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KEEPING UP WITH WARREN'S BOY SCOUT TROOP 228

Submitted by G. Minieri

Warren's Boy Scout Troop 228 will hold their annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on Saturday, April 21, 2018, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Our Lady of the Mount Church, on Mount Bethel Road in Warren, New Jersey. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children and seniors. The dinner includes salad greens, garlic bread, spaghetti and meatballs with our special homemade fresh sauce, as well as drinks and delicious homemade desserts. An attractive advertising booklet is also distributed to all attendees. Any business or service looking to advertise while helping to support scouting can place a business card, half page, or full-page size ad. For more information or to purchase tickets, please email troop228warren@gmail.com.

Troop 228 has been very active. "Scouting Sunday" was recognized on Sunday, March 3, 2018, by attending service with our sponsoring organization, Mount Horeb United Methodist Church. The Troop also recently welcomed graduating AOLs from Warren's Cub Scout Pack 182 into Boy Scouts. Those fifth-grade scouts are now participants in the Boy Scout program, which develops leadership skills and fosters personal growth. A core part of the program is the opportunity to learn through earning merit



(above, l-r) Pictured are Eagle Scouts Brady Pilsbury, Dillon Monti, Michael Maloney, David Cantone, and Andrew Roth. Not pictured, but also achieving Eagle Scout in 2017, were Peter Fogarty, David Alexander, Kyle Glorius-Patrick, Arjun Mahal, and Parth Patel.

Photo credit: Nikki Monti

badges. There are over 100 merit badges that a scout may achieve during their time as a Boy Scout. Twenty-one merit badges are required to achieve Eagle Scout. Thirteen of those merit badges must come from a list that includes badges which work on a scout's health, service to community, and family life. Our troop currently has an active group working on achieving one of those merit badges, the Personal Fitness merit badge. The Personal Fitness merit badge will take each of these participants approximately six months to earn, and includes components of aerobic fitness, flexibility, and strength. This comprehensive merit badge also requires each of the scouts to research how to keep themselves healthy through nutrition, exercise, the avoidance of harmful substances, and healthy social and emotional interactions.

On February 24, 2018, the troop also had the privilege to support Andrew Roth at his Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremony. Andrew's Eagle project included the installation of a stone labyrinth at Wagner Farm Arboretum. Congressman Leonard Lance was in attendance to help us honor Andrew. Troop 228 had 10 scouts achieve the rank of Eagle in 2017. They were honored at the Patriots' Path Council Eagle recognition dinner in January.

If you would like more information about joining Boy Scout Troop 228, please email troop228warren@gmail.com.

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(above) Congressman Leonard Lance honors Andrew Roth at his Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremony on February 24, 2018.




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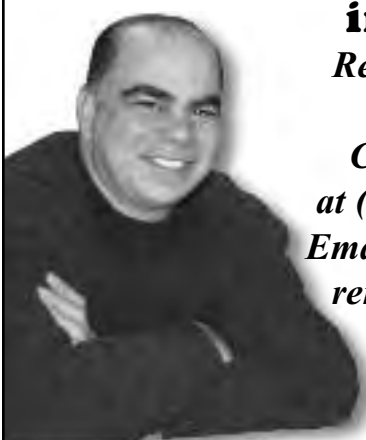
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BOY SCOUT TROOP 228



(above, l-r) Scouts were recently working on their Personal Fitness Merit Badge, at WHRHS track. They are: Zack Micheller, Landon Bush, Arnav Patel, Nolan Brunner, Tej Jasti, Harrison Bush, Alex Huang and Andrew Conway



(above, l-r) Scouts attending Scouting Sunday Service at Mount Horeb United Methodist Church include: Buddy Steen, Nolan Brunner, Nathaniel Holl (SPL), and Andrew Conway, as well as Scout Master Michael Fogarty.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS LEND A HELPING HAND

Submitted by Shannon Regan

“You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax all you need is a book,” Dr. Seuss. Warren Middle School students recently brought a lot of laughter and smiles to the

kindergarten classes at Mt. Horeb Elementary School in celebration of Read Across America. Middle School students captured the attention of the Mt. Horeb kindergartners by reading

popular Dr. Seuss books and lending a helping hand with special Dr. Seuss projects! What a terrific example of Warren Township students shining brighter every day!



