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NEARLY 300 WALK/RUN IN UNITED FOR A CAUSE AT YMCA

Submitted by Andrea Ganzman

Nearly 300 people recently participated in the United for a Cause 5K and Family 1 Mile Walk/Run at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA. The event was a collaboration between the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood PTA Council, and supports the LIVESTRONG® at the YMCA program, a 12-week physical activity program free to members of our community recovering from cancer, and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood PTA Council Health and Wellness Scholarship.

Christopher Manzano took home first place in the 5K, followed by Alex Calfano in second and Matt Calfano in third. Bridget Sherrat was the first woman to cross the finish line, followed by Dina Lindner in second and Isabella Fiore in third. For full race results, visit my3.raceresult.com/

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(above, l-r) Dana Lindner Bridget Sherrat took home first and second place, respectively, in the Women's category, during the United for a Cause 5K on May 16, 2018.



(above) Christopher Manzano was the overall winner of the United for a Cause 5K.

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(above) Runners take off on Martine Avenue during the United for a Cause 5K, which benefits families in our community.



(above, l-r) Matt and Alex Calfano took home second and third place overall during the United for a Cause 5K.



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TEEN HELPS SCOTCH PLAINS 99-YEAR-OLD WWII VET USE SMART PHONE

Submitted by Cindy Potter

at his home in Scotch Plains, New Jersey is like taking a step back in history. On October 30, 2018, Hayward will celebrate his 100th birthday. He is hoping for a small party and a big chocolate

Originally from Jersey City, Hayward can remember when he made \$60 a month working as an elevator operator, when the mailman came twice a day (stamps were two cents) and when making a phone call required a live operator's assistance. He shares stories of serving in the army during WWII and working, in part, as a laborer digging graves for both German and American soldiers. The day the Holland Tunnel opened, Hayward walked through it. He can remember life pre-television and how much he enjoyed using his HAM radio to communicate with people all over the world. He recalls with gratitude his grandmother paying for him to go to college (\$9 per credit when he began) and graduating from New York University in 1948. He became a physical therapist and enjoyed a long and successful career. He learned to fly planes in the 1960s and took up golf in the 1950's. Just last year he was awarded "Most Inspiring Player" at Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth, New Jersey. "Inspiring" is a word that suits him well.

Not one to stay idle for very long, Hayward recently decided to turn in his flip phone for a new smart phone. Learning to use it has been a challenge. "It's smarter than I am," he said, "And overwhelming."

To help older adults like Hayward sort out their smart phone angst, SAGE Eldercare has a free program called Teen Tech Support, which teams a tech savvy teenager with an older adult to offer help including: how to place a call, how to text, find email, use FaceTime, load apps and more.

SAGE Volunteer Coordinator, Amy Stuart, started the program earlier this year after a number of SAGE clients told her the trouble they were having with their phones. "One client has a smart phone but continues to use her flip phone

because the process of learning to use these Sitting and speaking with Hayward Wheaton devices can be so overwhelming and intimidating," she explained. Response to the program has been overwhelmingly positive. Volunteers either go to the adult's home or assist in group sessions at SAGE.

> Hayward was tutored at his home by eighth grade Pingry student Griffin Faecher of Berkeley Heights, New Jersey. After two sessions, he said he was comfortable making and receiving calls, texting, and taking photos. "He was great," Hayward said of his 14-year-old teacher.

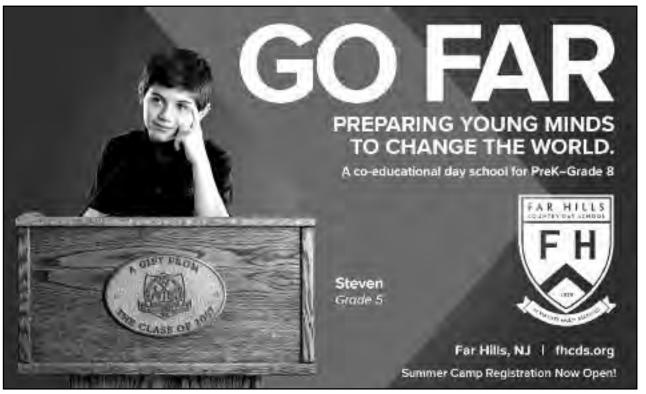
> For Griffin, the experience of working with a WWII veteran was exciting and mutually beneficial. "It was amazing. I was shocked when I went back the second time and he had mastered everything from our first session. I couldn't believe that someone who is almost 100 would want to learn to use a cell phone," said Griffin. He noted that of all the community work he has done, this felt different. "Sometimes the work can feel impersonal, but with this I can see the impact of what I'm doing."

