



Newsbriefs

Life planning is focus of talk at adult school

SUMMIT — Tom Caines of Clear Vision Coaching will teach a one-night Summit Area Community School course called "Life Planning After 50: It's More Than the Money" on Wednesday, March 31, from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuition is \$15, and the event will be held at Summit High School on Kent Place Boulevard. For details or to register, call 908-273-1141.

This interactive workshop will deliver an alternate perspective and road map for creatively planning the second half of one's life, based on a person's personal talents, needs and wants. Participants will examine the beliefs, myths and assumptions related to the stage of life formerly known as retirement, will get a handle on what is most important to them and will set a course for having the balance, fulfillment and meaning that comes with choosing how they want to live, following their hearts and taking action.

Reel Women go to the movies on March 22

SUMMIT - The Reel Women of the Wise Wonderful Women at the Women's Resource Center, 10 New England Ave., have rescheduled movies for March and April. "Nowhere in Africa" will be screened on March 22.

"Dirty Pretty Things" will be screened on Monday, April 19.

Reel Women is a lively group for women who enjoy watching and discussing good films. Movies are screened free of charge; donations are accepted.

The group meets at Christ Church, 561 Springfield Ave. The group begins with a brown bag lunch at noon, movies are screened at 12:30 p.m. and the discussion begins around 2:30 p.m.

For more information about these or other programs, call the Center at 908.273.7253 or visit www.womensource.org.

Local artist talks to gardeners

SUMMIT - Photographer Dwight Hiscano of Summit will address the New Jersey Historical Garden Foundation membership at its spring symposium at the Cross Estate, off Leddell Road in Bernardsville.

He speaks from 9:30 a.m. to noon, on Monday, April 19.

Mr. Hiscano will speak about photographing nature.

Also speaking will be garden designer Kent Russell. At the end of the program, Mr. Hiscano's framed photos of subjects from nature will be available for purchase.

Registration is \$20 advance, \$25 at the door. Mail registration payable to, NHJGH, to New Jersey Historical Garden Foundation, P.O. Box 712, Bernardsville 07924. Call 973-376-0348.

Par-3 course opens in Summit

SUMMIT - The Board of Recreation announces that the Summit Municipal Par-3 Golf Course will open for registration and play on Saturday, April 3. Weather conditions will dictate the playability of the course.

Correction

An article about the Summit Municipal Alliance in the March 10 issue of the Independent Press should have described a Union County grant in the amount of \$32,432.

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Deacon promoted to superintendent

SUMMIT — The Summit Board of Education has appointed Assistant Superintendent of Schools Dr. Carolyn Deacon as the replacement for Superintendent of Schools Dr. Michael Knowlton, who will retire from the position at the end of June following 10 years of service to the Summit Public Schools.

The public announcement of Dr. Deacon's appointment was made by Board of Education President Susan Hairston at the board's March 18 meeting at Washington School. School administrators and supervisors were notified of the appointment at a series of meetings held in the schools that morning and the remainder of the staff was notified via e-mail.

"We have made this selection based on Dr. Deacon's outstanding background, which includes 23 years in education with 20 at the administrative level," said Ms. Hairston in her announcement. "Her accomplishments in curriculum development, staff development, technology, grant writing, and in establishing partnerships with the community speak for themselves. While it is

true and it will serve us well that she knows the district and is highly regarded, it is first and foremost for her vision and ability to raise the bar and her willingness to address tough issues that she was chosen."

Ms. Hairston said Dr. Deacon's "passion for education" was another factor the board found important.

"Dr. Deacon has also demonstrated expertise in having a positive impact on student achievement and in training outstanding teachers in the district," said Ms. Hairston. "She clearly has the ability to motivate staff and to empower our leadership team."

The search for a new super

The Board of Education began the search process for a new superintendent more than a year ago, shortly after Dr. Knowlton announced his intention to retire at the end of the school year.

"We wanted our decision-making to be absent of time pressures and we wanted the time to develop a search strategy," said Ms. Hairston. "Board members viewed the deci-



Dr. Carolyn Deacon

sion on a new superintendent as the single most important responsibility we would have as appointed leaders in this community."

To coordinate the details of the recruitment and search process, which officially began last June, the board hired educational consultant Jacqueline Roy of Massachusetts. Ms. Roy visited the district for two days in September and conducted 19 separate meetings with administra-

tors, staff, students, parents and other community members in which they were given the opportunity to voice their views and opinions about the strengths and challenges of the district as well as the characteristics and experiences they wished to see in a new school leader. The findings from these meetings served as discussion points for the board and Ms. Roy as well as a guide in developing appropriate criteria for the position.

A recruitment brochure was developed and in late October was mailed to several hundred educational professionals and organizations throughout the country. Advertisements were placed in Education Week, the Newark Star Ledger, NJASA's Administrator's Job Search, and on the ASA Career Center website. In addition, recruiting and networking activities were conducted to identify appropriate and well-qualified candidates.

By mid-January, 59 individuals from 11 states had expressed interest in the position. Ultimately 23 completed the application process to the board's satisfaction. Ms. Roy screened this group down to eight

candidates, all of whom were reviewed by the Board of Education in late January.

Two rounds of extensive interviews were conducted. Intensive background and reference checks concluded the process.

Meeting the criteria

"In meeting with our search consultant, members of the community created a profile that described the ideal superintendent as possessing integrity, credibility and vision," said Ms. Hairston. "They asked for an instructional leader with a commitment to educational excellence, a team builder, a leader with a strong interest in educational research and innovative practices who has the desire and capability to take this district to newer heights of excellence. The board believes Dr. Deacon can fulfill all of these requirements and more."

