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J. Ackerman Coles School in Scotch Plains-Fanwood has been busy collecting lunches to share with neighbors in need. In 2014, the PTA Kid's Care Committee started a program called "Sharing Lunches". Each month on a designated day the children at Coles School pack an extra brown bag lunch and bring it in to "share." The lunches collected are brought to the Salvation Army in Plainfield, where they are given to patrons of their daily soup kitchen. Bagged lunches are packed with love by students at Coles and make their way to children only a few miles away who are hungry, to families that are struggling, and to older people who have a need. The collections have grown over the last four years, driven by contests where the classes and grades compete for which can bring in the most bags. So far this year Coles has donated 3,125 lunches. Together they are sharing, caring and helping to make the world a better place.

Lieutenant Dante Cox from the Plainfield Chapter of the Salvation Army came to Coles School in June to thank the students for their generosity. He presented them with a Certificate of Appreciation and expressed his gratitude for the all of the donations over the last year. The Salvation Army is located at 615 Watchung Ave,



(above) Students, committee members and a member of the Salvation Army celebrate the Sharing Lunches program at Coles School.

Plainfield, where they run a daily soup kitchen open to the public.

For more information or if you are interested in starting a Sharing Lunches program in your school, please contact Kathy Manara: kathymanara@hotmail.com / 908-322-0248.

COLES STUDENTS DONATE OVER \$1,500 IN GAMES AND TOYS

As school was wrapping up for students at the JA Coles Elementary School in Scotch Plains, NJ at the end of June, they were continuing to give back to those in need.

Students contributed over \$1,500 in donations to several Child Life Service Departments at local area hospitals and organizations through the Coles Kids Care program. Donations included new crafts, puzzles, cards, activity sets, coloring books and makers and games.

Kelly Blanchette, CCLS, of the Valerie Fund Children's Center, Goryeb Children's Hospital, said, "The donations will go into our prize bin so that children in the hospital who receive a needle or have a test performed can pick a special prize for being so brave."

The Coles Kids Care program, sponsored by the JA Coles PTA, was created to give back to those in need in our community throughout the school year. Other programs include Sharing Lunches, a holiday food drive, a clothing and shoe drive, a pet food drive and a canned food drive.



(above) Coles students Zoey and Finn Doyle deliver crafts and supplies to Kelly Blanchette at the Goryeb Children's Hospital.



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Community service organizations, schools and sports teams are encouraged to submit news of upcoming events or highlights and photos from recent events.

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CHELSEA AT FANWOOD RAISED \$2,400 FOR ALZHEIMER'S NEW JERSEY

The Chelsea at Fanwood assisted living residence raised \$2,400 for Alzheimer's New Jersey at its second annual Tricky Tray fundraiser for Alzheimer's held on Thursday, July 19, 2018. Gift baskets with donated goods of all kinds were auctioned off. Those participating included many people from the Fanwood area, Chelsea residents and their families. Chelsea Senior Living does a company-wide fundraiser each year for Alzheimer's New Jersey, a non-profit supporting families of those suffering from Alzheimer's disease, culminating in the Lace Race walk in October.

(right, l-r) Pam Gabel, Director of Community Relations; Karen Simpson, Food Service Director; Kim Wolf, Country Cottage Director; and Annette Watson, Executive Director.







RECOGNITION FOR "RISING STAR" SARA MILLER

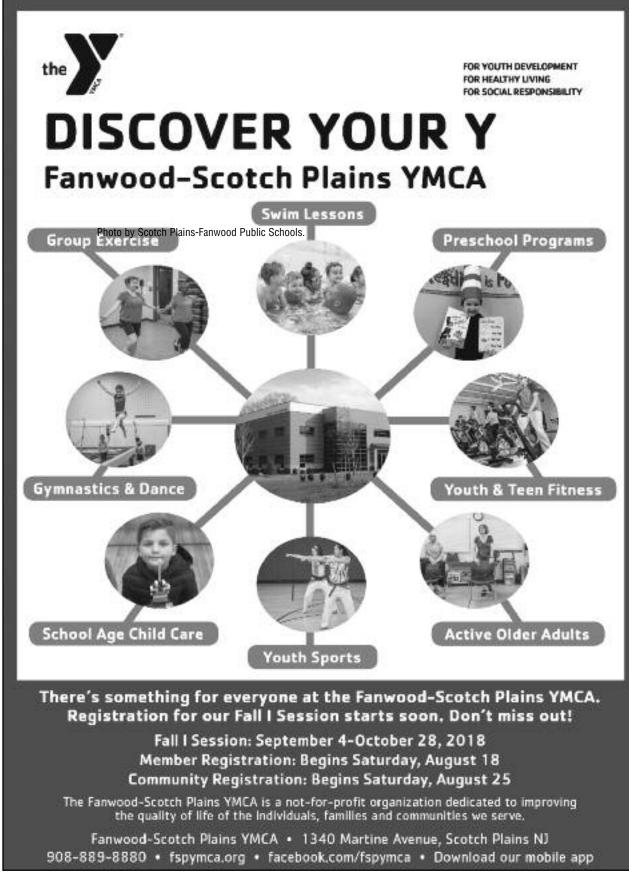
On Thursday, June 14, 2018 the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education recognized Sara Miller, a senior at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, for her outstanding music talents as well as her Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star nominations during the years of 2016, 2017 and 2018. Sara has been a member of multiple Scotch Plains-Fanwood Choral and Instrumental Ensembles such as Concert Choir, Select Choir, Las Cantadoras, Wind Ensemble and Moonglowers, additionally performing as a soloist.

