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MIDDLE SCHOOLERS SAY “THANK YOU” TO TROOPS OVERSEAS

U.S. service men and women will receive a special thank you during the holidays from Warren Middle School students.

Language arts teacher Brenda Sasso took special note when the radio station she listens to announced earlier this month that it had partnered with the USO to send 100,000 thank you cards to overseas troops.

“I thought it would be great for Warren Middle School to get involved in this great cause,” she says. “The students have done a fantastic job. There are many, many beautiful and heartfelt cards.”

Sasso mailed more than 200 handmade cards to the Nashville, Tennessee station, Nash FM 94.7, whose morning co-hosts Ty Bentli, Chuck Wicks and Kelly Ford have seen cards flooding into the local post office from schools and organizations across the country.

A Nov. 21 post on the show’s Facebook page reads: “When the #100thankyous mail is never ending! THANK YOU! It’s gonna take us a bit to count all these letters... Thank goodness for our partners, the USO and United Rentals, who will be helping us ship ALL of this!”

Additionally, honoring our nation’s veterans was the subject of a recent essay contest by the Watchung-Warren Rotary Club. Angelo L. Tomaso School fifth grader Jared Weiss and Central School fifth grader Trisha Atianzar won 2nd and 3rd place, respectively, for their essays on “The Importance of Remembering Veterans Day.” Both were invited to attend a Rotary luncheon on Nov. 21 to read their essays and receive a Barnes and Noble gift card.

“Veterans are heroes because they show tremendous bravery by putting themselves in dangerous situations. Soldiers are willing to not live with their families and travel long periods of time so that we can live safe and free,” writes Weiss in an excerpt from his 2nd place award-winning prose. “...Veterans Day is an especially important day to me because my great grandpa is a veteran. He served in Poland during World War II. He fought in an underground army against the Nazis.”

An excerpt from Atianzar’s essay reads: “... To imagine our lives in danger or living away from our loved ones is hard to imagine, right? But the brave ones left their safe and welcoming home for the country they loved much more. While we are safe and sound tucked into our bed, there are soldiers serving our country to their last ounce of strength.”



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STUDENTS PROVIDE HURRICANE RELIEF TO HOUSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Fourth graders at Angelo L. Tomaso School (ALT) recently spearheaded a schoolwide project to provide much needed supplies to a Texas elementary school that sustained serious water damage in the wake of Hurricane Harvey.

The ALT students partnered with Johnson Elementary School, a school of roughly 1,000 students in Houston, after Reach enrichment teacher Wendy Piller and principal Christine Smith reached out to Johnson's principal Pamela Riggans-Johnson to see how ALT could help.

"Ms. Riggans-Johnson explained that a great deal of water damage had wiped out the school's supply of tissue boxes, folders, and composition notebooks," says Piller. "Additionally, there were students whose homes were destroyed who were in need of many supplies, including backpacks."

Armed with that information, the 4th graders in Piller's Reach, Too class formed a social action plan last month, first researching the effects of Hurricane Harvey and creating a slideshow and speech to present to their schoolmates in grades kindergarten through grade five. The group wrote daily reminders to be broadcast during morning announcements and sought the help of ALT parents to spread the word.

"It was a fabulous opportunity," says Joseph Pontoriero who with his fellow Reach classmates was happy to see so many ALT families join together for a good cause.

The fundraiser lasted until Halloween after which the students separated, counted and packed the items. All in all, 201 tissue boxes, 204 folders, 202 composition notebooks and 105 backpacks were collected.

"We never thought we would gather so many supplies," 4th graders Demiana Doss and Kayla Peng note. "It was amazing that we had such enthusiastic participation."

Aware of the high cost of shipping, the students touched base with Nelly Pucci, president of the school's Parent-Teacher Organization who, with her fellow PTO members, generously agreed to pay to ship the donated items.

"This project was a complete group effort," Piller says. "The students learned that good planning, critical thinking, collaboration and creativity were key components in seeing a long-range plan, and somewhat daunting project, come to fruition. Empowering our children to make the world a better place in which to live is a core theme taught within our schools."



