are more than 50 miles of pipes, and that an engineering firm estimated 10 years ago that it would take a \$500,000 study to identify the township's storm and sewer problems.

The implications of this statement are clear — such a project would be too expensive for the township to conduct. Would Slote and the other committee members feel this way if they were the ones with sewage in their basements? If the township can spend more than \$100,000 to pave a lot that consists of private and public property, then surely they can take the matter of the condition of their sewer system seriously.



SHAKE AND BAKE — Trailside Nature and Science Center Director Holly Hoffman shows children how to make different animals using art supplies. Joining Hoffman are Michael Mealey, 6, and his mother Karen Mealey.

Photo By Teddy Matthews

Freedom of speech is a two-way street

As a journalist, the U.S. Constitution's guarantee of free speech is important to me. But I don't think the Founding Fathers had in mind how that particular freedom would be used and abused as it is today.

I think the framers of the Constitution had in mind that a person had the right of free speech and use of the press to say anything without fear of reprisal from government. I also think the Founding Fathers thought freedom of speech would not be a platform for persons to spew out hatred, repugnant ideas, filth and create an atmosphere of mistrust and suspicion.

We hear more and more about the right of free speech from those who do not understand the responsibilities that go with this important concept of democratic government.

Unfortunately, we have those who will use the bully pulpit to mock and defame anyone who disagrees with him. We have those who will denounce values. We have those who will make fun of people with physical or mental handicaps. We have those whose vocabulary consists of four-letter words and who use them to appear cool and knowing. And we have those who use freedom of speech as a "way of getting back" at our society for real or imagined sins.

As I See It

By Norman Rauscher

I don't think those who wrote the Constitution had any idea that some of our guaranteed freedoms would be used to hurt, insult and slander others. In the *New York Times* last week, Gloria Steinem, a founding member of the "women's movement," lashed out at a new movie about Larry Flynt, publisher of "Hustler" magazine. She says "Flynt denigrates women and gets away with it." The movie seems to make Flynt an icon of defending the Constitution. Steinem says Flynt is a purveyor of smut, tastelessness, gore, and violence. Yet, she says, Flynt is portrayed as a hero who risks everything for free speech.

We seem to be so afraid of violating a person's rights that we will allow anyone to say anything about Jews, blacks, Hispanics, homosexuals, the mentally retarded, the crippled, and most important, those who are different and do not fit into any category.

Some of our so-called talkshow hosts think it's cool and funny to make fun of the elderly, women, and those who have handicaps. To these idiots, humor has sunk to new lows. But try to censor them and they shriek that their right to free speech is being abused. They don't realize that they hurt others. To these so-called comics, humor is humor, the sky's the limit and there's no holds barred. What a warped sense of fairness this adds up to.

Some years ago, a neo-Nazi organization wanted to hold a parade in Skokie, Ill. The town, incidentally, had a huge Jewish population with many having survived the Holocaust. A furor was unleashed when word got around that such a parade was contemplated. This neo-Nazi group said they would go ahead with the parade. This is ironic because you and I know what the Nazis in Germany would have done to a group of pro-Jewish people if they had decided to parade in Germany. They would have all been taken to a town square and shot.

The parade in Skokie was called off by the neo-Nazis because many of them were threatened with jail.

harm or death if they decided to march. Out of fear of losing their lives, the parade was cancelled so as to "keep the peace" in town. Freedom of speech is a two-way street. Many do not understand that simple concept. If you say anything derogatory about me, I'll sue you for slander, but I can say anything about your gender, ethnic background, religion or politics because I have freedom of speech on my side.

What a mockery and misunderstanding that concept becomes. I'm willing to bet that those who scream about their rights being violated probably never read the Constitution and the learned of the responsibilities that go with it.

Perhaps if more people understood the Constitution, especially the Bill of Rights, we would not have the ignorance, intolerance, misconception and mean-spirited attitude many have when they defame, slander and condemn others.

Unfortunately, many people are ignorant, intolerant, stupid and just plain mean.

