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MILLINGTON DOWNTOWN DAY SET FOR OCTOBER 15TH

The Long Hill Chamber of Commerce will hold Millington Downtown Day on Sunday, October 15th from 11am-3pm in downtown Millington along Long Hill Road and Division Avenue. This will be the 4th time the Chamber-sponsored event has been held.

"We plan to have great games and activities such as pumpkin carving, train rides, a bounce house, face painting, a giant slide, and many more fun activities", said Dawn Kougias, owner of The Millington Station Cafe. All rides, games, and snacks such as ice cream and popcorn are free, all courtesy of the local business community.

Large business sponsors of the event include Millington Savings Bank, ShopRite, Investors Bank Jaeger Lumber, the Stirling Hotel, and New Jersey Hills Media Group. While admission to the event is also free, the Chamber requests that attendees bring a non-perishable boxed or canned item for the St. Vincent's Food Pantry to gain entry. The Food Pantry reminds everyone to please be mindful of expiration dates and requests all items have an expiration date of November 1, 2017 or later.

BOY SCOUTS HAS A TRADITION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

tradition of helping with the All Saints Church annual rummage sale in Millington on Saturday, September 23rd. About 40 scouts participated throughout the day in helping make the sale a big success.

There are many service and adventures opportunities available for students in 6-12th grade interested in joining the troop. The scouts kicked off the summer with a trip to Pine

Long Hill Troop 56 Boy Scouts continued a longstanding Barrens. The troop then spent a week roughing it in the Adirondacks at camp Sabattis in the Long Lake, NY. A smaller group of boys then chose tackle a in a 65-mile canoe trek earning their 50-miler patch. In the coming months scouts will enjoy trips canoeing on the Delaware River and exploring and camping at the National Battlefield of Antietam in Maryland. Visit Troop56.org for more information about joining.

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(above, bottom row, l-r) Dimitri Gianakis, Ryan Smargiassi, Matt Stroma, Tommy Osmond, Harrison Quinn, Jack Osmond, Jim Caporoso. (row 2, l-r) Bruce Meringolo, Patrick Dempsey, Matthew Meringolo, Kip DeGeorge, Andrew Muller, Zach Rossi, Isabella Rossi, Bjorn Golden, Jack Remington, Mark Strona, Zachary Brown, Steve Brown (row 3) Ray Hall, Roger Mederos, Steve Remington, Dave Rossi, Christopher Gianakis, Charlie Muller, Steve Remington, John Dempsey, Matt Strona, Gary Gianakis, Mike Smargiassi



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SAGE ELDERCARE HONORS LAURIE MONROE OF MILLINGTON

SAGE Eldercare, a unique community Carry the Torch Award. resource that offers program and services for ABOUT SAGE ELDERCARE older adults and their caregivers, celebrated its 2016 partners, volunteers, and staff at a meeting held on September 12, 2017.

"Our dedicated volunteers and community partners provide SAGE with the ability to reach those in need. We could not do it without you," said Angela Sullivan, SAGE Executive Director.

Sullivan, along with 2016 Board President Kitty Hartman, highlighted the achievements of the organization in 2016, including the 50 year anniversary of Meals on Wheels and the start-up of a friendly visitor program. In addition, SAGE served older adults and caregivers in our community with Guidance, Planning, and Support, home care, information and referrals, educational and exercise programs, caregiver support groups, grocery shopping and errand services, Medicare counseling, and in the Spend-A-Day adult day health care program.

Laurie Monroe of Millington, was among those honored. She was given the Bob Abelson 908.273.5550 or visit www.sageeldercare.org.

Since 1954, SAGE Eldercare has been helping make the communities it serves amazing places to age. The non-profit organization provides a wide array of information, support, and services designed to help individuals lead the most independent and active lives possible. From helping with errands and delivering Meals on Wheels, to exercise classes, community programs and support groups, Medicare counseling, care planning, an adult day health care center, and home health care, as well as the SAGE Resale Shop and Furniture Restoration Workshop, SAGE's expertise helps older adults remain independent in their own homes. SAGE is committed to being the leading provider of programs and services to meet the changing needs of older adults, their families, and caregivers in Union, Essex, Morris, and Somerset Counties.

