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MOONGLOWERS WIN FIRST PLACE AT STATE FINALS

The SPFHS Moonglowers took home first place at the NJAJE Division II State Finals held in Princeton, NJ on April 28, 2019.

Additionally, the Moonglowers received the following

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The Borough of Fanwood will host Ladies Night Out on June 6 from 6 to 9 p.m., during which time participants will have the opportunity to connect with local businesses.

“Ladies Night is an excellent opportunity to showcase our beautiful, newly redeveloped downtown and all of the incredible stores that call Fanwood home,” said Mayor Colleen Mahr. “Fanwood’s downtown has been thriving since the redevelopment and without such a strong retail center, Ladies Night Out would not be the success it is today.”

Ladies Night Out hosts 250 women each year and offers late night shopping, goody bags, a Tricky Tray event, and shopper specials. Once participants have completed their shopping, the ladies will have the opportunity to redeem their receipts for tricky tray tickets and a large tricky tray event will then be held in the registration area from 8 to 9 p.m.

“I am so proud to see this event return for the eighth year,” said event organizer Mindy Scarlett. “Ladies Night Out has grown and evolved significantly over the years, and this year’s event is set to be the best yet.”

For more information, contact Ms. Scarlett at mindy@thescarlettconsultinggroup.com.

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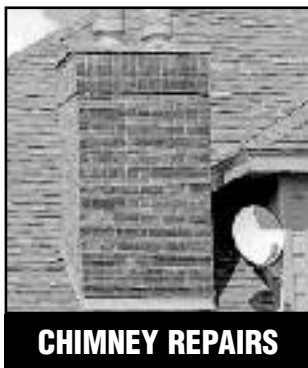
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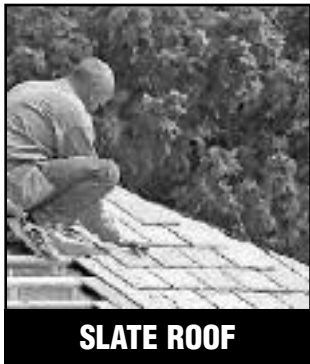
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FANWOOD'S ARBOR DAY EVENT TAKES PLACE UNDER THE SUN



(above) Park Middle School students demonstrate how to properly mulch a tree.



(above) Councilwoman Kathy Mitchell and Shade Tree Commission Chairman Steve Falco.

Submitted by Tom Kranz

The delayed Arbor Day observance took place Thursday, May 2, 2019, with presentations by the Park Middle School Environmental Club and free tree seedlings. Shade Tree Commission Chairman Steve Falco led the proceedings once again, unveiling the Tree City USA flag with a little help from his friends. It's the 26th consecutive year Fanwood has earned this

certification for the town's efforts at tree conservation, planting and education. Councilwoman Kathy Mitchell read a proclamation and Nature Center caretaker Dean Talcott read poetry. The kids from Park demonstrated the correct way to mulch a tree (make a donut, not a volcano) and reminded everyone that the Emerald Ash Tree Borer is still menacing our ash trees.



(above) The Tree City USA flag unfurled.

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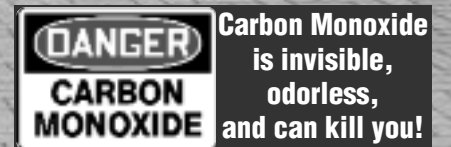
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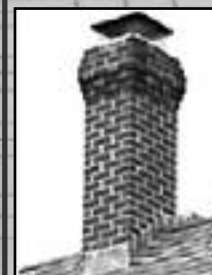
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The Fanwood Recreation Commission announces its 2019 Free Summer Movie Series at La Grande Park. Enjoy a night under the stars watching one of Hollywood's latest family-friendly flicks on Fanwood's state-of-the-art, 16 foot-wide outdoor movie screen!

The movies begin at dusk (approximately 8:30 p.m. at the beginning of the schedule, 8 p.m. at the end). Be sure to bring a blanket or a beach chair! (And maybe some bug spray too.)

