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ROCKIN' FOR AUTISM ANNOUNCES ANNUAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

To commemorate Autism Awareness Month, and raise awareness of and funds for autism related services, the Borough of Fanwood will be hosting its second annual Rockin' For Autism Music Festival on Saturday, April 29, 2017, from 10:00am to 7:00pm at LaGrande Park (200 LaGrande Avenue; Rain date April 30). Highlights from last year's festival can be found at www.rockin4autism.org.

The 2017 festival will feature a variety of local musical acts, food trucks and stands, local vendors and non-profit organizations, autism workshops, a bake sale and merchant tricky tray raffle, a beer garden (2:00-6:00pm), an obstacle course and more. It will also coincide with the Scotch Plains Fanwood Youth Baseball Association Opening Day Ceremony, and feature sports clinics from the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Soccer Association and the Wolves Basketball Academy.

Rockin' For Autism is the brainchild of 15-year-old Fanwood resident Mallory Banks, who since 2011 has raised more than \$20,000 for Autism New Jersey (www.autismnj.org) in honor of her brother, Ethan (age 17), and all those affected by autism spectrum disorder. Miss Banks, an Autism Awareness Junior Ambassador for the past six years, ranks among the top kids in New Jersey who raise money for Autism Awareness Month. Last year, the festival raised \$10,500 – more than doubling the amount of money previously raised by Mallory since 2011.

“Last year's Rockin' For Autism Music Festival was unbelievable. While it was an exciting day for many, at the heart of it was the money the festival raised to help people with autism like my brother,” said Mallory. “This year's festival is going to be even bigger and better than

last year's, and we hope that even more people attend because everyone who comes makes a difference.”

“Rockin' For Autism is an extraordinary event that Fanwood is proud to host. It has something for everyone to enjoy,” said Fanwood Mayor Mahr. “Last year's festival exceeded everyone's expectations, and was a shining example of how the dreams of an exceptional young woman can pull an entire community together for a worthy cause. I am confident that the festival will continue to attract high attendance, creating memories while raising awareness and funds for the autism community.”

Many bands and performers are scheduled throughout the event. And many local businesses, organizations and sponsors have signed up to support the festival as well.

For more information, or to volunteer, sponsor or exhibit at the event, please contact info@rockin4autism.org or visit www.rockin4autism.org.

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(above) 2016 Rockin' For Autism volunteers.



(above) The Banks family:
Ethan, Jeff, Mallory and Gina.

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Sixth and seventh graders at Congregation Beth Israel's Religious School in Scotch Plains created and staffed "Mitzvah Booths" to raise money for several charities at the synagogue's annual Purim party on Sunday, March 12. The students collected \$750 by running games and craft activities in support of their chosen charities, which included: Susan B. Komen Cancer Research; Friends of Linden Animal Shelter; Camp Lee-Mar for special needs campers; NJY Camps; Homeless Female Veterans; No Kid Hungry; anti-bullying; and more. "While Judaism teaches that it is important to donate to charity year-round, it is a particular mitzvah, or good deed, to give to charity during the holiday of Purim," said Gail Beckman Buchbinder, Education Director of Congregation Beth Israel. "We are hopefully reinforcing a life-long commitment to helping others."

Many of the carnival participants were dressed in costume as is customary during the Purim celebration.



(above) Seventh-grader Rebecca Strug supported NJY Camps with a basketball-throwing booth.

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Barbara Prestridge, a Scotch Plains resident and art teacher at Park Middle School, is exhibiting 15 of her paintings in an exhibition at Kean University. "Emergence; MA Studio Thesis Exhibition, featuring Barbara Prestridge and George Rateau," This culminating exhibition for the graduating Master's degree candidates is open to the public April 20 through May 14, 2017. The opening reception will be held Sunday, April 23, 1:00-3:00 with comments by the exhibiting artists at 2 pm. The exhibition and reception/talk is in the James Howe Gallery in the Vaughn-Eames building on the Union campus.

