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On June 2nd, Fanwood was one of two towns in New Jersey that hosted a National Gun Violence Awareness Day event. One of many events held nationwide, it is sponsored by the organization Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. A grassroots movement of American mothers fighting for public safety measures that respect the Second Amendment and protect people from gun violence.

The local chapter, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense Union County, is led by Scotch Plains resident Lauren O'Brien. It has over 200 active members from all over Union County and 9 county leaders. Many are from Scotch Plains-Fanwood and neighboring towns.

Lauren recalls "I personally got involved because ever since Columbine, I have viewed school shootings as the greatest tragedy we can possibly face in this country. I will never accept America's children and teachers going through active shooter drills as normal. I also am propelled to action so we can feel safe again in churches, cinemas, malls, nightclubs, gas stations, college campuses and 1st grade classrooms.

"What's next for Moms Demand Action on America is an active response to the tragedy in Orlando - beyond tweets, Facebook comments, vigils, and condolences. We need a lot more than people's thoughts and prayers to make change."

For more information about what you can do to be safe in your home, or on joining, volunteering with the local chapter or donating, visit momsdemandaction.org, or visit their Facebook page: facebook.com/MomsDemandAction.

Twelve of the 21 town mayors in Union County proclaimed June 2nd as National Gun Violence Awareness day. The Fanwood event had an overflowing crowd and was attended by many Union County mayors, council members, and other officials.

Downtown Fanwood was filled with orange balloons and shopping bags, and many people wore orange in support, during the Chamber of Commerce Ladies Night Out event what was happening simultaneously across town.

The group supports wearing orange to honor all lives cut short by gun violence because orange is the color hunters wear to keep safe in the woods from other shooters.

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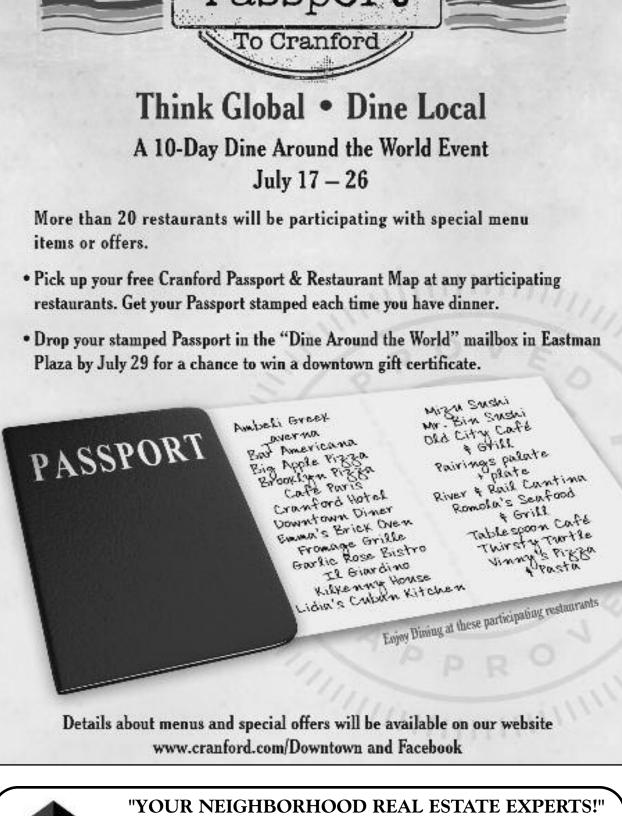
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#### **CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL HOLDS MOVING UP CEREMONY FOR ITS STUDENTS**

in Scotch Plains held a Moving Up ceremony for its second and seventh-grade students on Sunday, June 5th, to celebrate their advancing to the next level of Jewish education. In front of their families, teachers and fellow classmates, the

Congregation Beth Israel's Religious School second-graders sang and spoke about their favorite Jewish "things", and the seventh-graders gave the second-graders "words of wisdom" and insights into the great activities in Religious School.



(above) Second- and seventh-grade students sing at the conclusion of their joint Moving Up ceremony under the direction of Cantor Matt Axelrod.





