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PTA REFLECTIONS CONTEST WINNERS

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education recognized the students who participated in the PTA Reflections Program. This is a nationally acclaimed student recognition program established by the National PTA designed to encourage artistic creativity in the classroom and at home. Students in grades K to 12 can reflect on a common theme and create original works of art.

The theme for 2016-2017 was "What Is Your Story?" whereby students submitted their interpretation of the theme in six artistic areas including: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, and Visual Arts.

The following ten students received a Certificate of Participation from the Union County PTA for their creative entries:

Isobel Bruce, 4th grade student at Brunner School received recognition for her literary submission entitled, "My Story". Aditi Gokhale, 2nd grade student at Coles School received recognition for her literary submission entitled, "A Night at the Hotel". Taylor Murray, 2nd grade student at Coles School received recognition for her music composition entitled, "My Lifetime Story". Emma Telepis, a 3rd grade student at Coles School received recognition for her photographic entry entitled, "My Favorite Place". Luca DiMeglio, a 3rd grade student at Coles School received recognition for his photographic entry entitled, "My First Day". Ava Khan, a 4th grade student at Coles School received recognition for her visual arts entry entitled, "A Bridge Between 2 Worlds". Mitav Mehta, a 2nd grade student at McGinn School received recognition for his visual arts entry entitled, "Feet in Two Worlds". Kevin Wright, a 3rd grade student at School One received recognition for his visual arts entry entitled, "The Voices Inside My Head". Emily Colasanti, a 5th grade student at Terrill Middle School received county recognition for her literary entry entitled, "Who am I...".

Kayla Fiore, a 5th grade student at Terrill Middle School received county recognition for her music entry entitled, "Changes".



(above) Reflections Elementary Level.



(above) Reflections Middle School Level.

In addition to the ten students being recognized by the county, the following three students creative entries have received recognition from the State PTA:

Briana McGowan, an 11th grade student at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School received an "Honorable Mention Award" for her literary entry entitled, "I am OK".

Ellie Agnello, a 4th grade student at Coles School received an "Award of Merit" for her film production entitled, "This is my Story".

Ryan Agnello, an 8th grade student at Terrill Middle Scholl continues to be recognized by the State of New Jersey PTA with an "Award of Excellence" for his film production entitled, "Why I'm Always Late".

This is the fifth year that one of Ryan's film productions is being recognized by Union County and the State of New Jersey PTA. Ryan's entry will now be judged at the national level.

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SOPHIA MEKBEB NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED POET

This spring, Sophia Mekbeb, a 4th grader at William McGinn Elementary School in Scotch Plains, and the daughter of Bisret and Jennifer Mekbeb, submitted a poem to a contest that was held for student writers throughout the United States.

Sophia's poem, "A Tree in the Wood", was selected from thousands of entries as one of the ten best in her grade division. The contest was held for students in grades K-9. The top ten writers in each division received special recognition in the poetry anthology 'A Celebration of Poets' and will receive a complimentary copy of the anthology and a \$25 check. Poems are selected for their literary merit, creativity, and social significance.

Creative Communication sponsors this contest to offer a creative outlet that honors youth.

Stating that too often the efforts of young writers are unrecognized and they lose their motivation to express themselves. Creative Communication awards thousands of dollars to schools each year in classroom supplies with its Classroom Rewards Program to further encourage young people's writings, and over the past 20 years has given over \$1 million in grants and awards to students, schools, and teachers.

The upcoming poetry contest deadline is August 18, 2017. This is not a contest where every entry is accepted for publication. Poems of high merit will receive an invitation to be published in an anthology. To enter, go to www.poeticpower.com. Students may enter one original poem of 21 lines or less. For further information about the contest, contact 435-713-4411 or email ccsupport@poeticpower.com.

Sophia Mekbeb
Grade 4, William J McGinn Elementary School, NJ

A TREE IN THE WOOD

*There once was a tree in the wood
Giving oxygen just as it should
But a man came to town,
and cut the tree down
And the stump in its place does no good
There once was a big floe of ice
The polar bears thought it quite nice
We used too much gas by
the time the sun passed
So the polar bears must pay the price
There once was a fish in the sea
With its family it loved to swim free
Went too close to the oil,
and in the turmoil
Sadly, now lifeless was he
There once were some kids just like you
Who were told all these stories were true
So they spread the word of the
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Now I hope you'll think:
"What can I do?"*



(above) Sophia Mekbeb will be entering 5th grade at Terrill Middle School in the Fall of 2017.