A plan for Dr. Deacon's transition into the superintendency will be developed, including a process to begin a search for a new assistant superintendent.

So much fun at Franklin



FUN AT THE FRANKLIN FAIR—When Franklin School in Summit hosted its recent annual fair, there was fun for all ages, including facepainting, games and a cakewalk. Lucky raffle winners included sixth graders Allie Nuara, Kelly Radutzky and Taylor Perry. For a full page of photos taken at the fair, see the Eye on You in today's edition of the Summit Herald.

Letter carriers issue plea for food collection effort

By LIZ KEILL

SUMMIT — Now in its 10th year, the Summit Post Office letter carriers will host their annual food drive on Saturday, May 1. They have asked that bagged items be left where mail is normally delivered by 9 a.m. that morning.

According to coordinator Jim Barrette, "Needs are greater than ever, and your help is much needed." Mr. Barrette said flyers are being distributed in post office boxes, notices are included in church bulletins and information distributed through other avenues.

Mr. Barrette encouraged volunteering on several levels. He said drivers with station wagons or sport utility vehicles are asked to be available from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (or the entire time) on May 1. The drivers will help transport food from the Summit postal routes to Calvary Episcopal Church on DeForest Avenue, where sorting and distribution take place.

In addition, individuals are needed to assist drivers in shuffling food in and out of vehicles during the same hours. Mr. Barrette said, "This is an especially good job for teenagers or youngsters with their parents." People are also asked to assist in sorting food on Saturday afternoon, May 1, Sunday afternoon, May 2 and Monday and Tuesday, May 3 and 4.

Beneficiaries of the drive include SHIP (Summit Helping Its People), SAGE, Loaves and Fishes (an ecumenical food pantry at St. Teresa Church), Bridges, Our House Founda-

tion Group Home, Area Baby Center and Summit senior citizens. Whatever is left beyond filling local needs is given to The Community FoodBank of New Jersey in Hillside.

Last year, Mr. Barrette said, 105 volunteers plus Summit letter carriers and post office staff were involved in the process. They collected, sorted and distributed nearly 11,000 pounds of foods and paper products. This represents an eight percent increase from the previous year.

Over the past 10 years, 55 tons of food and other supplies "have made a difference to individual lives," he said. Mr. Barrette explained he has frequent interaction with the various agencies that receive the collected items, and has learned what is needed.

The drive now serves an expanded list of beneficiaries, as local churches reach out to those in need in other parts of New Jersey. He said The Community FoodBank keeps statistics on poverty in New Jersey and, today, many middle-class families and individuals are having difficulty making ends meet.

Among the suggested foods are canned ham or tuna, corned beef hash, beef stew, cooking oil, condiments such as mayonnaise and ketchup, pancake mix and syrup, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruits and vegetables, canned or boxed juices, coffee, sugar, iced tea or lemonade mix, hot and cold cereals, and pasta sauce. "For some reason, people donate a lot of rice and beans," Mr. Barrette said.

Non-food items include disposable diapers (medium and large), baby wipes, paper towels, toilet paper, soaps, detergents, paper lunch bags, sandwich and food storage bags, aluminum foil, plastic wrap, napkins, sponges, aluminum casserole pans, toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss and toiletries.

Summit Postmaster John Karp said, "Jim Barrette has been running this drive long before I arrived. While we sponsor it, Jim should get the lion's share of the credit. He has fine-tuned it to such an extent and brings organization skills and volunteers to help." Mr. Karp said the operation runs smoothly, with attention to detail, such as food separated into high and low sodium for those with specific dietary needs and the right diaper sizes distributed to specific agencies, all because Mr. Barrette has made the effort to see that requested needs are met.

Mr. Karp also pointed out that the Summit food drive takes place a week earlier than the national drive, which may have added to its success. He said he has worked in other post offices that have organized drives, but was amazed at the smoothly functioning program he has found in Summit.

Mr. Barrette explained the national drive takes place Mother's Day weekend, when Calvary Church is not available and volunteers have other commitments, as well. Tax-deductible contributions towards the effort may be made to Summit Helping Its People, 89 Summit Ave., Room 209, Summit 07901. For information, call 522-1303.

School board members hear about hockey

By LIZ KEILL

SUMMIT — The Board of Education listened to comments about ice hockey and playing fields at its workshop meeting on Thursday, March 11.

Superintendent of Schools Michael Knowlton said there are unresolved issues regarding ice hockey. The district has increased its financial support from \$38,000 to \$40,000.

He described the ice hockey issue as complicated and thorny. The club has asked for \$55,000, which would be a \$15,000 increase. One reason given by the club is the popularity of the girls' ice hockey team. The district has offered \$2,000.

A contingent of the club believes in the girls' team, he said, which has been in existence for two or three years. But Dr. Knowlton noted, "I do not support funding the club to that extent. Summit would be one of the only districts in New Jersey to support a girls' hockey team." He said the district has more girls sports, coaches and teams than ever before. He compared the support of ice hockey to wrestling, which had been discontinued for several years and is now being reinstated at the middle school.

"My inclination is that the team is here to stay. It's been here for 20 years and is popular. The Summit Hockey Club has run a first class program. If we ran the program ourselves, it would cost about \$60,000, based on what we've seen in nearby communities, such as Millburn and Madison," the superintendent said. To phase in that plan would mean an increase of \$8,000 or \$9,000 a year, he added.

The topic will be discussed by the Board of Education. A public meeting was scheduled for 8 p.m. Thurs-

day, March 18, at Washington School, when the public would have an opportunity to address the budget and other topics.

In another sports matter, former board member Philip Eisner made a recommendation regarding the artificial turf proposal for Tatlock and Washington School fields.