(above, l-r) Warren Middle School Students Katie Coyne, Sara Sifert, Allison Ye, Adithi Adusumilli, Francesca D'Amore, Josh Claxton, Steven Chou, Christian Beisler, and Billy Black



(above) Warren Middle School students reading to a Mt. Horeb Kindergarten class.

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(above) Tei Jasti.



(above) Zack Micheller.



(above) Chris Fedhoff did a tremendous job reporting for Cranford's TV35 on the 5th Annual Munsee District Boy Scout Chess Tournament. See the video on their website cranfordtv35.viebit.com

TEI JASTI AND ZACK MICHELLER COMPETE IN SCOUT CHESS TOURNAMENT

Tei Jasti and Zack Micheller, both from Warren and with Watchung Mountain Troop 228, participated in The Munsee District of Boy Scouts 5th Annual Chess Tournament. Alexander is in Watchung Mountain Troop 368.

The tournament was held at the Cranford Community Center, Cranford, New Jersey, on February 24, 2018. Sponsored by Renna Media, trophies were awarded to first, second, and third place finishers. The tournament met the 6a

requirement for earning a Chess merit badge. First Place prizes were chess sets in traveling cases.

Thirty-six contestants participated, with players coming from as far as Franklin, Lake Hopatcong, and Rockaway. Big Apple Pizzeria on Walnut Avenue, Cranford, donated lunch for all participants and spectators.

Last year's winner, Linden resident, Youssef Diakite returned as a volunteer and assistant tournament director.



(above, l-r) Sponsor Joe Renna of Renna Media; Second Place finisher Joshua McDonald of Raritan Valley Troop 90; First Place winner Vibhav Chaturvedi of Watchung Mountains Troop 368; Third Place finisher Miguel Aguirre of Raritan Valley Troop 90; and Jim Parlapiano, Cranford Troop Volunteer.



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CENTRAL SCHOOL INCREASES HEALTH AND PHYS ED TIME

Submitted by Shannon Regan

With smiles on their faces, Central School, Warren New Jersey, students expressed their sincere appreciation and excitement to their teachers, administration, and members of the Warren Township Board of Education for the increased Health and Physical Education time they are receiving, during the Monday, March 5, 2018 Warren Township Board of Education Meeting.

Mrs. Allison Tugya, Central School principal; Mr. John Tsihlas, health and physical education teacher; Mrs. Laura Lamson, health and physical education teacher; and Mrs. Sharon Carroll, school nurse watched proudly as the students individually described topics and activities they are engaging in during Health and Physical Education classes.



(above) Mr. David Brezee receiving a first aid kit created by the students of Central School.

Students happily narrated their experience learning about first aid, conflict resolution and healthy eating as well as participating in Central's First Annual Winter Olympics, creative games incorporating technology and a Community Service project involving students making first aid kits to be donated to the community.

Mr. David Brezee, Warren Township Board of Education President, was presented with the very

first completed first aid kit from the students.

"It was wonderful to hear the students confirm that the changes made to the elementary schedule to increase time for physical activity are paying off. In addition to the increased exercise afforded by the new schedule, students have time to dive deeply into important topics about long-term health and wellness with their teachers," says Matthew Mingle, superintendent.



(above, front, l-r): Chase Colman, Allison Ameo, Megan Lehal, Cecilia Miller, Namya Singh, Sari Berman, and Ashley Parker. (middle, l-r): Kathryn Flanigan, Rebecca Clemente. (back, l-r): Mrs. Allison Tugya, Mrs. Sharon Carroll, Mrs. Laura Lamson and Mr. John Tsihlas.

