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Heroism is "all in the family"

by Pat DiMaggio
While other youths might have spent their summer swimming, playing baseball or watching television, two brothers from Clark found themselves faced with life-threatening situations.

Tom Bartus, Jr., his brother Douglas and their dad, Thomas, Sr., of Westover Road in Clark, were out for a pleasant day of fishing on their 20-foot boat off Sea Girt on August 11.

"We had just started moving from our fishing spot at about 4:50 when we saw smoke coming off a boat about half a mile away," said Tom. He came in for a closer look and saw three people hanging onto the bow of a burning boat. "My brother and I started yelling at the people to get off the bow because of the smoke and flames," said Tom.

Thomas, Sr. took over control of their boat and called the Coast Guard. Douglas tried to douse the flames with a fire extinguisher but was unsuccessful because of the intense heat. "It was weird," said Douglas. "There was just nothing we could do about the boat, just try to get the people away."

Tom and Douglas dove into the water and pulled a woman and two men to safety onto their boat. When the Coast Guard arrived, all they could do was stand and watch the other boat burn down to the water line.

Becoming a hero seems to run in the Bartus family this summer. Tom and Douglas are members of a 4-H Club of Union County. During a fair in Mountside held in July, a tornado struck sending torrential rains and high winds through the tents and concession stands.

"While most of the people attending the fair tried to seek cover under the concession stand, Douglas broke through the crowd and ran across the field.

"I saw my son running down the field and ducking into a tent," said Douglas' mother, Mary. "I thought at least he's found shelter." Then I saw him running towards me with a little girl in his arms. We are very proud of our teenagers this summer.

Tom, 16, is in eleventh grade at Arthur L. Johnson High School and is a member of the track team. Douglas is entering tenth grade and is 15.



A SUMMER TO REMEMBER... Thomas Bartus, Jr., left, and his brother Douglas will remember this summer for a long, long time. Both are credited for acts of heroism during two separate incidents.

Holiday closings

Mayor George G. Nucera has announced the Disposal and Recycling Center and the Clark Municipal Offices will be closed September 5, 6, and 7 in observance of the Labor Day Holiday. Center and offices will reopen September 8.



LEARNING LANCERS... Staff members from the 1987 Lance, the Johnson Regional yearbook, stand in front of the Gettysburg, Pennsylvania plant of Herff-Jones Inc. after proofreading and evaluating finished copy from their publication. Pictured here are front row from left, Carrie Nolan, Jen Burns, Maria Cutinello and Joanne Goldberg. Back row, Eric Markowitz and Mr. Doug Feller, adviser to the Lance.



LORDS OF LACROSSE... The Montclair State College Men's Lacrosse team enjoyed a very rewarding spring season with a record of 9-3 and 5-0 in the Knickerbocker Conference. Pictured are five graduates of Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School who were on the team: Bottom row, from left, Bob Arbeeny, Doug Morton and Dave Francisco; standing, from left, are Coach Tim Sullivan, Marc Paladino and Ron Francisco. Arbeeny and the Francisco brothers will be returning to Sullivan's team this school year. Paladino has graduated, and Doug Morton will be the assistant coach of the ALJ Lacrosse team.

At ALJ

COE an alternative to a traditional school day

An alternative to the traditional school day at the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School is the Cooperative Office Education Program. Business students are allowed to attend school during the morning hours, taking subjects related to their fields of office education and then leave school before lunch and practice these skills in a beneficial part-time job.

Mr. Arthur Balshan coordinates the job program which provides practical experience for high school students hoping to follow a career in the secretarial and clerical fields.

Students who qualify for this program must be at least sixteen years of age, a business education senior in high school who is willing and able to profit from the

training for his or her chosen profession, and willing to work a minimum of fifteen hours a week.

The school is responsible for having a vocational coordinator who screens, selects and recommends students for a particular job, observes the students regularly on the job, discusses the student's progress with the employer to find improvements the students need to make to perform more efficiently, and makes sure employers provide the training and guidance so students can perform their job more efficiently.

Students are graded on initiative and responsibility. The students must follow the dress code and any other employee qualification standards. They are paid for any past ex-

perience. The job usually leads to a "well-paying" job with fringe benefits.

The Cooperative Office Education program is beneficial not only to the students enrolled in this program, but to the school and employers as well.

The student benefits from this type of program because it utilized school work by putting what has been learned in school to practical use. The program helps the student to successfully enter into the business world, develop proper attitudes toward work, receive experience with proper supervision, and earn money while learning. The student uses the skills which have been mastered in school in a related business type of environment. The job provides employees

with an incentive for success on the job since school credit is received for work experience.

The responsibilities of the employers who participate in the program are: to provide a work situation for the student, to interview and select students for their place of business, pay students the prevailing wage for the job, train students in the fundamentals of business through a rotation of assignments involving typing, steno and accounting, and have conferences with the vocational coordinator concerning the progress of the students. The employer must keep records periodically showing the progress of the student on rating forms provided by the school.