Sara has participated in Repertory Theatre for all four years of high school, acting as student music director for two years, and being nominated three years in a row for a Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award for her performances as Best Supporting Actress as Princess Puffer in "The Mystery of Edwin Drood"; Best Leading Actress as Rose Alvarez in "Bye Bye Birdie"; and Best Leading Actress as Princess Winnifred in "Once Upon a Mattress".

Sara Miller will be attending Princeton University this fall.



(above, 1-r) Sara Miller; Courtney Nemec, Rep Theater Director; Deb Brody, Board member.



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JENNIFER LAMBERT OF FANWOOD EARNS LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

Submitted by Jerry Kirshenbaum

Jennifer Lambert of Fanwood and Bradley Chernoff of Scotch Plains were recently awarded Grausso/Bendel Memorial Scholarships from the Scotch Plains Lions Club. This scholarship is in memory of two former leaders of the Scotch Plains Lions Club - Norm Bendel and Tony Grausso.

This scholarship is awarded annually to a Scotch Plains Fanwood High School senior who plans to go to college. Preference is given to students who have demonstrated involvement in community service especially those causes dedicated to the blind and visually impaired. The Lions Clubs are the World's largest and most active service organizations. They have more than 1.4 million members active in more than

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Both Jennifer and Bradley were honor students at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School,

and both were involved in many community service activities.

Some of Jennifer's community service activities included collecting dog food and toys for The Seeing Eye Foundation, which matches trained dogs with blind people, as well as

collecting used eyeglasses for the Lions Club's recycling program. Jenifer will be attending Villanova University in the Fall studying Peace & Justice.

Bradley has been active as a "big brother" in The Friendship Circle, which provides services for children with disabilities. He spent a lot of time working with a young man with autism. Brad will attend Kean University in the fall majoring in Communications: Media/Film.

For more information on the Scotch Plains Lions Club or to attend a meeting call the club's president Barbara Anilo at 908-322-4472.



(above) Jennifer Lambert of Fanwood and Bradley Chernoff of Scotch Plains, the recipients of the Grausso/Bendel Memorial Scholarships from the Scotch Plains Lions Club.





SPF HIGH SCHOOL GOLF TEAM HAS A SEASON OF SUCCESS

Golf Team endured a season of dramatically cold and rainy weather and finished the season with a 13-3 record.

At the start of the season, the Raiders were successful in defending the Bomber Tournament Championship in Middlesex County. This golf team set a school record of scoring 308 in the Union County Tournament and they were crowned the Runner Up for the 2018 Union County Tournament with Jimmy Bagdonas winning the Individual County Championship, only the fourth in school history, scoring 74.

The team, consisting of Jimmy Bagdonas, Jared Bloom, Patrick Bourke, Sam Calao, Louie Daniele, Miguel Fontora, Sean Illanovsky, John Williamson and Jonathan Yu earned the school's fifth North II Group 3 Sectional Championship scoring a 33 lead by Jared Bloom's 2 under par score of 70.

The Golf Team's successful season culminated

Champions led by Louie Daniele's fifth place Goracy, had an incredible year.

The 2018 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School with a 7th place finish in the State Tournament of finish. The complete team, led by Coach Ryan



(above, pictured l-r) Head Coach Ryan Goracy, Patrick Bourke, Jonathan Yu, Jimmy Bagdonas, Louie Daniele, Miguel Fontora, Jared Bloom and Sam Calao.

SPF-HS VARSITY BOYS' VOLLEYBALL TEAM ENDS AMAZING FIRST SEASON

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Varsity Boys' Volleyball Team had a remarkable first season as a varsity program. This team earned an overall record of twenty wins and four losses earning the Hackensack Tournament Championship as well as the Union County Conference Championship.

This Varsity Boys' Volleyball Team earned the top seed in the Union County Interscholastic Athletic Conference Championship and earned the school's first Boys Volleyball County Championship by defeating Summit High School in sets. This team also advanced to the quarter finals of the New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association Tournament.

The team consisted of Marcello Cappuccio Braedon Cooke, Colin Donahue, Adam Glod, Ethan Johnston, Ryan Metzger, Joshua Morris,

Michael Rinaldi, Peter Sailsman, Joseph Varela, Volleyball Coach is Brock Hor, assisted by Steven Verrastro and Evan Zakovic. Head Matthew Ritter.



(above) The Varsity Boys' Volleyball Team had an impressive inaugural season, ending with a record fo 20-4 and winning the Hackensack Tournament Championship as well as the Union County Conference Championship.





