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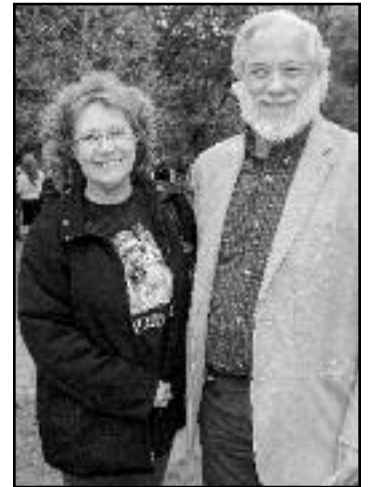
The Fanwood Shade Tree Commission's held its annual Arbor Day observance on Friday, April 29th, 2016. The event honored veteran member Earl Phillips, 94, who recently retired after more than 30 years as a member. Phillips, a retired police officer and Fanwood volunteer, received a certificate of appreciation, a commemorative book and a hand made rain stick presented by the students of the Park Middle School Environmental Club. Also honored was poet John McDermott of Cranford, winner of this year's nationwide Arbor Day Poetry Contest. Mr. McDermott was presented with a \$300 prize by Adele Kenney, Fanwood's poet laureate and Shade Tree Commission member. The students of the Environmental Club presented information on the Emerald Ash Borer, a pest found in New Jersey ash trees. It was announced that for the 23rd consecutive year, Fanwood has been awarded Tree City USA status, which recognizes the town takes special care of trees. Kudos to Shade Tree Commission Chairman Steve Falco for another wonderful program!

(right, l-r) Shade Tree Commission Chairman Steve Falco presents gifts to Earl Phillips, 94, who retired from the commission after 30 years of volunteer service.

(far right, l-r) Fanwood Poet Laureate Adele Kenney introduces John McDermott of Cranford, nationwide Arbor Day Poetry Contest winner.



(above) Park Middle School students read warnings about the Emerald Ash Borer, a pest plaguing ash trees in New Jersey.



(above) Environmental Club holds up Tree City USA banner, earned for the 23rd consecutive year by the Borough.

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JOE MCCOURT WILL BE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE GRAND MARSHAL



Joe McCourt, who as a lieutenant served in the U.S. Army as a platoon leader in the Vietnam War, will be the Grand Marshal of this year's Fanwood Scotch Plains Memorial Day parade.

McCourt, 70, of Scotch Plains, is active in both the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars groups at the local level, has been an integral part of the Borough's and Township's Memorial Day and Veterans' Day observances for many years and was also a member of a five-person committee that oversaw fundraising and construction of the Vietnam War memorial in Scotch Plains.

"With Joe's support, we've been able to add the concert and it really pays tribute in the right way to acknowledge those who made the ultimate sacrifice -with touching music and letters from home," Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr said. "Joe has always made sure that the integrity of the parade remains and that the focus is on our nation's war casualties and it is a day to

remember their loss."

The parade, to be held on Monday, May 30, caps a weekend observance that includes a concert and services remembering those who gave their lives for the nation. Events are as follows:

SUNDAY, MAY 29

The fifth annual

MEMORIAL DAY CONCERT

featuring patriotic music performed by the Westfield Community Band at the Alan Augustine Village Green on Park Avenue in Scotch Plains (bring a chair). The concert will be cancelled in case of inclement weather; email alerts will be sent.