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SCOTCH PLAINS RESCUE SQUAD TIP OF THE MONTH - AVOID FOOD POISONING

This is the season for barbecues and outside parties. It's a great time to get together with friends and share stories and good food while enjoying the great outdoors. However, according to the CDC, approximately 1 in 6 Americans gets sick and 128,000 are hospitalized every year from foodborne illnesses.

Hamburgers are a common menu item in the summertime. To avoid E. coli, be sure to cook ground beef to a minimum 160 degrees, which will kill this bacteria. For pork, steaks, and fish, the temperature should be at 145°. Barbecued chicken is another favorite. To help kill salmonella, another dangerous bacterium and one of the most frequent causes of food poisonings, cook it to at least 165°. Deviled eggs are another popular addition, and they can also make you sick if left out in the heat for too long. Make sure they're kept on ice so bacteria cannot grow. Other salads, such as potato, macaroni and coleslaw, should be kept on ice at all times as well. The basic rule is: keep cold foods cold and hot foods hot. The Mayo Clinic advises us to, "Refrigerate or freeze perishable foods promptly - within two hours of purchasing or preparing them. If the temperature is above 90° F (32.2 C), refrigerate perishable foods within one hour." Even fruits and vegetables can be troublesome. If not washed properly, the Listeria bacteria can survive, so rinse thoroughly before serving and eating. And of course, always wash your hands before and after preparing food.

If you do experience symptoms of food poisoning, such as nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, fever and/or stomach cramps, which can last for several hours to several days, make sure you stay

hydrated by drinking lots of fluids such as water or electrolyte-enhanced drinks such as Gatorade. For young children, Pedialyte is often helpful.

Food poisoning can often be managed at home. However, if you experience more extreme symptoms such as severe abdominal pain, vomiting or diarrhea lasting more than three days, a temperature higher than 101.5°, dehydration, blurry vision, or muscle weakness, it's time to see a doctor. He or she may prescribe antibiotics or admit you to a hospital, depending on the bacteria and severity of symptoms, and other risk factors including age and underlying illnesses.

With a few precautions, picnics and barbecues can be a big part of a fun and relaxing summer. Enjoy!

The Scotch Plains Rescue Squad is a volunteer organization of Neighbors Helping Neighbors. With over 90 volunteers, we answer calls not only in Scotch Plains but in surrounding towns as well when needed. Besides answering calls, you will see our ambulances at many special events held in town, such as Scotch Plains Day, the Memorial Day Parade, high school football games, and the summer concerts on the Village Green. We are also available to provide demonstrations for Boys and Girls Scout troops, clubs, and any other group that may be interested in what we do. In addition, we lend out wheelchairs, crutches, canes and other assorted medical equipment free of charge. Please reach out to us if there is something we can do for you. (908) 322-2103 for non-emergencies or scotchplainsrescuesquad@gmail.com

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FANWOOD-SCOTCH PLAINS ROTARY INDUCTS NEW OFFICERS

This year's Fanwood Scotch Plains Rotary Installation Dinner was held at the Shackamaxon County Club in Scotch Plains on June 21, 2017.

The evening started with President Carmela Resnick highlighting the many accomplishments achieved this year: Fundraising for the Frazee House, the annual Robert Kraus Golf Outing, Casino Night, support for Operation Chillout, participation in monthly service projects for Mobile Meals of Westfield and El Centro, the launch of the Dare to be Great program at School One- and third and fourth graders held a Read a Thon that raised \$4,000 to feed children in a third-world country. Additionally, the club distributed \$37,000 in scholarship funds to students in the local community.

The club met its annual goal to increase membership and 13 new members were inducted! The club now has 65 members, making it the largest in the district. This was truly an achievement, as Rotary clubs in the United States have been dealing with a steady decline in membership.

