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BUILDERS CLUB BEAUTIFIES LINCOLN SCHOOL'S GARDEN

Clark Kiwanis Club

Michelle Coyle, Social Worker at the Lincoln School in Garwood, and adviser to the newly formed Builders Club at the school, is excited about the first big service project her students completed recently. On a sunny, spring day, the students, Garwood Mayor Jen Blumenstock, Lincoln School teacher Sue Naples and adviser Coyle gathered to construct a garden in the school's front yard. But before work on the project could begin, preparations started with Ms. Naples and Ms. Coyle visiting the Home Depot in Garwood to plan and select the bushes and plants and other materials needed for the project. Ms. Naples' expertise in gardening proved invaluable.

Under the direction of Ms. Naples, the students planted flowers that attract bees and butterflies. "This garden will be used for years to come when elementary classes release butterflies in our own garden in front of the school," Ms. Coyle said. According to the adviser, the students worked hard to mulch, plant, and place colorful, inspirational, stones framing the area. The individually painted stones were ones that the students crafted after school at one of their Builders Club meetings. At the conclusion of the event, Ms. Coyle thanked the school's Student Council, Garwood Home Depot, and the P.T.A. for their generous donations and Mayor Blumenstock and the Garwood Green Team for their help during the project.

Ms. Coyle, with the approval of her superintendent Christopher Kinney, her principal Mary Emmons, and the sponsoring Kiwanis Club of Clark, started the process of chartering the new club with the international organization back in December. It was no surprise that she chose this club to initiate and sponsor since she was a graduate of Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark and was a member of their Key Club while at the high school. "When I was thinking of



Bees and Butterflies are Welcome Here

(above, l-r) The Builders Club members and adults at the Lincoln School in Garwood gather after constructing a garden at the front of the school. Lincoln School teacher Sue Naples, Mayor Jen Blumenstock, the students, and Builders Club adviser Michelle Coyle, at right. At the very far right in the picture are some of the colorful stones the students painted at one of their earlier meetings.

Photo by Garwood Public Schools

starting a club that would be fun for our kids and help them learn about their community and others, I immediately thought about the Builders Club that is a branch of Kiwanis," she explained. Kiwanis Club of Clark President Bruce Jones praised her choice. "We're excited for Ms. Coyle's initiative in getting the kids involved in the community and becoming a part of our Kiwanis family."

For more information about the Builders Club, Key Club or the Kiwanis Club of Clark (the adult organization), contact crusadersue@hotmail.com The purpose of the student clubs is to offer opportunities to students of all ages to learn to lead and to serve their communities through volunteerism. Kiwanis International is a global, non-profit service organization that collectively completes more than 18 million volunteer hours annually to strengthen communities and serve the needs of children of the world.

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GARWOOD GREEN TEAM EARTH DAY PROJECT

Submitted by Bill Nierstedt
On Earth Day, April 22, 2023, the Garwood Green Team (GGT) worked up a sweat installing a 300+ foot wood chip path in Unami Park in furtherance of our Adopt-A-Park commitment. This 6' wide path will allow park walkers to traverse an area that many times has been nothing more than mud. Dog walkers and others were forced to pick their way along dry hummocks to walk from the park athletic fields to Center Street. Now, all will have a clean dry path.

Working in partnership with the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation (UC) who supplied all of the wood chips, and who were able to remove a 30" caliper tree that fell across the path less than two weeks before Earth Day, the Green Team created this path as one of the first steps towards naturalization of this section of Unami Park. Previously mowed and maintained as befitting a parkscape, both parties have agreed to let this park section return to a state of natural succession. Native grasses are being allowed to 'grow, not get mowed' for food and cover for small herbivores, and fallen trees are left to return important nutrients to the ecosystem. Wildlife, including deer and fox, as well as owls and hawks roam freely through the wooded sections of Unami Park, and it is hoped that the provision of plant food, cover and water will keep the animals in the park and out of neighbor's gardens! UC



(above) Unami Park Trails

and the GTT hope to add bird, bat and owl boxes, and create wildflower, butterfly and other pollinator areas in the future.

The GGT was also assisted by students from various science classes of Lincoln School. The students not only helped load wheelbarrows but were also peppered with science questions through the morning. How old is that fallen tree? An anonymous neighbor also dropped off some snacks and drinks for the hard-working crew!

The Garwood Green Team is always looking for new members. The Team undertakes various 'greening' projects throughout Garwood, and also works on Sustainable Jersey action items to make Garwood a more sustainable living environment for all. Anyone who is interested in joining us is asked to contact wnierstedt@garwood.org.



