

Raiders Bring Home Prizes From Festivals of Music

Members of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Music Department, under the direction of Vincent Turturiello, traveled on May 1 to Virginia Beach, Virginia for the annual Festivals of Music Competition.

They were among students from New York, Delaware, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts who participated in the event.

The Raiders returned with the following awards: Percussion Ensemble, Superior Rating; Moonglowers Jazz Band, Second Place Superior Rating; Scotch Plains-Fanwood Sensations Show Choir, First Place Excellent Rating, and "Hickory Sticks" Barbershop Quartet, Third Place Excellent Rating.

They were also awarded Full Concert Choir, Second Place Superior Rating; Select Choir, First Place Excellent Rating; Las Contadoras (Women's) Choir, Second Place Superior Rating; Concert Band, Excellent Rating; Symphonic Band, First Place Excellent Rating, and Wind Ensemble, First Place Superior Rating.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Jazz Band received a First Place excellent rating in its category. The Concert Band also received the award for best sight reading.

The Moonglowers and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Sensations can be seen next Thursday, June 4, at the Village Green in Scotch Plains as part of the Summer Concert Series.

Jaycees Sponsor Lectures On Head Injury Prevention

The Westfield Jaycees, a chapter of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce, sponsored four head injury prevention lectures at the end of April.

These lectures were conducted by the Safety Ambassador Corp. of the Humpty Dumpty Association for two area schools.

Twenty "National Safety Kids, Bell Sport" bike helmets were distributed during these programs.

David Buckman, Chairman of the Jaycees' Helmet Safety Committee, said the committee members Eli Smith, Charlie Anthony, George Himmel, Tim McCabe, Rich Rowe and Craig Stock have been working with Julius Carallo, President of the Humpty Dumpty Association, in order to help educate children about the importance of head injury prevention.

Ileen Rooney, an early childhood educator, and Assistant Director of the YMCA Child Care Centers in Westfield, said she was happy to prepare her students for a visit by the Safety Ambassador Corp. and Humpty Dumpty.

"Our children were delighted to be part of this series," she stated. Dorothy Szot, Principal of the Holy Trinity Inter-parochial School in Westfield, said that the Jaycees sponsored this type of program for her first through eighth grade classes. Of the organization, Ms. Szot said, "Many of our kids do not understand why head injury prevention is necessary. I congratulate the Jaycees and the Humpty Dumpty Association for their dedication to our youth."

The Harborview Injury Prevention and Research Center in Seattle, Washington, has estimated that the life time cost for one person with a traumatic brain injury is \$4.5 million. Approximately 80,000 people each year become disabled from such injuries. Two-thirds of these victims are under the age of 30.

Student Art Exhibit Underway in Township

Students in grades 4, 5 and 6 recently participated in sketching classes conducted by the Scotch Plains Department of Parks and Playgrounds which were held in the Brunner Elementary School Art Room in Scotch Plains.

Some of the students' work is now on display in the Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains. Parents and friends of these students are invited to view the results of the class work. Ilona Brown was the instructor for the sketching classes.

Westfield Mayor Declares May as 'One-Call' Month

Mayor Thomas C. Jardim of Westfield recently declared May "New Jersey One-Call" Month as part of a state-wide campaign to make residents aware of the "Call Before You Dig" law.

In October 1994, Governor Christine Todd Whitman signed into law the Underground Facility Protection Act, also known as the "New Jersey One-Call Law."

The law requires owners and workers contact the One-Call Center before digging, blasting, excavation and demolition. The law also requires operators of underground facilities to belong to the One-Call system.

Within two days of contacting New Jersey One-Call, a representative will visit the site and mark all underground cable, telephone, utility, electric and gas lines, thereby preventing explosions or accidental disruption of services.

"Although most public companies comply with the regulations, residents of most towns may still be unaware that the 'Call Before You Dig' law also affects them," advised New Jersey One-Call spokeswoman Hilary Michel.

"Many contractors may be inadvertently breaking this law," she continued. "Aside from steep fines, the consequences from accidentally hitting a gas or water main could be devastating."

The New Jersey One-Call Center headquarters is in Piscataway. Calls are accepted all year, seven days a week, 24 hours a day. Calls must be at least three days before but no more than 10 days prior to excavating, the spokeswoman revealed.

A "ticket" is then issued by the center with a Regular Locate Request for the digging site. This Regular Locate Request is valid for 30 business days. If work goes beyond this limit, the ticket must be extended by another call to the Center.

For more information, please call the 24-hour customer hot line at (908) 322-5420. Pick-up service is available by calling (908) 322-8496.