Dr. Eisner said, "I urge the board to think about the problem in terms of the children in Summit. Virtually every child is helped by this proposal." He referred to the Joint Planning Committee's initial \$3.5 million option. That plan would provide synthetic turf for both Tatlock and Washington fields, would reconfigure Washington to regulation size and would move a piece of equipment on the school's playground. It also provides \$100,000 for new playground equipment.

Dr. Eisner said no children would be hurt and that a child with special needs would be much less likely to be injured on artificial turf than on a regular sodded field. Dr. Eisner said, "The plan would be an enormous boon to soccer, lacrosse and upcoming sports. We would have better field access and an improved playground. From the point of view of children, it's a no brainer. I urge you to pass it in its original form."

Resident Dennis McGuire said he agreed with Dr. Eisner. He said complaints he had heard involved the ADA designation of the Washington School.

"It's used as a reason not to provide an ADA-accessible field," he said.

School board president Susan Hairston said the board had yet to receive a recommendation from the Joint Planning Committee, which is anticipated within the next two weeks, according to the committee's timeline.

Old Guard speaker creates wildlife habitats

AREA — At its Tuesday, March 23, meeting of the Summit Old Guard, guest speaker Michael Pollock will speak on the topic, "Backyard Habitats for Birds, Butterflies and Other Wildlife."

His illustrated talk will display how backyard bird feeders and butterfly gardens can attract birds and butterflies to a yard, with emphasis on the relationship between native plants and the wildlife that depend on them.

Mr. Pollock, a teacher-naturalist with the New Jersey Audubon Society, has been studying, photographing and teaching about the natural environment for more than 30 years. Since moving to New Jersey five years ago, he has been involved in watershed issues and environmental

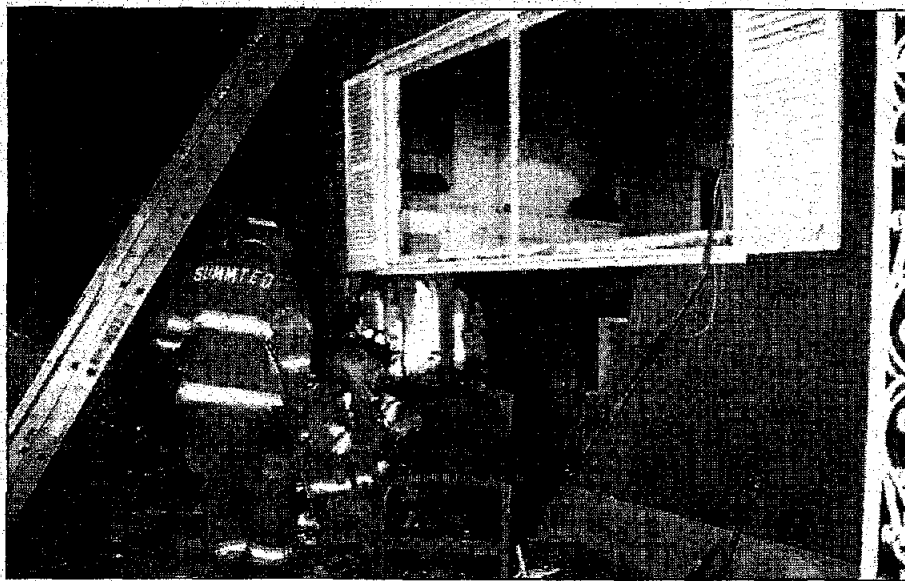
education for organizations in Hunterdon and Somerset counties. He is currently developing backyard habitats on his own property, converting lawn to meadow and replacing invasive, exotic plants with native varieties.

The Old Guard invites retired men from the Summit area to attend its weekly meetings, Tuesdays, at the New Providence Municipal Center, 360 Elkwood Ave., New Providence. Coffee begins at 9:15 a.m. Meetings begin at 10 a.m. Members are invited to participate in golf, swimming, fishing, bridge, tennis and trips to the theater, sporting events, and area landmarks. Also featured are Timely Topic discussions of contemporary issues. For information, call 908-665-0678.

Democrats meet this Wednesday

SUMMIT — The Summit Municipal Democratic Party meets at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24, in

Summit City Hall, Janet Whitman Room, second floor, 512 Springfield Ave.



FIRE DAMAGED EXTERIOR...AND INTERIOR — A March 14 house fire on Montrose Avenue in Summit caused severe damage to a portion of both the home's interior and exterior. Fire officials declared the cause accidental. In addition to Summit personnel and equipment, on the scene were engines from Millburn and Springfield. The photo above at left shows the front facade and the living room picture window, while the photo at right depicts the same scene from inside the home's living room. (Photos by Joe Martis)

House that burned on Montrose declared uninhabitable

SUMMIT — Firefighters who responded to a call to a Montrose Avenue home Sunday night, March 14, discovered upon arrival a heavy smoke and heat condition, and a "heavy fire in the basement into the living room walls," according to Summit Fire Chief Tom Murray. No injuries were reported.

Within a couple of days, the front and back doors featured official fluorescent orange notices stating that the house is not legally habitable in its current state.

The chief said the first report to

9-1-1 about the fire was received from a neighbor at 7:35 p.m., and was followed by additional calls, all reporting what he called an "in the area of" presence of smoke.

By the time fire trucks reached the home, at the corner of Montrose and Webster avenues, smoke was billowing out the home's chimney. As firefighters entered the house, where the family was not at home, additional smoke poured out the doorway and windows on both the first and second floors. Neighbors and passersby stood in the glare of

flashing lights from emergency vehicles and watched in quiet shock as window after window was broken by firefighters armed with poles and axes. Later, a portion of the outside wall of the house under the large living room picture window was removed, too.