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Submitted by Lena Golden

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MAYOR VICTOR SORDILLO ATTENDS "HILL DAY" IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Submitted by Evamarie Hode

Mayor Victor Sordillo of Warren Township was a guest on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. for "Hill Day" sponsored by American Small Manufacturers Coalition. He met with several legislators urging them to step up efforts to promote manufacturing through innovation and skill development.

Mayor Sordillo is a Trustee of the New Jersey (NJMEP) Manufacturing Extension Partnership. NJMEP is a federal public-private initiative that supports manufacturers throughout the country. The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) provides partial funding and oversight. MEPs provide technical support and

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WARREN CUB SCOUT PACK 182 ANNUAL BLUE & GOLD BANQUET

Submitted by Tricia Patricco

Over a hundred Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, leaders, families, and friends recently came out to celebrate at Pack 182's Blue & Gold Banquet, held at Warren Middle School, Warren, New Jersey. This annual event is a milestone in the Cub Scout year; this year it marks the 108th birthday of the Boy Scouts of America. It is also the event where fifth grade Webelo Scouts earn their Arrow of Light badge, the highest award in Cub Scouts, and are bridged from Cub Scouts up to Boy Scouts during a special ceremony.

Marking the celebration was special guest, Victor Sordillo, Mayor of Warren, who shared words of inspiration comparing our Scouts to the great men who lead our country throughout America's history. We hope their futures will be bright and they will find ways to become strong leaders too.

The pride was clear in the voices and faces of leaders, parents and scouts as eight boys from two dens earned their Arrow of Light and graduated into Warren's Troop 228 Boy Scouts. Michael Armao, Tyler Fu, Laurence Gibson, Cole Klein, David Krause, Christopher Kolb, Dylan Mayerchak and Edward Walker each received their badge, as well as an arrow symbolizing their journey through Cub Scouts to the achievement of the Arrow of Light and then passed across the bridge to Boy Scouting. The Scouts were given

special gifts: a compass, a sharpening stone, and a knot tying kit to use as their journey continues. Upon crossing the bridge, the Boy Scouts from Troop 228 gifted each of the boys with a Boy Scout handbook, welcoming them to the group.

During the dinner banquet that followed, many adult leaders, volunteers, and contributors were recognized and thanked for their efforts to make the Pack a success throughout the year. Pack 182 was most fortunate to partner with a new chartering organization this year: the Watchung Hills Elks Lodge #885. Dan Larsen, their Esteemed Leading Knight, Trustee, and Exalted Ruler was in attendance and spoke for a few minutes about the new partnership. We are so fortunate and appreciative to receive help and our sponsorship from the Elks going forward.

In a final ceremonial act, our eight new Boy Scouts passed down Bear Claw necklaces to next year's rising fifth grade Webelos. The evening closed, as it began with a flag ceremony as Pack 182 Scouts retired the colors until next meeting.

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: facebook.com/Pack182WarrenNJ/, our website warrenpack182.org, or by contacting us at membership@warrenpack182.org.

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BLUE & GOLD BANQUET PHOTOS



(above) Eight new Boy Scouts. (Top row l-r): Laurence Gibson, Michael Armao, Christopher Kolb, Edward Walker, and Tyler Fu. (Bottom row, l-r): David Krause, Cole Klein, Dylan Mayerchak.



(above) Cole Klein receives his Boy Scout Handbook and is welcomed into Boy Scout Troop 228 by Jaison Desai.



(above) Laurence Gibson receives his Arrow of Light badge from his father Larry Gibson.

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(above) Cubmaster Adam Gioia hands out arrows to each of the eight Arrow of Light recipients symbolic of their Cub Scout journey.



(above) David Krause receives gifts from the Pack: compass, sharpening stone and knot tying kit.



(above) Michael Armao receives his Arrow of Light badge from his father Mike Armao.

WARRENBROOK SENIOR CENTER APRIL 2018 SPECIAL EVENTS

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"Artic Wildlife Program"

by David Ward, C.L.P.,
April 2, 10:30 a.m.