> To learn more about SAGE's Teen Tech Support call 908-598-5548 education@sageeldercare.org.



(above) Griffin Faecher, 14, of Berkeley Heights helps WWII veteran Hayward Wheaton, 99, of Scotch Plains learn to use his smart phone.





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PAWS AND CLAWS FOR A CAUSE ART SHOW

Submitted by Pat Kane

School One, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, recently hosted the Paws and Claws for a Cause Art Show and Benefit. This event, hosted by Jessica Cavaliere's and Brian Rosenberger's fouth grade artists, gave School One and its community an opportunity to join in on a service



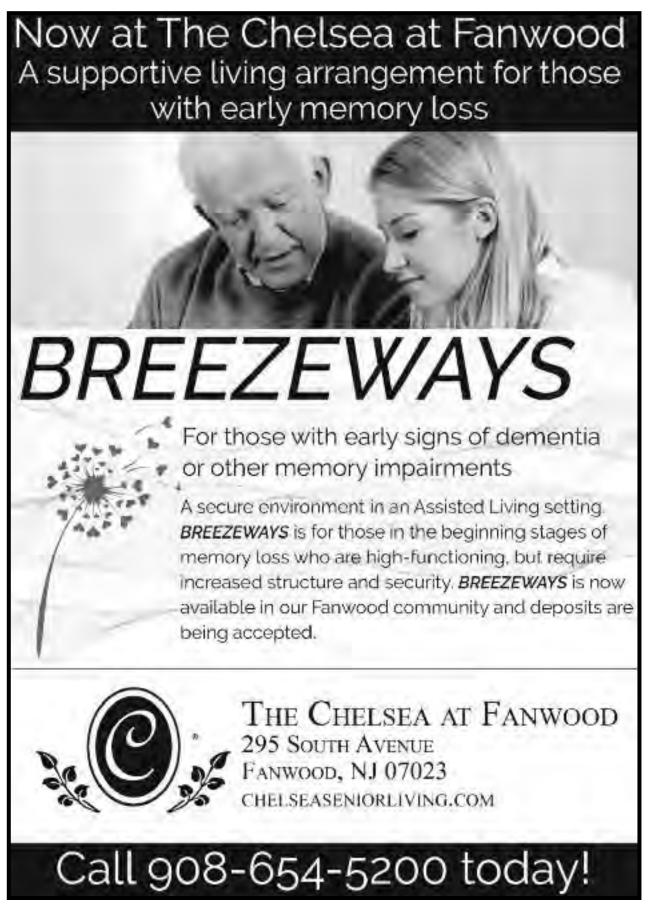
project to support the Plainfield Area Humane Society (P.A.H.S).

The event, which was held during School One's Parent Visitation, included an art show which displayed amazing art work created by Grade K to 4. The fourth-grade students created "bobble head" dogs, cats and other animals made of ceramic. Many were painted to mimic the dogs and cats currently at the shelter.

Mrs. Sue MacWhitney-Toufo, Director of the Plainfield Area Humane Society, was in attendance and shared information about animal adoption, fostering, and pet care. To support the shelter, a pet food/supply drive was also held with all donations going to the Plainfield Area Humane Society. The event was a huge success.





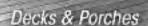




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(above, l-r) Thomas McGovern with Harry Connick Jr.

HOSPICE RESIDENCE ARRANGED PATIENT VISIT WITH HARRY CONNICK JR.