In addition to Summit personnel and equipment, the chief said his firefighters were joined by engines from Millburn and Springfield, while the downtown firehouse was staffed by a ladder truck from Berkeley Heights, an engine from

New Providence and an engine from Mountainside. Members of the Summit Police Department, including a detective, were on the scene, as were EMT's from the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad, who stood by ready with an ambulance and provided liquid refreshments for firefighters upon their exit from the house.

"There was also severe heat damage throughout this home," Chief Murray said. "There was very high heat." He noted that the temperature in the home was so extreme it melt-

ed window shades in a den that was not touched by flames.

Firefighters remained on scene

He said the blaze was under containment by 9 p.m., but firefighters remained on the scene through the night and into Monday. Part of what they were doing, the chief said, was "a lot of overhauling" of materials from the basement of the house.

"It's just normal stuff, the stuff everybody would have in a basement," the chief said. "But we had to

get it out so that we could get to the place in the basement where the fire originated." In addition to bringing out a couch and chair, firefighters used large plastic garbage cans and made multiple trips from the basement of the house to the curb, where a pile of charred and water damaged items gradually grew until it reached the height of the homeowner's station wagon, parked in the driveway.

At press time Monday, Chief Murray said no exact cause of the blaze was yet known, "But it was determined to be accidental."

Police News

Parts are taken from vehicle on Constantine Place

A vehicle parked in a residential lot on Constantine Place was missing several parts on Sunday, March 14, according to a report from the Summit Police Department. The incident occurred between 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 13, and noon the next day. Stolen were a glass sunroof and latch, value unknown; an odometer tachometer, valued at \$180; a shift knob, valued at \$25; and a Mac cold air intake hose from the engine area, valued at \$120.

In other thefts reported:

On Monday, March 15, a black 2000 Acura Integra was reported stolen from a private lot on Springfield Avenue between 7 p.m. Sunday and 10 a.m. Monday.

On Wednesday, March 17, the theft of two Dell desktop computers and a duffel bag from Overlook Hospital was reported.

On Wednesday, March 10, the theft of \$250 in cash from a wallet in an Orchard Street residence was reported.

On Friday, March 12, malicious mischief to a school bus parked in a

school lot on Bedford Road was reported. Each passenger side tire had been punctured sometime between 3:30 p.m. on March 11 and 7:15 a.m. on March 12.

On Tuesday, March 16, malicious mischief was reported at a Summit Avenue office building. A lower glass window pane of an inner lobby door was smashed, sometime between Friday, March 12, and March 13.

In other incidents: On Thursday, March 11, Kiara Ragland, 27, of Irvington was arrested and charged at River Road and Route 24 for driving while her driver's license was suspended.

On Thursday, March 11, Rachic J. Noel, 24, of East Orange was arrested and charged at the Summit Police Department with conspiracy to

commit burglary.

On Saturday, March 13, McKinley K. Stewart, 36, of Newark was arrested and charged at the Summit Train Station for possession of drug paraphernalia and contempt of court.

On Sunday, March 14, Mark Antwi, 40 of Jersey City was arrested and charged on Morris Avenue with driving while intoxicated, failure to keep right and refusal to submit to a breathalyzer test.

On Thursday, March 11, police received a report of a loud party in an apartment complex on Summit Avenue. Robert H. Markowitz, 19, of Maplewood was issued a municipal ordinance summons for underage possession of alcohol on private property.

History society seeks photos of former dairy

NEW PROVIDENCE — The New Providence Historical Society seeks donations of pictures of the former Brennan's Dairy on Division Avenue.

The remains of the dairy are expected to be removed in the proposed town house construction. The Historical Society would like to include these in their archives.

The archives for the Historical Society are located in the back of the New Providence Library, 377 Elkwood Ave. and are open to the public Tuesdays 10 a.m. to noon, and Thursdays 10 a.m. to noon, and 2 to 5 p.m.

The society also maintains the Salt Box Museum in the borough.

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Florida training adds fuel to lacrosse fire

SUMMIT - Watching Oak Knoll School's lacrosse team prepare for a practice this week, two things were visibly different from last year. First, all the girls were wearing goggles, and second, each of the athletes was incredibly tan.

The goggles are the result of a new NJSLA safety requirement, and the bronzed skin is thanks to the team's trip to "Disney's Wide World of Sports" in Orlando.

"Florida was great," senior Meredith Callahan said. "We played in an unbelievable facility and got a lot done in our practices."

The players also found time to enjoy their vacation-oriented surroundings, a definite upside to a tough training regimen which consisted of double sessions every day.

"We made sure to take every advantage of the warm weather and perfect field conditions," related Head Coach Tara Tighe.

Although the phrase "perfect field conditions" doesn't seem to exist here in New Jersey, the lacrosse team is hoping to utilize Oak Knoll's new outdoor sports facility in the Green Village section of Chatham perhaps as soon as early April, pending weather-related issues during the next two weeks.

With new fields, new goggles, and new tans, this Oak Knoll crew is looking to surpass last year's achievements in more ways than one. Yet last season's accomplishments won't be easy to top. Finishing with a 17-4 record, the Royals' 2003 contingent reached the title rounds in both the Prep School and State Section Tournaments - the best state tourney run in school history.

"The players, however, feel up to the task. We have a lot of talent and a ton of upperclassmen this year," enthused senior Lauren Latchford. "We've got high expectations."

Coach Tighe concurred in adding, "I believe this is a season where - combining the program's recent success with the ability and desire of our athletes - we've got an opportunity to be a truly special team, one that not only can be very successful this spring but leave behind a legacy for the future."

Only two starters graduated from last year's lineup. With 11 returning letter-winners (seven seniors, four juniors), this OKS lacrosse edition is clearly a veteran unit that should be able to pick up where last season left off.