Prestridge's art addresses the unique and magical qualities of the watercolor medium combined with charcoal. As a longtime realistic portrait artist, these new paintings reflect her journey to abstract expressionism through botanical landscapes that are filled with trails, elusive labyrinths and architectural suggestions. These are studies of contrasts; loose flow and control, clear and obscure, ethereal and earthy. Her love of music and her fascination with the vibrancy and fluidity of watercolors join together in her reflective and mystical expressions.

Along with Prestridge, George Rateau will be exhibiting his graphic novel, where he uses text as well as visuals to bring us a fantastical work of grit, the surreal and mystery.

The James Howe Gallery, Vaughn-Eames Fine Arts Building, Kean University is located at 1000 Morris Avenue, Union, NJ.



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A one night Jazz Festival to benefit St. Joseph Social Service Center in Elizabeth will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2017, 8 p.m., Union Catholic High School Auditorium located at 1600 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, NJ.

This event is a jam-packed evening of high quality jazz entertainment, presented by five musicians and three singers, all of whom are outstanding talents in jazz, "America's music." Consider buying your tickets soon, supporting both live jazz and a most worthy non-profit organization...and treating yourself to a wonderful evening of entertainment. The show will be approximately two hours, not including the intermission. General admission is \$25, Premium Ticket is \$40.

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If you care to inquire about becoming a sponsor of the event, contact Phil Michel at pmichel@sjeliz.org.

To make a donation to support the work of St. Joseph's www.sjeliz.org. Please do not call St. Joseph's or Union Catholic High School for show tickets or information.

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The Fanwood Irish Festival, a two-day celebration of Irish food, music and dancing, sponsored by Sheelen's Crossing Bar/Restaurant and other local businesses was held in March. The heated tent provided a perfect venue for a late-winter event on the South Avenue parking lot of the Fanwood train station. A portion of proceeds will benefit the SPF High School sports boosters.



(above) Emma, 4, of Fanwood, gets face painted.



(above) Appropriately dressed couple.



(above) Mayor Colleen Mahr and event organizer Sean Flannery, owner of Sheelen's Crossing.



(above) Dancer gets air



(left) Dancers from Marie Moore School in Scotch Plains perform for a full tent.

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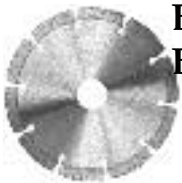
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KATHRYN KALAIGIAN RECEIVES VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

Kathryn has had an impressive range of service and leadership experiences beginning with younger students at school and church and the creation of the Sunshine Theatre Company group for senior citizens.

“The recipients of these awards demonstrate that young people across America are making

remarkable contributions to the health and vitality of their communities,” said John Strangfeld, chairman and CEO of Prudential Financial. “By recognizing these students and placing a spotlight on their volunteer activities, we hope to motivate others to consider how they can also contribute to their community.”

ANDREW KRINEY HIGHEST ACT SCORE

Andrew Kriney, a senior student at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, earned the highest composite score of 36 on the ACT College

admissions and placement exam. Only 1 in 4,000 test takers achieve this score. Congratulations Andrew!

DEBLINA MUKHERJEE SELECTED AS U.S. PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR

Deblina Mukherjee, a senior at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, has been selected as a candidate for the 2017 United States Presidential Scholars Program. Presidential Scholars is a program of the Department of Education that

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HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Sunday, April 23, 2017 at 7 p.m., Temple Sholom of Scotch Plains will commemorate Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) with a special Service of Remembrance and Hope. Dr. Susan Lederman, a hidden child during the Holocaust, will share her story of survival followed by a Yom HaShoah liturgy, compiled by Cantor Darcie Sharlein. The program is free and open to the public.

Dr. Lederman was born in Bratislava, Czechoslovakia in 1937. She, her parents and one great aunt were able to survive by hiding. Susan lived with a Christian family in a small village and later with a Hungarian family in Bratislava; her parents hid in a bombed-out factory. They were liberated in 1945 by the Russians and emigrated to the United States in 1948, settling in Queens, New York. Dr. Lederman went on to become a prominent Political Scientist, serving on the faculty of Kean University since 1977 where she is now Professor Emerita of Public Administration. In 1980, she co-authored with Gerald M. Pomper, the book Elections in America: Control and Influence in Democratic Politics. Dr. Lederman has served as president, director or chair of many civic and professional organizations including the League of Women Voters of the United States, the Common Cause National Governing Association and the Northeastern Political Science Association. She also served as President of Temple Sinai in Summit from 1993 to 1994; she and her husband live in New Providence and are the parents of two grown children.