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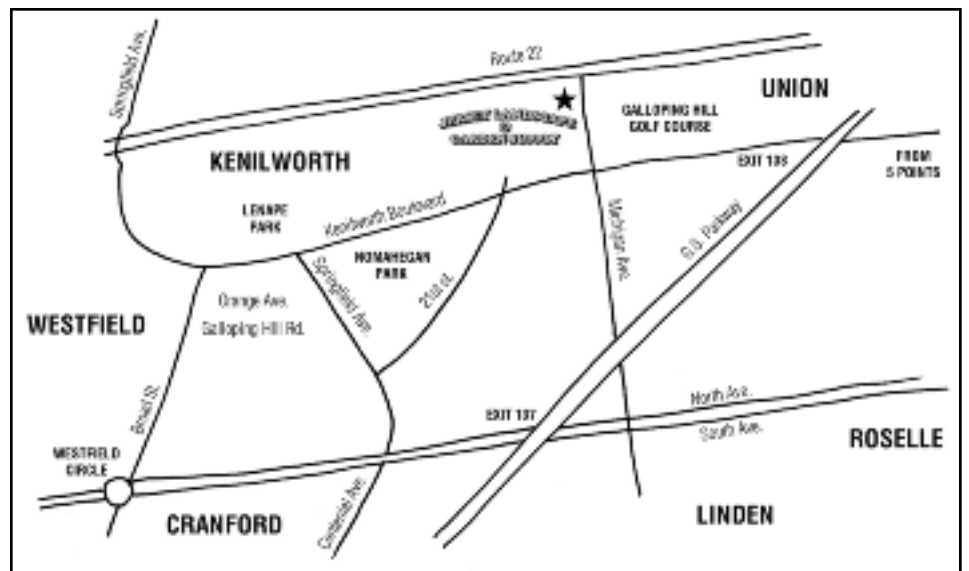
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Submitted by: The Scotch Plains Fanwood Field Hockey Club

The Scotch Plains Fanwood Field Hockey Club is excited to announce that Field Hockey is back in town. Field Hockey was a sport in SPF in the past and thanks to some local parents and a resurgence of interest from new players, our SPF Board of Education voted to approve a pay-to-play team.

This past year, our middle school team had a great first season and began to raise funds for this program. Fundraising events included: bake sales, field hockey apparel sale, bedsheet sale, a Go-Fund me site, and a Raider socks sale. Through these events the Field Hockey Club has raised part of the needed amount.

Our biggest fundraising event will be a golf outing on Monday, May 9th at Ash Brook Golf Course in Scotch Plains.

There is still availability for golfers and for hole sponsors. Please contact Nick Nitti at nicholas.nitti@cbre.com if interested. Go Raiders!



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FANWOOD FIRST RESPONDERS RECEIVE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AWARDS

Fanwood police officers, firefighters and EMTs were honored on April 13th, at the annual Shield Awards presented by the Father John Nelligan Council of the Knights of Columbus based at St. Bartholomew The Apostle Church on Westfield Avenue.

The ceremony, conducted by Grand Knight Seth McQuillan, recognized many of Fanwood's first responders for their outstanding service to our community. Fanwood Police Officers Kevin Stomber and Kathleen Case were recognized for successfully delivering a breach baby last August inside a home on Westfield Road. Fanwood's entire Volunteer Fire Department was commended for its continuing service to the community, and Fanwood EMT Karolyn Buckridee was honored for her service to both the Fanwood Rescue Squad and the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad as well as her current enrollment in the Union County Fire Academy.



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RESCUE SQUAD WILL OFFER FREE CPR CLASSES

The Fanwood Rescue Squad will present free CPR classes for the community during EMS Week in May 2016.

The classes last about 3 hours and only the Monday, May 16 and Wednesday, May 18 classes are still available. These classes are only for residents of Fanwood and Scotch Plains.

All classes are conducted at the Fanwood Rescue Squad, 123 Watson Road in Fanwood. The curriculum will be American Health and Safety Institute CPR/AED/choking management

for adults, children and infants. They emphasize that this is NOT the right class for nurses, EMTs and medical personnel who require CPR for Healthcare Providers.

The course will take approximately three hours to complete. The squad asks that participants be on time and wear comfortable clothing. Participants that stay for the whole course will receive a two-year certification card.

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CANEVARI RECEIVES SCHOLASTIC ART & WRITING AWARD

Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School senior Nancy Canevari has been notified that her short story *The View From Paris* has earned national recognition in the 2016 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards Program. Panels of creative professionals have identified Nancy as being among the most talented young writers in the nation. The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards Program is the longest running, most prestigious competition and largest source of scholarships for teenagers in the United States.



(above) Nancy Canevari will be recognized at Carnegie Hall during events held in New York City on June 1 to June 3.