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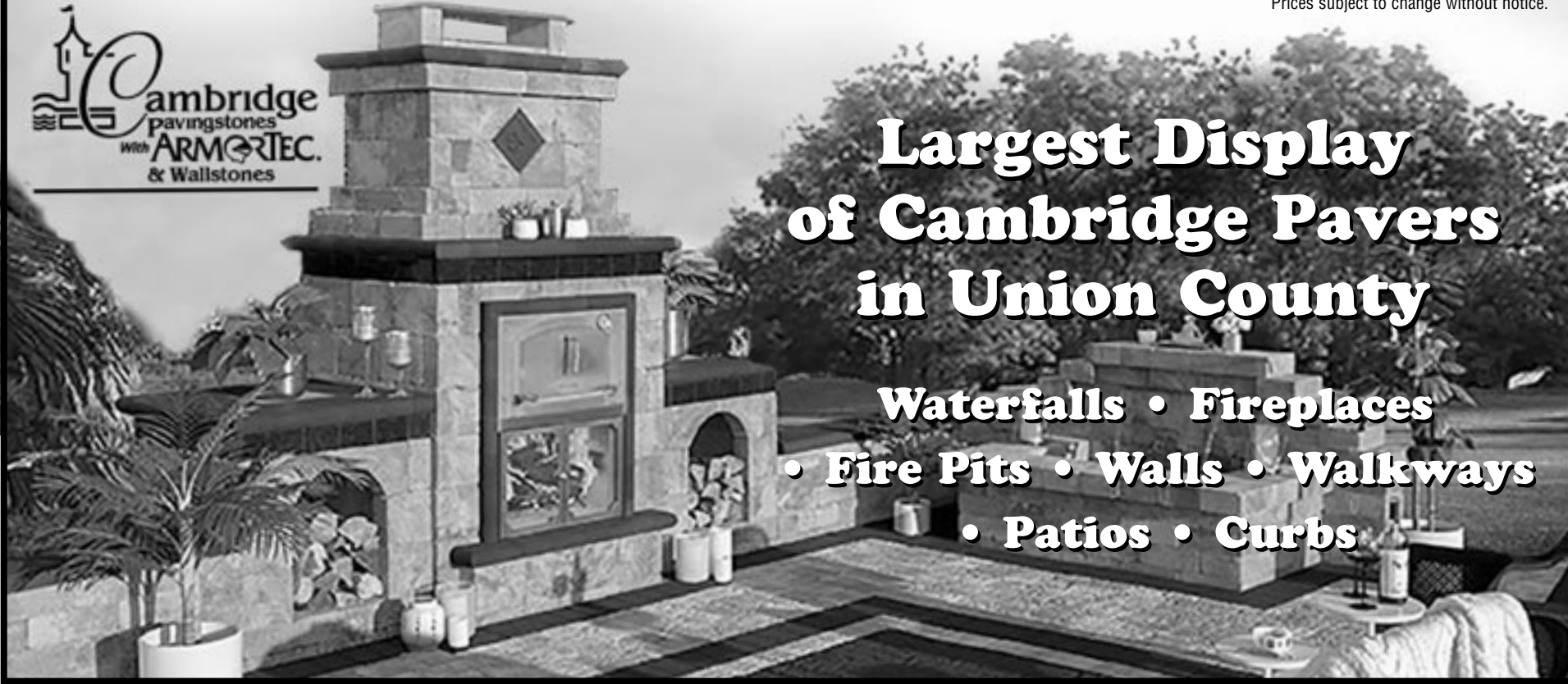
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Submitted by Gene Jannotti, CEO – GWACC

The 9th Annual Garwood Rocks Event was held on Sunday June 4 and was an overwhelming huge success. The title sponsor of the event was Vermella Garwood Station. This was by far the largest number of attendees we have ever witnessed at the event in the past. Center Street was packed with a continuous flow of visitors checking out the merchandise and food vendors that lined the street. The Kids’ Zone, held at the Washington School playground, had an obstacle course, bounces and two rides, and the families were lined up at each one. Many of the food vendors sold out of their products by the end of the day as they had long lines for the people to be served.

The GWACC Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all those who made it possible including Garwood Mayor and Council for the Garwood Rocks approval and to Chief Stouffer and his team of police officers who protected us starting at 7 a.m. A very special thank you goes to the Garwood Department of Public Works for their preparation and cleanup. The Fire Department had equipment there for the children to see up close. Bicycle helmets were given out

by Union County representatives.