Past-President Resnick went on to recognize and give awards to the following members for their service: Fundraising- Doug Lynch, Jim Checchio, Wayne Zuhl; Weekly Program management-Julie Murphy; Publicity management and getting the word out about our Rotary club: Maria LaMorte-Wright; Participation of newer members: John Marsh for his dedication to the ideals of Rotary and the club's Rising Star Deanna Dell Bene, one of the

club's younger members. President Steve Goldberg was also recognized for all his support throughout the year. The night was topped off with Paul Harris Awards going to Bill Graham, Patty Laguna, Brooks Smith and Sam Lamparello for their dedication to Rotary.

President Steve Goldberg and the Board of Directors were sworn in for the 2017-2018 year. Steve began his speech by thanking Carmela Resnick for an outstanding year. He went on to talk about his goals including: continuing to grow the club, educating and encouraging existing members to do more, and working with the younger members of the club to help introduce a

new generation to Rotary. Steve noted "It is not enough to belong to the club but to grow into a true believer of the club's goals - a true Rotarian!"

The gavel has been passed and under the leadership of President Steve Goldberg it will be a wonderful and exciting year for the Fanwood Scotch Plains Rotary Club!

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club meets on Wednesdays at 12:15pm at the Stage House Restaurant. Guests are invited to attend and learn about the good that Rotary is doing worldwide. For further information go to fsprotary.org or follow them on Facebook.



(above, front, l-r) Steve Goldberg (President), Kim Decker (President-Elect), Wayne Zuhl (Secretary), Don Rosenberg (Treasurer), Donna D'Annunzion (Fundraising), Patty Laguna (Youth), Mel Kevoe (Past District Governor-District 7510), Carmela Resnick (Past President), Maria LaMorte-Wright (Publicity, Marketing, Social Media), (back row) Brooks Smith (International Projects), Andy Calamaras (Foundation and Frazee House Restoration), Julie Murphy (Program).

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For over 65 years, the GWACC has been connecting commerce and community, and today continues to promote the economic prosperity of businesses primarily in Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Scotch Plains and Westfield. The largest association of businesses and nonprofits in our area, GWACC members include professionals, managers, and business owners

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The GWACC hosts three street fairs each year – two in Downtown Westfield and one in the center of Garwood – and a Food Truck Music FanJam in Fanwood. The chamber also operates the Westfield Farmers Market and runs the Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) program. The GWACC monthly networking events, one in the early morning and one directly after work, serve as an opportunity for current members to network with each other regularly and for prospective members to come see what GWACC is all about. In addition, the Professional Women’s Committee organizes networking events specifically tailored to women business owners, professionals, and entrepreneurs.

For more information about the GWACC, visit www.gwaccnj.com. You can also call the office at 908-233-3021 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 AM and 3:30 PM. Our office is located on the 3rd floor of the Bank of America building at 173 Elm Street, Westfield, NJ 07090.

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"Volunteers are the heart and soul of Imagine and we could not be more grateful to all of the people who take on this commitment," said Mary Robinson, Imagine Executive Director.

"Since moving into our new space (244 Sheffield St., Mountainside, NJ) we have grown quickly as anticipated," said Mandi Zucker, Imagine's Program Director. "These new

volunteers mean we can start a fifth Night of Support in September serving 60 additional children and adults without having to place anyone on a waiting list. We now provide support groups on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, offering more choices and flexibility to the participants that need it."

Imagine offers free year-round grief support groups for people ages 3-30 as well as parents/guardians of the children who have had a parent or sibling die, and for people coping with a family member with a terminal or chronic illness. Support groups meet on weekday nights for an hour and a half. Dinner is provided prior to the group meeting.

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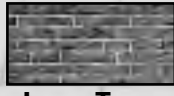
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PATRIOTS PEN ESSAY WRITING CONTEST

Isaac Tu, a seventh grade student at Terrill Middle School, was honored by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education for winning first place in the 2016-2017 Patriot's Pen Essay Writing Contest, Post 10122 Scotch Plains/Fanwood. Isaac's essay then went on to win third place at the District 5 Union County level.

Isaac read his essay that was entitled "The America I Believe In". Dr. Kevin Holloway, Terrill Middle School Principal added "Terrill Middle School is very proud of Isaac, it is the first time Terrill Middle School had a win at the County level." Isaac's social studies teacher, Mrs. Judy Lasher was also present at the Board meeting and added her congratulations to Isaac.