"I think our recent (and in some peoples' minds surprising) success is totally a reflection of how close we've become as a team," suggests Callahan.

Coach Tighe, in talking about the support and energy the athletes provide to each other, certainly agreed: "You see it on the playing field, on the sidelines, throughout the hallways, in every practice drill."

These young women are ready to make this the best Oak Knoll lacrosse season ever.

The Royals are about to face some tough scrimmage opponents, including Chatham (today), Mendham on Monday, and Summit a week from Monday, March 29th. Among the showcase matches on tap when the campaign commences will be encounters against Kent Place (April 15), Madison (April 17), and Bridgewater (May 7).

"Our goals are really high," admits Latchford, "but I think we can accomplish them."

So look for this Oak Knoll lacrosse team in headlines throughout this 2004 season.

Editor's note: Colleen is a senior at Oak Knoll School in Summit.

PAL football to extend registration to March 31

NEW PROVIDENCE - Football players in kindergarten through grade eight can register for the borough PAL Football program that begins on Aug. 23.

Fees for the tackle program, grades four through eight, will be \$150.

Fees for Flag Football, for kindergartners through third graders, will be \$85.

Register for 2004 PAL football at the Murray Hill Inn Lobby any time from now until March 31.

The New Providence PAL has joined the Suburban Youth Football League and is limiting participation to those children residing in or attending school in New Providence. Initial registration was held on March 3 and 4. More than 120 New Providence children turned out then and each child received a free PAL Football tee-shirt, met coaches and posed for pictures with New Providence High School football players.

Donald Carpenter, the New Providence athletic director, observed that, "The NP-PAL has made an important change to its football program by moving to the Suburban League. This new program allows unrestricted participation for all New Providence children regardless of player weight or roster size."

Coach Frank Battone was on hand at the registration and remarked that he was, "...looking forward to an exciting season this fall, for all New Providence Football Players."

Mallory, Baldwin concluded campaign on boardwalk

By ART POLAKOWSKI

NEW PROVIDENCE - Jon Reedy became the winningest wrestler in New Providence High School history this season. While compiling a 30-6 record during the 2003/04 winter, the Pioneers' 125-pound senior broke the former NPHS standard held by Jose Huerfano. However, Reedy's mark won't last very long, as two New Providence juniors are virtually certain to top that victory total next season.

Shane Mallory, who competed at 189 pounds, and Ross Baldwin, the team's 119-pounder, each carried their 11th-grade wrestling campaign all the way to the State Finals at Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City. Baldwin brought home a seventh-place medal, while Mallory was prevented from competing in his 5th- vs.-6th-place bout due to a disqualification in his prior match.

Still, it proved quite a season for Mallory, whose overall 37-3 record established a new single-season NP victory mark. Shane won Union County, District XII, and Region 3 championships.

The sixth-seeded entry at the State Finals, Mallory won his Friday night bout at Atlantic City against Karim Mahmoud of Becton to advance into Saturday's quarterfinals. There Mallory registered a 2-1 decision over Morris Knolls' Joe Farina, who had reeled off an upset over the tournament's third seed.

That result sent Mallory against second-seeded Doug Umhauer of Lenape, and the South Jersey wrestler prevailed via a 7-1 score. Mallory then was matched up against eighth-seeded Mike Eastman of Jefferson Township, where Shane's disqualification prohibited him from continuing in the tourney.

Mallory had defeated Scotch Plains' Charlie Bachi, 3-1, in the title bout of the Union County Tournament, he won the District by pin-

ning South Plainfield's Kevin Griley in the finals, and Shane's 9-0 victory over Hanover Park's Dave Nichols in the Region 3 championship bout was likewise a decisive result.

Baldwin was seeded ninth among the 24 wrestlers in his weight bracket at Atlantic City, meaning Ross improved his ranking via his seventh-place finish. As a Region runner-up (to eventual state champ Darion Caldwell of Rahway), Baldwin needed to win a Friday-night preliminary-round bout against Jackson's Jeff Pascarella. Having accomplished that, Baldwin was next matched against eighth-seeded Bryan Tracy (Paulsboro), where a defeat knocked Ross from the winners' bracket.

However, Baldwin bounced back to win a pair of wrestleback matches that secured his place medal. The first was a 14-2 decision against Livingston's Rich Russell. Then Baldwin edged Justin Obrusniak of Old Bridge by a 4-3 score. Ross' second loss of the weekend was to Rutherford's Dave Greenwald in his third wrestleback, the second-seeded Greenwald (who brought an undefeated record to Atlantic City) scoring a second-period pin.

That sent Baldwin against Phillip's Robert Au in the 7/8 medal bout, where the Pioneer star won an exciting 10-9 decision.

Baldwin completed his campaign with a 3-6 record, three of those setbacks coming against state champion Caldwell. The Rahway ace had defeated Baldwin in the Union County final round as well as in Region 3. Ross won District XII, scoring a technical fall over South Plainfield's Mike Jakubik in the title bout.

Reedy barely missed concluding his scholastic wrestling in Atlantic City, finishing fourth in the Region 3 Tournament. The wrestler who pinned Reedy in the Region third-place bout, Parsippany Hills' un-

dered Paul Galipeau, went on to force a fine weekend at Boardwalk Hall, earning the eighth-place medal despite not owning a top-16 seed.

Reedy didn't fare well in the Union County Tournament, but he bounced back in District XII, claiming the 125-pound crown with a 3-1 decision over South Plainfield's Nick Dorey in the title bout. That secured him the third seed at Region 3, where Reedy dethroned Madison's Frank Davis, 8-4, in the quarterfinals.

