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## WHAT'S HAPPENING MONTHLY

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### FANWOOD SCOTCH PLAINS MEMORIAL DAY CONCERT

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A Memorial Day Concert was held on May 29th, serving as a preceding celebration to pay tribute to the fallen men and women of the United States Armed Forces. The concert commenced with the presentation of colors by Color Guard Anthony Parenti, of the American Legion Post 209.

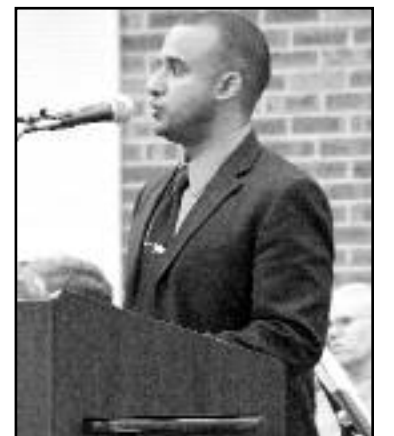
Deacon Robert Gurske's Invocation followed, Parenti then lead off the Pledge of Allegiance, and Scotch Plains Mayor Kevin Glover welcomed all those who attended. Acknowledgements were given to Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr, who was also in attendance.

A special presentation ensued in memory of Corporal Don Wussler; a Korean War Veteran, in the 7th Infantry Division, and Purple Heart recipient. Vietnam Army Veteran Joseph McCourt had the honor of leading the presentation as this year's parade Grand Marshall.

Droves of people gathered by the municipal building to hear the Westfield Community Band perform a host of patriotic songs in memory of service members who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Songs like Coming to America, This Land is Your Land, and America the Beautiful stretched across the municipal buildings lawn.

In between the patriotic melodies, three Army veterans took the podium to read letters written by departed U.S. service members and their families. Raymond Lo, Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army, who served in Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan; Srikanth Reddy, Warrant Officer 1, U.S. Army, Operation Iraqi Freedom; and Joseph McCourt, read these intimate letters, to give the public an understanding of what service members encounter both physically and mentally during wartime.

The occasion ended fittingly, with the Westfield Community Band playing The Star and Stripes Forever.



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## SPRING FLING HONORS LOCAL BUSINESSES

The Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association held their 21st Annual Spring Fling Dinner Dance on Thursday, May 19 2016 at the Westwood in Garwood. The awards dinner and fundraising event benefits the Scotch Plains

Business and Professional Association Scholarship Fund. This Year's Honoree's John's Famous Meat Market and Rossi Funeral Home in recognition of their years of community service in the Township of Scotch Plains.



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# COLLEGE CLUB PROUDLY ANNOUNCES 2016 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Since its inception in 1933, the College Club of Fanwood –Scotch Plains objectives have been to increase the interest of local young women in going to college, and to provide “material aid” by way of scholarships.

This past May, the College Club of Fanwood –Scotch Plains awarded a total of \$27,750 in scholarships to 10 students, 6 of who are high school seniors who will graduate this June and 4 of whom are currently attending college.

Among the 2016 high school recipients for academic year 2016-2017 are Annemarie Kearns, daughter of Brian and Melissa Kearns who received \$3,000 and will be attending the

University of Rochester; Gabriela MacPherson, daughter of Gordon and Martha MacPherson who received \$4,000 and will be attending The College of William and Mary; Rebecca Mehorter, daughter of John and Mary Rose Mehorter who received \$1,500 and will be attending Ithaca College, Seleena Nival, daughter of Joseph and Liza Nival who received \$4,000 and will be attending Rutgers, The State University of NJ and Carolyn Ringel, daughter of Jeffrey and Betsy Ringel who received \$1,500 and will be attending Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Emily Boyle, daughter Michael and Terry Boyle, the highest ranking female of the class of

2016 at SPFHS received an award of \$1,000.00 in recognition of her academic excellence. Ms. Boyle will be attending Lafayette College.