WARREN TO REPRESENT NJ AT JOURNALISM CONFERENCE

Peter Warren, a junior at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School was selected as the New Jersey representative to the Al Neuharth Free Spirit and Journalism Conference. Only one student per state is chosen for this weeklong, all-expenses-paid conference at the Newseum in Washington, D.C.

The conference promotes "the vital role of the First Amendment as a cornerstone of democracy" and "inspires(s) students to pursue journalism careers."



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FANWOOD'S POET LAUREATE FINALIST IN NATIONAL CONTEST



Adele Kenny

Kenny has been a resident of Fanwood since 1974 and is also the

Adding to her already prestigious writing career, Fanwood's Poet Laureate, Adele Kenny, has been named a 2016 Paterson Poetry Prize finalist for her book, "A Lightness, a Thirst, or Nothing at All," from Welcome Rain Publishers.

director of the Fanwood Arts Council. Kenny is a former creative writing professor in the College of New Rochelle's Graduate School and former writing instructor at Union County's John H. Stamler Police Academy in Scotch Plains. She is also the current poetry editor of Tiferet Journal. Kenny's works, including 24 books, have been published worldwide and she has received a long list of awards leading up to this point.

Kenny's contributions to Fanwood include the Carriage House Poetry Series.

For more information on the series, visit carriagehousepoetryseries.blogspot.com.

TERRILL STUDENTS WELCOME ITALIAN EXCHANGE STUDENTS FROM CALABRIA

On Thursday, April 7th, students studying Italian in 5th through 8th grades at Terrill Middle School welcomed Italian Exchange Students from the region of Calabria, Italy.

Fifth graders lined the halls and welcomed the high school students with cheers and signs. Mr. John Gillick and the Wind Ensemble played Italian songs as the students entered the cafeteria. Scotch Plains-Fanwood families donated food to the event for the welcome breakfast.

During the event, students were able to facilitate activities in the target language and gain a true cultural perspective of everyday life in Italy. Examples of activities included: trivia

Plickers game about American culture, Venn diagrams comparing schools, fashions, homes and pastimes, Bingo/Tombola, vocabulary races, and various ice breaker activities.

One student reflected, "Everyone was so excited and the room screamed with laughter!" Students took the exchange students around Terrill Middle School for a tour to see what our school has to offer.

Finally, the exchange students participated in voting in a Food Photo Contest being held among the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Italian classes. One group of students commented, "Our experience was unforgettable!"

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Teachers were given the opportunity to meet in a small setting to learn strategies of writing for their particular grade level. This small setting offered the opportunity for teachers to ask questions and get ideas with an emphasis on conferring. In addition, Mr. Hall presented a demo lesson for teachers to see first hand ways to incorporate what they learned into their practices.

The day ended with a debriefing session to discuss the lesson, experiences, next steps, and ideas. It was a positive experience for the teachers of School One.



KYLE REMO ON GOLD WINNING TEAM

Kyle Remo of Fanwood playing for NJ Youth Devils Bantam B hockey team from South Mountain Arena brought home the GOLD from Lake Placid in the CAN/AM tournament against Bethlehem Eagles from NY 3-1.



(above, Back Row, l-r): Coach Paul (holding the torch), Jack Fischer (equip mgr), William Schneider, Matthew Pupko (goalie coach), Hugh Zanelli, Matthew Wolmelsdorf, James Cummings, Michael Bonomo (holding the plague), Kieran Hollander, Kyle Remo
(Next Row, l-r): Jack Stein, Justin Hornstein, Harrison Grange, William Fischer, Andrew Walsh
(Front Row, l-r): Ryan Lamberta (Goalie), Ryan Potechin, Benjamin Pupko, George Schneider (Asst Coach), Daniel Lynes (Goalie).

ROCKIN' FOR AUTISM MUSIC FESTIVAL RAISES MORE THAN \$10,000 FOR AUTISM PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR NEW JERSEY FAMILIES

The Town of Fanwood's Rockin' For Autism Music Festival is pleased to announce that its inaugural event, held on Saturday, April 16 at LaGrande Park in Fanwood, has raised more than \$10,200 to support autism programs and services in New Jersey.