*(left, l-r)
ALT 4th graders
Mia Pucci,
Raina Shah,
Demiana Doss,
Joseph Pontoriero,
and Darren Xu
spearhead
schoolwide effort
to collect supplies
for a Houston
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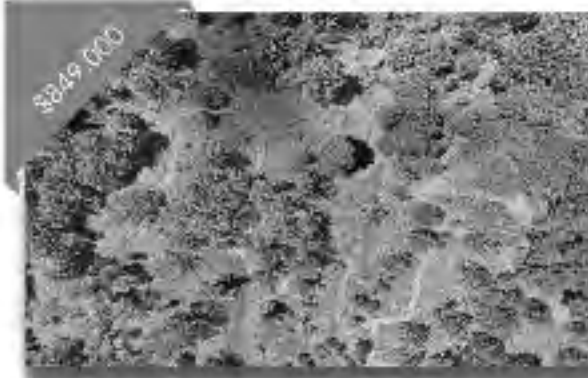
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BOY SCOUT TROOP 228 PURSUE CHESS MERIT BADGE



(above, l-r) Tej Jasti earned his Chess Merit Badge; Mike Fogarty, Scout Master.

Warren Boy Scouts, Troop 228, ages 11 to 18, participated in a chess lesson held at Mt. Horeb School, on Monday, November 20.

Joe Renna, Merit Badge Counselor for Chess, conducted the session, which was made up of 33 scouts. The Scouts worked on criteria towards attaining the chess merit badge.

After a few rounds of chess, it was Tej Jasti who earned his badge by fulfilling all six of the essential criteria and earned his chess merit badge, which was introduced in 2011.



(above, l, front to back) Bryan Shangguan, John Doucette, Tej Jasti; (r, front to back) Andrew McAusland, Daniel Luna, Zack

The criteria includes everything from learning the history, how to play, the benefits of knowing how to play chess, and participating in a chess tournament. Some benefits of learning and playing chess include: developing critical thinking skills, concentration skills, and decision-making skills, along with sportsmanship and chess etiquette.

To learn more about Boy Scout Troop 228, visit: scoutlander.com or Warren Boy Scout Troop 228 page on Facebook.



(above, l, front to back) Matthew Fogarty, Jordon Chau, Quentin Tao, Julien Seda (hat); (r, front to back) Landon Bush, Sean Gubitosi, Aden Kamath, Matthew Nunes.



(above, l, front to back) Arnav Patel, Andy Shi, Ansh Patel; (r, front to back) Buddy Steen, Michael Duncan, Zachary Cashman.



(above, l, front to back) Giovanni Russo, Aiden Blow, Graham Schmidt; (r, front to back) Wolf Holczinger, Harrison Bush, Nicholas Guth.



(above l-r) Chris Trovato and Nathaniel Holl.

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SCHOOL OFFICIALS PRESENTED SUSTAINABLE CERTIFICATION

School Officials from Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) were presented an engraved plaque commemorating the fact that the school was presented a Bronze-Level

certification during the 2017 Sustainable Jersey School Awards Ceremony, held at the New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA), Oct. 24, in Atlantic City.



(above l-r) Gathered around the plaque are Sustainable Jersey Director Randall Solomon; WHRHS Board Member Lisa DeMizio; WHRHS Superintendent Elizabeth Jewett, who is holding the plaque; WHRHS School Business Administrator Timothy Stys; WHRHS Board President Robert Morrison; and NJSBA Executive Director Lawrence S. Feinsod, Ed.D. Sustainable Jersey is a nonprofit organization that provides tools, training and financial incentives to support communities as they pursue sustainability programs, including community efforts to reduce waste, cut greenhouse gas emissions, and improve environmental equity.



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92 STUDENTS INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY AT WHRHS

Parents, families, administration officials and teachers gathered in the Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) South Auditorium on Wednesday, Nov. 1, to congratulate 92 students who were inducted into the National Art Honor Society (NAHS).

This year's inductees include 44 seniors, 33 juniors, and 15 sophomores. WHRHS Art Teachers Vincent Colabella and Emily Jordan are faculty sponsors for the NAHS.

Colabella welcomed everyone to the induction ceremony, said this was by far the largest number of students to be inducted at one time. WHRHS Principal George Alexis said this year's induction of more than 90 students to NAHS sets a new standard for WHRHS.

The keynote speaker for the evening was 2007 WHRHS graduate Amanda Jane Givens, who is a fashion designer with Tracy Reese, West 39th Street, New York City, N.Y. Tracy Reese presents "a modern take on classic silhouettes rich with art inspired prints, beautiful color palettes, attention to detail, and novelty embellishment."