(above) Issac Tu

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Bill McGoldrick, co-founder of Washburn & McGoldrick, has consulted at many of the finest universities in the United States, United Kingdom, Europe, Canada and Australia, providing strategic advice, board, volunteer and staff training, campaign planning and counsel, program planning and assessment, and retreat facilitation.

Bill led the alumni relations, communications and development programs at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute for 16 years. He was also major gift director at The College of William and Mary, and public relations director at SUNY Oswego and at Harrisburg (PA) Area Community

College.

To sign up for this program, go to gwaccnj.com/events/mcgoldrick. RSVP in advance: GWACC members \$5; prospective members \$10. This program is sponsored by The Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce, Boys & Girls Club of Union County and The Arc of Union County.



(above) Bill McGoldrick

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COLLEGE CLUB ANNOUNCES 2017 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Since its inception in 1933, the College Club of Fanwood –Scotch Plains objectives have been to increase the interest of local young women in going to college, and to provide “material aid” by way of scholarships. To date the College Club has awarded approximately \$630,000 in scholarships.

This past May, the College Club awarded a total of \$29,500.00 in scholarships to 11 students, 6 of who are high school seniors who graduated this past June and 5 of whom are currently attending college.

Among the 2017 high school recipients for the academic year 2017-2018 are Fizzah Ehsan, daughter of Raffat Ayub and Saeed Alam who received \$2,000 and will be attending The College of New Jersey; Claudia Gentile, daughter of Kevin and Lisa Gentile who received \$3,500 and will be attending Villanova University, Julia Guarneri, daughter of William and Anne Guarneri who received \$3,500 and will be attending the University of Virginia, Hayley Howell, daughter of Philip and Holly Howell who received \$3,000 and will be attending the Rochester Institute of Technology; and Alexis Marta, daughter of Joseph and Melissa Stryker

and who received \$3,000 and will be attending The College of New Jersey.

Caroline (Carlie) McNichol, daughter of James and Judy McNichol, the highest ranking female of the class of 2017 at SPFHS received an award of \$1,000 in recognition of her academic excellence. Carlie will be attending Georgetown University.

Among the 2017 college recipients for academic year 2017-2018 are Nada Amer, daughter of Mohamed Hammad and Sahar Alezabi who received \$2,000 and will be a senior at Kean University; Elizabeth Gelling, daughter of Christopher and Linda Gelling who received \$3,250 and will be a senior at the Fashion Institute of Technology; Elisa Staniec, daughter of George and Lorraine Staniec who received \$3,500 and will be a junior at The Pennsylvania State University; Gabriela MacPherson, daughter of Gordon and Martha MacPherson who received \$3,500 and will be a sophomore at The College of William and Mary; and Rachel Lambert, daughter of James and Janet Lambert, who received \$1,250 as the recipient of the Elaine Carman Special Scholarship donated by her

family in honor of her milestone birthday and will be a sophomore at Susquehanna University.

This is the 81st year that female students, seeking financial assistance to pursue a four-year college degree, have been helped by the club’s fundraising efforts. Two of the club’s largest efforts are the annual spring luncheon and the sale of the community calendar.

A special dinner reception was held for the recipients and their families in May. Club President, Dorothy Lusk, and Scholarship Committee Co- Chairs, Tish Isack and Marie Walford made the scholarship presentations at the dinner. Dorothy Lusk and Tish Isack presented the awards at the SPFHS annual awards assembly.

The College Club hosts monthly informative programs presented by guest speakers on the third Monday of every month September-May which are free and open to the public at the Fanwood Presbyterian church. Anyone interested in more information or would like to become a member please contact the membership committee at 908-889-9194 or visit the club’s website at collegeclubfsp-org.doodlekit.com.



(above) College Club of Fanwood –Scotch Plains 2017-2018 scholarship recipients.

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David is a 2017 Graduate of Cranford High School, and a lifelong Cranford resident. He volunteers twice a week for the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad, having been an EMT on that squad for 2 years and a member for 3 years. The Scotch Plains Rescue Squad just celebrated its 80th Anniversary, and works closely with the neighboring Fanwood Rescue Squad. David plans to attend Union County College (UCC) in September, with a major in Fire Science Technology and a minor in Criminal Justice. His plans also include eventually joining the Army.