For more information, please



(above) SAGE Eldercare presented Laurie Monroe of Millington, (pictured right), with the Bob Abelson Carry the Torch Award. Marianne Kranz (pictured left), SAGE Director of Meals on Wheels and Volunteers, noted a long list of volunteer work that Laurie is involved in, including with the United Methodist Church of Summit, Summit Helping Its People (SHIP), Family Promise, and Loaves and Fishes, "And she still squeezes SAGE in, three to four days a week. She delivers Meals on Wheels once a week. She can be found grocery shopping once a week. She's visiting her homebound friend in the Meals with Friends program. She's helping in the Spend-A-Day kitchen once a week, and lately, she's even being doing some office work. What we like about Laurie, besides her dedication and compassion, is her sense of humor. Her energy and wit are contagious, as is her compassion." The award was created in 2014 to recognize an exceptional SAGE volunteer who continually demonstrates their commitment to the community-at-large.

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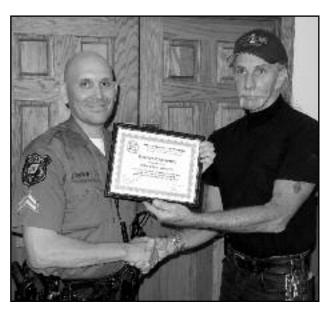
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At their monthly meeting held on September 7, the Stirling Volunteer Fire Co. members expressed their gratitude to Long Hill Township Police Officer Jeff Scala for his extraordinary efforts in aiding the firefighters from five fire departments as they fought a major residential fire in Meyersville.

The fire occurred during the evening of July 20, 2017 during a heat wave with high humidity, which quickly drained firefighters' physical endurance as they fought the stubborn fire while wearing their 40+ pounds of firefighting gear. Officer Scala gave vital assistance to the firefighters including providing them with drinking water and helping remove tripping hazards and obstacles.

On behalf of the Stirling and other firefighters who fought that fire, Stirling Fire Chief Kevin Philips presented Officer Scala with a much deserved Certificate of Appreciate as the firefighters gave him a standing ovation and each personally thanked him.





COLLEEN CIRROTTI OF GILLETTE OUTREACH WORK IN WEST VIRGINIA

Colleen Cirrotti, a resident of Gillette and a senior at Mount Saint Mary Academy, traveled to Terra Alta, Preston County, WV to dedicate a week of her summer to service.

"The family that I was assisting was an impoverished family living quite literally in the middle of nowhere, who needed a new roof and a gutter system," she said. "After a week full of hot afternoons and sweating, I was able to proudly put my two feet on the work my team had accomplished. It was extremely satisfying to feel beneath my feet the difference I made in other people's lives."

Colleen noted that the family, which was "extremely gracious and kind-hearted throughout the week" had a deep impact on her: "Their appreciation for our work made the roof and that week mean so much more and brought me close to tears," she said.

"I'm so grateful for this opportunity which taught me the importance of using God's abundant blessings in my life to serve others and the beauty of how far a little bit of baking can go in a friendship," added Colleen.





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The Millington Volunteer Fire Company hosted a family friendly Food Truck Festival on Saturday, September 9th. Along with food, beer, and wine participants were treated to may games and live bands.



(above l-r) Some of the many volunteers included Jessie Hoffmann, Ali Hoffmann, Beau, from Millington and Sarah McCracken from Gillette.

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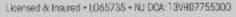














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WHRHS TEACHERS WELCOMED BACK WITH CONVOCATION AND BBQ

Superintendent Elizabeth Jewett, Principal George Alexis and Director of Human Resources Beth Scheiderman welcomed teachers back on Tuesday, September 5, to the 2017-2018 School Year Opening Day at Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS).

Following opening remarks at a Staff Convocation, the teachers were treated to a Luncheon BBO in the south cafeteria, with burgers and hot dogs barbecued by members of the WHRHS Football Team and Touchdown Club. The teachers also attended two days of departmental meetings and breakout sessions on Sept. 5, and Wednesday, Sept. 6.

"It is truly a pleasure to be standing here in front of all of you this morning and it is my privilege to welcome you back for the 2017-2018 school year," Jewett said in addressing the school's teachers to start the speaking program at the Staff Convocation. "I truly enjoy getting to share with you all the progress we made over the summer as well as celebrate all of our district accomplishments and the role that you have played."