Submitted by Caryn Starr-Gates

Thomas McGovern of Verona, New Jersey, is receiving hospice care at Peggy's House, the Center for Hope residence in Scotch Plains, New Jersey, where the staff goes the extra mile to make each day the best it can be for its patients. McGovern was recently treated to such a day when he expressed his desire to see his favorite entertainer, Harry Connick, Jr. in the recent production of "The Sting" at Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn, New Jersey. Upon hearing this, the Center's staff arranged for McGovern, his cousin and a center nurse, Wendy Smith, LPN, to attend the show. Unbeknownst to McGovern, the center also

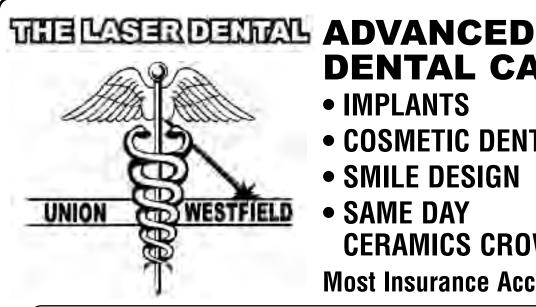
arranged for a private audience after the play with Connick. McGovern had also been a performer in his younger years and was thrilled with his special day. He and his traveling companions also appreciated that the center had arranged for transportation as well to make the trip as easy as possible.

The Center for Hope Hospice offers hospice and palliative care at Peggy's House and Father Hudson House in Elizabeth, as well as in patients' homes, other medical and long-term care settings.

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COLONEL ZOGANAS USMCR, GRAND MARSHAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Submitted by Joe McCourt

The 2018 Scotch Plains-Fanwood Memorial Day Parade was held on Monday, May 28, 2018. The theme of this year's parade was 'Remember and honor all those who sacrificed.' Colonel Konstantine E. Zoganas USMCR was honored as Grand Marshal. Since 2017's parade was cancelled due to inclement weather, last year's parade marshals Ed Miller and Joe Nagy were also featured. A third, Alan Ebersole passed away since then, but was also remembered.

This year's Grand Marshal, Colonel Konstantine E. Zoganas, graduated from Saint Joseph's College of Maine in 1987 and enlisted



(above) Colonel Konstantine E. Zoganas

in the Marine Corps in October 1990. Upon graduation from MCRD Parris Island he attended the Fire Direction Controlmen's course at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma and was assigned to Alpha Battery 1st Battalion, 10th Marines in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He was selected for Officer Candidate School in 1992 and was commissioned on 10 April 1992. After graduation from The Basic School in December 1992 he attended the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

His company grade assignments began June 1993 in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina with 5th Battalion, 10th Marines. While assigned to Battery R, 5th Bn, 10th Marines he served as Forward Observer, Fire Direction Officer, Guns Platoon commander, Battery Executive Officer. He completed his FMF company grade assignment in 5th Bn, 10th Marines after one deployment with 26th MEU(SOC) with Battalion Landing Team 1/6 in support of Operation Deny Flight. He left active service in September 1995 and subsequently entered the Selective Marine Corps Reserve in March 1996, joining Battery G, 3d Battalion 14th Marines. His SMCR assignments included Fire Direction Officer and he commanded Battery G, 3d Bn, 14th Marines from October 1997 to September 1999.

Post battery command, he was assigned to the Peace-time War-time Support Team in West Trenton, New Jersey from October 1999 to 2000. In November 2000 he reported back to HQ Battery 3d Bn, 14th Marines serving initially as the Battalion Fire Direction Officer. As a field grade officer, he served as Operations and Executive Officer from November 2003 to May

2009. He executed one deployment to OIF in July 2006 to April 2007, serving as the Task Force Military Police Executive Officer for both 1st Bn and 3d Bn, 14th Marines.

Then LtCol Zoganas assumed command of 3rd Battalion, 14th Marines, from May 2009 to July 2011.

Following his battalion command assignment, Col Zoganas was reassigned to the Marine Air Ground Task Force Staff Training Program in Quantico, Virginia where he served as the detachment Operations Officer and subsequently the Chief of Staff from October 2013 to August 2017.

Col Zoganas is currently assigned to the National Defense University, Washington D.C., providing training and exercise support to the Center for Applied Strategic Learning.

Col Zoganas' personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, with Gold Star in lieu of second award, Bronze Star Medal, Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, SMCR Medal, and Armed Forces Reserve Medal.

As a civilian Col Zoganas is currently employed as the Senior Vice President and Director of Information Technology for Lakeland Bank. He remains active in his local parish serving on several ministries and is an active member of UNICO and the Scotch Plains Italian American Club. Col Zoganas is married to the former Barbara Suriano of Scotch Plains, New Jersey. They have one son, Niko and currently reside in Scotch Plains.