Tuesday, June 25, 8:30 p.m.:

Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse

Monday, July 2, 8:30 p.m.:

Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation

Tuesday, July 9, 8:30 p.m.:

Peter Rabbit

Tuesday, July 16, 8:30 p.m.:

Smallfoot

Tuesday, July 23, 8:15 p.m.:

Bumblebee (PG-13)

Tuesday, July 30, 8:15 p.m.:

Ralph Breaks the Internet

Tuesday, August 6, 8:15 p.m.: Incredibles 2

Tuesday, August 13, 8:00 p.m.:

Mary Poppins Returns

*Rain date for all movies is the following evening except for the July 2 movie, which has no rain date. For more information, go to fanwoodrecreation.org or call 908-370-7092.

FANWOOD RESIDENTS AND PUBLIC SERVANTS HONORED DURING MAY 20 MEETING

Submitted by Tom Kranz, Council President

The regular monthly Fanwood Borough Council meeting on May 20, 2019 was highlighted by tributes to many causes and public servants including our police and EMS.

Police Week was marked by awards by Police Chief Richard Trigo to these officers:

- Off. Michael Rusin for cracking a check fraud scheme that led to multiple arrests in Paterson of suspects including one wanted for murder
- Off. Michael Rusin and Elliot Bernard for their work in our local schools in anti-bullying and safe driving programs and in a program instructing young people how to respond to police during traffic stops so everyone stays safe
- Off. Dan Kranz and Dan Piccola for participating in a County drug enforcement effort that steered drug offenders directly to treatment instead of jail
- Sgt. Marc Gottlick for keeping the information kiosk at the Quik Check stocked

with pamphlets and educational information National EMS Week recognized the Fanwood Rescue Squad for their volunteer work since 1948. Squad president Ed Winsor made remarks.

Citizens of the Month were Memorial Day Parade Grand Marshalls Joe Schott and Joe Murano, both Fanwood residents and WWII veterans. Joe Schott received the traditional print of the historic Fanwood Train station at the meeting. Joe Murano, unable to make the meeting, received his earlier in the day at his home at the Chelsea independent living residence. It was presented by Mayor Colleen Mahr and Councilwoman Kathy Mitchell.

Mayor Mahr also recognized representatives from Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense for National Gun Violence Awareness Day and welcomed a cancer survivor who spoke about support for metastatic cancer research for National Cancer Research Month.

SUMMER KICK-OFF PARTY IN LA GRANDE PARK

The Fanwood Recreation Commission invites you to Fanwood's twelfth annual Party in the Park! The Party takes place on the first Free Movie Night of the summer, at La Grande Park, Tuesday, June 25, from 6 – 8:30 p.m. (rain date is Wednesday, June 26). Enjoy food, music, beverages and more! And for the kids, there'll be

inflatable rides, giant hamster ball races and other amusements, and contests inspired by the free movie of the evening, Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse, which will begin at dusk. For more information, please check fanwoodrecreation.org. Please note: small fees will be charged for rides and some food items.



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The Raider golf team won the Union County Tournament on May 9, 2019 at Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield. This is their first victory in this event since 2007.

Senior Jimmy Bagdonas won the individual title for the second straight year. Jimmy will continue his golf career next year where he will

be competing for Fordham University.

Freshman Andrew Yu tied for fourth place with a score of 77 and junior Miguel Fontora tied for seventh place with a score of 78. John Williamson and Patrick Bourke also contributed in the win with scores of 89 and 91, respectively.