However, that result matched him against Union County champ Derek Francavilla of Scotch Plains, who pinned Reedy in the second period of their semifinal bout. Yet Reedy hung in the tournament with a wrestleback triumph over Roselle Park's Joe Blackford, which had to be a satisfying victory for Jon. That's because Blackford had defeated Reedy by a 10-3 score when they wrestled for third place at the Union County Tournament.

Marc Neuwirth and Adel Afzal were the other two New Providence wrestlers to advance a round at the Region 3 Tournament. Neuwirth, who competed at 135 pounds, finished the season with a 22-11 record. Afzal, NP's 103-pound leadoff man, wound up with a 23-10 mark.

Neuwirth came very close to winning the District XII Tournament, dropping a 2-1 decision against Middlesex's Steve Hompesch in the title bout. Marc rebounded with an Region 3 victory against Roselle Park's John DeLaurentis, the Union County champion. Neuwirth topped DeLaurentis via a 13-7 decision to reach the Region quarterfinals.

Following a loss to Madison's Ryan Pincus, Neuwirth logged a wrestleback verdict against Cran-

ford's Chris Taglia, another guy who placed ahead of Marc at the UCI. Neuwirth's Region quest ended in a 2-0 loss to Hanover Park's Nick DiMeo.

Royal Report



By COLLEEN KLING

BOARD OF EDUCATION, SUMMIT, NEW JERSEY. LEGAL NOTICE. NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING. In accordance with State School Law, the Board of Education is required to publish the proposed budget for the subsequent school year on a form prescribed by the Commissioner of Education...

TOWNSHIP HEIGHTS BERKELEY HEIGHTS BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT. NOTICE OF BIDDING. The information presented in columns 1 through 3 as well as the related descriptions of the per pupil cost calculations are contained in the 2004 Comparative Spending Guide and can be found on the Department of Education's Internet address: http://www.state.nj.us/education/under_finance...

ADVERTISING FOR BIDS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN. Sealed bids will be received by the Summit Board of Education at the Board Office, 2004-2005 Proposed Budget. The information presented in columns 1 through 3 as well as the related descriptions of the per pupil cost calculations are contained in the 2004 Comparative Spending Guide...

Confidence is evident in lacrosse

BERKELEY HEIGHTS - In just its second season as a varsity sport at Governor Livingston, lacrosse received a good-sized turnout to begin its 2004 season. The program officially started two years ago but wasn't recognized on the varsity level until last year.

Last spring, the Highlanders finished their first season with a sub .500 record of 7-10. Coach Steve Ciarracca hopes to improve last year's mark and to help him do so, he has brought in Joe Azzarello as assistant coach. Having an assistant, Ciarracca focuses on the offense, while defense is the focal point of Azzarello's attention.

To prepare for the season, many members of the GL squad participated in a winter league, which took place at the Indoor Sports Pavilion in Randolph. Coached by Brian Egan (the father of attackman Andrew), the winter-league team enabled the athletes to maintain their conditioning and to brush up on skills from the previous spring season.

Unfortunately for the Highlanders, during the winter league they lost the services of Bycknell-bound senior Eric Csaszar due to an ACL injury. Last season, midfielder Csaszar took a majority of the face-offs, was a co-captain, and was the team's spiritual leader as well.

The hope is that a strong junior lacrosse class will be able to compensate for the absence of Csaszar, clearly the program's most irreplaceable player. Andrew Egan, Eric Davis, and Sam Goodspeed (all juniors) make up the first line of attack. Last spring, these three players combined for almost 70 percent of the team's goals.

Similar to the offensive unit, a majority of the middies who'll see varsity action are also juniors. Carlos Alvarez, Jimmy O'Grady, and Jerry Ragonese are each returning letter-winners.

In addition, junior Brian Arigoni is now attending Berkeley Heights' public high school after spending his 9th and 10th-grade terms at Seton Hall Prep. It looks as if he will be a valuable member of the team.

Along with the solid junior middle crew, it's expected that freshmen Matt Boyer and Luke Farrell will get immediate time at the midfielder position.

In the net, GL starts another junior, Shang Jen.

"Shang is a talented goalie who has shown great progress throughout the past year," reported Alvarez.

Seniors Paul Vicendese, Vinny Carangelo, and Eric Wong are the defensemen who'll operate in front of Jen. Mike Coviello, an aggressive junior, will also receive a good amount of playing time in the defensive rotation.

On GL's schedule, there are no rollover teams. Some key matches this season will send the Highlanders against neighboring rivals New Providence and Watchung Hills, along with Nutley. The players mention qualifying for the State Tournament and finishing with an above .500 record as the team's two major goals.

"Lacrosse is my favorite sport, and I look forward to it all year," exclaimed Goodspeed. "The thing that could top last season would be a winning record, which would also be our ticket to the state playoffs. Although it's only preseason, our team is looking sharp, and expectations are far greater than we could have imagined in only the second year."

Virtually all the lacrosse athletes concurred with Goodspeed's high expectations, as the Highlanders are confident of a successful campaign.

Editor's note: Danny is a junior at Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights.

