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11TH ANNUAL WINTER WONDERLAND FESTIVAL

Warren Townships 11th Annual Winter Wonderland Festival was held on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at the Municipal Baseball Fields on Mountain Boulevard. The temperature was too warm to ice-skate but cold enough to want to roast marshmallows on an open fire pit. Attendees to this free event also enjoyed watching an ice sculpture artist ply his craft, horse drawn carriage rides, carnival rides, a petting zoo, music, food and more.

Community organizations including youth members of Warren baseball and softball leagues, cheerleaders, basketball, and Watchung soccer leagues, Warren Hills Marching Band and Take Flight Dance Center supplied other entertainment and games.

The Warren Township Fire Department oversaw a bonfire made up of Christmas trees. It ignited in a flash with flames reaching amazing heights that lit the sky. The evening ended with a spectacular fireworks display.



(above, l-r) Members of several Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) were in attendance. Pictured are Rennee Riczken of Green Brook, Mary Weber of Watchung, Warren CERT Captain Andy Legan, Wendy Willaman and Marianna Renda of Warren.

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WARREN SCOUT TROOP COLLECTING USED EYEGLASSES IN FEBRUARY

Submitted by Joy Kalfus

Warren Girl Scout Troop 65025 is on a mission to help people in need get access to much-needed eyeglasses and to raise awareness about the importance of children's eye health.

According to the US Department of Health and Human Services, 25% of kids with a correctable vision problem do not have access to glasses because their parents cannot afford the cost. That same study reported that clear vision is a strong predictor of academic performance in school-age children and is key to their physical and social development.

In an effort to provide kids and adults with glasses, the troop will be collecting used eyeglasses and eyeglasses frames throughout the month of February. Donations can be deposited in the lobby of Our Lady of the Mount Parish,

167 Mount Bethel Road, or Mt. Horeb United Methodist Church, 42 Liberty Corner Road, in Warren.

The donations will be sent to New Eyes for the Needy, a charity based in Short Hills, NJ, that has provided millions of new glasses to people in need since 1932.

The troop is also launching a one-day campaign titled "20/20 on 2/20." Adults and kids are asked to wear their eyeglasses on Wednesday, Feb. 20, to call attention to the issue of children's eye health. Adults are encouraged to post a photo or message of support on their social media accounts using the hashtag: #2020on220.

For more information on Troop 65025's mission project, please email troop65025@gmail.com.

Photo by Nelly Pucci



(above, l-r) Top row: Joy-Anna Wang, Samantha Gomes, Martyna Kubicz, Kayla Peng, Clara Risso, Lindsey Meslow, Keira Moran, AnnMarie DiMaggio. Bottom row: Raina Shah, Rebecca Lubeck, Juliana Santos, Peyton Kalfus, Madison Loureiro, Mia Pucci, Demiana Doss.



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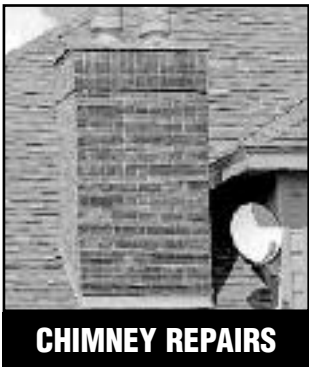
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WARREN TOWNSHIP PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS EARN AN A+



(above) Mr. John Tsihlas, Physical Education teacher for Central School and Mt. Horeb School dressed as the captain and ready to play Shipwreck. Photograph courtesy of Warren Township Schools.



Family Fun Fitness Night at Central School. Photograph courtesy of Warren Township Schools.

Warren Township Physical Education teachers Mr. John Tsihlas (Mr. T) and Mrs. Laura Lamson have been teaching some unique activities and games to Warren Township Schools' students, their families as well as students from Dickerson Elementary School (Chester, NJ) and educators throughout Somerset and Morris counties.