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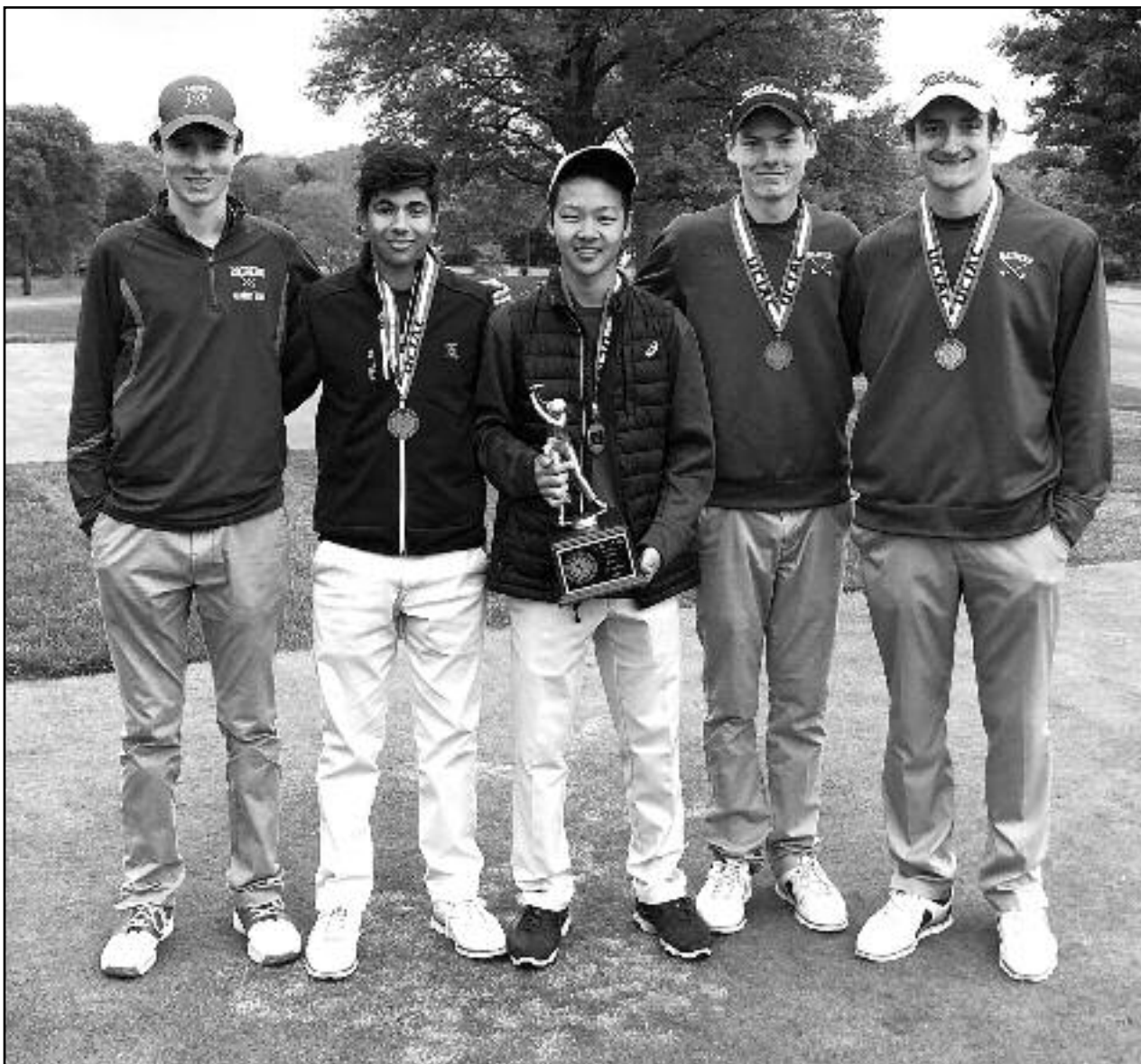
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SOCIAL JUSTICE MATTERS PRESENTED WITH UNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Nineteen individuals and four organizations were recognized by the Union County Human Relations Commission at the 18th annual Unity Achievement Award presentation held on Monday, May 6, 2019 at the Kean University STEM Center in Union Township.

The award recipients were nominated and selected for their philanthropic and volunteer efforts, and for fostering and promoting human rights and dignity among the people of Union County.

The mission of the Union County Human Relations Commission is to actively encourage, develop, promote, and strengthen respect for human rights and cultural diversity among the people of Union County.

The following is reprinted from the event's program.

Social Justice Matters -- Judge Leland McGee and Rabbi Joel Abraham - Recognition for its outstanding and extensive outreach to improve communication and relationships within the community.

Social Justice Matters (SJM) is a local grassroots organization in the Scotch Plains/Fanwood communities that was inspired in 2009 when an offensive and potentially inflammatory flyer was distributed on the lawns and driveways of local residents. Members of the community engaged in small group discussions about individual backgrounds and feelings about race. Following a group discussion, they decided the discussion should continue. SJF was born to ensure that this ugly seed would not have fertile

soil in which to grow.

Social Justice Matters is committed to exploring the values and opportunities arising from these diverse communities, and to work together to foster equity, challenge racism, and achieve greater social justice.

Led by Judge Leland McGee and Rabbi Joel Abraham, the organization works to bring Scotch Plains and Fanwood residents of various races and religious backgrounds together, to actively inquire into matters of race in our society, to communicate in a way that promotes tolerance and heals injustice, and to work toward an equitable community.