Schools will be opening Drive carefully.

Seniors offered free casino trips

The Recreation Department of the Township of Clark will sponsor three free bus trips for senior citizens to the Atlantis Casino in Atlantic City, according to Mayor George Nucera. The trips will be held Tuesday, Sept. 15; Monday, Sept. 28; and Tuesday, Oct. 13. These trips are for Clark residents only.

Reservations may be made at the Business Administrator's Office, Room 24, Municipal Building (former Brewer School), Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Seating is limited to 47 persons per bus; early reservations are suggested.

Diane Urciuoli awarded Juris Doctor degree

Diane C. Urciuoli, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Urciuoli of 23 Plymouth Rd., Clark, was awarded the Juris Doctor degree from Seton Hall University School of Law at a commencement held at the Garden Art Center in Holmdel.

She will serve, beginning in September, as a judicial clerk with the Honorable Frederick C. Kentz who sits in the Chancery Division in Union County.

Diane was a member of the 1983 graduating class at St. John's University, Queens, N.Y.



FOUNDATION PLEDGE... The University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) — New Jersey Dental School faculty has pledged \$100,000 to the Foundation of UMDNJ's \$27.5 million capital campaign. In this campaign, the Foundation is working to strengthen UMDNJ's faculty in research and teaching, to assist outstanding students and to build clinical programs on all three campuses — Newark, Piscataway/New Brunswick, and Camden/Stratford. Pictured are LeRoy A. Parker, Jr., D.D.S., of Clark, Interim Dean at the dental school (right) after presenting the New Jersey Dental School faculty's pledge to Herbert A. Roemmler, Chairman of the UMDNJ Board of Trustees and Chairman of the University Family Gifts Committee.

Yearbook staffers attend conference

Putting together a school yearbook is serious business for a group of students from the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark.

And the dedication of these students to the practice of yearbook journalism was never more apparent than during the week of August 9, when two Johnson Regional students, Joanne Goldberg and Maria Cutinello, attended a five-day yearbook conference at Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania and three other students, Eric Markowitz, Carrie Nolan and Jen Burns, made the four-hour trip to Gettysburg to proofread and evaluate finished copy from their prized project — the 1987 Lance, Johnson Regional's yearbook.

Joanne and Maria, who will both be juniors at the Clark-based high school in September, participated in the conference, entitled "Gettysburg: A Yearbook Experience," with nearly 700 other high school students from across America. At the conference, which was sponsored by the Yearbook division of Herff-Jones Inc., the young journalists attended classes and workshops and received instruction on the various facets of yearbook publishing — headline and caption writing, advertising, photography, graphics, copy editing and coverage, to name a few. "A Yearbook Experience" was a comprehensive course of study which demanded from the students a great deal of attentiveness and effort, as extensive in-class and homework assignments were given each day.

"This is the second year that we have had Johnson students attending this conference," explained Mr. Douglas Feller, who accompanied Eric, Carrie and Jen to Gettysburg as the faculty adviser to the Lance. "These students have had the opportunity to learn from some of the best yearbook professionals in the nation as well as from other students from all parts of the United States. They learn new techniques at the conference and they are exposed to new ideas and concepts by seeing the work of other students. If they can handle five days at this conference, they can handle a school year full of yearbook projects."

The students' impressions of their experience in Gettysburg were similar and positive.

"The teachers [at the conference] made us work really hard," said Maria, who, like the other students in attendance, received an evaluation on her work done during the week. "But we learned a great deal in a short period of time. With what we have learned, we can come back to school with new ideas which will

get us going on the 1988 yearbook."

On Thursday, August 13, Lance Editor-in-Chief Carrie Nolan and Managing Editor Eric Markowitz, both recent graduates of Johnson Regional, Lance staff member Jen Burns, a junior, and Mr. Feller joined Maria and Joanne in Gettysburg and ventured to the local publishing plant of Herff-Jones, the nation's third-largest publisher of school yearbooks. There, the students and their adviser closely inspected the finished copy of their yearbook and witnessed the press run for eight of the 40 color pages which will be in-

cluded in the 1987 Lance. After the final adjustments and corrections are made, the Johnson Regional yearbook will go into final production at Herff-Jones. The target date for completion, delivery and distribution of the 1987 Lance is the fall, marking the first time in the school's history that the yearbook will come out during the autumn months rather than in June.

"There's nothing quite like seeing the faces of the students when those color pages come off the presses for the first time," added Mr. Feller. "We are very pleased by the way everything looks."



GRAPHIC EXPERIENCE... Members of the yearbook staff at the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School review the results of the press run which produced eight of the color pages for the 1987 Lance. Pictured here at the Herff-Jones publishing plant in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania are, from left, Eric Markowitz, Mr. Jon Lundell of Herff-Jones, Mr. Doug Feller, adviser to the Lance, Carrie Nolan, Mr. Dudley Davis of Herff-Jones and Joanne Goldberg.