Norman Rauscher, a former newspaper publisher, is an active member of the Summit community.

What education reform means to Springfield

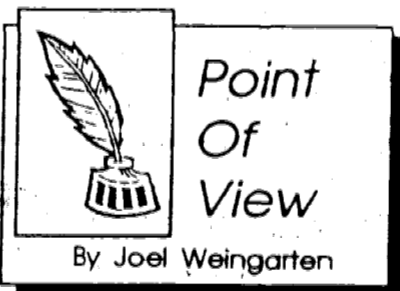
While there has been much discussion about the recently adopted core curriculum and education funding plans passed by the Legislature and signed into law by the governor some three weeks ago, many residents are still unclear as to the specific provisions of this law.

This is quite understandable, not only because the bill is over 70 pages in length, but also due to the fact that the legislation was significantly revised from May of last year until its adoption in December — primarily due to amendments which originated in the Legislature in accordance with input from educators, school board members and concerned parents, such as Molly Emiliani of the Garden State Parents' Network.

Throughout this process, my district colleagues, Sen. C. Louis Bassano and Assemblyman Kevin O'Toole, and I have sought to ensure that this legislation addresses the requirements of the state Supreme Court, while ensuring that the students in Springfield and the other communities of the 21st Legislative District not be adversely affected. We, in fact, sought to ensure that schools in our district and the state would benefit from these changes. In our humble opinion, we have achieved this end.

Specifically, we have worked to shape our new education program so that it:

- Allows municipalities to "grandfather" existing per-pupil spending levels, even if current spending exceeds the "thorough and efficient" spending level of approximately \$7,200. In other words, Springfield's per pupil spending level need not be reduced.



By Joel Weingarten

- Affords local districts the option to increase spending if it is agreed to by the voters, either up to 3 percent or CPI, whichever is greater, to preserve "home rule."

- Ensures that state aid to school districts in the 21st District be largely preserved or increased whenever possible.

- Removes the administrative penalty which harms districts that attempt to efficiently control administrative staff costs;

- Eliminates the cap on the percentage of the school-age pupils participating in special education programs — by having the basis for special education support be based upon need rather than a predetermined ceiling;

- Actively monitors the implementation of core curriculum standards and the use of funds in all districts, but most notably in special needs districts, to ensure that educational improvements are being implemented and the funds to these districts make it to the classroom. Specifically, this provision mandates that the state auditor must conduct an annual audit of school districts that receive 80 percent of their budget in state aid to determine whether state aid is being properly spent.

These elements represent significant enhancements to the original

legislation and will help to ensure that changes do not make the legislation perfect. I believe the legislature's improvements over the original bill is my desire to see that further funding be undertaken in the months ahead — most notably in the area of special education funding.

There is one final provision of this legislation which is worth discussing due to a common misconception, and that is the issue of school choice. It has been reported in the statewide press that there is a fundamental change in state policy regarding school choice and that it was "shipped" into the legislation at the 11th hour. In fact, a school choice provision already exists in law under the Quality Education Act, entered in 1990, and has been a part of this legislation since its earliest drafts.

The language in the education reform legislation merely modifies existing law which allows districts to accept students from other districts with the consent of the school board. Right now, parents pay tuition for a student who is sent to another district. Under this legislation, school boards of receiving districts will continue to

have the authority to decide how many students they will admit. However, instead of parents paying the cost of tuition, the funding will follow the student from the sending district to the receiving district. This payment structure will be on a pilot basis in a limited number of districts commencing in the 1988-89 school year. Therefore, the economic and social impact will be small.

In closing, let me say that Sen. Bassano, Assemblyman O'Toole and I take very seriously the implications of any education reform legislation adopted, and with two school-age children of my own, I will personally feel the impact of the actions we take.

I believe the efforts we have undertaken over the past half-year are quite positive, and will help ensure a quality education continues to be provided in schools both within the 21 Legislative District and in the state as a whole.

Joel Weingarten represents Springfield and the rest of the 21st Legislative District in the General Assembly.

