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Through many years of involvement in the industry both statewide and nationally Mr. Catanzaro has been in leadership roles in the Professional Landscape Alliance of New Jersey (now merged with the NJNLA) and theCertified Landscape Technician Programof New Jersey. In addition to being a Certified Landscape Technician he is also a Certified Interlocking Concrete Paver Installer (ICPI), A Certified Belgard Installer, and a Certified Techo-Bloc – Techo-Pro installer.

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Landscape has won the Best of Houzz.com Award.

Selections of their projects have been featured in a book by Tina Skinner calledCreative Patios. Over the years Mr. Catanzaro spent some time writing a monthly column for the Gardener News and has been featured/interviewed/ in many trade publications and gardening magazines as well.

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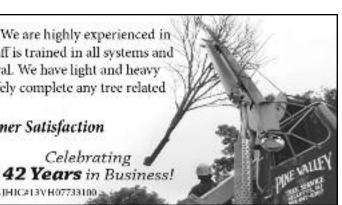
(above) Regency Landscape's owner Tony Catanzaro



(above) Regency Landscape installing a mature Norway Spruce tree.



(above) Owner Tony Catanzaro selecting a mature boxwood at the nurserv.





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MORE THAN YOUR TYPICAL COFFEE HOUSE

By Denis J. Kelly

Some 40 students, teachers and staff shared poems, musical performances and dance interpretations at a "Coffee House" on Thursday, Jan. 14, at Watchung Hills Regional High School.

To affect the sensation of being a 1960s era Coffee House, the stage area of the school's Performing Arts Center (PAC) was darkened and bathed in blue light. A smaller stage area was set up at one end of the stage, with its exposed barebrick wall and metal studs as a backdrop. The audience were invited to gather on the cozy, transformed stage, and either sit in a limited number of folding chairs, or at small tables and chairs, or at standing happy hour coffee bar tableettes. An array of happy hour snacks were on a side table and delivered by mingling student "wait staff." The Coffee House audience filled the stage.



(above) Among the students who played music at the Coffee House are, Senior Owen DiDonna, left, of Millington, who sang and accompanied himself on guitar, and Junior Josh Soni of Gillette who performed a medley of songs on guitar.



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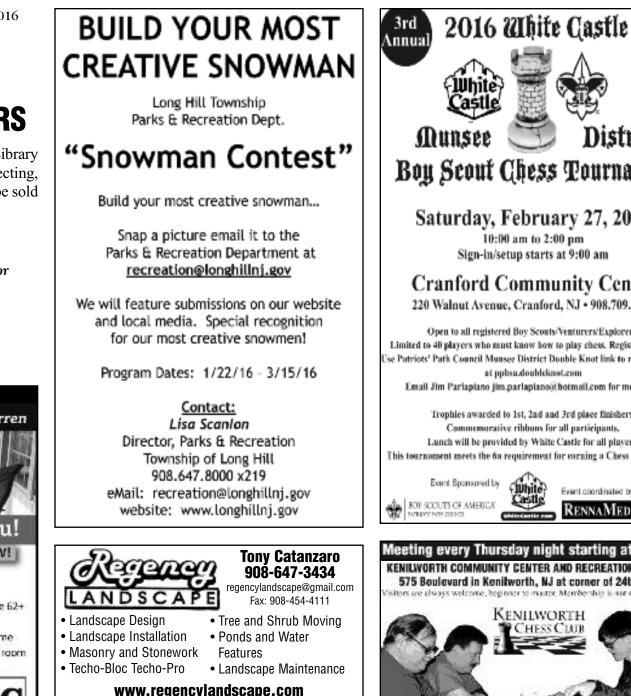
The Friends of the Long Hill Township Library are looking for volunteers to help with collecting, transporting and sorting books which will be sold at their First Annual Book Sale.

Volunteers are needed from Feb. 29 until April 24. Please contact Volunteer Coordinator Terri Heide at 908-647-1278. The Book Sale will be held at the Long Hill Township Library from April 21 until April 24.