On Wednesday, December 5, 2018 over ninety Warren Township Schools' students and their families attended Tsihlas and Lamson's Family Fun Fitness Night at Central School in Warren. Tsihlas and Lamson planned activities that would be fun for any age group. The evening started with a game called Shipwreck, with Tsihlas as the captain and Lamson as the first mate. This interactive story is narrated by the captain who directs the first mate and the rest of the ship crew to walk the plank, clean the decks, dance like Baby Shark and so much more. The activity integrates creativity, imaginative play, gross motor skills, locomotor skills, fitness and fun. The Central School PTO served healthy snacks to give everyone enough energy for the rest of the evening which included games such as four way volleyball with a jumbo ball and corral the critter!

The objective for the evening was to showcase

activities that the students participate in each week during Physical Education class, but more importantly, to provide an opportunity for their families to play along. Both Tsihlas and Lamson hope that the outreach program taught students and their families that being active and exercising can be a blast! "The looks on the parents' faces were priceless, I think they may have enjoyed themselves more than the students," said Tsihlas.

Tsihlas and Lamson have taken this show on the road. On Wednesday December 14, 2018 both were invited to attend and present at a conference called PE JAM. The conference was held at Dickerson Elementary School in Chester, NJ. Over fifty physical education teachers observed while Tsihlas and Lamson taught the game Shipwreck to a group of grade 5 students. "It was a great success, we represented Warren well and received wonderful feedback. The students and observing educators loved the activity," said Tsihlas.

The Warren Township School district strives to educate the whole child. Physical Education class supports and reinforces the health and well-being of each student!



Mrs. Laura Lamson and Mr. John Tsihlas teaching grade 5 students the game Shipwreck during PE Jam at Dickerson Elementary School in Chester, NJ.

Photos by Warren Township Schools

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WATCHUNG HILLS ELKS #/885 PARTY FOR SPECIAL CHILDREN



(above, l-r) Audry Lipinski, Denise Heilman, Kim DeVizio, Betty Volker (PER). In front, Paul "Santa" Staeger and his granddaughter.

Submitted by Michael Ryder

On December 16, 2018 the Watchung Hills Elks #/885 hosted their annual Children's Christmas party, for our Special Children, their families and friends. There was plenty of food to eat while being entertained by Morley the Magician - who did a great show that appealed to all and was tuned for those who have heightened sensitivities to light and sound. Later, Santa and his elves came out to deliver gifts chosen specifically for each child.

Betty Volker chairs our Special Children's Committee and was assisted by many but key among them were Deni Heilman for planning and shopping, Kim DeVizio for running the kitchen and Paul "Santa" Staeger and his granddaughter head elf.

"We, as Elks, have continually taken a great deal of pride in talking about our Special Children's Committee's works. We can do this best by seeing to it that any handicapped child

needing help in any community in our state is cared for by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Our aim is to help them become self-sustaining and useful citizens so that in the future they may enjoy a happy and normal life."

Do you have a Special Child that could use a week off at Elks Camp Moore this summer, at a program where each child has a 1-to-1 ratio with a dedicated counselor? Additionally, we host many events throughout the year for our Special Children -- If you would like to join our Special Children's family, please contact us by email at news@elkslodge885.org and we'll put you in touch with Betty.

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Submitted by Warren Township Schools

The notorious nor'easter that swept through NJ on Thursday, November 15, 2018 created some transportation obstacles for Warren Township Schools. Many Warren Township Schools staff members stepped up to provide assistance in ways large and small to ensure that every student was transported home safely that afternoon.

As schools were dismissed and road conditions worsened, several school busses got stuck on the side of the road. Immediately, the elementary school principals and secretarial staff communicated with the parents of those students. Dr. Matthew Mingle, Superintendent of Schools along with Mrs. Patricia Leonhardt, Business Administrator, Mrs. Candie Hengemuhle, Director of Special Services, Mrs. Alison Tugya, Central School Principal, Ms. Christine Smith, Angelo L. Tomaso School Principal and Mrs.