Social Justice Matters provides a public forum for residents to hold these vital conversations, voice community concerns, and facilitate truthful and meaningful discussions and actions about race and related topics.

One of the organization's most visible contributions can be witnessed in the aftermath of offensive graffiti at the Scotch Plains Fanwood High School in October 2018. Both Judge McGee and Rabbi Abraham worked to address the issue, calm the community, and bring the community together to prevent this from happening in the future. They outreached with mayors, other local clergy, and worked closely with local and county law enforcement officials. High school students also invited them to speak at a student-organized rally against hate presentation.

Through the years, during and after unfortunate local and national events that threaten

to polarize us and pull our community apart, Social Justice Matters, through the ongoing dedication, commitment, and tireless efforts of Judge McGee and Rabbi Abraham, have pulled the community together and provided a safe haven for difficult talk and forthright action.



(above, l-r) Rabbi Joel Abraham and Judge Leland McGee

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Submitted by Shannon Myre

The YWCA Union County honored eight individuals and organizations for their committed effort on behalf of domestic violence survivors during their Annual Meeting held at the Clark Public Library on April 25, 2019.

Each honoree received a certificate and resolution in their name for their partnership in empowering survivors of domestic violence throughout the county. The honorees were Theresa Cosmas; Sgt. Mahasin El-Amin; Ryan & Dana Felmet; First Presbyterian Church of Cranford; Garden State Bank: A division of New York Community Bank; Annette Ferrigno, Kids For Kids: A Mindfulness Movement; Gail Veltre, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, Rahway – Barnabas Health; and Lauren Thorne.

The YWCA's mission is eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. Locally, the YWCA Union County is on a mission to

empower survivors of domestic violence to become safe and free from abuse through comprehensive, client-centered services, and through education, collaboration and advocacy that builds safe, informed and supportive communities.

It is estimated that 1 in every 4 women will be affected by domestic violence in her life- more than breast cancer, lung cancer, and ovarian cancer combined. The monetary cost of domestic violence in the United States in dollars has been estimated to exceed 9.3 billion a year in medical and mental health services, loss of productivity, and loss of paid earnings. An average of 3 women per day in the United States are killed as a result of domestic violence.

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FANWOOD CLEAN COMMUNITY DAY/EARTH DAY BRINGS OUT VOLUNTEERS FOR 30TH YEAR

Submitted by Tom Kranz

For the 30th consecutive year, Fanwood's citizens, volunteers and Clean Community Committee came together to pick up trash and celebrate the environment for Earth Day. Mayor Colleen Mahr, the Borough Council and Public Works Director Clint Dickson kicked off the morning at the train station with words of encouragement and the distribution of bags, gloves and trash pickers. Volunteers were divided

into groups and dispersed into different areas of Fanwood to pick up trash. This year's giveaway was reusable grocery bags in an effort to encourage people to stop using plastic grocery bags, which clog and disrupt the recycling stream. Fanwood also was awarded a grant of \$7,500 from NJ American Water for work at the Fanwood Nature Center. Thanks to all who've made our Earth Day celebration a success for 30 years!



(above) Councilwoman Trisha Walsh demonstrates this year's giveaway, reusable shopping bags.



(above) Josh Rodrigue, 7, and father Eric Rodrigue, of Fanwood, pick up trash along LaGrande Avenue.



(above) Volunteers clean up trash on Midway Avenue.



(above) Mayor Colleen Mahr, with members of Council, welcomes all to the Clean Community event at the Fanwood train station.



(above) Mayor Mahr with the entire Fanwood Public Works Department.



(above) Mayor Mahr accepts symbolic check for \$7,500 from NJ American Water's Green Lynn Thacker, second from left.

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SEA SCOUT OPEN HOUSE - JUNE 8

Submitted by James Zatwarnicki

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Sea Scouting is open to both male and female youth member' ages 14-21 who have graduated the 8th grade; we also have a new Maritime Explorer Club for younger youth in 6th to 8th grade. Adult volunteers with maritime experience or captain's licenses are needed too. Join us for a day on the water and bring a friend! Visit our website for more information visit ship228.com.