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OBITUARIES

Michael Jakubowski

Michael W. Jakubowski, 50, of Mountainside died Dec. 21 at home. Mr. Jakubowski was employed by Bell Atlantic for 17 years and was a member of the IBEW Local 827. He served in the United States Army from 1966 to 1968 and was a Vietnam veteran.

John Reister

John Reister, 81, of Springfield died Jan. 99 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in East Orange, Mr. Reister lived in Maplewood before moving to Springfield. He was a quality control manager for Waveline Corp., West Caldwell, for 10 years before retiring. Mr. Reister was a trustee for the First Presbyterian Church of Orange.

Surviving are his wife, Estelle; a son, Ronald W.; a daughter, Diane Landoli; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

William Robertson

William W. Robertson, 81, of Mountainside died Jan. 10 in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield.

Born in Newark, Mr. Robertson lived in North Plainfield before moving to Mountainside 17 years ago. He was a plant supervisor for New Jersey Bell Telephone Co., where he worked for 45 years before retiring in 1976. Mr. Robertson was a member and past exalted ruler of the Plainfield Elks Lodge 885 and a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America.

Surviving are his wife, Regina; two

sons, William and Robert; a daughter, Carol Wood; 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

John S. Perrin

John S. Perrin, 74, of Manchester Township, formerly of Mountainside, died Jan. 11 in his home.

Born in Brooklyn, Mr. Perrin lived in Mountainside before moving to Manchester in 1992. He was a salesperson with Hititop Chrysler-Plymouth, Summit, for many years and retired in 1986. Mr. Perrin served in the Army during World War II.

Surviving are his wife of 47 years, Edna T.; two sons, John S. and David N.; a daughter, Joanne M. Bodamer; and three grandchildren.

Rita Welsh

Rita Welsh, 70, a lifelong resident of Summit, died Jan. 5 in her home.

Mrs. Welsh was a telephone operator for New Jersey Bell Telephone Co., Summit, for 10 years until 1957.

Surviving are two sisters, Roseann Griffin and Mary Stasiuk, and a brother, Robert McGrath.

William J. Boyd Jr.

William J. Boyd Jr., 75, of Summit, a retired company treasurer and senior vice president, died Jan. 6 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in the Bronx, Mr. Boyd moved to Summit 40 years ago. He served as treasurer and senior vice president of Sentinel Group Funds, New York City, for 33 years and retired in 1989. Previously, Mr. Boyd had been a partner with O.F. Taylor & Co., a firm of certified public accountants, from 1943 to 1956. He was a certified public accountant and

received a degree in accounting from New York University, New York, in 1942. Mr. Boyd served as chairman of the Operation Committee of the Investment Company Institute of Washington, D.C.

He was a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants. In 1989, Mr. Boyd was elected to the board of directors of Sentinel Group Funds. He was active in many civic groups in the Summit area. Mr. Boyd was a founder of Summit Junior Baseball and had been a youth basketball coach in Summit. He had been president of the Franklin School Parent-Teacher Organization and was a member of the Summit Boosters Club. He served as head usher and auditor for St. John's Lutheran Church, Summit, and had been a member of the church council.

Surviving are his wife, Doris; three sons, Robert, Richard and John; a daughter, Barbara Yosaitis, and seven grandchildren.

Barrier C. Cave

Barrier C. Cave, 33, of New York City, formerly of Summit, died Dec. 21 in St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital, New York City.

Born in Columbia, S.C., she lived in Summit before moving to New York City. She was a graduate of Hobart/William Smith College of New York and the Brooklyn Law School.

Surviving are her father, William F. Cave; a sister, Mrs. Bennett Cave Rich; her stepmother, Nancy Cave; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cave, and her companion, Armand Durastanti.

Delbarton summer activities expo planned

The Delbarton Mothers' Guild will host a Summer Activities Expo on Feb. 8, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., snow date Feb. 9, 1 to 4 p.m., in the school gymnasium. Boys and girls of all ages and their parents are invited to explore summer options

including day camps, sports camps, travel both at home and abroad, academic and cultural enrichment, wilderness and adventure programs, and opportunities for community service.