The National Art Honor Society includes students who demonstrate academic rigor in: Fine Arts, such as the ones taught at WHRHS in

painting and drawing; Photography and Ceramics; as well as other 3-D disciplines, including Jewelry design, Sculpture, and Crafts, Jordan said.

THOSE HONORED THIS YEAR AT WHRHS ARE:

Seniors: Sophie Almeida, Julia Amiano, Bailey Ashe, Kathryn Berger, Emily Boney, Sean Boniakowski, David Brewster, Michael Bury, Renee Cabato, Edward Cai, Matthew Canary, Katelyn Carroll, Alexandra Catalano, Katelyn Familio, Lindsay Fogel, Alyssa Galdi, Abigail Gallic, Maura Herkert, Tanner Hogan, Danielle Kalen, Stephanie Keller, Ryan Kelly, Lucy Longobardi, Michael Maloney, Sarah McCracken, Kendal MacTaggart, Renee Mianowski, Daisy Portillo, Brigita Przybylski, Stephanie Rodrigues, Angelia Seda, Emily Snead, Emma Sonta, Kaylee Spiteri, Marissa Stamler, Carissa Tsien, Amreeta Verma, Steven Wang, Shelagh Wickey, Hannah Wizeman,

Michelle Yang, Jainie Yue, Daniel Zimmer, and Natalie Zurek.

Juniors: Anna Baitel, Shoili Banerjee, Sara Barrientos, Ruchi Biswas, Elizabeth Bruno, Jennifer Cagno, Kelsey Carlucci, Katherine Chang, Chloe Choi, Hailey Crawford, Molly Davis, Emily Imiolek, Portia Jones, Anna Kaplan, Sofia Kwon, Jacey Maree, Rachel Miller, Francesca Minervini, Arianna Rahimi, Elisabeth Morris, Catherine Ray, Alexa Renzo, Aanika Sadana, Shefali Sahay, Annika Schmidt, Rebecca Sendon, Heather Sherry, Juhee Sukla, Jaemi Spaven, Yvonne Tang, Brianna Titus, Megan Vetter, and Sophie Weaver.

Sophomores: Christina Baratta, John Farley, Alysabeth Gaito, Bianca Hartmann, Apurva Joshi, Elizabeth Killeen, Ngocthy Nguyen, Cristina Sarrico, Pramity Shah, Spencer Shao, Alice Spiers, Jack White, Jessica Young, Sarah Young and Vivian Zhang.



2017-18 National Art Honor Society

(above) Some 92 students were inducted into the National Art Honor Society (NAHS). Guest Speaker Amanda Jane Givens, standing center holding flowers, a 2007 graduate of WHRHS, described her educational and experiential journey from WHRHS Art Department classes to her present career as a fashion designer in New York City. With her are, back row, on stage, from left, NAHS student Executive Board member student Portia Jones, and WHRHS Art Teachers Emily Jordan and Vincent Colabella. In the front row, standing, from left, is: WHRHS Principal George Alexis; NAHS student President Matthew Canary, Vice President Angelia Seda, and Secretary Kathryn Berger; guest speaker Amanda Jane Givens; student Executive Board member Elizabeth Killeen; student Vice President Amreeta Verma; student Executive Board member Stephanie Rodrigues; and WHRHS Art Department Supervisor Daniel Bertelli.

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THE WONDER OF WONDER: STUDENTS TALK WITH “REAL LIFE AUGGIE”

As the much anticipated movie Wonder premieres on Nov. 17, students in the Warren Township School District are getting the chance to make real life connections to the film which is based on the powerful novel by R.J. Palacio about a homeschooled boy with facial differences and how he copes with difficult new situations when he enrolls in public school for the first time.

On Dec. 13, students at Mt. Horeb School will hear from Dina Zuckerberg, director of family programs of myFace, a non-profit organization based in New York and founded to address what it calls “the all-too-visible plight of those with facial deformity” by assuring them access to comprehensive and highly personalized care.

“I feel I can bring my life experience of growing up with a facial deformity to the programs I help implement for our families and the people I help educate,” Zuckerberg says on the organization’s website, myface.org.

Additionally, the Mt. Horeb Parent-Teacher Organization has rented the Dunellen Theater on Saturday, Dec. 2 for students and their families to attend a voluntary viewing of the movie.