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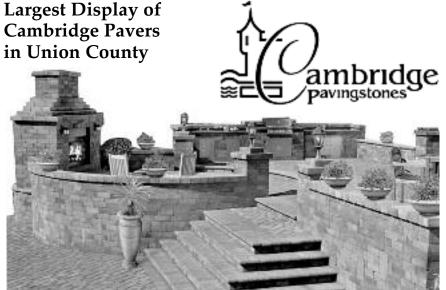
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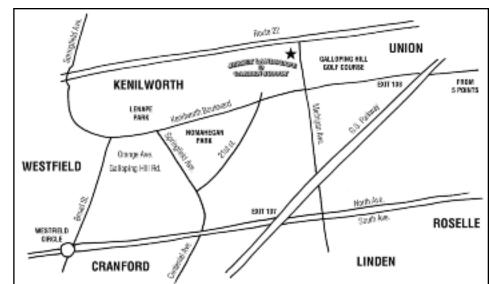
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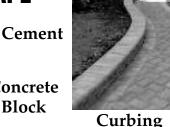
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Park Middle School's Junior Solar Sprint Team, under the supervision of Dr. Minerley and Ms. Cinella, included 21 sixth and seventh graders who competed in teams at this year's Junior Solar Sprint Competition against 64 solar cars from 14 schools at New Providence High School.

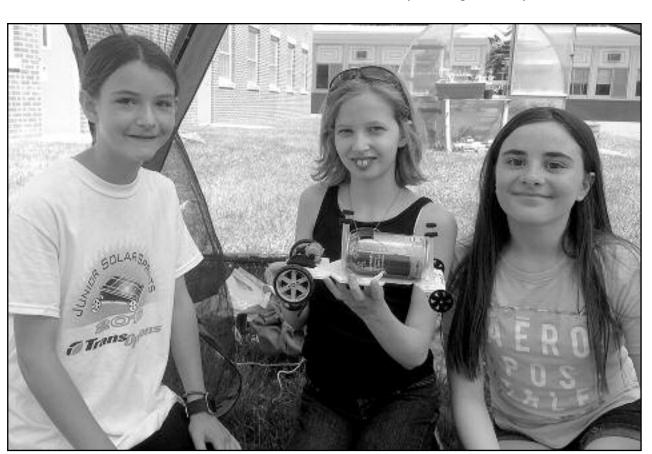
The Solar Tear, built by seventh graders, Elizabeth Acevedo and Kotey Ashie, won third place for "Best Use of Recycled Materials." In the speed division, The Solar Trinity, built by our sixth grade team of Emily Wywra, Alexa Fazio, Andres Seith, and Devin Mulligan won fourth place and went on to compete in the Inter-County Finals at Ridgedale Middle School in Florham park. These sixth graders never lost heart and

exhibited extraordinary teamwork by methodically discussing their aerodynamics and guidance system, and repairing and redesigning The Solar Trinity between heats. When the dust settled, they had scored 2nd, 2nd, 1st, 2rd, 4th, and 4th in their six heats.

Students who participated, shared their experiences. Emily said, Overall, Junior Solar Sprint was an amazing experience and I would jump on any opportunity to do it again!" Andrew explained, "One of the many things I especially liked about the Junior Solar Sprint was building the car after school because it really put your

mind to the test to figure out the possibilities and variables you were dealing with. For example, we had to think about the amount of power we were getting from the sun and the aerodynamics of the car. These things were very important to the car and its performance." Alexa was excited to share that, "Junior Solar Spring was a thrilling experience that challenged our minds to think outside the box. It was so thought provoking how so many different variables fit into the solar car itself not to mention the surface, the sun's position, and the direction the wind is going. I would totally do it again next year!





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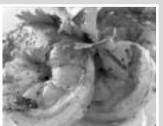
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(above) Melissa Cerimele, age 31, finished first in the female category at 19 minutes 21.



(above) Joseph Brancale, age 29, came in 1st place at 17 minutes and 19 seconds.

#### **1ST ANNUAL 5K RUN TO SUMMER**

By: Edir Coronado

Local residents got together this year and created the first ever Race to Summer 5K, in memory of Patrick J. Allocca to raise money for their downtown area and allocate funds to a charitable recipient.

This year the committee will make a donation to Camp Clover, a week-long summer camp for children's ages 5-7 who've experience grief. The camp provides tools for children to cope with their sorrow, along with original forms of summer camp activities. These coping skills learned at the camp, are aids that the campers can use for the rest of their lives.