The fundraising effort surpassed the \$7,000 fundraising goal set by its creator 14-year old Fanwood resident Mallory Banks, an Autism Awareness Junior Ambassador who ranks among the top kids in New Jersey raising money for Autism Awareness Month. It also doubled the

\$10,000 that she had previously raised from 2011 through 2015 in honor of her brother Ethan (16) and all those affected by autism spectrum disorder.

Several hundreds of people packed into LaGrande Park throughout the day to listen to music from a variety of local bands, including: Goodworks; Three-Piece Nugget; The Broadcasters; Leave the Gun; and Eric Harrison's Crash Course. Additional entertainment was provided by Main Source DJs; special needs music therapist Jammin Jenn; and the Cindy Smith Dance Studio.

Food and refreshments were provided by Nick's Pizza & Deli, "The Empanada Guy" food truck, Picklelicious, New Jersey American Water, and more than three dozen volunteer bakers.

Local merchant and non-profit participants included: Be Craftful; Child's Play Challenge Course; Robert Wood Johnson Hospital; Children's Specialized Hospital; Autism NJ; Watchung Pediatrics; Tiny Tots Therapy; Jammin Jenn Music Therapy; Functional Performance

Therapy; Rich Tric Photography; Temple Shalom of Scotch Plains' Inclusion Taskforce; Dip's Fashion Conception; Glam Pam and Her Glitter Overload; Eddie Lin, the "Ausome" Balloon Creator; Pete the Magician; Rodan & Fields; Chloe & Isabel; and many others who donated products and services for the raffle.

The festival also coincided with the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Youth Baseball Association's annual opening day ceremony, where Miss Banks, Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr, and Scotch Plains Mayor Kevin Glover threw ceremonial first pitches. In addition, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Soccer Association and Wolves Basketball Academy ran sports clinics for special needs kids.

All proceeds will be donated to Autism NJ, the largest statewide network of parents and professionals dedicated to improving lives of individuals with autism spectrum disorders.

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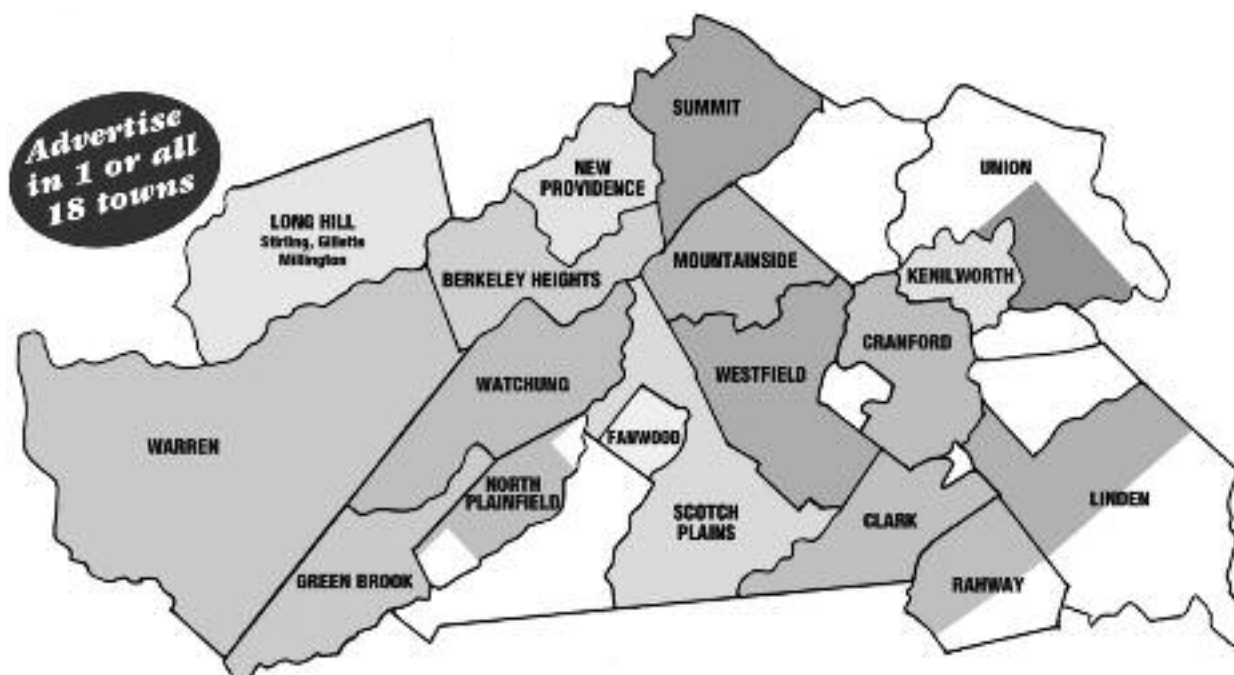
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FANWOOD-SCOTCH PLAINS, ANNUAL UNITED FOR A CAUSE 5K RUN AND FAMILY 1 MILER