Since its debut in 2012, the novel has been read in various language arts classes across the school district. And, at Woodland School, fourth graders held a recent video conference with Megan Brown who was born with a craniofacial condition called Hemangioma and who says she feels an affinity with August Pullman, the fictional main character of Wonder.

“I consider myself the real life Auggie,” said Brown during the video conference on Oct. 12.

Brown, a native of Washington State and graduate of Saint Martin’s University in Lacey, Washington, said she faced similar challenges as those encountered by the fictional Auggie. “A lot of times, kids didn’t know how to go about friendship,” she told the Woodland fourth graders. “I learned that if I just smiled, it helped.”

Now 24, Brown said she was “not very open” about speaking about her condition until she went to college. It was then that she decided to share her story with schoolchildren and others.

“It’s an opportunity to show others a specific perspective on life,” Brown said to the group. “Auggie is more than just a character. There are real life people like him. There are also ‘Summers’ (Auggie’s close friend) and ‘Julians’ (Auggie’s main antagonist). You have a choice as to what character you want to be.”

In the future, Brown plans to work with children with craniofacial differences. “It has to be something I’m passionate about,” she said.

“We hope this session helps our students learn to recognize and accept people’s differences and not judge based on physical appearances,” said teacher Colleen Krumm, who arranged the video chat with Brown after finding her in a Facebook forum calling on classrooms and communities to

take the “Wonder ‘Certified Kind’ Classroom Challenge.”

“Both of our fourth grade classes are registered Wonder Kindness Classrooms as part of this global campaign to bring awareness and prevent bullying,” Krumm added.

Brown answered wide-ranging questions from the students. “Does it hurt?” asked one youngster. “After surgery, it did,” answered Brown who endured 15-20 surgeries from birth to age 18. “But no, I do not feel pain.”

From another student came “Did people make fun of you?” Brown said that people did tease her for the way she looked. “I’ve been told I look like an alien. I love the movie ‘Toy Story’ and I think aliens are pretty adorable. So that’s how I coped.”

As to her favorite meal? Salmon. Macaroni Salad. And chocolate. “But not dark chocolate,” said Brown, with a smile.

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(above) Born with a craniofacial condition, Megan Brown now shares her experiences with school children as part of a global campaign to bring awareness and prevent bullying. Brown answered questions from fourth graders at Woodland School during a video conference on October 12.

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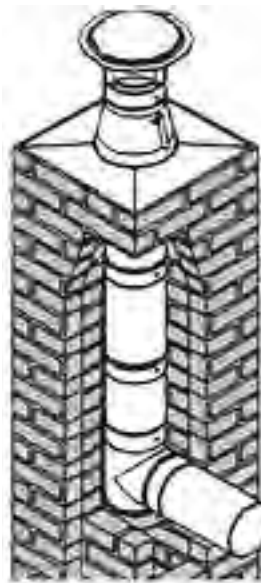
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121 SENIORS AT WHRHS ARE INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Some 121 members of the Class of 2018 at Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) were inducted into the National Honor Society (NHS) during an induction ceremony, Thursday, Oct. 26, at the school.

Parents, families and guests witnessed the ceremony in the school's Performing Arts Center (PAC). Superintendent Elizabeth Jewett welcomed all students, parents, teachers and guests who were in attendance, and congratulated the students. Principal George Alexis also congratulated all the students on the high achievement of being inducted into the National Honor Society.

Alexis challenged the inductees to consider the meaning of the NHS's four core values, Character, Scholarship, Leadership, and Community Service, in the context of their own lives and encouraged them to see their senior year as "a series of opportunities to continue being a role model and serving others."

"As much as this ceremony feels like a culmination, it's really just the beginning of your responsibility," he said. "I leave you with one essential question: What can you do daily to breathe life into these core values in our school community?"

The inductees also selected their "Teacher of the Year," WHRHS History Teacher Ryan Murray. Three of his students, fellow NHS inductees Vamsi Desu, Calvin Le and Kevin Tan, introduced Murray, speaking highly of him as a teacher. They noted his endless enthusiasm in encouraging them to share in his having a thirst for learning.