Among the 2016 college recipients for academic year 2016-2017 are Caitlin Carroll, daughter of Joseph and Sandra Carroll, who received \$2,500 and will be a senior at Middlebury College; Elizabeth Gelling, daughter of Christopher and Linda Gelling who received \$3,000 and will be junior at the Fashion Institute of Technology; Elisa Staniec, daughter of George and Lorraine Staniec who received \$3,250 and will be a sophomore at The Pennsylvania State University and Eve Zhurbinskiy, daughter of Ilya and Alla Zhurbinskiy, who received \$4,000 and will be a junior at the George Washington University.

This is the 80th year that female students, seeking financial assistance to pursue a four year college degree, have been helped by the club’s fundraising efforts. Two of the club’s largest efforts are the annual spring luncheon and the sale of the community calendar.

A special dinner reception was held for the recipients and their families on Monday, May 23rd; Club President, Dorothy Lusk, and Scholarship Committee Co- Chairs, Marie Walford and Tish Isack made the scholarship presentations at the dinner. Dorothy Lusk and Tish Isack will present the awards at the SPFHS annual awards assembly.

Anyone interested in more information about the College Club of Fanwood Scotch Plains or would like to become a member please contact the membership committee at 908-889-9194 or visit the club’s website at [www.collegeclubfsp.org.doodlekit.com](http://www.collegeclubfsp.org.doodlekit.com).



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Scotch Plains NJ - According to industry experts, there are over 33 physical problems that will come under scrutiny during a home inspection when your home is for sale. A new report has been prepared which identifies the eleven most common of these problems, and what you should know about them before you list your home for sale.

Whether you own an old home or a brand new one, there are a number of things that can fall short of requirements during a home inspection. If not identified and dealt with, any of these 11 items could cost you dearly in terms of repair. That's why it's critical that you read this report before you list your home. If you wait until the building inspector flags these issues for you, you will almost certainly experience costly delays in the close of your home sale or, worse, turn prospective buyers away altogether. In most cases, you can make a reasonable pre-inspection yourself if you know what you're looking for, and knowing what you're looking for can help you prevent little problems from growing into costly and unmanageable ones.

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# OVER 600 PARTICIPANTS FOUGHT TO END CANCER AT THE ANNUAL RELAY FOR LIFE OF SCOTCH PLAINS ON FRIDAY, MAY 13TH 2016

Fifty teams and 600 people participated in the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Scotch Plains on Friday May 13, 2016 at Scotch Plains – Fanwood High School.

The event raised \$87,735 to help the American Cancer Society save lives through groundbreaking cancer research, education and risk reduction efforts, and free information and critical services for people with cancer who need them.

For the first time this event was dedicated in support of a cancer survivor in the community. Colleen Greco lead the survivors in the annual survivor lap after receiving this honor, with her caregiver and son Kyle Greco by her side.

The following teams and individuals were recognized for their extraordinary efforts:

### Top 3 Teams:

- Deutschland – over \$15,000
- 1-800-HOTLINECURE – over \$5,800
- Answer for Cancer – over \$5,700

### Top 3 Participants:

- Kyle Greco, team Deutschland – over \$5,800 individually
- Mike Rinaldi, team Deutschland – over \$3,400 individually
- Danielle Cohen, team Peace Out Cancer – over \$1,500 individually

The Relay For Life movement unites communities across the globe to celebrate people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and take action to finish the fight once and for all. Relay For Life events are community

gatherings where teams and individuals camp out at a school, park, or fairground and take turns walking or running around a track or path. Teams raise funds in the months leading up to the event. Relay For Life is the world's largest fundraising event to fight every cancer in every community, with four million participants in 6,000 events worldwide in 2015.

Donations can still be made by visiting [relayforlife.org/ScotchPlainsNJ](http://relayforlife.org/ScotchPlainsNJ).

### ABOUT THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

The American Cancer Society is a global grassroots force of 2.5 million volunteers saving lives and fighting for every birthday threatened by every cancer in every community. As the largest voluntary health organization, the Society's efforts have contributed to a 22 percent decline in cancer death rates in the U.S. since 1991, and a 50 percent drop in smoking rates. Thanks in part to our progress; 14.5 million Americans who have had cancer and countless more who have avoided it will celebrate more birthdays this year. We're determined to finish the fight against cancer. We're finding cures as the nation's largest private, not-for-profit investor in cancer research, ensuring people facing cancer have the help they need and continuing the fight for access to quality health care, lifesaving screenings, clean air, and more. For more information, to get help, or to join the fight, call us anytime, day or night, at 1-800-227-2345 or visit [cancer.org](http://cancer.org).



