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# **AGELESS ART SHOW FEATURES GREEN BROOK ARTISTS**

Submitted by Gwen Chalker

The Fifth Annual Ageless Art Show recently took place at the Warrenbrook Senior Center, located at 500 Warrenville Road, on the Warrenbrook Golf Course, Warren, New Jersey. The Art Show displayed the artistic talents of the center's watercolor and oil paint class students. This year two artists were from Green Brook (Mary Cervelli and Ghanshyam); and one from Warren (David Greene).

On May 1, 2018, the watercolor paint artwork portion of the Ageless Art Show was moved to the Warren Township Library, located at 42 Mountain Boulevard and was on display the entire month. This year, there were seven artists, displaying 24 pictures at the library.

The Center chooses to honor its painters the end of April so that the art work can be displayed at the Warren Township Library during the month of May, which is Older Americans Month. Older Americans Month is determined by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living.

This year's Older Americans Month theme is Engage At Every Age, with the emphasis that you are never too old (or young) to take part in activities that can enrich your physical, mental and emotional wellbeing and celebrate the many ways older adults make a difference in our communities. The seven artists displaying this year range in age from 67- to 81-years-old.

Painting is an "expressive" journey that allows them to enrich their lives. It is a way for the aging population to develop a new hobby while addressing the above life-enriching aspects: physical with its use of fingers and hands, mental with its eye, hand coordination, and emotional with its self-expression and socialization with other artists. As the artists learn new techniques, they share their knowledge with each other, thus adding a sense of fulfillment of being valued for their talent.

The first watercolor paint class was held at Warrenbrook on January 24, 2013. Several students had never picked up a paint brush, others had not painted in years and wanted to hone their skills and experienced painters were looking for an opportunity to socialize and help other artists perfect their talent. Art supplies for the class are generously donated by the Gray Family Foundation.



(above) Mary Cervelli, David Greene,
Mary Jo Altom, Ghanshyam Patel. Photo by Gwen Chalker



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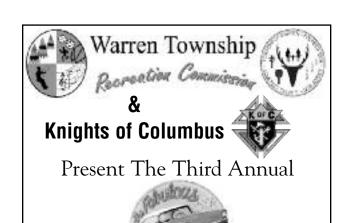
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Submitted by Kelly G. Cupit

Members of the Green Brook Police Department PBA Local #398 participated in the Police Unity Tour from May 10 to 13, 2018. The Police Unity Tour is a 250-mile bicycle ride from New Jersey to Washington D.C. Participating members included riders Sergeant Dan Lanzafama and Officer Christopher Auriano as well as support crew Officer Timothy Stringer.

The officers successfully completed the arduous ride to D.C, which culminated with a candlelight vigil and other activities in honor of

Members of the Green Brook Police fallen police officers from around the country.

The Green Brook PBA would like to give thanks to The Police Unity Tour Southern California Chapter VII for allowing them to participate in the ride, and special thanks to Warren PBA Local #235 for the teamwork in completing the ride as well as sponsors who helped make this event possible including Chrystal Auto Mall and Outback Steak House of Green Brook.

To learn more about The Police Unity Tour, visit: policeunitytour.com.



(above) The Green Brook PBA

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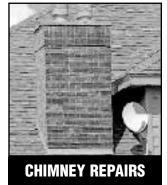






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## MAIJA GOLDEN POETRY REBEL AWARDS AT LONG HILL LIBRARY

By Lena Golden

The Maija Golden Creative Writing Foundation hosted their second annual awards ceremony for the Maija Golden Poetry Rebel Awards at the Long Hill Library on May 18, 2018. The event that presented awards to students in grades K-12 had an audience of approximately 150 people that enjoyed listening to poetry recitals and the launch of the foundation's first publication From Angels to Rebels available at Amazon worldwide. The journal that was selfpublished by Millington resident Tara Cibelli and Lena Golden of Gillette includes original artwork by former Millington resident Whitney (Combs) van Praagh, Bedminster resident Whitney Ehnert, Millington resident and Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) student Giulia Banfi, Emma Sleightholme of Summit as well as a selection of short stories and poems from the foundation's first year from students that have participated in classes, workshop and that have submitted scholarship applications.