In August 2017, David went on a wildlife adventure that took him to Kuujuaq, the largest Inuit settlement in Nunavik Territory, Quebec, to Ungava Bay Tassiujaq, and Leaf Bay. Although his guide did not guarantee that he would see any animals he saw everything from polar bears, musk ox and bearded seals. This presentation will also include pictures of icebergs and the northern lights as experienced during an Artic Summer.

"Frank Sinatra from Hoboken to Hollywood"

with Gordon James, trumpeter,
April 9, 10:30 a.m.

This program briefly covers the career of Frank Sinatra from his early days with Harry James and Tommy Dorsey, to the Capital years in the 1950s, to starting his own label and finishes with his movie career from the 1940s through the 1960s. Many classic Sinatra songs like "All or Nothing at All," "Stardust," "When You're Smiling," "I've Got You Under my Skin," "Come Fly with Me," "All the Way," "The Lady is a Tramp," "That's Life," "My Way," and "New York, New York" will be some of the songs performed. Join us for a memorable, musical program.

Three Part iPhone/iPad Workshop:

Get the Most from this Powerful Tool in your Pocket
with Maureen Greenbaum.

April 10, 17 and 24, 10 a.m.

At this workshop you will get answers for your questions and explore the benefits of individual iPhone apps such as "Find My Friend," Google/Apple maps, podcasts, mail, health, camera, calendar, stocks and more. Participants will decide the class direction. Good for beginners and those with some proficiency who are interested in learning skills to make using the iPhone more effective and fun. Be sure to bring your iPhone or iPad. Advanced registration required. Space is limited.

"Feast for the Eyes"

by Vanessa Young, Thirsty Radish.

April 16, 10:30 a.m.

Take a journey from the ancient world to the present as we explore the connection between food and art. From elaborate classical mosaics to opulent Renaissance paintings to contemporary works depictions of food reflect culture. We will discuss changes in the way food and feasting have changed throughout history.

"Tooling Through Art"

by Meg Wastie, Curator of Education,
Museum of Early Trade & Crafts

April 23, 10:30 a.m.

Many masterpieces of world art contain depictions of hand tools and household artifacts. This presentation shows these artworks and focuses in on the tools. Pictures of objects from the Museum's collection are juxtaposed with the art slides to show the similarities. Background on the artists, the art, and the artifacts is included.

"Earth Under Our Feet"

by Debra Esposito, Morris Museum.

April 24, 10:30 a.m.

This Geology program covers planet earth's geology and then spends a section focusing on the formation of Puddingstone which is a unique stone found in Boonton, New Jersey, and was used to build many of Boonton's walls and buildings. It also runs through Bearfort Mountain. This program is made possible, in part, by the New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of the Department of State through the State/County History Partnership Program Grant, and administered in Somerset County by the Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission.

"Smart Snacking"

by Marisa Wagner, MS, RDN, ShopRite/Wakefern.
April 26, 10:30 a.m.

Let's be real, we all snack. Actually, snacking isn't bad for you if you do it in moderation and make healthy choices. As boring as "healthy snacks" might sound, you will be surprised at just how tasty they can be. Learn the importance of snacking in a healthy way to help snap out of a day-time lull. Snacking can also be a healthy way to get some extra calories in between main meals. Sampling will be a part of this program.


BMI (Body Mass Index) & Blood Pressure Screenings,

Atlantic Health Systems,

Overlook Medical Center's Mobile Health Van.

April 30, 10:30 a.m.

BMI is used as a screening tool to indicate whether a person is underweight, overweight, obese or a healthy weight for their height. It is not a diagnosis. BMI is a person's weight in kilograms divided by the square of height in meters. This tool is an attempt to quantify the amount of tissue mass (muscle, fat, and bone) in an individual, and then categorize that person based on that value. Blood pressures screenings will also be available.