(above, l-r) Scotch Plains Rescue Squad Captain Dan Sullivan, David Lugara, and Fanwood Squad Captain Patty Buckridee.

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UNION COUNTY INTERFAITH COORDINATING COUNCIL

The Union County interfaith Coordinating Council, an organization of clergy and lay persons representing all faith traditions, held an Interfaith Prayer Unity Service at the First United Methodist Church, Westfield, NJ on July 20. This event followed a solidarity gathering held on June 28 at Temple Sha'arey Shalom in Springfield, NJ.

Additional programs are being planned including supporting Union County

Thanksgiving Services in November, a Homeless Sabbath in December and the Third Annual Day of Prayer Service at The Parish Community of St. Helen in Westfield on October 24.

For more information on the Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council please contact Rod Spearman at rspearman@caunj.org or UCInterfaith@caunj.org or by phone @ (908) 354-3040 x 4324.



(above) The following clergy, spokespersons and musicians participated in this truly ecumenical service: The Rev. Dr. David Mertz, host pastor of The First United Methodist Church of Westfield, Rev. Anthony Randazzo of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church of Westfield, Rev. Carmine Pernini of Zion Lutheran Church, Rahway, Rev. Ann Marie Alderman of the First Unitarian Society of Plainfield, Zaghaym Chaundry of the Muslim Community Center of Union County, Eric Kussman, Jr. of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Springfield, Rev. Mayra Castaneda of the First Baptist Church of Westfield, Rev. Richard Hogans, Chaplain of the Union County Correctional Center & Shiloh Baptist Church in Elizabeth, Rabbi Ethan Prosnit of Temple Emanuel, Westfield and Dr. Mohammed Ali Chaudry of the Islamic Society of Basking Ridge. Music selections were provided by Jonathan Evers of the First United Methodist Church of Westfield and Cynthia Manno of the Townley Presbyterian Church in Union.



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BOOGLERIZEERS AT SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFE

The Salem Roadhouse Café proudly presents The Booglerizeers, who will be performing on Saturday, August 12, 2017. They've played at the Roadhouse Café several times before. What exactly are the Booglerizeers? We've been telling audiences about them for some time now, and every time we try our best to categorize their music, we come up short. Eclectic? Well, yes. Bluegrass?...sure, that too. Country? Yeah, a little bit. Folksy? Yup. Down home, foot tapping "barrelhouse" fun? Exactly!

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Original art work by local artist Kathleen Heron will be on display at the Roadhouse Gallery Of Fine Art.

All ages are welcome. It's a wholesome show, so bring the entire family. Doors open 7:30 PM. The show starts at 8:00 P.M. Admission is \$20.00/\$10.00 for students with ID. Plan now for an evening of great music in Northern New Jersey's Most Intimate Coffeehouse™.

About Salem Roadhouse Café

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Musicians love the audience that takes the time to find the Roadhouse, and when musicians love their audience, they play their hearts out. Why does it take time to find the Roadhouse? We've cleverly hidden it in a church basement, where audience and musicians are within touching distance of each other. The acoustics are great.

The Roadhouse serves real coffee and tea — it's a coffeehouse, not a bar, after all. Hot and cold snacks and desserts are included in the admission.

There's art, too, because art and music go together. You can sip your coffee while perusing original works available for purchase at the Roadhouse Fine Arts Gallery. Works change with each opening.

Ask around. You might be surprised to find who knows about the Roadhouse. But you didn't hear it from us...

As a fun, creative, community outreach mission of the church, show proceeds always benefit local NJ charities. The 2017 season has been benefitting the Union County YWCA Domestic Violence Program.

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Committee to consider, along with a synopsis of each show. We also ask that you include your resume, a brief statement of your interest in the shows and why you chose to submit to CDC Theatre.

The deadline for submissions is September 1. Directors who have submitted a project that is of interest to CDC Theatre will be contacted via e-mail on or about October 1 so that we might schedule an interview.

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COUNTY CLERK WARNS OF WIRE FRAUD

Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi alerted Union County residents and businesses to be aware of mortgage wire transfer fraud, a trending fraud victimizing prospective home owners, in which funds are steered from legitimate accounts to unauthorized ones.