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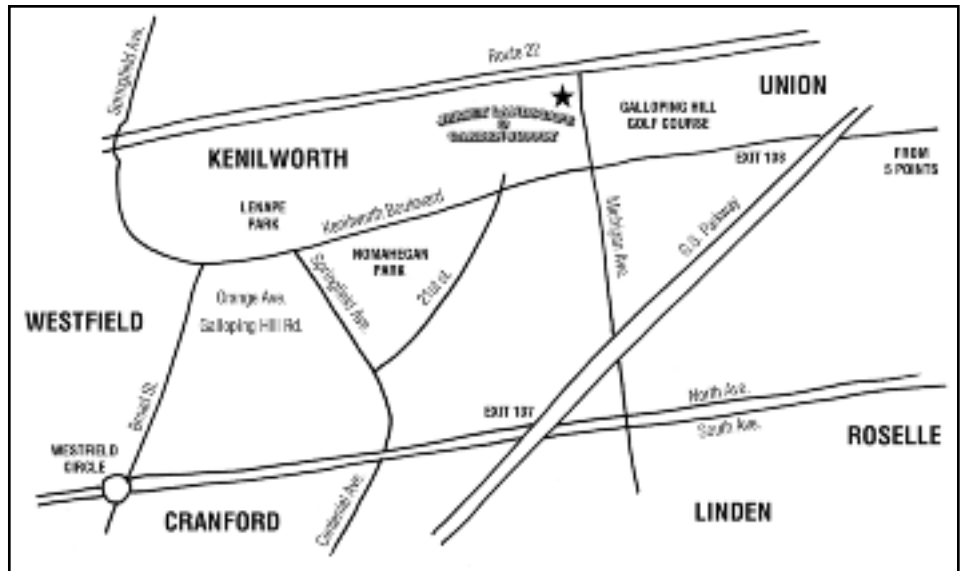
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Many activities and events are already in the works, such as a 50th Anniversary logo design contest for students, Golden Gala for parents and staff, and a time capsule to be placed in the newly constructed Kindergarten wing. A photo montage, historical commemoration, and memorabilia collection are also projects that are being proposed.

The school would like alumni and former staff from previous decades to share memorabilia and/or time to participate in school assemblies. If you have items, photos, yearbooks or stories from your days at McGinn, or a willingness to visit your elementary Alma Mater, please contact the Anniversary chairperson, Maria Moloney, at McGinn50thanniversary@gmail.com or call the school directly at 908-233-7950.

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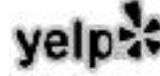
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CAP members provided STEM demonstrations, aircraft static displays, event program sales, and some had the honor of escorting distinguished visitors to the Center Stage. In addition, CAP members provided flight orientation training on computer

simulators to young visitors that stopped by the CAP booth.

Children also had the chance to pose in the CAP F-16 model. During this event, CAP members answered many questions from the public about the CAP youth program in areas such as Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math activities (STEM), Cyber Security activities, Robotics competitions, the Orientation Flight program, basic customs, courtesies, drills, and much more.

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Pre-registration guarantees a "tech" t-shirt, available on race night only. Please select your size on the registration page.

Adult race entry also includes admission for kids for a youth Fun Run that will precede the main event. There is no advance registration required for the Fun Run.

Fun Run bibs will be available at the check-in tent for children of paid entrants of the 5K.

Check-in - 6:00 p.m.

Live Music - 6:30 p.m.

FunRun - 7:00 p.m.

5K - 7:30 p.m.

Celebration - 8:15 p.m.

**Who Benefits?**

This race was started by a group of local runners, who wanted to see a great event in their own downtown for the betterment of the downtown. And that group has joined with another group of local residents to who have previously put on the Patrick J. Allocca Memorial 5K. Together, this race will raise money to do something special in the

downtown of Scotch Plains, as well as to help someone locally in need. Final recipients will be announced by the race committee soon.