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expansion and modernization in the south cafeteria. This construction project was the last major project funded through the 2013 referendum. The voter-approved improvements multiple other physical facility improvements to the WHRHS physical plant, ranging from refurbished parking lots to kitchen and bathroom introduced new staff at the opening convocation. upgrades and modernizations.

Other improvements this summer included the replacement of a large walk-in refrigerator in the north kitchen, replacement of the aging water boiler in the south building, replacement of ductwork in ceramics and photography rooms, remediation of sinks and fountains that had failed lead testing requirements with new fixtures and filters, and continued exterior work on the Mountain Avenue athletic field.

Jewett also listed the broad and numerous upgrades added over the summer in technology, including a website upgrade, a new 1:1 Chromebook Initiative which has provided more than 500 Chromebooks to the incoming Ninth Grade students, new teacher laptops, 11 new SMART Boards, server upgrades and more.

She also listed the numerous awards, honors championships, academic community-based accolades earned last year by students, as well as distinctions, and ongoing academic and professional improvements pursued by faculty and staff over the summer and throughout the school year.

Among the academic achievements that stand out were the ongoing excellence by WHRHS students in Advanced Placement testing and National Merit achievement, Jewett said. The average AP Exam score last year for the 1,169 tests taken was 4.19 out of 5. Out of 68 recognized students in the class of 2018, 15 have been named National Merit Semifinalists, the most ever at Watchung Hills.

The district continues to implement the goals set out in the Board of Education adopted Strategic Plan 2015-2020. Jewett said she is excited to start the 2017-2018 school year. She also announced that WHRHS has been awarded

this school year, Jewett said, included the kitchen a Bronze Certificate and an accompanying \$2,000 grant by the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program., which has been used to purchase new color-coded recycling bins.

"I look forward to an amazing year with all of have covered over the last several summers you," Jewett told the staff. "Watchung Hills is truly a world-class learning community."

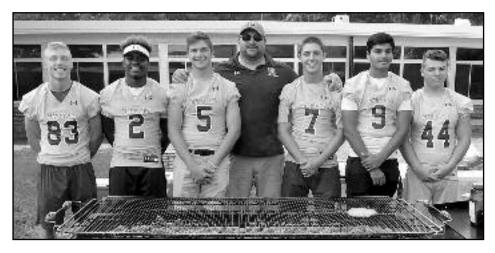
Human Resources Director Scheiderman They are: In the English Department, teachers Michelle Germinario, Sarah Sheridan, Michael Stultz, and Alicia Michalitsianos; in Math, Matthew Crawford; in Special Services, Danielle Esteves, Cynthia Sacco, and Douglas Graiver; in Guidance, Lauren Sagat and Patti Lampa; in Buildings and Grounds, Jennifer Zervopolous; in Transportation, Jannette Vega; and three student interns, Caelynn Robinson in Social Studies, Simone Waters in social work, and DeAnna LaSasso with the school psychology staff. Also welcomed back after leaves of absence are: Nancy Suppin, Kyla Garcia, and Heather Guirguis.

Teachers recognized at the Staff Convocation for 25, 30 and 35 years of service at WHRHS were: 25 years, Bonnie Burgdorf, Laura Goodson, Courtney Griffith, Michele Lettington, and Daniel Root; 30 years, James Carden, Lydia Chu, and Thomas Loeffler; and 35 years, Laurie Shoemaker.

Numerous volunteers, staff, parents and students pitched in to help make the luncheon BBQ a festive return to the school year. Among those volunteering and contributing were members of the Football Team, under the direction of Head Football Coach Rich Seubert, members of the parent Touchdown Club, and numerous businesses in the community.

Local businesses who contributed to the event were: Pomptonian Food Service, Fairfield; Costco, North Plainfield; in Warren Township: Kings, Acme, Dunkin Donuts, Ciro's Pizza and Deli, and the Country Squire Restaurant; in Stirling: ShopRite and Blimpie; in Gillette, Starbucks and Primavera Regency; in Watchung: ShopRite and Dunkin Donuts; in Scotch Plains, Grillestone; and Stop and Shop, Corporate.





(above l-r) #83 Wide Receiver Jake Riley, #2 Running Back Zahveae Thorns, #5 Wide Receiver/Free Safety Tyler James, Head Football Coach Rich Seubert, #7 Quarterback Connor James, #9 Middle Linebacker Shreyas Sagi, and #44 Defensive Line Frank Kane.