The 2018 poetry contest had 103 students submit poems from Long Hill and surrounding towns Warren, Watchung and Green Brook thus expanding the contest to all of the WHRHS sending district this year. Students were judged by a jury in three different groups, elementary, middle school, and high school. The prizes were presented by Long Hill Township Library director Mrs. Lyn Begraft and Mrs. Lena Golden. The elementary school winner was Daniel Raimer, a fourth grade student at Millington Elementary with his poem A Tribute To Gila'ad Ya'acobi, z"l (Sgt. Gilad Yaakobi), a genuinely touching poem that honors a fallen soldier in the Israeli defense force. Honorable mentions were given to elementary students Ella DiNorscio, Cole Lesser, Isla Fairstein, Harrison Graves, Sienna Simo, Brigid Belfield, Timothy Denis Kezerashivili, and Savannah Neri all of Millington Elementary School and Brandon Bellish of Warren. Brandon who is in first grade was also the youngest contestant.

Warren resident and eight grader Inica Kotasthane, with her poem these rays in my palm, was the winner of the sixth to eight grade level which also included five honorable mentions to Alessandra Abeijon, Harrison Quinn, Hannah Han, Stephanie Sopla and Björn Golden. The honorable mention recipients are all students of Central Middle School in Stirling. The eight graders at CMS have been inspired and encouraged by English teacher Mrs Isabella DeBiasse to find their poet within and the whole 8th grade class wrote poems and as many as 40 students in their grade submitted poems to the contest. Parents were astounded of the quality of the writing their own children had produced.

The overall contest winner as well as this year's high school Maija Golden Poetry Rebel was Jenny Li, a junior at WHRHS. Jenny's poem Unhinged was professionally delivered by herself as she like all other winners present read her poem to a very impressed and excited audience. Honorable mentions for the high school level were given to Connor Cirroti, a Delbarton student Hoffmann.

The foundation was founded in April 2017 by the Golden family of Gillette in honor of their daughter Maija who passed away in February the same year. A talented creative writer, Maija, was a freshman at WHRHS and an inspiration to many. The foundation has with the help of teachers and staff at Long Hill township schools been able to offer free classes and workshops in creative writing and debate to students taught by CMS teachers Maura Aimette and Isabella DeBiasse as well as CMS librarian Patricia Paugh. Poetry classes for the elementary school level has been taught by Mrs Noelle Milito who is a teacher at Millington Elementary School. Ms. Aimette, who had been Maija's sixth grade English teacher approached the Goldens early on and offered to teach classes in Maija's name and as the Goldens had contemplated starting a

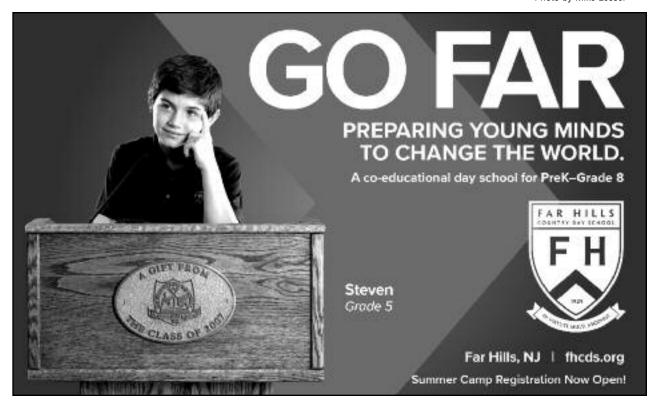
and WHRHS students Sabrina Lane and Sam foundation to honor their daughter's memory that became the incentive to form the foundation.

> The foundation also gives out an annual scholarship to a graduating high school senior at WHRHS and the first recipient was Brooke Stanicki of Green Brook and class of 2017. Ms Stanicki is just finishing her freshman year at Johns Hopkins University.

