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GOLDEN GIRLS OF SCOUTING ARE HONORED



Beth Shelton, left, and Heather Skinner.

Beth Shelton of Fanwood and Heather Skinner of Scotch Plains are the community's first recipients of the Gold Award, the highest achievement in Girl Scouting.

The two received their awards in a ceremony attended by State Assemblywoman Maureen Ogden and Mayors Joan Papen and Patricia Kuran, all of whom gave addresses. Letters and citations were received from Pres. Ronald Reagan, Senators Bill Bradley and Frank Lautenberg, Cong. Matthew Rinaldo, Gov. Thomas Kean and State Sen. Donald DiFrancesco. To earn the Gold Award a girl must, after meeting prerequisites, complete at least four interest projects and earn the Gold Leadership torch. She is required to give service in an area that is important to her now and will likely continue to be so in future. Finally, she must have a minimum of 25 hours of paid or volunteer work experience.

The Girl Scouts Gold Award recognizes what a girl accomplishes in all areas of her life - Scouting, school and community.

Beth Shelton has been a Girl Scout for eight years. The Gold Award is her 102nd recognition.

To earn this award, Beth designed and constructed a recycling display at Trailside Museum, involved herself in child care, worked as stage crew chief in school theatrical productions and completed projects in cooking, camping and travelling.

She has raised several puppies for the 4-H Seeing Eye Dog program, studied ballet for eight years and has won awards for her harp-playing. Beth attends Dana Hall School, Wellesley, Mass. on full academic scholarship. A senior, she competes on the fencing team and is involved in dramatics and music. Her future plans include studies in international business and Chinese.

Heather Skinner, also an eight year veteran, began her Scouting in New York City and came to our community two years ago. A 1986 graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, she served as vice-president of the Repertory Theater. She was student director of this year's production of "Grease" and was responsible for the Village Green performance on June 25 as her community service project. Other Gold projects included Outdoor Survival, career exploration and theater. Heather has been a reporter for the Fanscotian and works at the YMCA. She will attend Syracuse University to study Communications.

THE FLEA MARKET WITH A DIFFERENCE

Fanwood Fire Co. will hold its Flea Market with a difference on Saturday June 28, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

You can start the day with a Fireman's breakfast, see a host of items from many fine vendors. All profits go to the Volunteer Fire Co. for new equipment.

The Fanwood Rescue Squad invites you to visit them at the Flea Market where they will have a display of their equipment.

Recycling moves into high gear as Fan./S.P. Center opens

by Sharon Pachler

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Recycling Center opened Saturday, June 21 and, judging by public response and the enthusiasm of its volunteers, there was no question of its' success. After 3½ years of planning, Scotch Plains Deputy Mayor and Recycling Corporation President Irene Schmidt, a supporter of the joint community project from its' inception, called the Center "a dream come true."

A background on the North Avenue recycling facility shows that the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Jaycees, recycling at the Fanwood train station for 13 years, took the first step toward establishing a permanent site. Fanwood Councilman David Pickering then presented a site plan to the Planning Board.

In January, 1984, at Schmidt's swearing-in as Scotch Plains mayor, she announced her intention to develop a recycling program and, shortly after, formed a committee. Once the site plan was approved, Fanwood Mayor Patricia Kuran and Pickering were invited to join Scotch Plains in applying to the Department of Energy's Office of Recycling for a joint municipal grant.

Through the efforts of Scotch Plains Manager Thomas Atkins, Pickering, and Jim Gomes, the grant application was developed. The towns were awarded \$16,117 providing there was adequate support from community organizations to operate a recycling center. With a June opening

date in sight, the Recycling Committee began preparing the communities for the new facility. Bob LaCosta, Scotch Plains Building Inspector and Zoning Officer, involved with this project for the last few years, coordinated site development and made several presentations to community and school



Local dignitaries remove recyclables from customers car during Grand Opening on June 21st.



Left to right Scotch Plains Mayor Joan Papen, Scotch Plains Councilwoman Irene Schmidt, Fanwood Councilman David Pickering and Fanwood Mayor Pat Kuran cut ribbon at opening of Fanwood-Scotch Plains Recycling Center.

groups. "Without him," said Schmidt, "we would never have gotten this project completed as planned."

Work done by municipal departments enabled the grant money to go farther than anticipated. Public Works Directors Ray Manfra in Fanwood and Ray D'Amato in Scotch Plains

were thanked for their "outstanding cooperation" as were S.P. Manager Thomas Atkins and Fanwood Administrator Thomas Beisler.

Citizen volunteers lent assistance in the areas of education, publicity, and site operations. Recycling Corporation Vice-

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Scotch Plains' teens are blooming young publishers

by Guy Kipp

Monique Coleman and Erica Mobley, both completing 7th grade at Park Middle School, are enterprising girls who write, edit and publish their own monthly newsletter (the Monthly Interview Newsletter, or MIN). One would be well-advised to take these two girls seriously rather than dismissing their projects as a passing hobby of fickle youth, because they work with diligence and intelligence at what they do, and they've already secured some fairly prominent subjects for future in-



Monique Coleman, left, and Erica Mobley, right, in the basement of the Coleman home, which serves as the editorial office of their monthly publication.

terviews. "When we started the paper (in 1984), we were doing more fiction and things for kids," said Monique. "Now we concentrate on more serious editorials and interviews."

MIN, which now has 83 subscribers and is seeking further growth, has featured local attorneys, mayors and business-people in past issues, and has been unafraid to tackle more substantial issues such as the drug problem in professional sports.

"We have tried to do

more editorials on drug problems," Monique said. "We want to make people aware of the problems drugs cause and let people know we are thinking about serious issues."

Coleman started the paper as an outlet for her desire to write during free time, but when she met Erica at Park M.S. two years ago they quickly joined forces. Since then, the girls candidly admit they've encountered their share of obstacles--specifically with regard to finances, printing and transportation for inter-

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S.P. Council supports G.B. flooding bill

by Sharon Pachler

Scotch Plains Council unanimously approved a resolution Tuesday night that reaffirmed support for the 1985 Water Resources Conservation, Development and Infrastructure Improvement and Rehabilitation Act passed by the House of Representatives. Unlike the Senate Bill which "ignores those portions of the

(Green Brook sub-basin of the Raritan River) where the greatest potential for human injury exists," according to this resolution, the House version applies to flooding problems of the entire basin.

On hand that evening was former Mayor Lawrence Newcomb, Vice-Chairman of the Green Brook Flood Com-

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