Sandra Dodd, Secretary to the Superintendent, established an incident command center at the Board of Education Office where communications were facilitated as well as operational decisions made. "Understandably, families felt anxious during this situation and were eager for information. It was a priority to keep parents and guardians updated via email and respond to phone inquiries as new details became available about the progress of the buses. Most importantly, we wanted to continuously provide reassurance that all students were safe, warm, and cared for." - Alison Tugya, Central School Principal.

Director of Transportation Jan Donlay, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds Michael Pate and Mechanic Donald Strickland served as liaisons between Dealaman Bus and the district, keeping both parties informed of developments

by way of phone, email and two-way radio.

As swiftly as the snow came in, the district's Buildings and Grounds staff members quickly dispatched to the locations of the stranded busses. Chris Bacia, Maintenance Worker, Ronald Budis, Maintenance Mechanic, Michael Gonnella, Groundskeeper and Kevin Potter, Maintenance Foreman, braved the dangerous storm conditions armed with four district plow and salter vehicles. Michael Gonnella took the lead in the field coordinating with Township resources, exercising his expertise and capitalizing on his community relationships. Gonnella was the go-to point person of contact for the district and Warren Township Police Department. Not only did Gonnella salt, plow and lead the busses to safety, he also boarded the busses to assure the drivers and students of their own safety. "Once it was confirmed that children were still on the buses, I knew I had to help to get them home safe." - Gonnella.

The drivers from Dealaman Bus and their leader, Scott Dealaman, rose to the challenge by remaining calm, keeping the students safe and executing established emergency protocols. The final Warren Township student was delivered home safely at 4:15 p.m. by retired Warren Township Schools Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, Tyler Tribelhorn.

"The Warren Township Schools operate a large transportation network to transport students to and from schools in the Township and to out-of-district placements throughout the region each and every day. The individuals who make this happen deserve a great deal of credit every day and even more so when reflecting on the challenging conditions encountered last month. I am so grateful for their professionalism and skill in responding well to changing conditions to care for our students until they could be safely returned to their parents." - Dr. Matthew Mingle, Superintendent of Warren Township School.

In reflecting on the events of the day, Business Administrator Patricia Leonhardt noted, "In my seven years working in Warren, I have always been proud to be a member of this highly functioning district. This was never more true than when witnessing and being part of the district's efforts on Nov. 15th."

As of 9:30 p.m., on Thursday, November 15 all members of the Leadership team reported being home safe and sound. Many thanks to Mr. David Brezee, Warren Township Schools Board President, who was able to provide food and drinks to district staff who were snowed into the Board Office for several hours.

On Tuesday, December 11, 2018 several district staff members, Warren Township Police Officers and Dealaman Drivers who exemplified what it means to "Shine Brighter Every Day" were invited to attend the Warren Township Board of Education meeting to be recognized for their efforts, in going above and beyond the call of duty, to ensure the safety of each Warren student!

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WARREN GIRL SCOUTS ME & MY GUY DANCE

By Julianna Giudice

The Warren Girl Scouts held its annual ‘Me and My Guy’ Daddy Daughter Dance on Sunday, January 13, 2019 at the Primavera Regency in Stirling, New Jersey. The semi-formal event was attended by one hundred sixteen girls from fourteen different Warren troops and their special “Guys”.

The evening was full of food, fun and dancing. The girls and their dates got a chance to have some fun at a photo booth before showing off some of the latest dance moves out on the dance floor. It was an evening where girls and their ‘Guys’ got a chance to connect and make great memories.

As a remembrance of the event, the girls each

received a t-shirt, a framed photo and of course a Girl Scout patch.

Girl Scout troops from all over the country host “Me & My Guy” dances to celebrate the special bond between girls and their fathers/significant male mentors. The Warren Girl Scout troops are a part of the Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey council.