> More information about the foundation can be found at their website themaijafund.org as well as on their Facebook and Instagram pages. The foundation graciously accepts donations to fund future activites and scholarships but also creative writing submissions from K-12 students to their annual journal as well as suggestions for future programs and collaborations. The Maija Golden Creative Writing Foundation is currently working with a boy school out of the WHRHS sending district as well as with a private library in New York City.



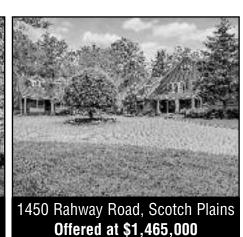
(above, back row, l-r) Jenny Li, Maddie Scammell, Lena Golden, Lyn Begraft, Dan Raimer (front row, l-r) Brandon Bellish, Cole Lesser, Isla Fairstein, Ella DiNorscio, Sienna Simo, Timothy Denis Kezerashivili, Harrison Graves and Brigid Belfield. Photo by Mike Lesser

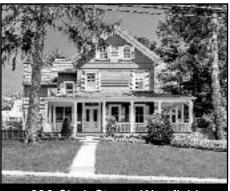


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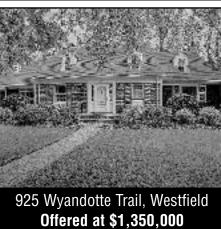








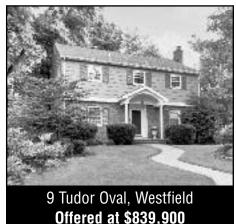


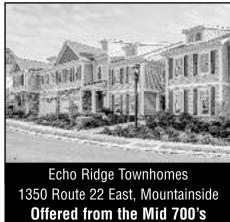








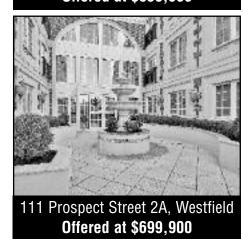


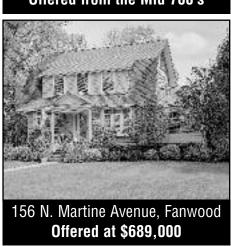


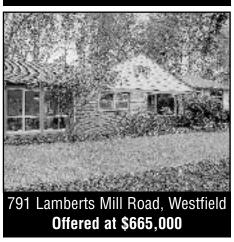




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## **GREEN BROOK GIRL SCOUTS CELEBRATE WORLD THINKING DAY 2018**

Submitted by Gina Strong

The Girl Scouts of Service Unit 62 (Dunellen/Green Brook New Jersey) recently took part in World Thinking Day. This a global day of awareness within the Girl Scout community. World Thinking Day is celebrated globally every year. Girl Scouts and Girl Guides in 146 celebrate this day. A global theme is designated each year. "Impact" was the 2018 choice.

Our local celebration was held at the Green Brook Middle School. The hosting Troop 65038 planned a fun packed event for over 90 scouts. Participating troops each represented a country that participates in the World Association of Girl Guides & Girls Scouts (WAGGGS). Each troop presented aspects of their chosen country. The girls research their country and offer table displays of facts, flags, and foods that are

representative of its culture. The girls also present a fun skit, dance, or song to their fellow troops, educating them about their country and/or customs. The participating troops this year represented: Argentina, Greece, India, Mexico, New Zealand, Portugal, and Spain.

To fulfill the theme of "Impact" the troops each decorated a cement stepping stone, that was donated to the Green Brook Middle School by Troop 65038. The stones will surround a planting garden, built by a sister scout working toward her Girl Scout Gold Award.



(above) Troop 65461 dance to the music of India.



(above) Troop 65223 perform a dance from Greece.



(above) Troop 65157 present facts of Mexico.



(above) Troop 65038 donates stepping stones.



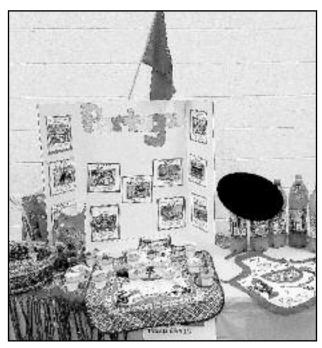
(above) Troop 65044 dance the flamenco representing Spain.