For more information, email [racetosummer2016@gmail.com](mailto:racetosummer2016@gmail.com).

**Volunteer**

Would you like to be a part of this exciting event, but aren't quite up for doing the full 5K race? We would love to have you partake as a volunteer, either at the start/finish helping with activities such as handing out water bottles, or along the race course to help monitor an intersection, or if you live along the course, to provide some sort of entertainment/refreshment to the runners as they pass by. If so, please email us at [racetosummer2016@gmail.com](mailto:racetosummer2016@gmail.com).

**Course Map**

USATF certified course (NJ16008LMB). Start and finish at Scotch Plains Municipal building Map, course runs northeast through residential neighborhoods to Warren St., and back.



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<b>Sat June 11</b>	"The Vinny's"	9pm
<b>Sun June 12</b>	Bobby Byrne	4:30pm
<b>Fri June 17</b>	"Sweet Chin Music"	10pm
<b>Sat June 18</b>	Pat Roddy	10pm
<b>JUNE 19th - FATHER'S DAY BLOWOUT!</b>		
<b>Sun June 19</b>	'Brian Kirk & the Jirks'	6pm
<b>Sat June 25</b>	Pat Roddy	10pm
<b>Sun June 26</b>	Bobby Byrne	4:30pm
<b>Thu June 30</b>	Backspin 50	5pm

### JULY 2016

<b>Fri July 1</b>	'Brian Kirk & the Jirks'	6pm
<b>Sat July 2</b>	Pat Roddy	10pm
<b>Sun July 3</b>	Bobby Byrne	4:30pm
	Pat Roddy	10pm
<b>Mon July 4</b>	"The Barksdales	5pm

<b>Thu July 7</b>	Backspin 50	5pm
<b>Fri July 8</b>	'Waiting on Mongo'	10pm
<b>Sat July 9</b>	Pat Roddy	10pm
<b>Sun July 10</b>	Bobby Byrne	4:30pm
<b>Thu July 14</b>	Backspin 50	5:00pm
<b>Fri July 15</b>	"Enjoy!"	10pm
<b>Sat July 16</b>	Pat Roddy	10pm
<b>Sun July 17</b>	Pat Roddy	10pm
<b>Thu July 21</b>	Backspin 50	5:00pm
<b>Fri July 22</b>	"Sweet Chin Music"	10pm
<b>Sat July 23</b>	Pat Roddy	10pm
<b>Sun July 24</b>	Bobby Byrne	4:30pm
	'Brian Kirk & the Jirks'	10pm
<b>Thu July 28</b>	Backspin 50	5:00pm
<b>Sat July 30</b>	"The Medicine Men"	6pm
	Pat Roddy	10pm

### AUGUST 2016

<b>Thu August 4</b>	Backspin 50	5:00pm
<b>Fri August 5</b>	'Waiting on Mongo'	10pm
<b>Sat August 6</b>	Pat Roddy	10pm
<b>Sun August 7</b>	Bobby Byrne	4:30pm
<b>Thu August 11</b>	Backspin 50	5:00pm
<b>Sat August 13</b>	"Joebonanno and the Godsons of Soul"	7pm
<b>Sun August 14</b>	'Brian Kirk & the Jirks'	TBA
<b>Thu August 18</b>	Backspin 50	5:00pm
<b>Sat August 20</b>	"Enjoy!"	10pm
<b>Sun August 21</b>	Bobby Byrne	TBA
<b>Thu August 25</b>	Backspin 50	5:00pm
<b>Sat August 27</b>	"Joebonanno and the Godsons of Soul"	7pm
<b>Sun August 28</b>	'Brian Kirk & the Jirks'	TBA

### SEPTEMBER 2016

<b>Thu September 1</b>	Backspin 50	5:00pm
<b>Sat September 3</b>	Pat Roddy	10pm
<b>Sun September 4</b>	Bobby Byrne	4:30pm
	Pat Roddy	10pm
<b>Fri September 16</b>	Nicole & Denise	7pm

### OCTOBER 2016

<b>Sun October 2</b>	'Brian Kirk & the Jirks'	TBA
<b>Fri October 14</b>	Nicole & Denise	7pm