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The Union County Baseball Association invites young baseball players between the ages of 8 and 15 to register for its Summer Youth Baseball League.

All games are played in Warinanco Park, on the border of Elizabeth and Roselle, Monday through Friday between 9:00am and 3:00pm. The games are coached and supervised by Union County Baseball Association staff. The season will begin in late June and end the first week of August.

Players are divided into three age groups: Minor League 8-10 year olds, Major League 11-12 year olds, and Teen League 13-15 year olds.

The Union County Baseball Association has added indoor clinics to the Summer League program. UCBA staff and guest Union County coaches will utilize the new state-of-the-art

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The registration fee for the Summer Baseball League is \$50 and players can register online at www.ucba-nj.org. In-person registration will also be held on June 16th and June 23rd from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Warinanco Park Boathouse.

The UCBA Summer Baseball League is

sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Union County Baseball Association, and the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation.

About the Union County Baseball Association The Union County Baseball Association was formed in 1941 and runs a Summer Baseball League for players 8-15 years old and a Fall Baseball League for high school aged players. The league is based out of Warinanco Park, on the border of Elizabeth and Roselle. For more information about the Union County Baseball Association, please visit www.ucba-nj.org.

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a Kids' Fun Run & Kids' One Mile Run at 7 p.m.

The race is held in memory of Patrick J. Allocca, a Scotch Plains resident. Proceeds from the event, in Patrick's name, will go to support improvements in the downtown Scotch Plains business district and local charities.

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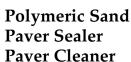
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"Some people have it once in their entire life, whereas some people have it up to seven times per night," says Dr. Brian Sharpless, PhD, director of the Psychology Clinic at Washington State University. The condition is likely brought on by "insomnia, general sleep disruption, and certain types of anxiety," according to Dr. Sharpless, who stresses the benefits of keeping patients informed. "Believe it or not, just educating patients about the condition and reassuring them that it's not dangerous can lead to a reduction of episodes in some cases," he says. "Regulating sleep is likely helpful as well."

As reported on healthline.com, "Some researchers believe it's a neurological issue, while others think it's related to clinical fear and anxiety. It could also be related to the components of your middle ear shifting during the night."

The syndrome itself isn't dangerous or painful, but can lead to high levels of anxiety, which in turn can cause it to happen more frequently. scotchplainsrescuesquad@gmail.com

"Episodes can cause a high level of distress and fear. Many people think that they are having a stroke," according to sleepeducation.org.

EHS can also lead to insomnia since some sufferers are afraid to go to sleep. There are some medications that may help, but the best course of action is to try to decrease your stress levels with meditation, yoga, and/or counseling.

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The Township of Scotch Plains will host its YMCA will host a "Red, Y, and Blue" station with fun activities for kids from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Food Vendors will be on site throughout the evening. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the premises. There will be several road closures leading up to and during the event to ensure safety for pedestrians and motorists alike. check the Township website: scotchplainsnj.gov for details. The golf course will be open Saturday morning for golfers; the last tee time is at noon. The course will re-open at Noon on Sunday, July 1.

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The Linden Sea Scouts will be hosting an open house for all prospective new members June 9, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Linden Sea Scout Base, 4400 Tremely Point Road, Linden, New Jersey. The Sea Scout program is open to male and female youth from 14- to 21-years-old. There will be free food and free boat rides for all.

Please contact Skipper James Zatwarnicki at jimmyzat@gmail.com or 551-580-0008 for more information.