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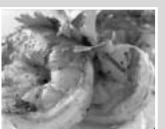
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## THE RAPTOR TRUST'S THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNITY DAY 2018

By Maryanne Christiano-Mistretta

The Raptor Trust, of Millington, New Jersey, recently held their Third Annual Community Day at Stirling Hotel, Stirling, New Jersey. The day was filled with fun and festivities, including live music from Ross Griswold and the Second Line,

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from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm. There is no cost to come by for a self-guided tour, however, we ask you to consider a small donation of \$2 per person.

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with special guests the Raccoon Ridge Ramblers. mistake. Booths from community partners and local tricky tray, a silent auction, and a 50/50 raffle. Food and drinks were provided by The Stirling Raptor Trust.

County Parks Environmental Education Center; Friends of the Great Swamp, Woodlands Wildlife rehabilitator at Woodlands Wildlife, was teaching Refuge, Morris County Parks Great Swamp Outdoor Education Center, Delaware Valley Eagle Alliance, and Conserve Wildlife used to people." She continued to explain to the Foundation of NJ.

Christopher Soucy, executive director of The Raptor Trust, said, "People come from all over," adding that The Raptor Trust is celebrating 35 years.

Penny, a 9-year-old blind Eastern Screech Owl and Zizi, a female American Kestrel. Zizi was Registration is required. For more information, found in New York City as a baby. The people who found her fed her baby food, which was a email: info@theraptortrust.org

"They eat mice and insects," said Matta. "So, environmental organizations were featured. she was not getting proper nutrition. Her growth There was also family games and activities, a is stunted." However, since Zizi was raised around humans, she is totally unafraid of people according to Matta. She added, "Zizi doesn't Hotel. Proceeds from the event benefit The know how to hunt. She's a 'people bird.' She's done this event before. She had no problem with Community partners included: Somerset people looking at her and taking pictures."

> Melissa Anahory, a licensed wildlife children about Tan, an Eastern Box Turtle. "He likes people," she said. "He doesn't hide. He's kids that a turtle has the shell to hide in.

> The Raptor Trust was named and established as a non-profit corporation in the state of New Jersey in 1982.

The next event presented by The Raptor Trust Educator Kate Matta was showing birds like will be a Guided Tour of The Raptor Trust on Saturday, June 30, 2018, at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. visit: theraptortrust.org, call 908-647-2353, or



(above) Christopher Soucy, Executive Director



(above, l-r) Alyssa Frediani, ER Staff and Rehab Staff at The Raptor Trust; and Kristi Ward, Senior Rehab Tech at The Raptor Trust.



Screech Owl.

(above) Zizi, a female American Kestrel.



(above, l-r) Blake Putnam, Director of Development at The Raptor Trust; and Leslie Peterson, Financial Administrator.







## WARRENBROOK SENIOR CENTER **JUNE 2018 EVENTS**

Submitted by Gwen Chalker

Warrenbrook Senior Center is hosting the following June 2018 events. The Center is located at 500 Warrenville Road, Warren, New Jersey. For more information call 908-753-9440 or visit the center on the web at: seniorcenter.us/sc/warrenbrook\_senior\_center\_warren\_nj

### "Immigration: Coming to New Jersey" by Debra Esposito (from the Morris Museum,)

June 11 10:30 a.m.

This program highlights Immigration to New Jersey from the 1700s until the Great Depression. In addition to an educational program, this is also a reminiscent program as attendees hear about what their families may have experienced if, and when, they immigrated to the United States. 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.

### "Over Here, Molly Pitcher" by Stacy Roth (from History of the Hoof) June 25, 10:30 a.m.

This interpretive storytelling program relates the legend of "Molly Pitcher" (Mary Hays McCauley), the heroine of the 1778 Battle of Monmouth Courthouse – and explores the daily lives of the "women of the army" who followed their husbands to war during the American Revolution. Molly reminisces about the days when she accompanied her husband through battles and winter encampments from Valley Forge to Monmouth to Morristown. Relating her tales of firing a cannon in the heat of battle to trudging "behind the baggage," she provides a glimpse into what it was like to be a "camp follower" in the days when American independence was a dream rather than a certainty. This program is presented in period costume. 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 Cultural & Heritage Commission\*\*

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### "AmeriCare Physical Therapy" by Barbara Golej-Figura, OT, CHT June 26, 10:30 a.m.