(above) Sea Scouts from Ship 228 operate the 65' vessel Sea Dart II, one of the largest Sea Scout vessels on the east coast, along with a fleet of smaller vessels (including sailboats) from their base located in Linden, NJ. Sea Scouting (Part of the Venturing Program of the BSA) offers young adults the opportunity to travel and learn skills that could be useful in future careers. Whether you're steering the vessel from the wheelhouse, learning engine room repair or visiting a new port on one of the many trips, there's something you'll enjoy in Sea Scouting. So, try something different, check us out, and prepare yourself to set sail for a real adventure.

SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Submitted by Mary Ball Cappio, President

The Scotch Plains Fanwood Scholarship Foundation would like to thank the community for its support of our recent Dollars for Students fundraiser.

We especially thank these local enterprises who assisted with our Canning Drive: In Scotch Plains: John's Meat Market, Massa Pizza, Bagels Plus, Dunkin' Donuts, Scotch Plains QuickChek, 7-11 and the Scotch Plains Post Office; In Fanwood: Fanwood Bagel, Fanwood QuickChek, the Fanwood Grille, the Railside

Café, and the Fanwood Post Office. We also thank the high school students who collected funds.

As they have for the past 53 years, our community continues to partner with the Foundation to help our youth pursue a bright future built on higher education. In the past the Foundation has distributed \$3,227,552 to 3,104 students. We are grateful to be able to continue this proud tradition of scholarship aid to our young people.

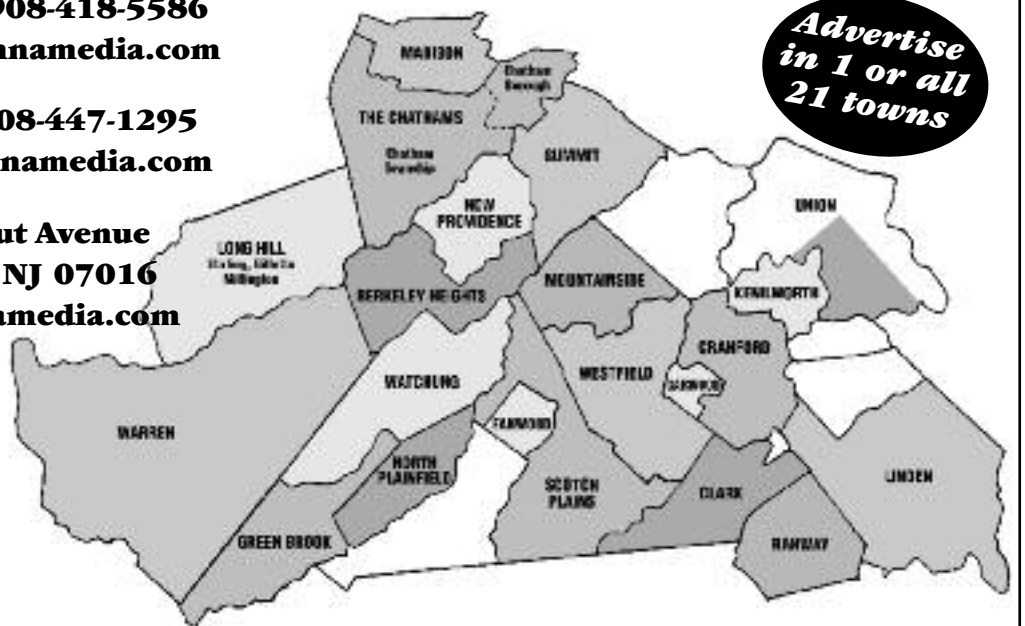
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The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School DECA team traveled to Orlando, Florida for the International Career Development Conference. Nine students participated in various events and leadership workshops at the four-day conference that took place in late April.

Sophomore Ryan Eng placed in the top ten of all competitors in the Financial Consulting event. There were over 250 students from the United States and Canada competing in this event. Ryan was also recognized for having one of the top five test scores in his category.

Juniors Henry Saltzman, Brandon Weinberg, Bella Fiore, Devon Danielovich, and Lauren Kieltyka all earned achievement level scores in their events.

DECA is the co-curricular Marketing Club of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. The goal of the club is to provide emerging business leaders and entrepreneurs the opportunities to become college and career ready. Mrs. Marjorie FitzGibbon is the DECA advisor at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.



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(above) Ryan Eng, who placed in the top ten of all competitors in the Financial Consulting event.

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