Hundreds of residents, both young and old, gathered at the Scotch Plains municipal building to show their support. There was no limit on how you participated in the race, community members

ran, jogged, and even used jogging strollers.

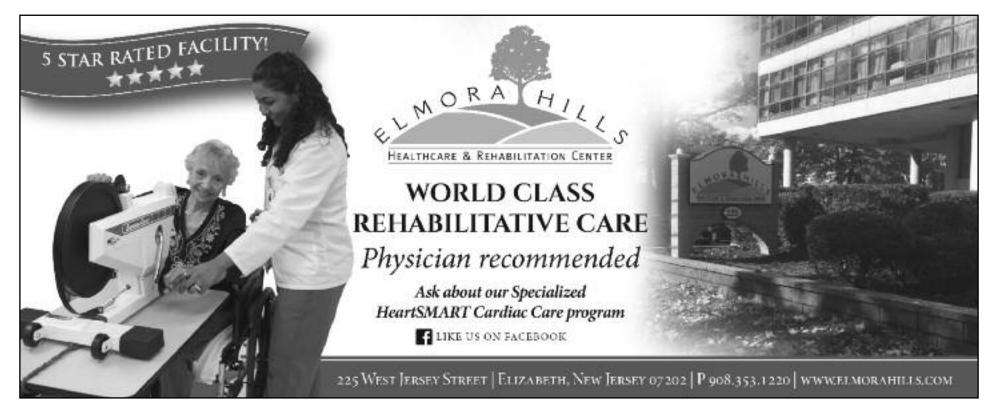
Although hundreds of determined runners crossed that starting line, some posted impressive running times. In first place was Joseph Brancale, age 29, coming in at 17 minutes and 19 seconds; then Brian Trembley, age 28, coming in at a very close second 17 minutes 31 seconds; and third was Ben Fleischer, age 15, coming in at 18 minutes 22 seconds.

Melissa Cerimele, age 31, finished first in the female category at 19 minutes 21 seconds; Rachel Ackerman, age 32, finished second, with 20 minutes 33 seconds; and Adrianne Foote, age 33, finished third with. 20 minutes 45 seconds.

After the race was completed participants enjoyed live music from "The Neighbors" band and BBQ from the Stagehouse Tavern.



(above) Event volunteers.



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#### SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO SCOTCH PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



(above, top, l-r) Christopher Silva (WHRHS), Rebecca Mehorter (SPFHS), Anthony Raphael (WHRHS), Nicholas Ruzicka (SPFHS), Cody Decker (SPFHS); (middel, l-r) Stephanie Bohn (SPFHS), Tyler Curtis (SPFHS), Thomas Riccardi (SPFHS), Nolan Berry (SPFHS); (bottom, l-r) Charlotte Brockway (NPHS), Emily London (SPFHS), Melody Njoku (NPHS).

Eight Scotch Plains Fanwood High School students were presented with scholarships from the Adele DeLeeuw Scholarship Fund at a dinner held on Wednesday, June 8th, at the Spain Inn in Piscataway. The scholarships are financed by a bequest from Adele DeLeeuw, longtime Plainfield resident, author of 75 books, journalist, and arts activist.

The Plainfield-North Plainfield Rotary Club administers the Adele DeLeeuw Scholarship Fund and is one of five local Rotary clubs that provide scholarships from the fund to students in their communities who pursue a course of study in poetry, art, journalism, writing or engineering. Sixty thousand dollars was distributed this year to twenty-two area students by the Fund, a fund of the Plainfield Foundation. This year's awards bring the Fund's twenty-one-year total distribution to \$1,143,500.

Brenda Okereke was the scholarship recipient from the graduating class of 2016. The Scholarship Fund also provided a continuing scholarship to college student Melody Njoku. This year's Adele DeLeeuw Senior Scholars, college students who were recognized as a scholarship recipient from the Fund for each of their four years in college included Charlotte Brockway. An additional nineteen students from area high schools received scholarships from the Fund.

Applications for the 2017 Adele DeLeeuw Scholarships will be available in January from North Plainfield High School guidance office. For further information, call Johanna Salvemini, Scholarship Administrator, at (908) 755-8098.