The music provided on the main stage kept the attendees entertained throughout the day and the beer garden was filled to capacity. Thanks go to Lee Frankel from The Crossroads for providing the music and the Beer Garden. Hot Rod Mike brought us a huge classic car show and the Honor Guard provided the proper opening of the event during the playing of the National Anthem.

A special thank you to Carol Kearney, the event manager, for all the hard work it takes caring for every detail needed to bring the event all together. In addition to Vermella, we thank our other sponsors, Marano and Sons, The Station, The Crossroads, Unique Cruise and Travel, Garwood Metal, QuickCopper, Wonder, Advances Printing, and The Westfield Area YMCA.

The GWACC Board of Directors volunteered

their time to spent part of their day at the Chamber tent assisting attendees and selling raffle tickets and final thank you to the thousands upon thousands who came out on a perfect weather day to spend time in downtown Garwood enjoying Garwood Rocks. We will now begin planning for next years’ event, June 2, 2024. See you then.

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July 10, and 31 @ 2 pm

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July 11, 18, 25 and August 1 @ 2 pm

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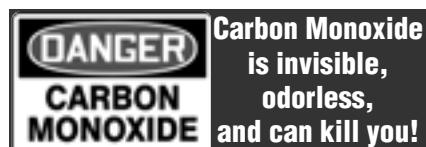
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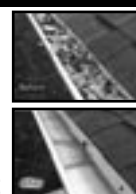
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Courtesy photo

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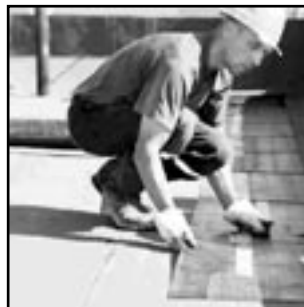
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Barcelona, Zaragoza, Madrid, Toledo, Seville, Granada, and Costa Del Sol. ALJ History Teacher Fredy Reyes organizes the trip each year. This is his sixth trip which provides students a chance to learn about culture and explore history.

The students first stopped in Barcelona. The highlight of the Barcelona visit was La Sagrada Familia (Church of the Holy Family). The group then headed to Madrid via Zaragoza where they saw Basilica of the Virgin of Pilar in Zaragoza and the Royal Palace in Madrid among many other places. In Toledo, students began their visit at Toledo Cathedral exploring the city fully. Leaving Toledo, students boarded a high speed

train to Seville where began their stay in Toledo with stops at Plaza de España, the Giralda Tower, and Casa de Pilatos. To end the trip, travelers headed south to Granada and Costa Del Sol. Students visited the Alhambra gardens, the Summer Palace, The Medina, Royal Arab Baths, and the Alcazaba fortress, among many other destinations!

Reyes stated, "The trip was absolutely amazing. Most of the students did not know what to expect, but were very impressed with all the locations. They absolutely loved the beach day at Costa Del Sol." Next year's trip has been announced which is Southern France and Italy!



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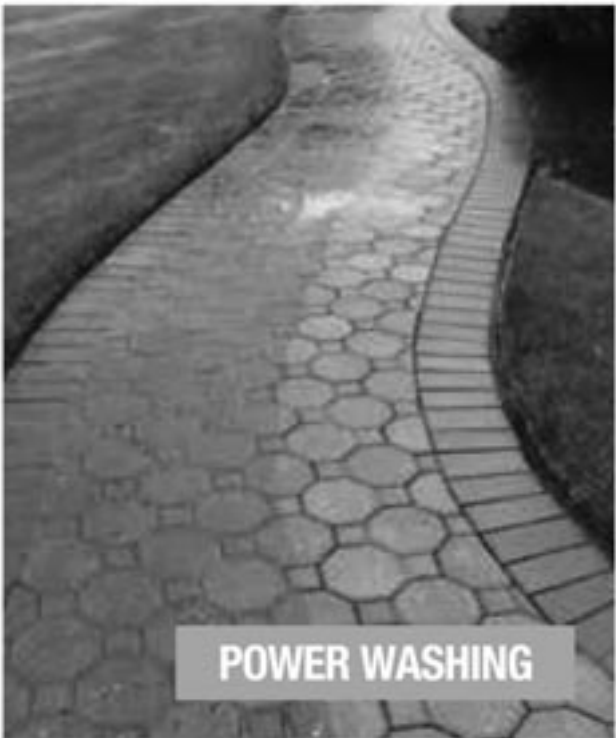
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