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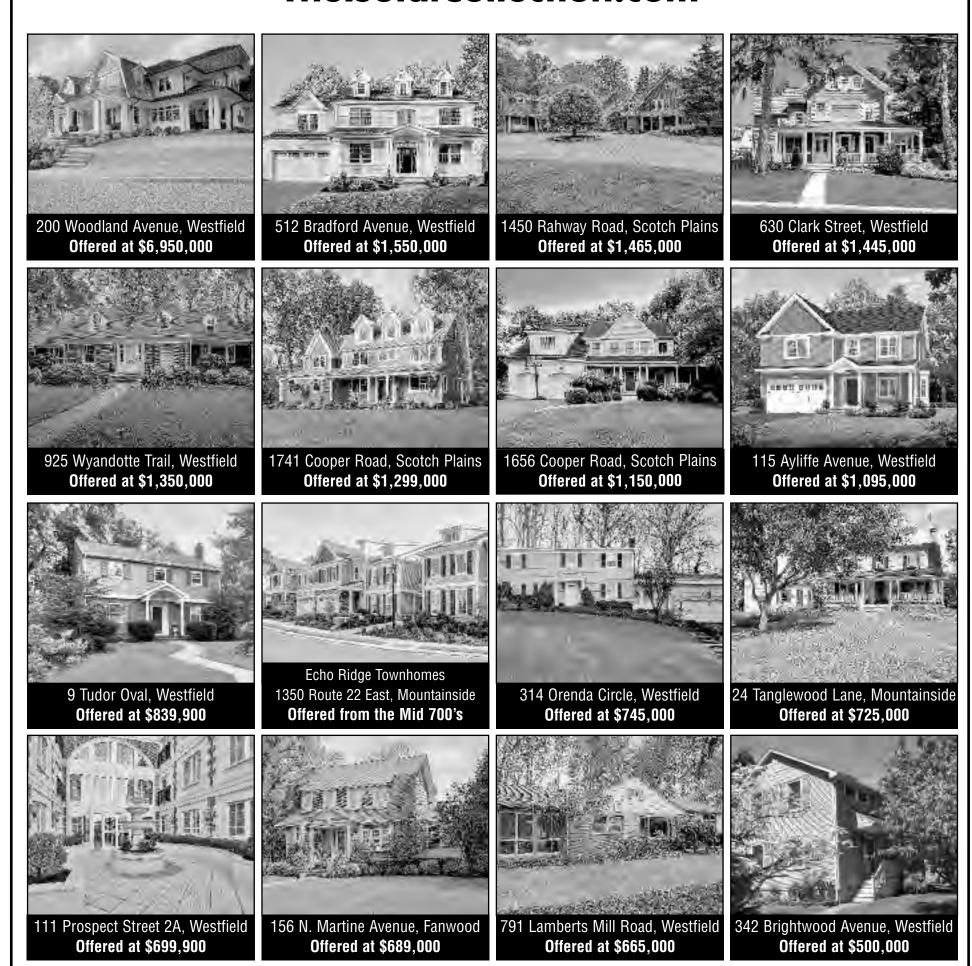
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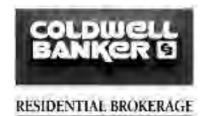


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of support for grieving families in Union County and beyond. Support groups are facilitated by trained adult volunteers who attend a four-day training and quarterly continuing education programs. Volunteers come from all walks of life and need no special background other than a willingness to listen, a heart inclined to serve, and the ability to be with children and adults in pain without trying to fix, solve or give advice. Seven new volunteers were recently trained to become facilitators.

"As our programs continue to grow, so does our need for additional, highly trained facilitators," said Mandi Zucker, Imagine Program Director. "Our programs are growing because of the great need in this community, over 700 children annually will lose a parent to death in Union County alone. Over 260 children and adults from over fifty-five New Jersey towns are currently participating every two weeks at

Imagine peer grief groups are the main source Imagine. The volunteers that run these support groups are the heart of the program and we could not offer these groups without them."

> Volunteer facilitators learn how to create a safe space and facilitate difficult conversations. Through the training, they will learn skills that will serve them not only at Imagine but in their lives as well.

> Imagine is a free year-round peer grief support center located in Mountainside, New Jersey and serving all of Union County and beyond. Imagine serves young adults children, parents/guardians who have had a parent, sibling, or child die. Support groups for caregivers of a person living with a life-altering physical illness are also available. If you are interested in learning more about the next training scheduled for July 19 to 22, 2018, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, or about Imagine, please contact Mandi Zucker, MSW, CT at Mandi@imaginenj.org or visit our website at .imaginenj.org.