AmeriCare will be hosting an educational and informative workshop on the importance of Occupational Therapy (OT). Occupational Therapists help people, across the lifespan, participate in the things they want and need to do through the therapeutic use of everyday activities. Barbara will be discussing why/what/how an Occupational Therapist can be beneficial through this type of treatment. She will be showcasing and demonstrating some of the equipment an OT would use

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### SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Ms. Jennifer at the Dunellen Public Library invites all children, teens, and adults to come and participate in the Summer Reading Program, Libraries Rock! on Saturday, June 16 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. People from 0-110 are welcome to come and keep track of their reading, win prizes, and participate in special events and programs all summer. You do not need to be a Dunellen resident to participate. Keep checking our website for more information. Registration is required for most events and programs.

## WATCHUNG BOROUGH SUMMER CAMP

Watchung Borough will be having summer camp at Brook Hill Swim & Tennis Club. It's an eight-week program from July 2 to August 17, 2018; full days, rain or shine.

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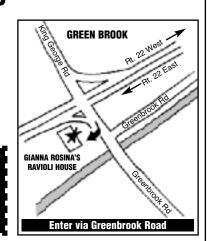
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## **PET WASTE PROBLEMS**

Submitted by Kelly Culpit

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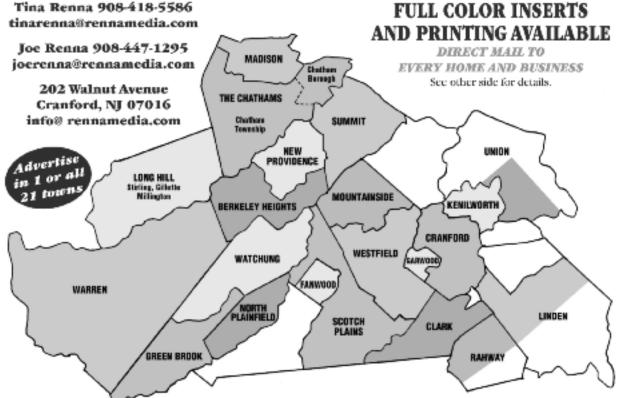
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## **ATHLETIC SIGNINGS AT WHRHS**

### Submitted by Denis Kelly

Eighteen Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) student athletes who competed in sports at WHRHS have recently signed to play sports in college: Four at Division I schools, one at a Division II school, and 13 at Division III schools, according to WHRHS Athletic Director Christopher Van Vliet.

Many of the students who declared on April 30, 2018, gathered in the school's Media Center after school, to be photographed as a group, as well as in combinations by sport, with their families, and with coaches.

In addition to these 18, another group of students who intend to play sports at Division I and Division II schools announced their signings on Nov. 27, 2017. And in February, WHRHS student athlete Zahveae Thorne declared he planned to attend and play Football at East Stroudsburg University, East Stroudsburg, Pa., a Division II school.

In November 2017 as well as on April 30, 2018, Van Vliet congratulated the seniors as they announced their plans to play college sports.

"We are very proud of you," Van Vliet said. "We wish you the best in the next chapter of your lives."

Van Vliet also congratulated the coaches and parents who gathered in the Media Center to witness the college athletic announcement, and to all who supported WHRHS student athletes throughout the year. "Go Warriors," he said.

The April 30 Signings

Those planning to attend and play at Division I schools are:

In Swimming, Marlise Moesch of Green

Brook Township, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut;

In Golf, Marlene Tartaro of Warren Township, Columbia University, New York City;

In Wrestling, Justin Hayward of Green Brook Township, Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania; and

In Football, Brian Puccio of Warren Township, Jacksonville University, Jacksonville, Florida.

The student athlete planning to attend and play at a Division II school:

In Wrestling, Robert Saum of Warren Township, Millersville University, Millersville, Pennsylvania.