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(above, l-r Maier Friedman, husband of Tova Friedman; WHRHS English Teacher Maggie Violette-Birnberg, who is a neighbor of the Friedmans; guest speaker Friedman; student Joseph Denisco; and Principal George Alexis.



By Denis J. Kelly

Tova Friedman of Highland Park, one of only a handful of children to be liberated 70 years ago from the horrors of Auschwitz, in Southern Poland, Nazi Germany's concentration and extermination camp, told an assembly of first year students at Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) on Wednesday, Dec. 23, she still bears on her arm the tattooed number given her by her tormentors.

On her arm is the tattoo: A27633.

"Don't let anyone try to tell you that it didn't happen," said Friedman, 76, who was 6-years-old when she was liberated from Auschwitz. Her experiences are captured in a book and a documentary created by 1963 Hope College alum, Milton Nieuwsma. The book, published in 1998, is titled, "Kinderlager: An Oral History of Young Holocaust Survivors."

Available on Amazon,

www.amazon.com/Kinderlager-History-

Young-Holocaust-Survivors/dp/0823413586.

It was later made into a 2005 Emmy Awardwinning documentary, "Surviving Auschwitz: Children of the Shoah."Available on Amazon, www.amazon.com/Surviving-Auschwitz-Children-Milton-Nieuwsma/dp/1596870729

A year later, Nieuwsma won a second Emmy for his film, "Defying Hitler."

Friedman is one of three child survivors of Auschwitz who are profiled in the book, the documentary and the film. She began her talk at WHRHS in December by showing the students about 10 minutes of historic news reports about the Nazi Germany's concentration camps and their liberation. The documentary included raw film footage of the survivors and the facilities. It is all preserved in the grainy film quality of the day.

Nieuwsma had been a newspaper reporter for first the Holland Evening Sentinel then the Chicago Tribune, and he had worked at a radio station in Detroit, before he worked as a public information officer at Wayne State University, Detroit. He earned a master's degree from the University of Illinois-Springfield. And in 1994, he was teaching journalism at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, when and where he met Tova Friedman.

Friedman had come to America when she was 12, about 6 years after liberation from Auschwitz. She earned her bachelor's degree in psychology from Brooklyn College, and her first master's degree in Black Literature from City College of New York (CCNY). Her second advanced degree was a master's degree in Social Work from Rutgers University, where she met Nieuwsma.

She has had a career in New Jersey providing psychotherapy services to individuals, families, programs and agencies, and as executive director of Jewish Family Service of Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren Counties.

She has four children and five grandchildren. She and her family at one time lived in Israel for 10 years, where she taught at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem.

Friedman was accompanied to WHRHS by her husband, Maier Friedman. She was introduced to the audience by WHRHS English Teacher Maggie Violette-Birnberg, who is a neighbor of the Friedmans in Highland Park.

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(above) Hundreds of choral music students filled the stage of an equally filled Performing Arts Center (PAC) two nights later, on Friday, Dec. 18, for the annual Winter Vocal Concert. This Combined Chorus included members of the Chorus and Advanced Chorus. They performed the final three songs of the concert, ending with "We Are The World for Haiti," by Michael Jackson and Lionel Ritchie.



(above) Hundreds of instrumental music students at Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) filled the stage at the school's Performing Arts Center (PAC), Wednesday, Dec. 16, for the annual Instrumental Winter Concert. Among the performances was by the String Orchestra, which opened the concert with three eclectic compositions which set the tone for the evening: The dramatic and haunting "Theme from House Of Cards," by Jeff Beal; three excerpt from the classic seasonal favorite, "The Nutcracker," by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky; and a contemporary piece with classic themes, "And The Mountains Echoed: Gloria!" by award-winning composer Robert Longfield, the band and orchestra director at Miami Palmetto Senior High School, Miami.





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