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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 \$27,750.00 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 \$3000.00 and will be attending the University of Rochester; Gabriela MacPherson, daughter of Gordon and Martha MacPherson who received \$4000.00 and will be attending The College of William and Mary; Rebecca Mehorter, daughter of John and Mary Rose Mehorter who received \$1500.00 and will be attending Ithaca College, Seleena Nival, daughter of Joseph and Liza Nival who received \$4000.00 and will be attending Rutgers, The State University of NJ and Carolyn Ringel, daughter of Jeffrey and Betsy Ringel who received \$1500.00 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 Caroll,

daughter of Joseph and Sandra Caroll, who received \$2500.00 and will be a senior at Middlebury College; Elizabeth Gelling, daughter of Christopher and Linda Gelling who received \$3000.00 and will be junior at the Fashion Institute of Technology; Elisa Staniec, daughter of George and Lorraine Staniec who received \$3250.00 and will be a sophmore at The Pennsylvania State University and Eve Zhurbinskiy, daughter of Ilya and Alla Zhurbinskiy, who received \$4,000.00 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

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Luncheon, with fellowship and a speaker, often a community leader with an update on themes of interest to the local communities or bearing on charitable activities that receive or seek Rotary support. We deliberate new ways to serve our community. We laugh. We re-examine ourselves at each weekly meeting, recalling the Rotary "Four Way Test" of the things we think or do:

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ShopRite, astronomer Bob Reichman, the team from Mad Science, an aerospace pilot, and many

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



Friday Family Movie Night will take place on Alan Augustine Village Green throughout the summer.

Bring the family and a blanket (or chairs) and join us each week. All movies start at 8 p.m. Movies are sponsored by the Township of Scotch Plains & the Cultural Arts Committee. The upcoming summer schedule of movies:

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#### SCOTCH PLAINS CELEBRATES INDEPENDENCE DAY

In honor of Independence Day, the township hosted its first-ever fireworks display on Saturday, July 2nd. Hundreds of residents brought their blankets and lawn chairs to the Scotch Hills Golf Course to enjoy a nice evening with neighbors.

Before the fireworks show Mayor Kevin

Glover stated "This event could not become a reality without the help of a great many volunteers, so I would like to thank all the members of the Cultural Arts Committee, the Fireworks Committee, the Police and Fire Departments, the Rescue Squad and of course the individual and corporate sponsors."













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On June 4, 2016 the Scotch Plains Italian American Club held a dedication ceremony for the plaza located in front of their club house at 1976 Valley Avenue in Scotch Plains. The location was named Montazzoli Plaza in tribute to the Italian Village in the Abruzzi Region of Italy where many of the original immigrants from 1906 originated. The club and its members still have strong ties to thier hometown.

Joe Bruno was the master of ceremonies and introduced Father David Santos of St. Bartholomew Church to give the invocation. Former New Jersey Governor Donald DeFrancesco was the guest speaker and spoke ot the meaning of the Montazzolesse Heritage. Scotch Plains Mayor Kevin Glover presented a proclamation to the club's president, John Appezzato. Mayor Colleen Mahr from neighboring Fanwood also addressed he crowd.

Entertainment was supplied by the Moonglowers, a band made up of students from Scotch Plains Fanwood High School.





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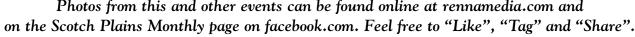








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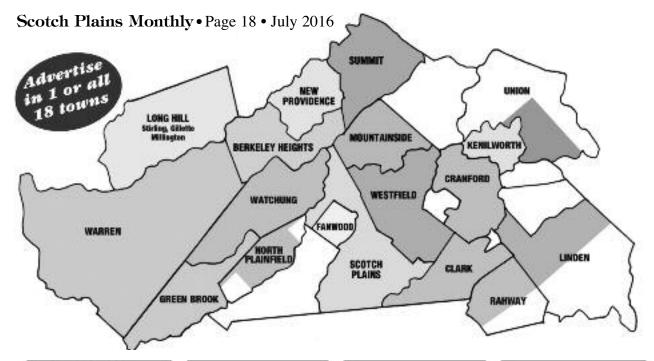




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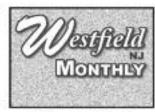


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