Those planning to attend and play at Division III schools:

In Softball, Genna Cicchetti of Stirling, Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pennsylvania; Emma Gaffney of Green Brook Township, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison; Robin McCabe of Warren Township, Moravian College, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; and Erin Bean of Watchung, Susquehanna University, Selingsgrove, Pennsylvania.;

In Fencing, Kyle Rokosny of Green Brook Township, Drew University, Madison; and Henry Engle of Warren Township, Drew University, Madison;

In Swimming, Sheldon Kohl of Warren Township, Misericordia College, Dallas, Pennsylvania; and Dan Hold of Warren Township, Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken:

In Cross Country/Track, Alyssa Galdi of Warren Township, Mesericordia College, Dallas, Pennsylvania; and Jessica Hoffmann of Millington, University of Scranton, Scranton, Pennsylvania;

In Football, Connor James of Green Brook Township, Moravian College, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania;

In Soccer, Ryan Santos of Warren Township, The College of New Jersey, Ewing Township;

In Basketball, Dan Pilsbury, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts: and

In Tennis, Brenda Peng of Warren Township, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York As previously reported, the November 27

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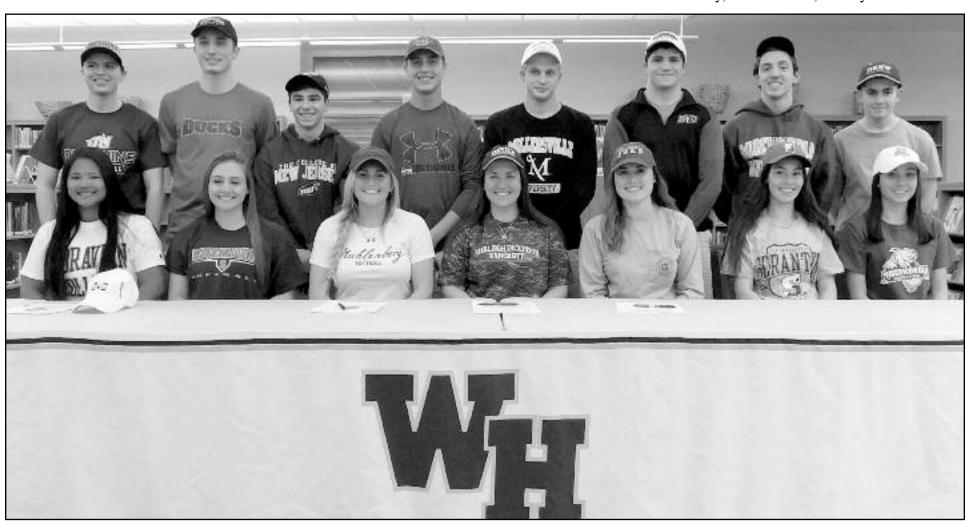
In Boys Lacrosse, all from Warren Township: Chris Clintock at St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Drew Furlong at SUNY Binghamton University, Binghamton, New York; Jonathan Taub at Rutgers University, New Brunswick; and Tyler James, at The College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Massachusetts

In Baseball, both from Green Brook Township, Tyler Riley at the University of Maine, Orono, Maine; and Michael Murray at Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York;

In Girls Lacrosse, Katelyn Carroll of Warren Township at Radford University, Radford, Virginia:

And in Girls Basketball, Julia Cunningham of Watchung at Princeton University, Princeton.

Planning to attend and play sports at Division II schools is: In Girls Lacrosse in Division II, Julia Burton of Warren Township at West Chester University, West Chester, Pennsylvania.



(above) Among those who signed on April 30 are, (seated, from l-r): Robin McCabe, Erin Bean, Genna Cicchetti, Emma Gaffney, Marlene Tartaro, Jessie Hoffman, and Alyssa Galdi; and (standing, from l-r), Brian Puccio, Dan Hold, Ryan Santos, Connor James, Rob Saum, Justin Hayward, Sheldon Kohl and Henry Engel. Those not present for the photo: Marlise Moesch, Dan Pilsbury and Brenda Peng.



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