(above, back row, l-r) New Imagine Volunteer Facilitators are pictured after their four-day training at Imagine earlier this year: Mandi Zucker (Program Director); Marilyn Toriello, Westfield; Jeff Harris, Westfield; Sean Foley, Scotch Plains; Debbie Worms, Westfield; Leslie Barmakian, Westfield; Connie Palmer (Clinical Training Director). (Front row, l-r): Lisa Schwartz, Westfield; Alexandra Tinfow, Mountainside.





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Minimum Qualifications The applicant must:

- Be a resident of the State of New Jersey during his or her term of appointment to this position.
- Be able to read, write, and speak the English language with reasonable proficiency and possess a High School diploma or equivalent.
- Be sound in body and of good health which must be certified by a physician licensed to

practice in the State of New Jersey, as well as pass a psychological examination.

- Be of good moral character and must not have been convicted of any offense involving dishonesty as would make the applicant unfit to perform his or her duties.
- The applicant must be a retired law enforcement officer in any municipality or county of this state, or as a member of the State Police, and was separated from that prior service in good standing within five years of appointment to this position, as of July 1, 2018 (after July 1, 2018 must be retired within the last three years).
- The applicant must be physically capable of performing the functions of the position in accordance with the Police Training Commission (PTC).
- The applicant must possess a NJ Police Training Commission Basic Police Officer Certification or NJ State Police Academy Certification. (Note: We will be able to assist in filing for the waiver from the PTC for this position; Form PTC-15 Request for Waiver of

Training Form and the NONA (Notice of New Appointment Form) must be filled out and approved.)

- The applicant must possess a valid New Jersey Driver's License.
- The applicant must successfully pass a background investigation
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(above, l-r) Fanwood EMT Nick Routé with his parents, Rita and Joe Routé



Fanwood and Scotch Plains police, fire and rescue squad responders were recognized recently at the annual Shield Awards presented by the Knights of Columbus, Father John Nelligan Council, at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church in Scotch Plains, New Jersey. This event is special because it brings together all police and volunteer first responders from both towns for recognition of their service to our communities.

Award recipients of Fanwood

· Officer Elliot Bernard, Fanwood PD, for his service in Puerto Rico with a New Jersey State Police Task Force that helped recovery efforts last fall after Hurricane Maria. Presented by Chief Richard Trigo.

- EMT Nicholas Routé, Fanwood Rescue Squad, for dedication and outstanding volunteer service to his community. Presented by squad president Ed Winsor. Nick's father Joe is a firefighter with the Fanwood Fire Department and was present for the fire award.
- The Fanwood Fire Department, presented as a group award by Assistant Chief Steve Szanto, who highlighted the ongoing partnership between the Fanwood and Scotch Plains Fire Departments.

Award recipients of Scotch Plains

- Detective Brad Belford, Scotch Plains, PD, for a warrant search that resulted in the confiscation of a large amount of illegal drugs and a gun. Presented by Chief Ted Conley.
- EMT Jerry Handsman, Deputy Chief of Scotch Plains Rescue Squad, for his years of dedicated volunteer service. Presented by Chief Carolyn
- Firefighter Robert Villegas, Scotch Plains FD, for dedicated volunteer service to his community as both a firefighter and an EMT. Presented by Battalion Chief Joe Rodrigues.

The awards event was emceed by Seth McQuillan, Grand Knight.



(above, l-r) Firefighter Villegas with SPFD Chief John Lestarchick, Grand Knight McQuillan, and Battalion Chief Joe Rodrigues.





(above left, l-r) Det. Belford with Chief Conley. (above, right, l-r) Officer Bernard with Grand Knight McQuillan and Chief Trigo.



(above, l-r) EMT Handsman with SP Squad President Ed Fiedler, Grand Knight McQuillan, and SP squad Chief Sorge



(above) Members of the Fanwood Fire Department with Asst. Chief Dave Zawodniak (center) and Grand Knight McQuillan (far left).



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STUDENTS PROVIDED SERVICE AT AIR FORCE-ARMY-NAVY-MARINES SHOW

Submitted by S.M Jose G. Vergara

During the weekend of May 5 and 6, 2018, students from Fanwood, Scotch Plains, and Watchung, New Jersey, provided community service at the Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Open House and Air Show ("Power In The Pines"). The students are cadets in the Civil Air Patrol (CAP is the US Air Force Auxiliary). They provided guidance to the public and safety by keeping the air field's fire lines clear for emergency evacuation of thousands of air show spectators. In addition, the cadets interacted with military personnel to learn about military technology (Army, Marines, Navy and Air Force) and their operations. They also gained knowledge about different aircrafts on display and enjoyed watching the multiple flight demonstrations from of a variety of aircraft such as F22, F18, F5, and Mustang (WWII airplanes), parachute

demonstrations, etc.