The 2017-18 Class of NHS inductees at WHRHS are: Keerthi Adusumilli, Reid Baltuch, Kathryn Berger, Spencer Bokach, Peter Bosco, Michael Brady, Carson Brooks, Isabella Burt, Alison Cabrera, Shaun Cagnetta, Matthew Canary, David Cantone, Demetra Chang, Rebecca Chang, Shane Checko, Abigail Chutnik, Sean Coleman, Julia Cunningham, Vincent Dai,

Gavin DeFuria, Anthony DeNave, Michael Deo, Vamsi Desu, Michelle Du, Michael Erickson, Lindsay Fogel, Julia Fullowan, Andrew Giniger, Ian Glass, Julia Glickman, Nina Goliyad, Justin Halper, Nathanael Hanna, Aaron Hao, Thomas Hemsworth, Maura Herkert, Melissa Hertzberg, Sierra Heuvelman, Alison Hoffman, Jessica Hoffman, Daniel Hold Jack Horan, Ashil Jhaveri, Emery Jochneau, Brittany Keller, Stephanie Keller, Nila Kirupaharan, Emily Krouk, Mary Kusik, Rachel Lee, Calvin Li, Rachel Lu, Alanna Margulies, Ethan Marmolejos, Andres Marquez, Emma Marzalek, Sarah McCracken, Marlise Moesch, Sydney Moholkar, Katherine Morris, Angela Munoz, Camryn Murphy, Ryan Murray, Eliana Neuwirth, Gillan O'Meara, Lauren Olin, Caitlyn Park, Micah Parker, Jessica Pearlstein, Joshua Pester, Carl Peterson, Matthew Piccirilli, Brady Pilsbury, Jared Pincus, Andrew Pluta, Lexi Pollner, Alyssa Printz, Brigita Przybylski, Deepta Raghavan, Michael Raman, Gabriella Roca, Andrew Roth, Shahab Sahranavard, Neha Saju, Nicole Salk, Gillian Santos, Diana Sarrico Jarett Schwartz, Lindsey Shi, Connie Situ, Andrew Song, Emma Sonta, Anusha Srinivas, Jeffrey Stickler, Sophia Su, Sanjay Subramanian, Annika Surapaneni, Chantal Taluba, Kevin Tan, Marlene

Tartaro, Alexis Tekin, Michael Tobin, Caitlyn Tong, Eris Ulaj, Foram Vaidya, Craig Vergilio, Amreeta Verma, Julia Waldman, Jennifer Walpow, Ella Walsh, Kevin Wittmaack, Olivia Xu, Helen Yang, Michelle Yang, Neil Yang, Jason Ye, Linda Ye, Zachary Young, Christopher Yu, Carrie Zhang, and Cherlin Zhu.



(above) Student inductees who spoke during the induction ceremony are, from left: Demetra Chang, who spoke about the core NHS Value of "Scholarship;" Alanna Margulies, who spoke about "Leadership;" Thomas Hemsworth, who spoke on the core value of "Character;" Sophia Su, who joined Chang speaking about Scholarship; Olivia Xu, who spoke on the core value of "Community Service;" and Cherlin Zhu, who joined Margulies in speaking about Leadership.



(above) With National Honor Society Faculty Advisor and Chemistry Teacher Michelle Nunez, left, are this year's student NHS executive board: From left, vice president Emery Jochneau; secretary Vincent Dai; treasurer Demetra Chang; and president Julia Waldman.



(above) Named National Honor Society teacher of the year by this year's class of WHRHS National Honor Society inductees is WHRHS History Teacher Ryan Murray, second left. He was introduced at the induction ceremony by NHS student inductees, from left, Calvin Li, Kevin Tan, and Vamsi Desu.

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(above l-r) Principal George Alexis, Superintendent Elizabeth Jewett, NHS Teacher of the Year and History teacher Ryan Murray, and NHS Advisor and Chemistry Teacher Michelle Nunez were among the administration and faculty members who congratulated student inductees to the National Honor Society immediately after they were called to the stage and presented with certificates and "Gold Cord." The NHS Induction Ceremony was held Thursday, Oct. 26. Among the newly inducted WHRHS students is Gavin DeFuria, right, receiving congratulations from Nunez. Students will wear the NHS Gold Cords with their cap and gown at graduation.

WOODLAND SCHOOL RECOGNIZED AT BLUE RIBBON CEREMONY IN D.C.

Woodland School principal Jeffrey Heaney, teacher Adam Yenish and superintendent Matthew Mingle traveled to Washington, D.C. on Nov. 6-7, joining more than 300 public and private schools from across the United States to be recognized as 2017 National Blue Ribbon Schools.

"It was an incredible honor to be able to represent Woodland School, the Warren Township Schools and the entire Warren Township community in Washington, D.C.," states Mingle.

