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Museum programs will re-open on March 7th

The Osborn/Cannonball House Museum will re-open for the year on Sunday, March 7th from 2 to 4 pm. The white salt box farmhouse (circa 1760) is located on Front Street in Scotch Plains.

For the past 20 years the Museum programs have been sponsored by The Historical Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

Come and see the preservation of the history of our town. There is no admission fee.

Fanwood Committee conducts coloring contest

The Fanwood Clean Communities Committee will be conducting a "Recycling" coloring contest for children in grades K-4. A Recycling coloring book that is intended to teach children the concept of recycling will be distributed to area residents at the Fanwood Recycling Center on March 20, 24 and 27.

The coloring book theme of REDUCE-REUSE-RECYCLE gives children the opportunity to color a picture of their special way of saving the world.

Completed books must be turned in to Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, by April 10. Prizes for each grade level will be awarded on April 17.

The Fanwood Clean Community Committee will also conduct its annual Clean Up Day on May 15. Details will be announced in April.

Blood Pressure Clinic scheduled for March 8th

The Township of Scotch Plains will hold the monthly Hypertension (High Blood Pressure) Screening Clinic on Monday, March 8, 1993.

The Clinic will be held in the Scotch Plains Public Library Community Room from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon, and is free. The intent of the Clinic is to identify new cases of High Blood Pressure. Those persons who are over the age of thirty and smoke or are overweight or have a family history of heart disease or diabetes and have not had their blood pressure checked recently are urged to attend.

Knights of Columbus hold Awards Night

Father John S. Nelligan Council No. 5730, Knights of Columbus, Fanwood/Scotch Plains, held an Awards Night at St. Bartholomew's Church on Thursday, February 18. The purpose of Awards Night was to honor those members of the Police and Fire Departments and Rescue Squads of Fanwood and Scotch Plains for their exceptional service to the two communities. Also honored were the youthful winners of the Essay and Basketball Free Throw Contests sponsored by the Father Nelligan Council.

The Essay Contest had as its theme "America: What It Means To Me" and from the fifty-six excellent, insightful entries received from students in grades seven through eleven, the winners chosen were: Suzanne Lamastra and William Francis Daly from St. Bartholomew's Interparochial School and Anna-Gayle Patton, Michael Joseph Rodriquez and Daniel Tennant from Union Catholic Regional High School. Each winner received a monetary award from the Council.

The highly competitive Basketball Free Throw Contest for boys and girls ages ten through fourteen produced seven Council winners, five of whom proceeded to also win the District Contest and continue into the Regionals. The winners, each receiving a trophy, were: Kevin Cummo, Marie Dougherty, Scott Kosovan, Mark Lynch, Chris Marino, Catherine Micalizzi and Regina Niemiera.

The Shield and Emergency Care Awards presented for exceptional service were in recognition of the extraordinary degree of care and concern the recipients of the awards have shown for the people of the communities of Fanwood and Scotch Plains and for their unique devotion to their duties and responsibilities. A simple listing cannot do justice to such exceptional service as that provided by the following recipients of the awards:

Mrs. Ruth Wegmann, the First Lady of the Fanwood Rescue Squad, who, during her thirty years on the Squad, has given over 4000 hours of service to the people of Fanwood.

Daniel Sullivan, currently President of the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad, who has answered over 7300 calls for help in his twenty-three years of service, is the 1993 Chairman of the New Jersey State First Aid Council's Ambulance Standards Committee, is an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and an American Red Cross CPR Instructor.

Captain George Germinder, of the Fanwood Police Department, who is completing a thirty-seven year career in police work and has, for the past seventeen years, been Patrol Commander for the Department.

Sergeant Jeffrey Ellis, a fifteen year member of the Scotch Plains Police Department who, in addition to his other duties, has been responsible for developing, frequently on his personal days-off, and supervising innovative computer programs to organize and enhance the maintenance and availability of records needed by public and court personnel.

Six members of the Fanwood Volunteer Fire Department who were honored jointly for their combined efforts and

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Ruth Wegmann of the Fanwood Rescue Squad, center, was honored for 4000 hours of service to the community. Also pictured are James Russell and Mayor Linda Stender.

Tying of ribbons kicks-off "Think Purple" week

It's that time of year again, when hundreds of purple ribbons can be seen throughout Scotch Plains and Fanwood. During the week of March 6-13, 1993, National PTA Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood PTA Chemical Dependency Committee will be sponsoring "Think Purple" week.

The tying of purple ribbons throughout our two towns on March 6th will be the first of many activities during this week. Local Brownie and Girl Scout troops, and PTA and community members will be gathering at Park Middle School to launch this year's Think Purple campaign. The purple ribbon is a symbol that we wear and display in memory of those lives who have been damaged or lost due to drugs and alcohol. Our goal is to remind everyone that drugs and alcohol hurt kids and to continue in our efforts to create the kind of caring community where children can grow up as happy, independent-thinking, caring individuals who remain drug and alcohol free.

A free parent workshop will be presented on March 9th at 7:30 pm at Evergreen School, in the All-Purpose room. This endeavor is being sponsored by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood PTA Chemical Dependency Committee, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education and Union Catholic High School. The workshop, "The Living Years" will feature Mary Donavan Zipf, an educational consultant, and will explore how to improve and encourage communication between parent and child. Parents of all age children are invited to attend.

All students in our district will also participate in a variety of programs and activities in the schools, designed to help them feel positive about themselves and increase their awareness of the pressures of drugs and alcohol.