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA and the SPF PTA Council are partnering to host their annual United for A Cause 5K Run and Family 1 Miler on Sunday, May 15, 2016.

The 5K begins at 9:00am and the 1 mile walk/run at 10:15am. The event will start and end the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA located at 1340 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains.

United for A Cause celebrates and provides opportunities for health and wellness within the Scotch Plains-Fanwood community. Proceeds from United for a Cause benefit the LIVESTRONG at the YMCA® program and support a Scotch Plains Fanwood High School scholarship for a student pursuing further education in the Health and Wellness field.

Many local students choose to pursue a career in the health and wellness field and this event will acknowledge a student's positive intentions by providing scholarship funds to put towards their college, school or training program costs. By providing financial support the hope is to foster their desire to make our world a healthier one.

LIVESTRONG at the YMCA® is a twelve-week physical activity program free to members of the community whose lives have been challenged with cancer. The LIVESTRONG program enables the YMCA to offer participants educational seminars, child care assistance and services for financial management.

The program focus helps recovering cancer survivors "get their lives back" physically, mentally and spiritually. The goal is to give

survivors the tools to continue their journey of health and wellness beyond the twelve-week program. "I am so pleased to say that over the course of the 12-week program, the LIVESTRONG experience has given me back my vigor, my strength, my self-esteem and my smile. The program has helped me lose weight, tone my body and increase my stamina and strength. Moreover, I was so happy to see my husband enjoying the program equally as much as I did, and getting himself back in good physical shape. When cancer strikes, it robs individuals and families of so much more than anyone can ever imagine. Thank goodness for programs like LIVESTRONG at the Y that support cancer patients and their families' minds, bodies and spirits, says a LIVESTRONG participant. To register for the United For A Cause 5K Run and Family 1 Miler, go to www.unitedforacause5k.org.



NEEDLE NITE AT FANWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Children's Specialized Hospital, Lyons Veterans Hospital, and the Center for Hope Hospice received 52 quilts, after they were displayed at the Harvest Quilters Show. Also displayed were the items made by the knitters and those who crocheted in the last two months. These were 16 baby afghans, 7 sweaters and 20 hats given to Beth Israel Hospital, 18 scarves, 3 hats, and 24 ditty bags for the Seafarers of the Seamens Church Institute and 5 lap robes for nursing homes.

The next monthly Needle Nite at Fanwood Presbyterian Church is scheduled for Friday, May 6th at 7:30pm in Westminster Hall, enter from Marian Avenue. The quilters will work on this year's quilt pattern called "Patchtastic". The

knitters and those who crochet will work on the projects they make for charity.

All are welcome to come and see what is being done.

If fabric, batting or yarn is needed, Needle Nites may e-mail their request to needlenite@fanwoodpc.org. The donated materials end up in many forms usable by the charities that receive them. The Needle Nite participants then take their newly learned skills for their use at home.

For further information about these projects or directions to Fanwood Presbyterian Church please call the office at 908-889-8891 or e-mail admin@fanwoodpc.org or check the web www.fanwoodpc.org.

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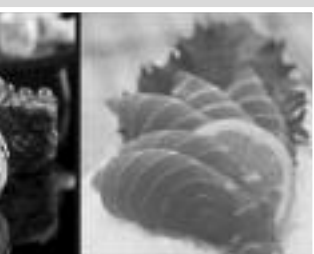
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