Woodland School is one of only five public elementary schools in Somerset County to receive the prestigious recognition in the 35-year history of the National Blue Ribbon Schools program. U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos, who announced the 2017 blue ribbon award winners in September, was on hand to welcome school representatives to Washington.

"Thank you for your extraordinary commitment to meeting the unique needs of students every day," said DeVos in addressing the gathering at the Omni Shoreham Hotel.

"It is hard to express the enormous pride and happiness that I felt for current and former Woodland students, staff and families as I

attended the National Blue Ribbon ceremony in our nation's capital," says principal Heaney. "It is with great honor that I accepted the special plaque on behalf of all of the remarkable people that have made Woodland such a special place for students to learn and grow."

Created in 1982, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes outstanding public and non-public school achievement for overall academic excellence and/or progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups. To be nominated, a school has to demonstrate high or strongly improving student scores on state or national normed assessments in the last year tested, as well as met annual measurable objectives. Woodland School received the Blue Ribbon Schools award in the category of "exemplary high performing schools."

"Having the opportunity to represent the past and present staff, students, and parents of Woodland School in accepting the 2017 National Blue Ribbon Award in Washington, DC was an honor and highlight of my 17+ year career of teaching in Warren Township," says Yenish who teaches fifth grade.

Woodland School will celebrated its designation as a National Blue Ribbon School on

November 30 with current and former staff, administrators, students, parents, and local officials. A schoolwide celebration of the district as a whole is planned for next spring.



(above) U.S. Representative Leonard Lance (R-NJ 7th District) meets with Woodland representatives in his Capitol Hill office to congratulate the school for its designation as a 2017 Blue Ribbon School. From left: teacher Adam Yenish, principal Jeffrey Heaney, Lance, and superintendent Matthew Mingle.



(above) Grade 2 teacher Christine Rzasa and paraprofessional Lois Wagner hold National Blue Ribbon flag awarded to Woodland School during a two-day ceremony in Washington, D.C. as second graders and others throughout the school celebrate the award.



(above) National Blue Ribbon Program director Aba Kumi holds Woodland School mascot Woody Woodchuck, as (from left) teacher Adam Yenish, principal Jeffrey Heaney and superintendent Matthew Mingle join her on stage to accept the award on behalf of Woodland School as a 2017 National Blue Ribbon School.

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CUB SCOUT PACK 182 ATTENDS FALL CAMPOREE

On the weekend of October 13-15, 2017 Cub Scout Families from Pack 182 in Warren attended the annual Fall Camporee at the Winnebago Scout Reservation in Rockaway, NJ. Cub Scouts of all ranks from grades kindergarten through fifth grade enjoyed tent camping and a variety of outdoor activities; learning skills and having fun together with their families. Some of the highlights of the weekend were a two mile hike around Durham Pond, fishing, row boating, wood crafts and whittling, building Cub Mobiles, rock wall climbing and Frisbee throwing. The boys tried their hand at shooting BB Guns and Archery with our Pack's certified Range Masters. Cub Scouts learned to cook pocket meals in foil pouches on the campfire for their dinner. They created a skit to perform at the Council's closing campfire night and had a fantastic time with over 850 participants from the many communities' Packs that make up the Patriot's Path Boy Scout Council. The weather was kind this year and a great time was had by all who attended.

Cub Scout Pack 182 in Warren Township serves the local community and surrounding towns.

To join Cub Scouts or find out more about Pack 182 visit our Facebook page: [hwww.facebook.com/Pack182WarrenNJ/](https://www.facebook.com/Pack182WarrenNJ/) our website warrenpack182.org or by contacting us at membership@warrenpack182.org.



BOE APPLAUDS QUICK THINKING STAFFER

At its November 13, 2017 meeting, the Warren Township Board of Education paid tribute to Central School paraprofessional Lauralee Dupper whose recent quick thinking and action saved the life of a student.

"When we had our safety and security audit, one of the things that stood out was that it is important to have training and security cameras in place," said board president Tia Allocco, as she presented a certificate of recognition to Dupper. "But what's most important is that the people who are with the students stay calm and spring into action. And that's exactly what happened on Oct 23."

On that day, Dupper, who helps to supervise lunch and recess, noticed a student who appeared to be in distress at lunch and performed the Heimlich maneuver to dislodge food that was stuck in the child's throat. The student immediately recovered, evaluated by the school nurse following the incident as a precaution only.