Highlander Highlights



By DANNY STERN

NEW PROVIDENCE BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the legal voters of the Borough of New Providence, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, that a public hearing will be held on March 23, 2004, at 8:00 p.m. on the tentative budget for the school year 2004/2005 will be open for examination and discussion. The tentative budget as adopted is as follows:

ENROLLMENT CATEGORY	October 15, 2002	October 15, 2003	October 15, 2004
Pupils on Roll Regular Full-Time	1821	1938	2025
Pupils on Roll Regular Shared-Time	6	4	3
Pupils on Roll - Special Full-Time	193	200	221
Pupils on Roll - Special Shared-Time	1	1	5
Private School Placements	30	30	34
Pupils Sent to Other Districts-Reg Prog	9	12	15
Pupils Sent to Other Districts-Spec Ed Prog	3	0	0
Pupils in State Facilities	1	0	0
Resident Enroll. Per State Aid Calc.-Incr. Only	2227	2296	2366

UNION - NEW PROVIDENCE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Budget Category

Budget Category	Account	2002-03 Actual	2003-04 Revised	2004-05 Anticipated
GENERAL FUND				
Budgeted Fund Balance - General Fund	10-300			134,057
Revenues from Local Sources:				
Local Tax Levy	10-1210	20,186,186	22,592,113	23,989,829
Tuition	10-1300	84,088	28,158	13,389
Unrestricted Miscellaneous Revenues	10-1000	94,716	112,745	121,517
SUBTOTAL		20,365,000	22,733,016	24,134,593
Revenues from State Sources:				
Transportation Aid	10-3120	94,042	94,042	94,042
Special Education Aid	10-3130	983,480	993,490	993,490
Bilingual Education	10-3140	25,660	25,660	25,660
Stabilization Aid	10-3171	89,311	89,311	89,311
Academic Achievement Reward Program	10-3193	52,574		
Consolidated Aid	10-3185		142,898	193,227
Other State Aids	10-3100	162,834		
SUBTOTAL		1,407,711	1,346,369	1,386,730
Adjustment for Prior Year Encumbrances				
Ad (Excess) Deficiency of Rev (Over)/Under Expend		59,855		
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		21,834,567	24,306,448	25,854,319
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
Revenues from State Sources:				
Distance Learning Network Aid	20-3213	60,292		
Other Restricted Endowments	20-3200	139,215	154,709	123,091
TOTAL REVENUES FROM STATE SOURCES		199,507	154,709	123,091
Revenues from Federal Sources:				
I.D.E.A. Part B (Handicapped)	20-4420	275,549	342,730	342,730
Other	20-4000	59,549	59,549	45,282
TOTAL REVENUES FROM FEDERAL SOURCES		335,098	402,279	388,012
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		534,605	556,988	511,103
DEBT SERVICE				
Revenues from Local Sources:				
Local Tax Levy	40-1210	420,646	420,577	389,587
TOTAL REVENUES FROM LOCAL SOURCES		420,646	420,577	389,587
Revenues from State Sources:				
Debt Service Aid Type II	40-3160	46,432	47,141	102,003
TOTAL LOCAL DEBT SERVICE		467,078	467,718	471,570
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUND		467,078	467,718	471,570
TOTAL REVENUES/SOURCES		22,868,250	25,330,994	26,636,992

UNION - NEW PROVIDENCE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Budget Category

Budget Category	Account	2002-03 Expenditures	2003-04 Rev. Approp.	2004-05 Appropriations
GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSE				
Regular Programs - Instruction	11-100-100-000	8,786,565	9,291,946	9,816,613
Special Education - Instruction	11-200-100-000	1,186,083	1,303,869	1,345,931
Basic Skills/Remedial - Instruction	11-220-100-000	180,044	217,368	228,511
Bilingual Education - Instruction	11-240-100-000	38,916	32,430	33,959
School-Spon. Co/Extra-Cur. Activities-Instruct	11-401-100-000	157,409	189,321	189,449
School Sponsored Athletics - Instruction	11-402-100-000	494,328	494,425	497,488
Other Instructional Programs - Instruction	11-400-100-000		8,600	6,600
Undistributed Expenditures:				
Instruction	11-000-100-000	1,658,203	1,802,692	2,076,588
Attendance and Social Work Services	11-000-211-000	25,238	27,228	27,228
Health Services	11-000-213-000	178,856	189,579	195,231
Other Supp Serv - Stds - Related & Extracurricular	11-000-218-000	493,082	654,433	463,498
Other Support Services - Students - Regular	11-000-218-000	437,852	463,932	478,783
Other Support Services - Students - Special	11-000-219-000	348,317	389,275	388,165
Improvement of Instructional Services	11-000-221-000	345,764	440,817	378,790
Educational Media Services - School Library	11-000-222-000	308,315	312,478	380,250
Instructional Staff Training Services	11-000-223-000	34,201	36,258	36,258
Support Services - General Administration	11-000-230-000	593,922	593,171	575,851
Support Services - School Administration	11-000-240-000	1,004,406	1,085,165	1,122,874
Central Svcs & Admin Info Technology	11-000-250-000			303,833
Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	11-000-260-000	1,854,588	2,167,800	2,165,500
Student Transportation Services	11-000-270-000	632,820	681,836	863,140
Other Support Services	11-000-280-000	379,844	354,310	
Personal Services - Employee Benefits	11-000-300-000	2,978,934	3,235,863	3,827,817
Other Support Services	11-000-300-200	10,935,148	12,958,269	13,269,269
TOTAL GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSE		21,783,378	24,182,807	25,534,018
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
Equipment	12-000-000-000	2,985	47,487	100,000
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	12-000-000-000	56,955	52,845	
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY		59,940	100,332	100,000
SPECIAL SCHOOLS				
Summer School				
Instruction	13-422-100-000	10,769	13,400	13,400
Total Summer School		10,769	13,400	13,400
TOTAL SPECIAL SCHOOLS		10,769	13,400	13,400
GENERAL FUND GRAND TOTAL		21,834,567	24,306,448	25,854,319
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
Support Services	20-213-200-000	61,292		
Distance Learning Network Aid	20-213-400-000	20,000		
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	20-213-400-000	90,292		
TOTAL DISTANCE LEARNING NETWORK AID		90,292		
Other State Projects:				
Nonpublic Textbooks	20-300-000-000	12,719	13,994	11,195
Nonpublic Auxiliary Services	20-300-000-000	49,911	44,003	34,531
Nonpublic Handicapped Services	20-300-000-000	59,696	84,870	51,896
Nonpublic Nursing Services	20-300-000-000	15,179	16,607	13,289
Nonpublic Technology Initiative	20-300-000-000			7,259
Other Special Projects	20-300-000-000	14,740	15,229	4,683
Total State Projects		229,507	154,703	123,091
Federal Projects:				
I.D.E.A. Part B (Handicapped)	20-300-000-000	275,549	342,730	342,730
Other Special Projects	20-300-000-000	59,549	59,549	45,282
Total Federal Projects		335,098	402,279	388,012
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		534,605	556,988	511,103
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Total Expenditures/Appropriations		22,868,250	25,330,994	26,636,992
DEDUCT APPROPRIATIONS INCLUDED IN MULTIPLE FUNDS DUE TO TRANSFERS:				
Local Contribution - Transfer to Special Revenue	11-100-100-000			
Capital Reserve - Transfer to Debt Service	12-000-000-000			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES/APPROPRIATIONS NET OF TRANSFERS		22,868,250	25,330,994	26,636,992