The CAP Cadet program offers opportunities to Middle and High School students to learn about Aerospace, Leadership, Character Development, Physical Training, STEM, Orientation Flights, and much more. In addition, the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program, provides the youth of ages 12 to 18 a strong list of credentials for their college applications and for highly competitive technical summer camps. Cadets with proper qualifications can attend Summer Camps at the Air Force McGuire Base, and national Cyber Security, Flight Training Camp,

For more information about CAP Youth Cadet Program, please contact jose.vergara@njwg.cap.gov or visit CAP's webpage at gocivilairpatrol.com/cap home/youth



(above, l-r): Cadets Paul Koizumi (Fanwood), Anushka Kumar (Watchung), and Veronica Vergara (Scotch Plains) safety fire line duty.



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(above) Cadet Kiana McQuade (Scotch Plains) safety fire line duty.





(above, l-r) Cadet Manali Shah and Niyati Shah (Scotch Plains) holding QuadCopters.





(above, right) P51 Mustang airplane from WWII. (above, left) F22 Raptor.

YMCA SPONSORS SPECIAL NEEDS PROM AT ST. BARTHOLOMEW CHURCH

By Elaine Coupe

It was a cool spring evening when a white limousine rolled up to the doors of the St. Bartholomew's Church in Scotch Plains, New Jersey. The night's theme song, Coldplay's "A Sky Full of Stars," played on the speakers as the limousine door opened, and a jeweled heel stepped onto the red carpet. As the special guests exited the car with their buddies, a group of volunteers, friends, and family flanked the red carpet and applauded their arrival. Then welcomers placed crowns and tiaras on each guest. The limo quietly slipped away and rounded the corner to pick-up the next set of guests, for what would be the first of several dozen trips of grand entrances.

Each guest was paired with a high school teen buddy who volunteered to accompany prom guests throughout the night to ensure a fun and safe prom experience from limousine ride to eating dinner, to dancing all night. Every teenager attending the Special Needs Prom on May 5, 2018, enjoyed the same special star celebrity entrance accompanied by the night's energetic and uplifting theme song. The teens' faces upon exiting their limo ranged from shy smiles to proud grins, and parents reflected the same enthusiasm for their children as they welcomed them to prom. Earlier in the day, teens and adults volunteered as a "Glam Squad" to help participating prom guests prepare with hair, makeup, and nails.

As the teens and their buddies exited the elevator leading to the St. Bart's Church gymnasium, they were met with table cards and

photobooth opportunities. While some teens smiled and made silly faces with their friends at the photobooth, others entered the gymnasium which had been transformed into a magical scene strung full of twinkling lights, and festive, star decorations.

A sit-down dinner was donated generously by Chick-fil-A, while the Chick-fil-A mascot, a Holstein cow dressed in a suit, made an appearance to dance and take pictures with prom guests. Prom family members also enjoyed dinner and fellowship in the cafeteria as their teens attended prom in the gymnasium. The delightful evening ended with a heartfelt Parent Child dance. Parents and guardians joined their teens on the dance floor and waltzed with their children in their arms, with nothing but love in their eyes.

The extraordinary evening was made possible by a team comprised of volunteers as well as staff from the Berkeley Heights YMCA (a branch of the Summit Area YMCA), St. Bartholomew Church of Scotch Plains and Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA. With six months of planning, the team tirelessly prepared and engaged with community members and sponsors to provide a night to remember for teens living with special needs. Sponsors included Action Limousine, Chick-fil-A, Pantagis Renaissance, Apple Blossom Flower Shop, Hall's Garden Center & Florist, Taylor Rental, Gennaro's, St. Bart's Moms Group, Scotch Plains-Fanwood Newcomers and Neighbors, Nick's Pizza, L'Oreal, My Little Party Place Children's Parties & Events, Katie Party Shop, and The Dessert Ladies Group.