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'AN EVENING OF SHINING STARS' ANNUAL SPECIAL NEEDS TALENT SHOW

Submitted by Michael P. Curci

One of the area's most anticipated events, "An Evening of Shining Stars," featuring members of the special needs community will take place on Friday May 4, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Founded by Cranford resident Sally Curci, the 7th annual showcase will feature "Music from the Decades" with the cast set to sing and dance their way into your hearts as they show off their amazing talents.

And for the very first time, the "Shining Stars" cast will take the professional stage at the beautiful and historic Union County Performing Arts Center, where many of America's biggest names have performed.

"We are so excited to give our special cast the chance to perform at such a great venue," noted Sally Curci. "Our audience has grown each and every year, and our cast continues to grow as we spotlight talent from around Union County. It's going to be a night to remember."

When the lights will go up, the "stars" will shine, entertaining you with music from the '20s through today, with solo acts and full cast dance choreography, which is one of the highlights of the show.

Adam Fleissner, who has performed in every show, can't wait to take the stage again, as he prepares to sing "Help!" by the Beatles.

"We meet so many great people," said Fleissner. "We get new people in every year and everyone has a good time meeting each other and performing. All of it is just fantastic."

Caitlin Madden is also excited to team with volunteer buddy Mark Lynch on the Elton John song, "Don't Go Breaking My Heart," with rehearsals in full swing.

"I'm very excited for the show, I like my number," said Madden. "I like all the years I've been doing it. It's fun. Come see us!"

Tickets are on sale now at UCPAC.org/events.

Find the Shining Stars logo, select your seats and you'll be in for one of the best nights of the year!

"An Evening of Shining Stars" is presented by Shining Stars Network, Inc., a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization based in Union County that shines the light on the special needs community by creating inclusive events such as their annual talent show, dances at local high schools, and our Ambassadors basketball team, which travels to play local first responders to promote friendship and understanding.

SSN will also host their 2nd annual two week performing arts camp, "Camp Shine," from August 20 through August 31 in Scotch Plains. To reserve your spot, or for more information on any of these programs or events, email shiningstarsnetwork@gmail.com, or check out their website at ShiningStarsNetwork.org.





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This year's featured speaker will be Robert

Bielsky, the youngest son of the legendary partisan commander Tuvia Bielski, portrayed by Daniel Craig in the 2009 film "Defiance." He lectures throughout the world about the heroics of his father and uncles, and about their successful mission that saved over 1200 Jewish lives during the Holocaust, whose descendants today number in the tens of thousands.

Robert Bielsky is active in many Jewish organizations. He is a member of the Associates Board of the Museum of Jewish Heritage: A Living Memorial to the Holocaust in New York City, and is past president of the Holocaust Memorial Committee of Brooklyn.

This event is free and open to the public; and is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest NJ and Kean University's Holocaust Resource Center. Educators who attend will receive professional development credits, and sign language interpretation will be provided. For more information and to register, visit jfedgmw.org/kean.

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Mind Your Own Local Business

Mind Your Local Business uses real life examples to illustrate successful techniques for managing and marketing your business. Local businesses will be featured. The first episode is about crafting a 30 second elevator speech. The February 2018 meeting of the Irish Business Association held at Molly Maguire's in Clark, NJ is featured in the first episode. Businesses that would like to be featured in an episode can email Joe at joerenna@rennamedia.com.

The Peterstown Show

The Peterstown show is a video continuation of the Peterstown Newspaper. The show focuses on the 100-year history of an Italian American Neighborhood in Elizabeth, NJ. Like the newspaper, it preserves the culture and traditions while recording the oral history that may be lost. The first episode is an interview with Carmela Lepore who turned 108-years-old on January 30, 2018.

Renna's Arena hosted by Nick Renna

Nick Renna has been the voice of high school sports as a public address announcer and brings that experience to a variety show; an eclectic mix of old and new video about general interests. His first episode is a video he shot of a 5th and 6th grade St. Anthony's Grammar School game from 1989.

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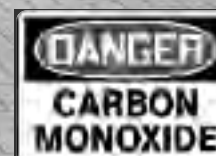
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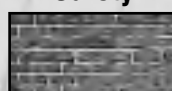
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