UNION - NEW PROVIDENCE BOARD OF EDUCATION
General Fund (Reserved) Recapitulation of Balances

Budget Category	General Fund (Unreserved) (1)	General Fund (Reserved) (2)	Gen. Fund (Reserved) Adult Ed. Programs (3)	General Fund (Reserved) Maintenance Reserve Acct. (4)	General Fund (Reserved) Legal Reserves (5)	Totals (6)
Est. Approp. Bal. 6-30-02 (Prior Budg)	436,253	0	0	0	0	436,253
Approp. Balances 6-30-02 (from Audit)	378,124	93	0	0	0	378,217
Est. Approp. Bal. 6-30-03 (Prior Budg)	454,059	80	0	0	0	454,139
Approp. Balances 6-30-03 (from Audit)	326,373	90	0	0	0	326,463
Amount Budgeted during FY 03-04	0	0	0	0	0	0
Add. Bal. to be Approp during FY 03-04	158,821	0	0	0	0	158,821
Approp. Bal. 6-30-04 (est.) before Trans.	485,194	90	0	0	0	485,284
Anti. Excess GF Bal. Trans during FY 03-04	485,194	93	0	0	0	485,287
Approp. Bal. 6-30-04 (est.) after Transfer	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amount Budgeted in FY 04-05	0	0	0	0	0	0
Appropriation Balances 6/30/05 (est.)	485,194	93	0	0	0	485,287

UNION - NEW PROVIDENCE BOARD OF EDUCATION
General Fund (Reserved) Recapitulation of Balances

Budget Category	General Fund (Unreserved) (1)	General Fund (Reserved) (2)	Gen. Fund (Reserved) Adult Ed. Programs (3)	General Fund (Reserved) Maintenance Reserve Acct. (4)	General Fund (Reserved) Legal Reserves (5)	Totals (6)
Est. Approp. Bal. 6-30-02 (Prior Budg)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Approp. Balances 6-30-02 (from Audit)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Est. Approp. Bal. 6-30-03 (Prior Budg)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Approp. Balances 6-30-03 (from Audit)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amount Budgeted during FY 03-04	0	0	0	0	0	0
Add. Bal. to be Approp during FY 03-04	0	0	0	0	0	0
Approp. Bal. 6-30-04 (est.) before Trans.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Anti. Excess GF Bal. Trans during FY 03-04	0	0	0	0	0	0
Approp. Bal. 6-30-04 (est.) after Transfer	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amount Budgeted in FY 04-05	0	0	0	0	0	0
Appropriation Balances 6/30/05 (est.)	0	0	0	0	0	0

UNION - NEW PROVIDENCE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Per Pupil Cost Calculations

Per Pupil Cost Calculations:	2001-02 Actual	2002-03 Actual	2003-04 Original Budget	2003-04 Revised Budget	2004-2005 Proposed Budget
Total Comparative Per Pupil Cost	9276	9230	9638	9985	10042
Total Classroom Instruction	5894	5868	5918	6184	6212
Classroom-Salaries and Benefits	6455	5483	5683	5784	5990
Classroom-General Supplies and Textbooks	214	151	219	215	206
Classroom-Purchased Services and Other	15	14	16	19	17
Total Support Services	1209	1215	1209	1268	1217
Support Services-Salaries and Benefits	1039	1042	1079	1129	1099
Total Administrative Costs	1031	1052	1094	1091	1142
Administration-Salaries and Benefits	869	887	920	882	943
Total Operations and Maintenance of Plant	664	972	1086	1110	1004
Operations & Maintenance of Plant-Salary & Ben.	625	617	661	677	655
Total Food Services Costs	2	0	0	0	0
Total Extracurricular Costs	353	318	343	360	354
Total Equipment Costs	66	15	19	22	48
Employee Benefits as a % of Salaries	17.4	18.3	20.2	20.4	23.1

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Annual School District Budget Statement Supporting Documentation
UNION - NEW PROVIDENCE BOARD OF EDUCATION

4A. Advertised Capital Outlay Projects
Describe below, by project number, the appropriations for budgeted Capital Outlay Projects including those items related to the district's Long Range Facilities Plan. Include only construction, remodeling, renovations, installation of service systems, land and improvements, and the purchase of buildings. If the project is eligible for a grant, budget only the local share of the project and enter an X in column 4. Do not include equipment. Include all projects budgeted on the transfer lines to Capital Projects fund (8826 and 8835). Complete a detailed budget for each project.

Description/Activity	Project Number
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