VETERANS HONORED...Bertha Laster Peterson, left, who served in the United States Air Force Nurse Corps from 1953-1955 and later in the National Guard, where she achieved the rank of Captain, and Nora Dunn, who belonged to the Women's Army Corps in World War II, were among the women veterans who collectively served as the Grand Marshal for the annual Memorial Day parade in Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

SPBPA to Hold Car Show And Craft Fair on June 14

The Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association (SPBPA) will hold its fourth annual Classic Car Show and Craft Fair on Sunday, June 14, in the center of the township.

The day's events will include an Antique and Classic Car Show in the parking lots behind the stores on Park Avenue, a Craft Fair on the Village Green to benefit the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation, a disk jockey, prizes, raffles, food, sidewalk sales and other activities.

The SPBPA has extended its thanks to Investors Savings Bank, *The Times of Scotch Plains and Fanwood*, Reads Auto Parts and Union County Buick for their contribution to this year's event, and to SPBPA members who have also contributed to the upcoming event.

The car show benefits the SPBPA Scholarship Fund, Towne Centre Beautification, and other SPBPA projects. In the event of rain, the show will be held on Sunday, June 28.

Anyone interested in registering for the car show may call Steve Hoeckele, of BeCu Manufacturing, at (908) 233-3344, or pick up a registration form at Nuts n' Plenty, 407 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains.

Pre-registration is \$8, and registration the day of the show is \$10. Individuals interested in registering for the Craft Fair may call Kelly Deegan of Emmanuel Cancer Foundation at (908) 322-4323.



FUN AT THE FAIR...A group of youngsters check out a game during the Memorial Day celebration at LaGrande Park in Fanwood on Monday, which was held despite mixed weather conditions. The event featured food and beverages, plus an array of activities for all ages.

Garden Club to Host Tour Of Shakespeare Garden

The Plainfield Garden Club will host a second annual tour of Union County's award-winning Shakespeare Garden on Saturday, June 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., rain or shine.

The tour is free although lunch, refreshments, plants and garden accessories will be on sale. The garden is located in Plainfield's Cedarbrook Park and the entrance is from Park Avenue.

The tour will showcase 17 flower beds and two borders containing over 150 different plants which were grown in England during the 16th and 17th centuries. Over 40 of the featured plants are mentioned throughout Shakespeare's plays and sonnets.

The garden, designed and developed by landscape architects "Olmsted Brothers" of Brookline, Massachusetts, was planted in 1927

on the 363rd anniversary of Shakespeare's birth.

Marianne K. Preston and Jane Wilson Morton, authors of "Fresh Herb Companion," will give a cooking-with-herbs demonstration at 1:30 p.m. Ars Musica Antiqua will perform Elizabethan music at 12:30 p.m. and at 2 p.m.

Richard Roberts, Ltd., of Scotch Plains and Maplewood will offer a selection of garden-related items. Dried flowers will be sold by Ferguson and McQuillan.

Members of the Plainfield Garden Club from Scotch Plains, Westfield, Plainfield, Watchung, Edison and North Plainfield, maintain the Shakespeare Garden weekly throughout the summer months.

Farmers Market Slated To Open in Township On Saturday, June 6

The Scotch Plains Jersey Farmers Market will begin its new season on Saturday, June 6. Now in its fifth year, the market offers local residents an opportunity to purchase fresh New Jersey grown produce.

The market, which is organized by the Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association (SPBPA), is held in the Municipal Parking Lot on Park Avenue on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

It is one of many activities and events organized by the SPBPA throughout the year as a community event, while stimulating awareness and activity in the township's business district.

Entertainers who would like to promote their act by performing for free at the market may call Ray Pardon, President of the SPBPA, at Nuts n' plenty at (908) 322-7388.

Individuals may also call Mr. Pardon for more information about the Farmers Market or the SPBPA.

Crossing Guards Honored During Special Ceremony

The first Professional School Crossing Guard ceremony was held on May 1 in the Westfield Town Council Chambers at the Municipal Building.

Sponsored by the Westfield Police Department, the event recognized crossing guards for their years of service to the community.

On hand to honor these men and women were Mayor Thomas C. Jardim, Chief of Police Anthony J. Scutti, Councilwoman Gail S. Vernick and Detective Sergeant Carl V. Geis of the Police Department's Traffic Safety Bureau.

Dr. Robert C. Rader, Assistant Su-

perintendent for Business and Secretary to the Westfield Board of Education, and Dr. Margaret Dolan, Principal of Franklin Elementary School in Westfield, represented the school district during the ceremony.

Parent Teacher Council President Liz Fallon was also in attendance, as well as members of the BRAKES Group of Westfield, a pedestrian safety organization.