"Ms. Dupper's quick action prevented a tragedy," states superintendent Matthew Mingle. "Without a doubt, our school community is a safer place with professionals like Ms. Dupper vigilantly supervising our students."

Having taken CPR courses offered as professional development by the district school nurses, Dupper was quick to share the credit.

"I want to thank [the board] for giving us these courses and the nurses [for the training]," Dupper told board members.

Dupper, who has been employed in the district since 2014 and also serves as a district bus monitor, says she had little time to think as she stepped up on Oct. 23.

"You're frightened because you know what's happening. No one tells you that. But I knew I needed to help that child. If you just keep calm, you can do it," says Dupper. "I feel honored that I was able to help one of our children because of the training I received. If we can save one child, it's worth it."



(above) Warren Township Schools Board of Education president Tia Allocco (left) congratulates Central School aide Lauralee Dupper for her quick action in performing the Heimlich Maneuver on a choking student on Oct. 23. - Photo by Warren Township

CATHERINE DEBERRY HONORED

Catherine DeBerry was given a Proclamation by Mayor Carolann Granola during the October 24th Warren Township Library Advisory Board meeting in recognition of the amazing programs she has organized for people with special needs in the community.



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WARREN GIRL SCOUTS EARN BRONZE AWARD

Submitted by Bridget Ameo

Several Warren Middle School 6th graders celebrated earning their Bronze Award on October 28, 2017 at Gabriel's Fountain. The Bronze Award is the highest award given in Junior Girl Scouting and is accomplished by completing an individual or small group project that benefits the local community.

Starting their projects last year, this symbol of achievement takes focus, perseverance, and a minimum of 20 hours of dedicated project work. We congratulate these young women on achieving their goals and look forward to seeing what new projects they will take on in the future.

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*At Camp Jotoni in Warren
(above) Front row: Ben Zhu, Jordan Chau, Matthew Fogarty, Brady Pilsbury, Jay Fu and Alex Huang. Back row: Mike Fogarty and Mike Cantone.*



*Eagle Court of Honor held in August
(above l-r) Kathleen Giacchi (Advancement Chair), Mike Cantone (Asst Scout Master), Steve Trovato (Committee member), Lesley Duncan (Committee Chair), Paul Monti (Quartermaster), Bob Pilsbury (Committee member), Jane Maloney (Committee member) and Mike Fogarty (Scout Master).*



(above l-r) Jocelyn Ameo, Katia Krishtopa, Erin McAteer, Jaya Dave, Julianna O'Sheal, Alexis Theofanidis, and Milania Zalepa. Leaders in background Gina Theofanidis, Stacy McAteer. Girls not pictured Sophia Smith, Mia Edwards, and Francesca Mannino.

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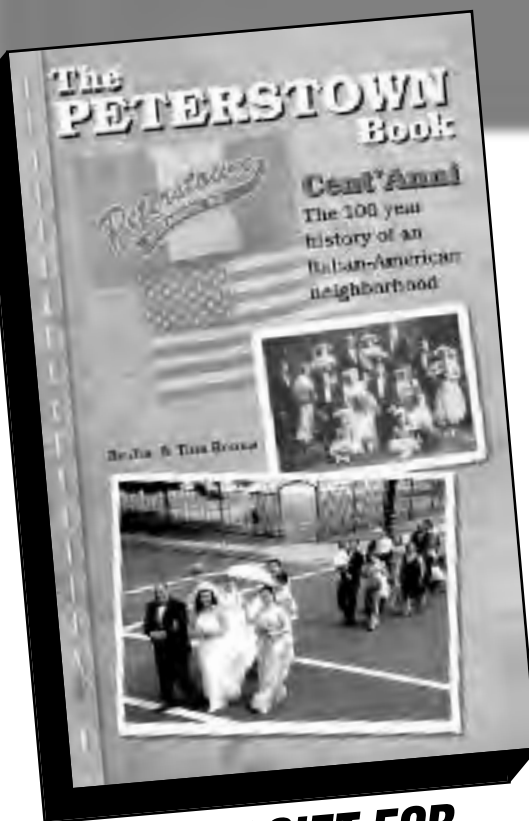
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community events.