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Guest designer for the Arboretum's 1995 fund-raiser, "Fabulous Flowers," Murray returns to show participants how to arrange blooming flowers with maximum height, depth and springtime verve. Participants will create arrangements for their home display.

Fees including materials are \$54, \$50 for members, and registration is required in advance by calling (908) 273-8787. The Arboretum is located at 165 Hobart Ave., and is a national and state historic site specializing in environmental education.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE BOARD OF HEALTH SCHEDULE OF 1997 SALARIES

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF ALINE GERSH, Deceased Pursuant to the order of ANNI P. CONTI, Surrogate of the County of Union, made on the 10th day of January A.D., 1997...

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Ordinance, of which the following is a copy, was introduced, read and passed on first reading...

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RESOLUTION 14-97 WHEREAS, the Borough of MountainSide finds it necessary to engage an Insurance Agent to analyze the Borough's Insurance Program...

RESOLUTION 13-97 WHEREAS, the Borough of MountainSide is required by the terms of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-1 et seq. to engage a Registered Municipal Accountant to be the Official Borough Auditor and Financial Advisor...

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LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

The Dayton Regional High School boys' basketball team won only five games last year and did not get win No. 5 until until the season-finale, well past Valentine's Day.

Well, this year's squad is proving to be no pushover and last Saturday posted win No. 6.

The Bulldogs began the week with an overall record of 6-1, had won three consecutive games and were in first place in the Valley Division of the Mountain Valley Conference with a 3-0 record. Valley wins included triumphs at home against St. Mary's of Elizabeth and Bound Brook and one on the road vs. Middlesex.

Here's a look at Dayton's first seven games:

Dec. 20 Dayton 58, North Plainfield 51

Dec. 27 Dayton 62, Parsippany 24

Dec. 28 Dayton 61, Bernards 58

Dec. 30 Ridge 57, Dayton 54

Jan. 3 Dayton 54, St. Mary's 52 (OT)

Jan. 10 Dayton 64, Bound Brook 48

Jan. 11 Dayton 53, Middlesex 49

Upcoming Games:
(Tuesday: Oratory Prep)

Jan. 16 at Roselle Park, 7:00

Jan. 17 at New Providence, 7:00

Jan. 21 at Manville, 7:00

Jan. 24 at St. Mary's, 7:00

The Dayton Regional High School girls' basketball team began the week with an overall record of 4-2 and a three-game winning streak.

The Bulldogs also found themselves tied for second in the MVC-Valley Division with a 3-1 record. After falling to Mount St. Mary in conference play and then winning one of two games in the Roselle Park Panther Pride Tournament — beating Roselle and then falling to Roselle Park — Dayton had managed to win consecutive Valley contests against St. Mary's of Elizabeth, Bound Brook last Friday on the road and at home against Middlesex last Saturday.

Here's a look at Dayton's first six games:

Dec. 2 Mount St. Mary 48, Dayton 44

Dec. 27 Dayton 44, Roselle 33

Dec. 28 Roselle Park 46, Dayton 25

Jan. 4 Dayton 56, St. Mary's 42

Jan. 10 Dayton 44, Bound Brook 42

Jan. 11 Dayton 48, Middlesex 24

Upcoming Games:
Tuesday at Oak Knoll

Jan. 16 at Roselle Park, 7:00

Jan. 17 at New Providence, 7:00

Jan. 21 at Manville, 7:00

Jan. 24 at Mt. St. Mary's, 7:00

The Dayton Regional High School wrestling team evened its record at 2-2 by defeating Chatham and Kinnelon at Chatham last week.

Dayton had lost its first two matches to Johnson Regional on the road and Bound Brook at home after participating in Hopacong and North Brunswick tournaments.