Following Dr. Lederman's presentation, Cantor Darcie Sharlein will lead a special liturgical service which incorporates the voices


of children from the Shoah, including music written by 11 year old Alec Volkoviski for a music competition in the Vilna Ghetto in 1943; excerpts from Anne Frank's diary; and stories and poems written by children imprisoned in Terezin concentration camp. Six candles will be lit by Temple Sholom members whose lives, as Holocaust refugees or children and grandchildren of survivors, have been affected by the Holocaust. The entire program is underwritten by the Nathanson Adult Education Fund.

As witnesses to the Holocaust age, fewer are left to tell their stories. "Our children are the last generation to get to hear live testimony," says Marjorie B. Leffler, a parent and member of Temple Sholom's Yom HaShoah committee. Dr. Ann L. Saltzman, chair of the committee and Director Emerita of the Drew University Center for Holocaust/Genocide Study, adds that "Remembrance/memory is an integral part of Jewish tradition. We remember the fall of the temple on Tisha B'Av and we commemorate the millions who lost their lives in the Holocaust on Yom HaShoah." Rabbi Joel Abraham adds that "Temple Sholom has always had a strong commitment to remembering the Shoah. Members of Temple Sholom were instrumental in creating the state-wide mandate for Holocaust education and our confirmands visit both Holocaust sites and living Jewish communities in Europe as part of their study."

Founded in 1913, Temple Sholom is a Reform Jewish congregation led by Rabbi Joel N. Abraham and Cantor Darcie Sharlein. The temple and its religious school are home to more than 250 families. The congregation is located at 1925 Lake Ave. in Scotch Plains. Temple Sholom is a

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GWACC WISH LIST PROGRAM TAKES OFF

The Greater Westfield Area of Commerce (GWACC) made its first Wish List Program “match” on March 1st. This new program pairs a member business and a nonprofit organization with the purpose of fulfilling a wish requested by the nonprofit. In March, Community Access Unlimited (CAU), a nonprofit based in Elizabeth, received their wish--a laptop donated by Mario G. Cesario of Cesar-Kai Academy/The Max Challenge in Cranford.

Community Access Unlimited provides comprehensive support services to approximately 8,000 New Jersey residents with developmental disabilities, youth aging out of foster care, and people with affordable housing needs. Their mission is to give the people they work with (referred to as ‘members’) the opportunity to live independently and to lead normal and productive lives as citizens integrated into the community. Supported housing units are located in four of the five towns served by the GWACC. CAU requested a laptop to provide technical assistance to staff members working in the community alongside the people they support. The new laptop will allow the staff to immediately access each member’s

information, connect members to community resources, thus providing the most comprehensive care.

Mario Cesario said, “I remember starting my first business six years ago. If it wasn't for an extremely supportive community, my journey could have been very different. Having the opportunity to support a local nonprofit organization that does great work is just the right thing to do, and I'm honored to pay it forward and make doing their job easier. We should all support local businesses and nonprofit organizations on a regular basis.”

Stephanie Branna, Chairwoman of the GWACC Nonprofit Committee said, “This new initiative was developed to bring awareness to all of our members. We are looking for the next business to step up and grant the wish for our second nonprofit organization, Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County.”

For more information about the Wish List program, please contact Stephanie Branna at stephanie@brannaagency.com.

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contacting Mrs. P. Hanigan, Scholarship Chairperson, 1213 Wyoming Avenue, Mountainside, NJ 07092, or by phoning her at 908 232 4512 (voice). Applications must be submitted no later than May 19, 2017.

The Hearing Society is a not-for-profit organization that has served people with hearing impairments in Union County since 1932. The society also sponsors a class in speech (lip) reading at the First Baptist Church in Westfield, and welcomes interested people from the area to attend. For more information about the Society, contact Alice Knecht, 908-688-8241 (voice), or online at alirobkn@aol.com.

WESTFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EVENTS

Join the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce for any of our upcoming events. For more information and to RSVP, go to gwaccnj.com/events or call the chamber at 908.233.3021.

Thursday, April 20th from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm for business networking at Le Petit Temptation in Cranford. Chef Jessie Dardar is creating an original assortment of Hors d'oeuvres along with wine and vodka drinks. Prospective members are welcome. Prepayment online at gwaccnj.com/events. Members \$10 and nonmembers \$15. There will be an additional fee at the door.

Thursday, May 4th from 6 - 7:30 pm for business networking at Allstate Insurance - Ron Bansky Agency in Westfield. Finger food, wine and beer will be served. Prospective members are welcome. Members \$10 and nonmembers \$15.

There will be an additional fee at the door.

Come to downtown Westfield on Sunday, May 7th from 10 - 5 for the 23rd annual Spring Fling Street Fair! It's free and fun for the whole family. Check out scores of vendors, fantastic food, a KidZone, live entertainment, and so much more. Downtown Westfield is closed off to vehicular traffic.

May 10th starting at 4 pm for their 2nd Annual Nine, Wine & Dine golf outing at Shackamaxon Country Club. Golfers of all abilities are welcome for fun, wine and dinner. We'll be playing a 9-hole scramble format. If you don't golf, sign up for dinner. Golfers can RSVP as individuals or as a foursome. Proceeds from the day will benefit the GWACC Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting local non-profit organizations and scholarships for local high school seniors.

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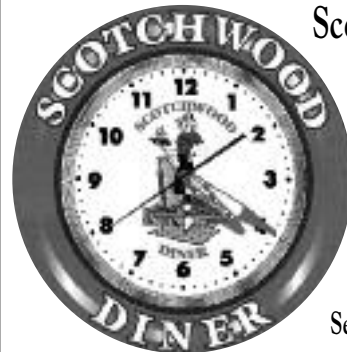
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The new child advocates completed 30 hours in a new, flexible training option that comprises fewer in-person sessions than the traditional session, but incorporates an online learning component for scheduling flexibility. After the new advocates took their oath and received a commemorative CASA pin and certificate, they gathered with staff and board members for a celebratory luncheon, during which they were matched to their new case.

Volunteers with varied backgrounds make successful advocates and this class is no exception: Advocates range in age from 21 to 81; are parents and non-parents; recent retirees and students; and careers include business professionals, a teacher, nurse, attorney and professor; as well as homemakers. Languages

spoken include Spanish, Chinese, Ukrainian and German. Most have no prior knowledge of the foster system, and at least two of the volunteers are immigrants.

CASA volunteers have court-ordered access to all parties in a child's life, including foster parents, doctors, caseworkers, therapists and teachers, and incorporate into court reports findings from these contacts as well as time spent with the youth. Volunteers advocate both in the community and court to ensure their youth's needs are met and their time in care is as short as possible. There are 600 Union County children currently in foster care and CASA of Union County serves approximately one-third; its mission is to provide an advocate for every foster child that needs one.

For details on future trainings, contact Courtney at 908-527-7045 or cgreen@casaoofunioncounty.org. To inquire about other ways to support CASA of Union County, contact Executive Director Marla Higginbotham at 908-527-7041 or marlah@casaoofunioncounty.org.

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The race course is USATF-certified and trophies are given to the first-place female and male finishers, as well as runners in the following brackets: 10 and under, 11-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, and 60+. In addition, participants can try their luck at various raffles — tickets are \$5 — and enjoy such post-race sustenance such as fruit, bagels and water. Whether a serious runner, a speed-walker or simply looking to stroll with friends and family — this race for a reason promises fun for all, and helps vulnerable youth right in your own community!

Life in foster care and the road to it is no walk in the park, but your walk or run in the park can change that. Two-thirds of Union County foster youth still need a CASA volunteer, and your

participation brings CASA of Union County closer to remedying that by providing a committed advocate for every youth that needs one. Appointed to a case by a family judge, trained CASA volunteers serve foster youth by advocating in court and the community to ensure their needs are met and best interests remain priority. They are court-empowered to speak with the youth's teachers, doctors, therapists, foster parents, caseworker, attorney and more, and then report findings to the judge.