The project, under the leadership of Jane Asch, Township OEM Coordinator, with the assistance of Chris Kastrud, Township Engineer, and Al Shjarback, Township Fire Marshal, has been in the making for over 7 years. The total cost of the project is \$57,351 of which \$43,013 was funded through a FEMA Hazardous Mitigation Grant.

The Township Committee expresses their special thanks to Mt. Bethel Volunteer Fire Company for housing the station and to Mt. Bethel members, Fire Chief Mark Russo and Assistant Chief Mike LoSapio, for ensuring a smooth implementation.

Committeeman Mick Marion is pleased that this new method for providing information to residents will foster the Township Committee's goals of improving the transmission of information during emergency situations.

The station will be under the management of the Office of Emergency Management and the Police Department. A station manager will be selected to institute policies and procedures and to ensure that the station is properly maintained in accordance with FCC guidelines.

Committeeman George Lazo, who spearheaded the post-Superstorm Sandy evaluation of the Township's emergency communications, expressed his thanks to the Office of Emergency Management and FEMA for providing Warren Township with the funding to provide for the installation of this station.



(above l-r) Tom Coviak, ISS; Dave Darge, Twp. Engineering Inspector; Jane Asch, OEM Coordinator; Lt. Paul Dziedzic; Bob Green, OEM Staff Member; Sgt. Rob Ferreiro; Sgt. Matt Saum; and Chris Kastrud, Twp. Engineer.

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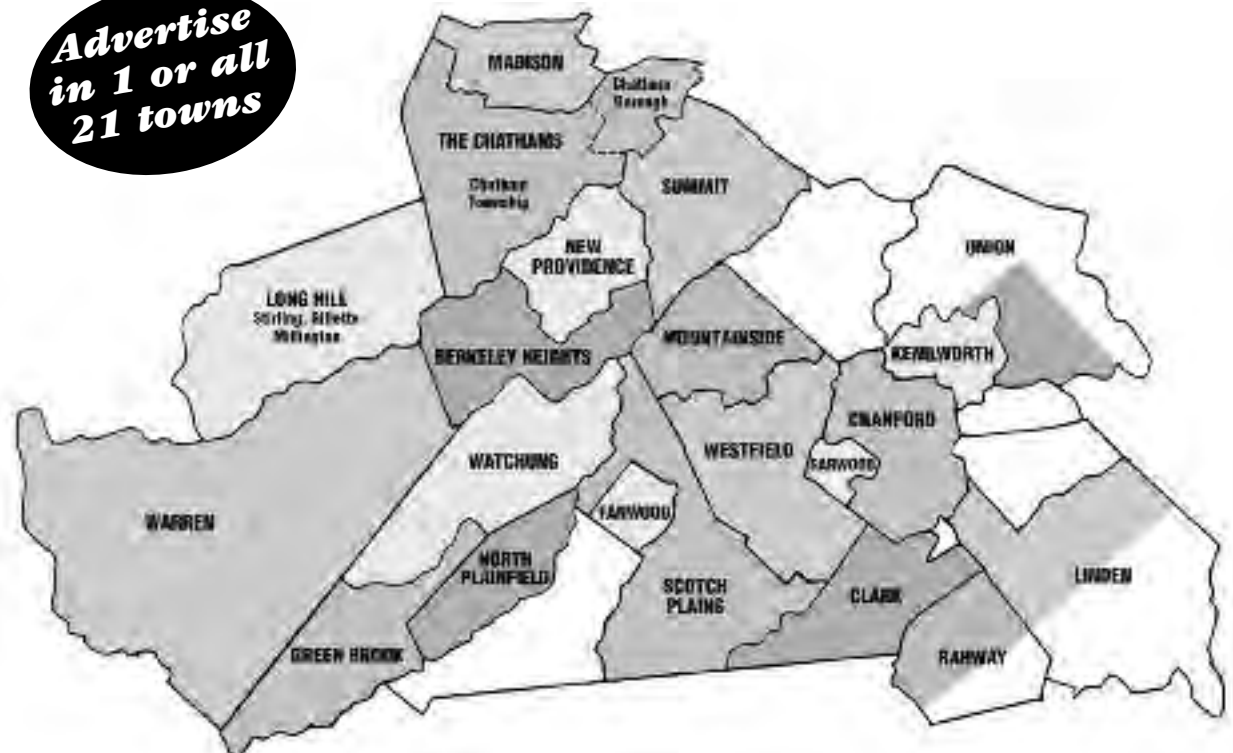
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