Here's a look at Dayton's first four matches:

1-4 Johnson 39, Dayton 33

1-8 Bound Brook 54, Dayton 18

1-11 Dayton 60, Chatham 24

1-11 Dayton 51, Kinnelon 24

Upcoming Matches:
Yesterday at North Plainfield

Jan. 18 Middlesex, noon

Jan. 22 at Roselle Park, 7:00

Jan. 25 Newark Central, noon

Jan. 29 Gov. Livingston, 7:00

Dayton improving by leaps, bounds Won 3 games in a row

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

The good news is that the Dayton Regional High School girls' basketball team began the week with a three-game winning streak and its record stood at 4-2 and 3-1 in the Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division.

The coming-to-terms-with-reality news is that this is one of the tougher week's of the season as far as the opposition goes.

Dayton took its 4-2 record into Tuesday's scheduled game at Oak Knoll. The Bulldogs then have tough home games against Roselle Park today at 4 and New Providence tomorrow night at 7.

High School Girls' Basketball

Oak Knoll began the week undefeated at 5-0 and Roselle Park hammered Dayton 46-25 in the Panther Pride Tournament championship game back on Dec. 28.

"There's no doubt that this is a tough stretch for us," said first-year head coach Staci Hartzler, a former Dayton standout who graduated in 1988.

Dayton won Valley Division games last Friday and Saturday to extend its winning streak to three, a pretty impressive accomplishment considering the team record last year was just 3-18.

First came an exciting double overtime win at Bound Brook by a 44-42 score, followed by a more convincing 43-29 triumph over Middlesex at home.

"We showed a lot of character by hanging in there against Bound Brook," Hartzler said. "The kids are learning how to maintain what they do for the whole game."

Dayton's starting cast includes senior point guard Lucy Cuccinello (5-3), senior guard Dawn Woodruff (5-4), junior guard Theresa Lyle (5-5), senior forward Michelle Lyle (5-6), senior forward Melynda Egenberg (5-7) and senior forward Christine Johns (5-9), who sometimes starts or is the first player off the bench.

Reserves include senior guard April Franklin (5-5), sophomore guard Nicole Bartley (5-3), senior guard Kristin Rhyner (5-1), junior forward Lisa Malina (5-7), senior forward Lisa Bartley (5-7) and senior forward Marianne Bibbo (5-7).

Hartzler spent the past three years coaching the junior varsity and freshmen at Johnson Regional after graduating from Kean College.

She set the Dayton school record for points scored (boys and girls) with 1,437 when she graduated. Her record was broken two years ago by 1995 grad Michelle Saunders.

"I'm flattered and excited that I could be back to where I used to play and try to help turn things around," said Hartzler, a physical education and health teacher at the Lafayette Elementary School in Elizabeth. "I welcome the opportunity to change the whole image here."

So far so good in her first season at the helm.

"I think a .500 record is extremely attainable, if not a better," Hartzler said. "We want to qualify for the states and be competitive with everyone in our conference."

Dayton is helped a bit this year by moving to the smaller schools Valley Division of the MVC.

"Our girls are not quite used to winning yet," Hartzler said. "I'm trying to get them to learn how to win. It's not easy when you're trying to change the whole mentality."

"But the girls are starting to realize that they can play with the teams in our conference. We were beaten badly by Roselle Park, but the girls are confident and can't wait to play them again tonight."

Woodruff is Dayton's leading scorer, she had 118 points in the team's first six games for a 19.67 average.

"Dawn's probably our most aggressive player," Hartzler said. "She also leads the team in assists with 5-6 and gets a lot of points on fast-break layups. I'm trying to encourage her to shoot the ball more."

Cuccinello sank the winning free throws with 10 seconds to go to give Dayton the win against Bound Brook.

"Lucy is one of our better shooters," Hartzler said. "She's averaging about eight points and she's very quick."

Dayton has improved a quite a bit from last year and with returning players such as Woodruff, Cuccinello, Egenberg and the Lyle sisters, there is a great deal of potential for an outstanding season.

"We've been inconsistent at times, but overall I'm pretty happy with our start," Hartzler said.