"June is National Home Ownership Month, but unfortunately many prospective buyers are being defrauded by a vicious scam," said Ms. Rajoppi. "Being informed and aware is the best strategy for avoiding this type of fraud."


Mortgage wire transfer fraud falls into the FBI category of "Business Email Compromise" schemes, a category that has been growing by leaps and bounds. The impact of wire transfer fraud is significant. Since 2013, American home owners have been defrauded in an amount exceeding \$748 million. The tactics can vary but the central theme is consistent. The fraudster, posing as the title company, notifies the buyer by

email that there has been a change in the instructions for the wire transfer.

Typically, the fraudulent email address closely mimics the address of the legitimate title company. Sometimes the only difference is one letter. If the unwary recipient complies with the instructions, the money ends up in a "staged" account – often an overseas one — set up by the fraudster. "There are endless variations to this scheme, so the best defense is to pick up the phone whenever you receive a notification regarding a wire transfer, and check with a reliable source to confirm that the instructions and account number are legitimate," said Ms. Rajoppi.

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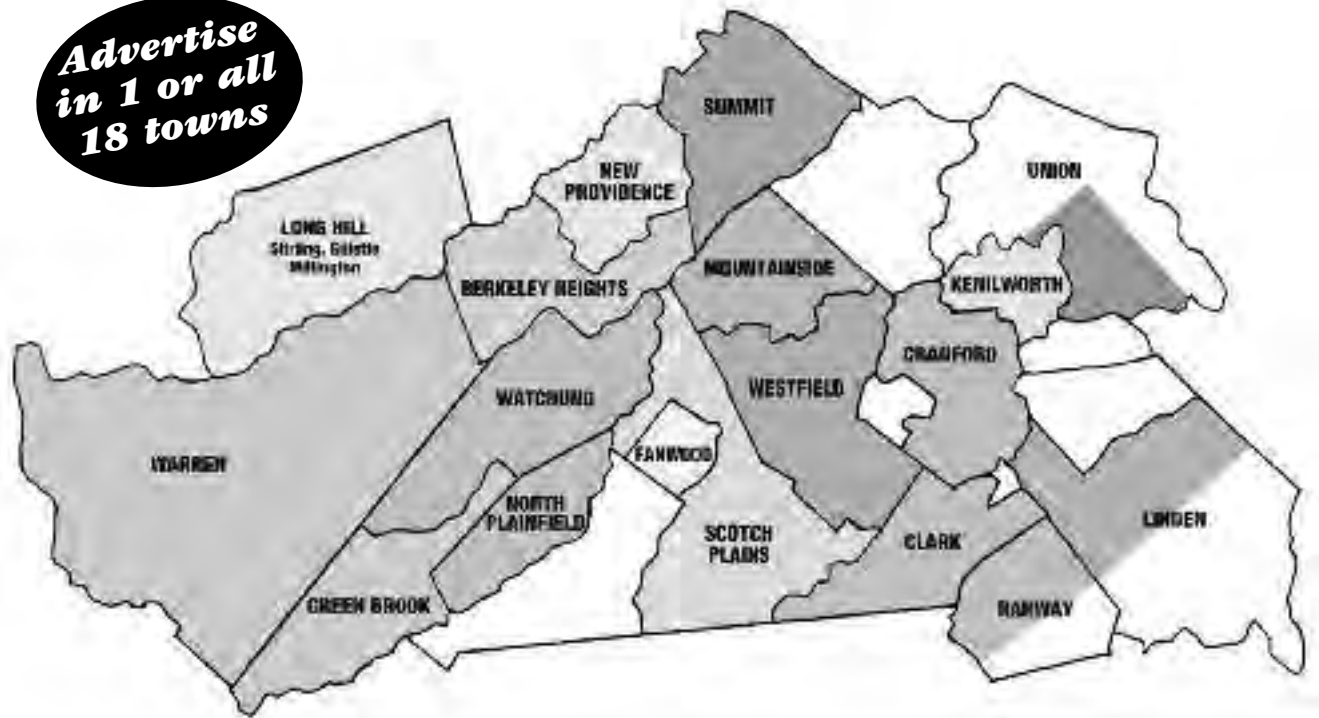
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