Three crossing guards were given special plaques to commemorate their years of service. They included Mildred Moore (41 years), Gloria Martin (32 years) and Carol Rhodes (30 years).

Law Enforcement Expo Set For May 31 in Scotch Plains

The third annual Union County Law Enforcement Expo will take place on Sunday, May 31, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the John H. Stamler Police Academy on Raritan Road in Scotch Plains.

The event, which is free and open to the public, is jointly sponsored by the Union County Chiefs of Police Association, the Union County D.A.R.E. Officers' Association, and the Union County Juvenile Officers' Association.

Special exhibits will include K-9 units, Bomb Squad robots, an explosives detonation demonstration, a State Police Medical Evacuation helicopter, police horses, bicycle and motorcycle patrols, Law Enforcement Explorer Youth Posts, crime prevention units, patrol and community policing, specialty vehicles and more.

There will also be displays and demonstrations by the Union County Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, ASSIST, the Union County Fire Fighters' Association Smoke House, Above & Beyond Tae Kwon Do School, Union County Drug Alliance, the Union County Comprehensive Traffic Safety Unit, communications equipment, police bicycle and vehicle competitions.

Tours of the police academy will be given and refreshments, commemorative T-shirts, souvenirs, rides and amusements will be available. In the event of inclement weather, the expo will be held the following Sunday, June 7.

For further information, please call the Union Police D.A.R.E. Unit at (908) 851-5252.



AMAZING ANIMALS...Kindergarten students from Brunner Elementary School in Scotch Plains-Fanwood proudly display the creative plasticine creatures they sculpted for a new Nickelodeon program called "Nick Jr. Show and Tell," which will begin airing soon on the television network. Pictured, left to right, are: Nicholas Romano with his "Benji the Dinosaur"; Eileen Lee with "Cutie the Dog," and Nicholas Kascolek with his storyboard for "Petrie the Cat."

Brunner Students to Appear On Nickelodeon Program

A number of Kindergarten students from Brunner Elementary School in Scotch Plains will soon be making their television debuts on a new show for the Nickelodeon network called "Nick Jr. Show and Tell."

Earlier this school year, Nickelodeon producer Lynn Kestin contacted Brunner Principal Evelyn Shepherd with the proposal that local students be involved in the new network series, which is designed to demonstrate pre-schoolers' vocabulary through their stories and pictures.

The project kicked off in October as Dolores Staiano-Petri, art teacher at Brunner, previewed the project with students and discussed possible characters, stories, and the use of plasticine clay as their art medium.

In November, Ms. Kestin visited Brunner School, interviewed and videotaped the students, and worked with them and their teachers in a mini-workshop to get the students' "creative juices flowing," according to school district spokeswoman Kathleen L. Meyer.

During a second network visit to the school, a television camera crew was on hand to film 11 selected students telling their stories of an "Adventure With a Creative Animal" and using clay characters to illustrate them.

Since that time, Nickelodeon producers have reviewed the film and selected those student stories which

would become "Nick Jr. Show and Tell" segments.

Mrs. Staiano-Petri then forwarded the children's art to professional animators who had been hired to animate the children's work and "bring their stories to life," the spokeswoman said.

Brunner School recently learned that the "Nick Jr. Show and Tell" program is ready for broadcast on the Nickelodeon network. While no definite date and time has been announced for the show's airing, it may be seen any time over the next six months to a year, between 6 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The student stories that can be seen include "Benji the Dinosaur" by Nicholas Romano; "Cutie the Dog" by Eileen Lee, and "Petrie the Cat" by Nicholas Kascolek.

Additional Brunner students who developed stories and creative animals for filming included Ashley Shen, Brendan McEvoy, Allison Zimmerman, Monica Guerriero, Michael Del Sordi, Stephanie Baier, Marisa Dolan, and Monica Rodriguez.

In addition to Mrs. Staiano-Petri, who served as curator for this project, Principal Shepherd and Brunner media specialist, Sally Swettis, also provided support and assistance to the students and the production company.

All student participants were rewarded with "Rug Rats" T-shirts from Nickelodeon, which also made a monetary gift to the school.



AN AFTERNOON OF FUN...Girl Scouts from all over Scotch Plains and Fanwood recently converged on Bowcraft Amusement Park on Route No. 22 in Scotch Plains for an afternoon of rides, games, food and fun. The event, organized by Eileen Morris, is an annual fund-raiser for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Girl Scout Community, providing the organization with money for programs planned for the fall. Pictured bringing up the rear on the Flying Dragon Roller Coaster, left to right, are: Francesca Lumetta, Annie Smith, and Jayne Dzuback all Brownies from Troop No. 640 at McGinn Elementary School in Scotch Plains.