Bulldogs bounce B. Brook

Boys' Basketball

The Dayton Regional High School boys' basketball team won two games last week to enter Tuesday's scheduled home game against Oratory Prep with a 6-1 record and first-place standing in the Valley Division of the Mountain Valley Conference at 3-0.

Dayton first defeated Valley foe Bound Brook 64-48 at home Friday before besting Valley rival Middlesex 53-49 on the road Saturday.

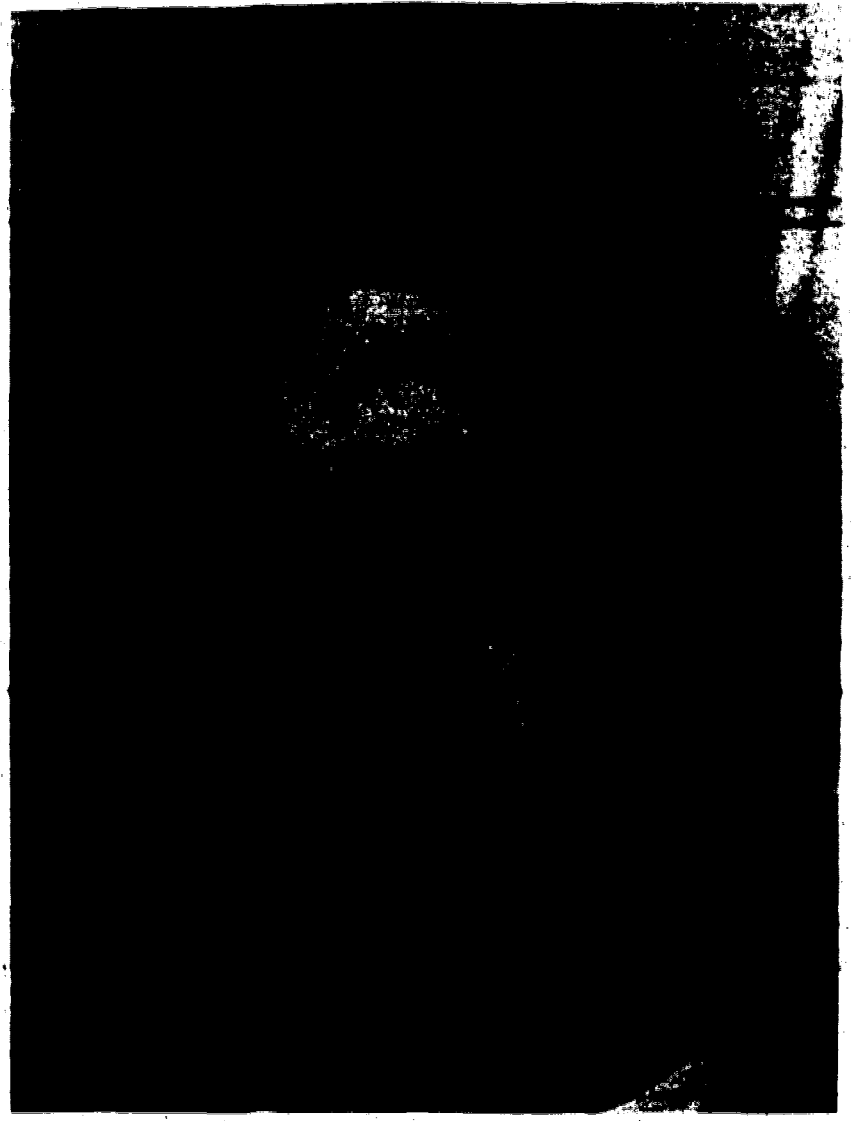
Junior forward Chris Loeffler scored a career-high 27 points in the win against Bound Brook. He scored 17 points in the first half as Dayton led 20-7 after the first quarter and then 36-19 at halftime.

Chris Salvato scored 13 and Giancarlo Saracino eight for the Bulldogs. Salvato and Loeffler scored 14

points each to spark Dayton past Middlesex. Ralph Saracino and Eric Fishman had eight points each as Dayton outscored Middlesex 19-18 in the fourth quarter to preserve the victory.