JOANNA BUDRIES NAMED FANWOOD VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Submitted by Tom Kranz

Commission was named Fanwood's Volunteer of the Month. Joanna has been a volunteer commissioner since 2012 and has been involved in the planning of all of the Recreation

Joanna Budries of the Fanwood Recreation Department's signature events including the Easter Egg Hunt, movie night in the park, and the annual 5K race. Her interest in tennis made her especially valuable in the recent rehabilitation of the LaGrande Park tennis courts.



(above) Joanna Budries of the Fanwood Recreation Commission was awarded Fanwood's Volunteer of the Month by Mayor Colleen Mahr and Councilman Anthony Carter. Joanna was presented with a print of the historic Fanwood train station as a token of appreciation of her volunteer efforts.

IMPORTANT INFO REGARDING AUGUST TAX PAYMENT

Due to the Division of Local Government delay in certifying municipal budgets, there will be a delay in the certification of the 2018 tax rate. Therefore, the mailing of tax bills for your payment due on August 1st will be delayed. An extension to the grace period for the payment due on August 1st will be given. The date the payment needs to reach the tax office will be reflected on the bill.

FREE SUMMER MOVIES AT LA GRANDE PARK

The Fanwood Recreation Commission continues its 2018 Free Summer Movie Series at Fanwood's La Grande Park. Enjoy a night under the stars watching one of Hollywood's latest family-friendly flicks on Fanwood's state-of-theart, 16 foot-wide outdoor movie screen! The movies begin at dusk (approximately 8 P.M.). Be sure to bring a blanket or a beach chair.v

Tuesday, August 7: Spider-Man: Homecoming (PG-13)

Tuesday, August 14: Cars 3 (G)

*Rain date for all movies is the following evening. For more information, go to fanwoodrecreation.org or call (908) 370-7092.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FANNY WOOD DAY

We are looking for a few residents who are interested in working with a nice group of people to plan and execute the activities on Fanny Wood Day, September 16.

We are always open to new ideas. Whether you are a lifelong resident or new to Fanwood, this is a great opportunity to get to know some new people and become a little more invested in Fanwood.

If you have a few hours over the summer to help, please call Pat Hoynes at 908-322-8236 x121 or email phoynes@fanwoodnj.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

PAL FOOTBALL REGISTRATION

Football registration remains open to play in the Scotch Plains Fanwood PAL this coming fall season.

The PAL offers contact football for Grades 3 through 8, and flag football for Grades K through 7. All games are played each Sunday, starting on September 9, 2018, and will run until early November.

To register, go to spfpal.com. Questions can be emailed to Bruce Moran, SPF PAL vice president, at brucemdfs@yahoo.com.



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The second annual Fan Jam Summer Rock Concert and Food Truck festival took place at Fanwood's LaGrande Park on Sunday, July 8, 2018. Sponsored by the Borough of Fanwood and the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce, The Fan Jam featured six regional rock bands, twenty food trucks, exhibitors and vendors from across the region, and classic cars and their owners. Valued sponsors including

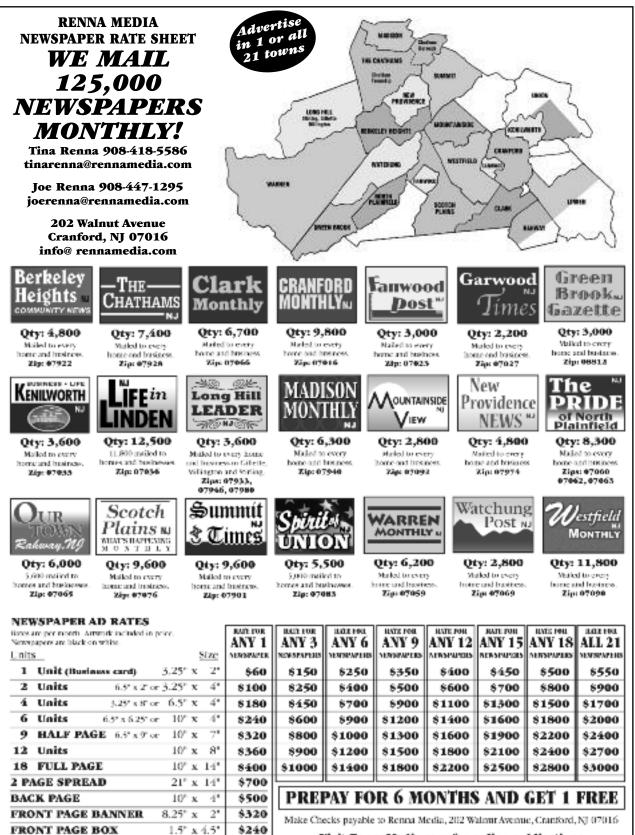


(above) Children enjoying one of the carnival rides at the event.

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(above) EMTs Joan Lozowski and Shreya Kachroo, from the Fanwood Rescue Squad.



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