### NOVEMBER 2016

<b>Sun November 6</b>	'Brian Kirk & the Jirks'	TBA
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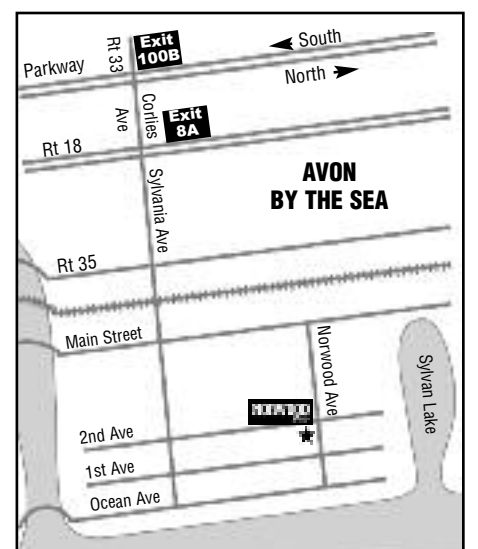
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18th - 1:00 p.m. Callbacks by Invitation, will be June 18th 2:00 p.m. at CDC Theatre, 78 Winans Ave., Cranford, NJ. The show is set to run October 7-22, 2016.

Directed by Alan Van Antwerp, Musically Directed by Jack Bender, Choreographed by Megan Ferentinos.

Those auditioning are asked to prepare 32 bars of a song of their choosing. If you have a Sondheim song prepared and ready, that would be preferred but not required. Those who audition may be asked to read at the audition.

Additional information can be found by visiting [www.cdctheatre.org](http://www.cdctheatre.org).

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The library's children, teen, and adult summer reading calendars will be available on the Scotch Plains Public Library website ([www.scotplib.org](http://www.scotplib.org)). Check them out, share with your friends, and sign up today! Most programs require advanced registration, so act fast!

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There is still time to purchase the perfect gift for Father's Day and grads. June is the wedding month. We have the perfect formal wear for weddings and other summer celebrations. Be sure to view the shop's special bridal and formal wear window. Ask about purchase of window items.

Summer play and camps are coming up. Kids are hard on their summer clothes. Purchase those extras you will need. From infants through teens, we are the playwear and clothing needed for those long summer days. The shop also has women's and men's wear for work and relaxing.

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10:00am to 2:30pm. Call for Saturday hours.

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that has served our communities since 1974. Since its founding, the League has donated \$1.1 million for local causes. Anyone interested in learning more about the League or League membership is invited to call 908-322-5420, visit our website at [www.scotchplains thriftshop.weebly.com](http://www.scotchplains thriftshop.weebly.com) or speak to any of our volunteers at the shop. Check out our Facebook page "Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League" and give us a "Like." Hours are Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday 10-2:30, Saturday 10-1. New and gently used donations are always welcome during open hours. Free parking on the street and in the rear of the building (enter parking lot via Willow Ave.).

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The cost of participation is \$25, \$15 for students. All money raised will go toward funding the operation of Caring Contact's listening line, including keeping more than 200 trained volunteer listeners available for callers in crisis. The hotline takes more than 15,000 calls each year. Just \$15 pays for one of those calls from someone in pain or crisis or having suicidal thoughts.

Caring Contact is an award-winning, volunteer-staffed caring and crisis hotline and listening community, providing active listening support and best-in-class training to the Central and Northern New Jersey community.

The suicide rate in the United States has been increasing every year since 1999, rising more

than 24 percent between 1999 and 2014. Every 13.7 minutes someone in the United States dies by suicide and more than 42,000 people died by suicide in 2013, including 4,600 young people.

"Studies show a decrease in feelings of emotional distress and suicide both during and following calls to a crisis hotline," said Joanne Oppelt, Caring Contact's executive director. "The most effective solution for preventing suicide is interaction with another human being."

To register visit <http://caringcontact.org/alive-and-running-5k-run-walk/>

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Strides4Strength is a walk organized in partnership with the YWCA Union County to raise awareness and funding to end domestic violence.