The Berkeley Heights YMCA, Bartholomew Church and Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA have a shared commitment to serving the community. "Both of our organizations were offering opportunities for kids with special needs. Many of the same families were taking advantage of both of our programs and it made sense for us to partner together to expand what we were offering," said Lisa McQuilkin, Wellness Director of the Berkeley Heights YMCA.

St. Bartholomew Church, pastored by Father John Paladino, is an inclusive parish that provides programs for the community, special needs families, the elderly, poor, sick, and homeless. Elaine Coupe, Community Outreach Director, first partnered with the Summit Area YMCA to start the "Friday Teen Fun Night" program.

With the success of the Sundays in Motion program at the Summit YMCA (a two hour open gym and swim time), the Summit Area YMCA has increased the number of offerings, programs and classes for individuals with special needs. Collaborations with St. Bart's, the expansion of Special Needs programming within the Summit Area YMCA and its community partners has been met with appreciative and positive feedback.

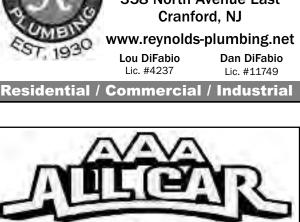
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(above) Special Needs Prom at St. Bartholomew Church.

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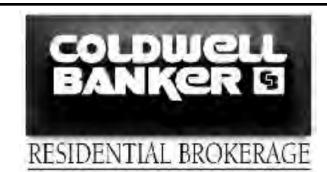


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(above, l-r) Class of 2018 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School students Madeline (Maddy) Bord of Scotch Plains is Valedictorian; and Olivia N. Barcia of Fanwood is Salutatorian.



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2018 ARBOR DAY OBSERVANCE

By Tom Kranz

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(above) Dean Talcott, Shade Tree Commission volunteer, reads his award winning poem about the former Fanwood Oak.

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City USA, a national program that acknowledges communities that pay special attention to trees and recognize their value. Also recognized were the winners of a national poetry contest, one of whom was our own Dean Talcott. Thanks to Shade Tree Commission Chairman Steve Falco,

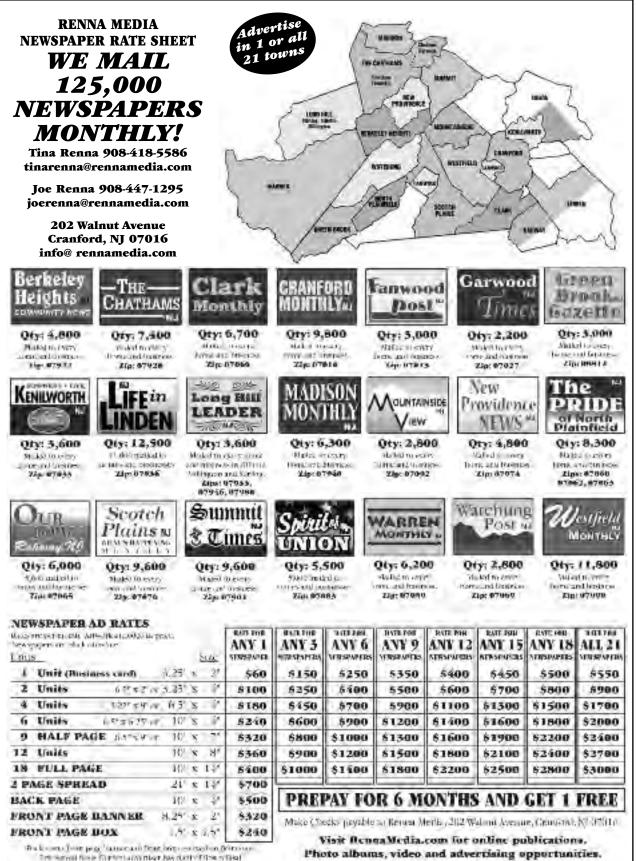


(above) Park Middle School students demonstrate tree mulching.

Commission volunteers Adele Kenny, Tom Plante and Dean Talcott, Cub Scout Pack 4, the Fanwood Rescue Squad and Borough Council members Kathy Mitchell and Tom Kranz for attending. The event was postponed from April 27 due to inclement weather.



(above) Shade Tree Commission chairman Steve Falco with the Cub Scout color guard.





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