Dayton's next five scheduled regular-season games are all on the road beginning tonight at Roselle Park at 7 and tomorrow night at New Providence at 7.

The Bulldogs then travel to Manville Tuesday night at 7, play at St. Mary's of Elizabeth Friday, Jan. 24 at 7 and then at Union Catholic Saturday, Jan. 25 at 2 p.m.



Dayton Regional High School senior Eric Handler, who was 22-5 last year at 135 pounds, is one of Dayton's top returning wrestlers.

Best to tangle in Feb.

UCT at Dunn

The best grapplers in Union County will tangle one month from now.

In four weeks The Union County Interscholastic Athletic Conference, serving Union County student-athletes for more than 50 years, will sponsor the 22nd annual Union County Wrestling Tournament.

The Dunn Sport Center in Elizabeth will be the site for this highly competitive tournament, scheduled for Feb. 14-15.

The schedule of rounds is as follows:

Friday, Feb. 14:

5 p.m. — Pre-Preliminary and Preliminary

7:30 p.m. — Quarterfinals

9 p.m. Consolation Preliminary

Saturday, Feb. 15

10 a.m. — Semifinals and Consolation Quarterfinals

11:30 a.m. — Consolation Semifinals

2 p.m. — Consolation Finals (3rd, 5th, 7th places)

3:30 p.m. — Awards Presentation

3:45 p.m. — Finals

Dayton grapplers take two down

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

Dayton Regional High School wrestling coach Rick Iacono said his team's goal, as always is the case, is to improve as the season progresses.

He might not be able to predict exactly how well his team will do in terms of wins and losses — he's more concerned with teaching his wrestlers how to wrestle and trying to find a way to fill 14 weight classes — but he knows a couple of things.

First, is that he has young athletes that are working hard and who will improve.

Second, is that his squad is faving fun doing what it's doing and that that is also very important.

"We have some talented kids," Iacono said. "As long as we continue to work hard we should improve as the season goes on."

Some of Dayton's hard work paid

off last weekend as the Bulldogs, still smarting after a rough loss to Bound Brook Jan. 8, went into Chatham High School and defeated by Chatham and Kinnelon in a tri-meet.

Dayton first bested Chatham by a 60-24 count before polishing off Kinnelon 51-24. The Bulldogs won 12 matches by pin, six in each match.

H.S. Wrestling

After falling to Johnson Regional on the road by a 39-33 count and then getting beaten pretty soundly by Bound Brook 54-18 last week in its home-opener, Dayton evened its record at 2-2 with the two Saturday wins.

Winning by pin for the Bulldogs against Chatham were Jose Miceli at 135, Rich Miceli at 140, Jon Zika at 152, Mark Dempsey at 160, Vince DeCicco at 171 and Joe Rizzo at 215.

Winning by pin against Kinnelon were Jose Miceli at 130, Attila Vigilante at 145, Dempsey at 160, DeCicco at 171, Rizzo at 215 and Scott Reino at heavyweight.

Jose Miceli, a sophomore, stopped Gino Pascarella of Chatham in 1:29. Rich Miceli, a freshman, followed by pinning Scott Ketham in just 32 seconds.

Jose Miceli pinned his Kinnelon opponent, Brett Bovee, in just 51 seconds.

DeCicco pinned Steve Shakum of Chatham in just 35 seconds, the second fastest Dayton pin of the afternoon.

Dempsey pinned Tate Preston of Chatham in 2:54 and then stopped Mike Schoeler of Kinnelon in 2:25.

DeCicco's other pin came against Ryan Sullivan of Kinnelon in 3:31.

Vigilante pinned Mike VanGincken of Kinnelon in 4:26.



Dayton Regional High School standout senior heavyweight wrestler Scott Reino, shown here in a match last year against Johnson Regional's Ray Redziniak, was a two-time winner last Saturday. After winning by forfeit against Chatham, Reino pinned Matt Luoni of Kinnelon in 1:13.

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