Date: Sunday, June 12, 2016  
Place: Nomahegan Park, Cranford  
Time: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Local businesses will be on hand to provide stretching techniques, exercise tips and more. All ages & four legged friends are welcome. Join us for this first annual event to end domestic violence. Register today: [strides4strength.eventbrite.com](http://strides4strength.eventbrite.com)

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### About the YWCA Union County

The YWCA Union County is the lead domestic violence agency in Union County. Our mission is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. In this context, YWCA Union County is on a mission to empower survivors of domestic violence to become safe and free from abuse and promote social justice and eliminate violence against women and girls. We accomplish this mission through the provision of comprehensive, client-centered services, and through education, collaboration and advocacy that builds safe, informed and supportive communities.

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The YWCA Union County, now 96 years old, has been providing services to survivors of domestic violence since 1978. The YWCA is the only agency in Union County that provides an emergency domestic violence shelter, in addition to supportive and transitional housing, counseling, legal advocacy and representation, children's services, 24 hour crisis intervention and more. All YWCA services are free and confidential.

Domestic violence is a crime that impacts people regardless of race, ethnicity, economic status, education, or religion; it is estimated to

impact 1 in every 3 women nationally, and 1 in every 7 men. It impacts more women than breast cancer, lung cancer and ovarian cancer combined.

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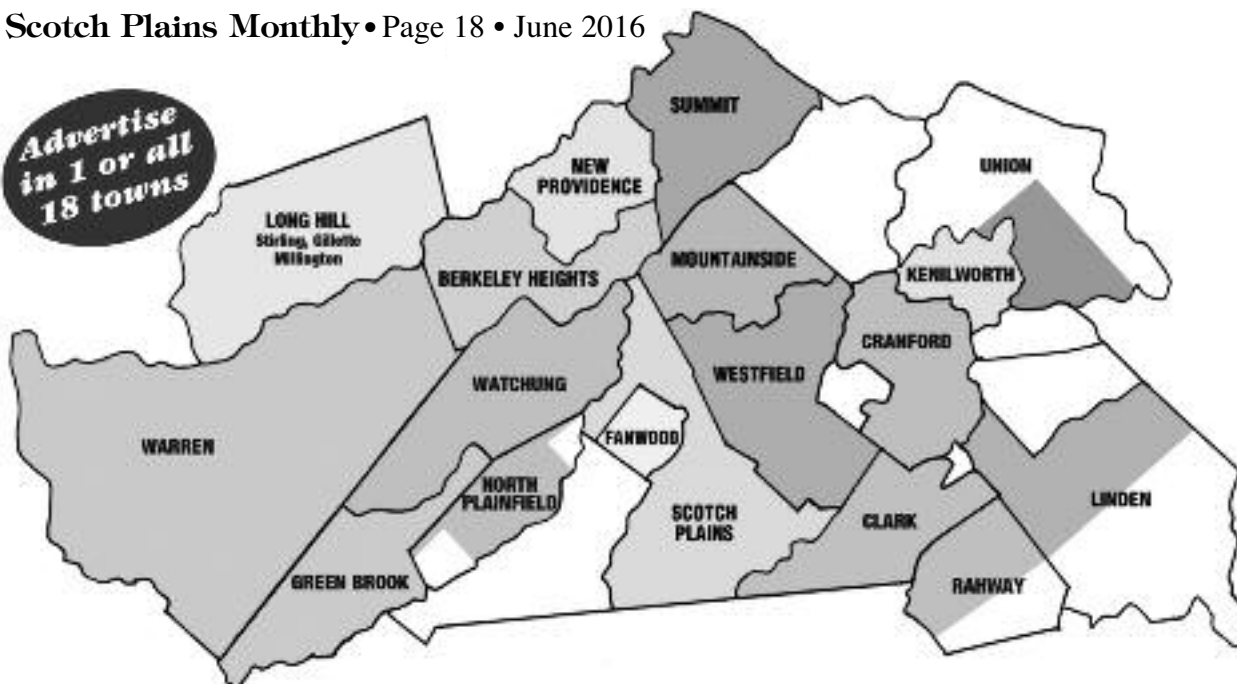
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