(above, sitting, l-r) Jack Melillo and Anchal Dhir; (standing, l-r) Ben Kosakowski, Sam Sinnott, Kyra Anthony, Ben Allgor, Will Johnson, Francesca Infante-Meehan, and Justin Horowitz.



(above) The 2017-2018 School Year Opening Day Luncheon BBQ in the south cafeteria on Sept. 5 was the place to be for teachers to find out what colleagues did on their summer vacations.



(above Among the teachers who sat outside courtyard next to the south cafeteria at the Luncheon BBO are members of the English Department.



(left) Members of the WHRHS Cheerleader Squad joined the Football Team in volunteering at the Luncheon BBQ. With Football Team Defensive Lineman, #44 Frank Kane, center, are Jillian Mastrobattista, left, and Natalie Nitzberg, Cheer Captain.

(right) Among the staff happy to catch up after the summer by sharing a festive BBQ meal as the 2017-2018 School Year began, are, from left: Arts Supervisor Dan Bertelli, English Supervisor James Aquavia, Math Supervisor Dan Twisler, and Principal George Alexis.





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(above) Providing musical entertainment at the Luncheon BBQ was guest guitarist and singer Nicholas Stevens, right, who is also the President of the Long Hill Township Board of Education. Joining him on some of the numbers are, from left, WHRHS Board of Education Member Chris Collins of Long Hill Township and WHRHS English teacher Mike Porter.

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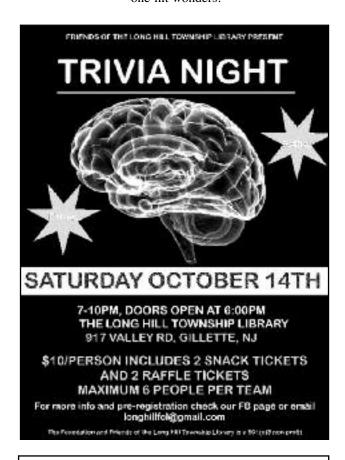
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The Long Hill Chamber of Commerce held there second "Morning with Mayor" event on Friday, September 15th. The event was hosted by The Millington Station Cafe, and afforded chamber members the opportunity to hear first hand from the mayor about issues facing the township, and also to ask questions relative to the business community. Some of the topics covered were Downtown Stirling parking issues, the waste water proposal, the planning board process, fair share housing, and property taxes. "It was

great that Mayor Schuler took the time to answer our questions and address our concerns", said Chamber President Michelle Cavett of Soo Bahk Do Karate. The chamber plans to have more meetings with the mayor in the future, as well as other networking and "lunch and learn" events.

The next chamber sponsored event is Millington Downtown Day on Sunday, October 15. To find out more information about the chamber and upcoming events, visit www.longhillchamber.com



(above l-r) Long Hill Township Mayor Cornel Schuler, Elizabeth Vetter of VGI Promotions, Dawn Kougias of Millington Station Cafe, Michelle Cavett of Soo Bahk Do Karate, Denise Murphy of Weichert Realty, Gary Gianakis of Weichert Realty, Mary Mayer of Mary's Your Name Here, Lt. Ciambriello and Lt. Naga of the Long Hill Police Department.





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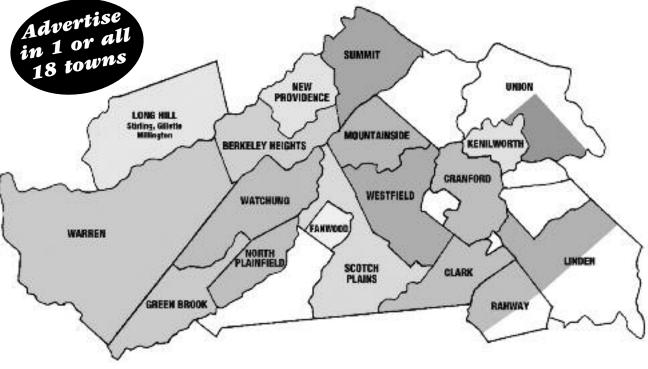


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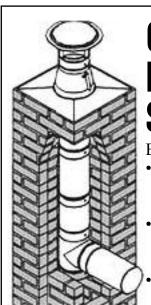
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