Race check-in and packet pick-up begins 7:30 am race day; the 1 mile walk starts at 9 am and the 5k at 9:30 am. Award presentation and raffles begin at 10:30 am. Performance race shirts are guaranteed to all paid registrants through April 25. Registration is \$25 to run and \$20 to walk; \$5 more after April 15. Children under 10 run or walk for free!

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Weiniger is waiting for a new heart; In February 2003 at the age of 42, he had a heart attack followed by quintuple bypass surgery. He lived a normal life until February 2015, when he suffered another heart attack, and it was so severe that a bypass could not be performed. "It didn't look good until an LVAD (left ventricular assist device) was presented to me," said Weiniger. LVADs were first invented to keep patients alive while waiting for a transplant.

Weiniger is keeping busy while waiting for the transplant and he plans to participate in NJ

Sharing Network's 5K Celebration of Life on June 4, 2017 in New Providence, NJ. The money raised for the event will be used to save lives through "innovative transplant research, family support, public awareness and education about the life-saving benefits of organ and tissue donation and transplantation."

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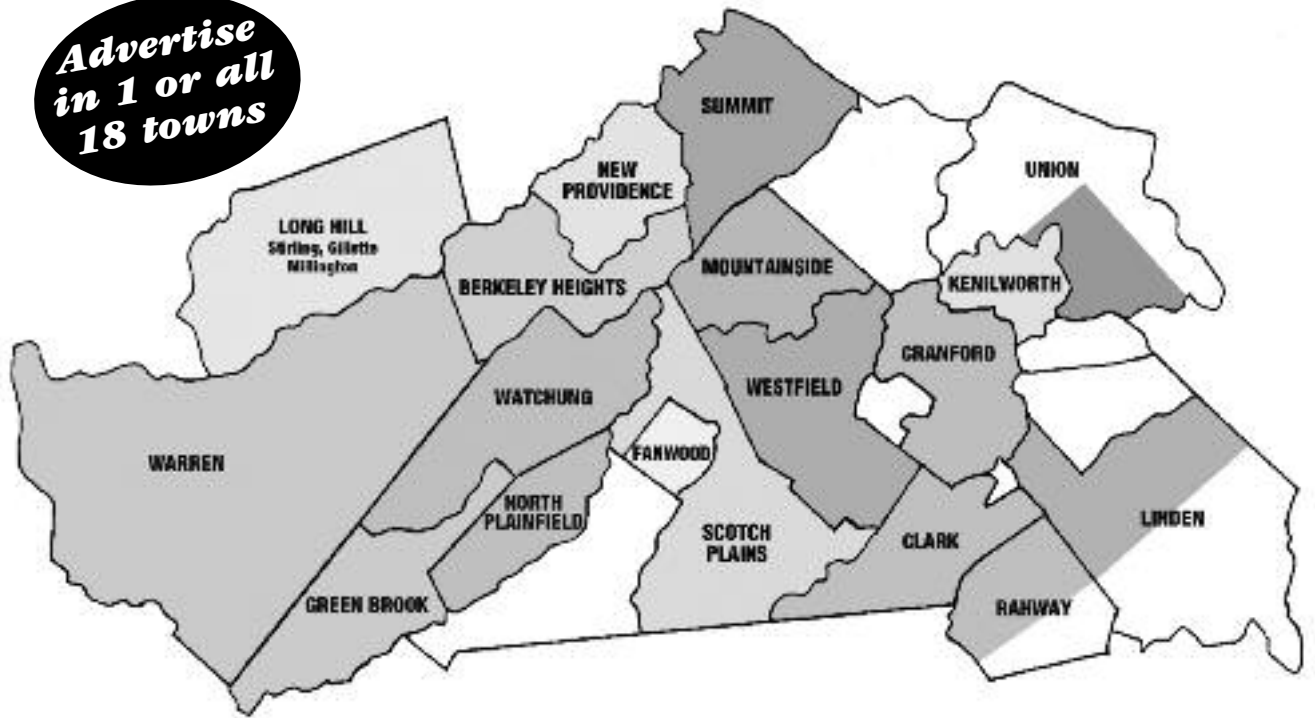
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