(above) Girl Scout Troop 65025



(above) Girl Scout Troop 65278

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION HONOR WRS CHIEF PAUL RAPPS

The Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution presented Warren Rescue Squad Chief Paul Rapps, with the ‘Excellence in Community Service Award’ for outstanding volunteer service. Chief Rapps has been a member of the Rescue

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The Chapter meets the second Monday of the month at St. Luke's Church in North Plainfield. For more information and the Chapter, please contact Beth Scheiderman at (908) 448-7278.

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(above) Paul Rapps; Beth Scheiderman, Chapter Regent; and Stephanie Scheiderman, Chapter Community Service Awards Chair.

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ALL AGE PROGRAMS

Winter Festival (families)

February 2, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Unwrap a Valentine

February 11, 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Drop-in Craft

February 16, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and
February 26, 3:30-7 p.m.

CHILDREN, TWEEN, AND TEEN PROGRAM

Baby Storytime

February 5, 12, 19, 26; 9:45-10:10 a.m.
(ages birth - 18 months)

Toddler Storytime - Rhyme Time

February 5, 12, 19, 26; 10:30-11 a.m.
(ages 18-36 months)

Microbes - Your Trillions of Friends

February 6, 7-7:45 p.m.
(grades K-5)

Toddler Storytime - Story and Craft

February 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28;
10-10:30 a.m.
(ages 18-36 months)

Preschool Storytime

February 7, 14, 21, 28; 11-11:45 a.m.
(ages 36-60 months)

African Folktales

February 7, 4-5 p.m.
(grades Pre-K to 5)

Toastmasters International - Youth Leadership Program

February 7, 14, 21, 28; 7-8:15 p.m.
(ages 10-14)

Teen Volunteer Night

February 11, 7-8 p.m.
(grades 6-12)

Sweet Treats for Valentine's Day

February 13, 7-8 p.m.
(grades 6-12)

Let's Cook

February 19, 4-4:45 p.m.
(grades 3-5)

Wompy's World of Musical Play

February 25, 10-10:45 a.m. and 11-11:45 a.m.
(ages 6 months - 4 years)

ADULT PROGRAMS

English Conversation Group

February 5, 12, 19, 26; 10-11:30 a.m.

Book Discussion

February 6, 7:15-8:45 p.m.

Recipe Club

February 11, 7-8:30 p.m.

Needlepoint

February 12, 7-8:30 p.m.

The Presidency of Ulysses S. Grant

February 13, 7-8 p.m.

Writers Group

February 20, 7-8:30 p.m.

Book Discussion: "A Gentleman in Moscow,"
on February 21, 1:30-3 p.m.

Chocolate: Is It the New Health Food?

February 23, 11 a.m. - noon

Film Discussion: "The Importance of Being Earnest,"
on February 27, 1-4 p.m.

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February 4, 10:30 a.m.

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Watch Out! Scams and Seniors,

Christopher Medina, Seton Hall Law School

February 11, 10:30 a.m.

As part of the school's Investor Advocacy Project, this will be a presentation highlighting the latest scams that are targeting the senior population. The presenters will walk through several scenarios offering suggestions on what to do if you encounter a scam situation. There will be an open discussion after the presentation allowing attendees to ask questions and share their experiences.

The Warrenbrook Senior Center is operated by the Somerset County Office on Aging & Disability Services. The Center is located on the Warrenbrook Golf Course, 500 Warrenville Rd., Warren, NJ.

All Somerset County-operated Senior Centers offer a nutritionally balanced lunch, Monday through Friday, for a suggested donation of \$2.50, for anyone 60 and above.

Menu choices include a hot meat-based or meatless entrée or a cold meat-based or meatless boxed lunch. Please make reservations prior to 10:00 a.m. the previous business day. Why not invite a friend or neighbor to join you for lunch! As an additional suggestion, why not come earlier in the day and enjoy one of the center's many programs.



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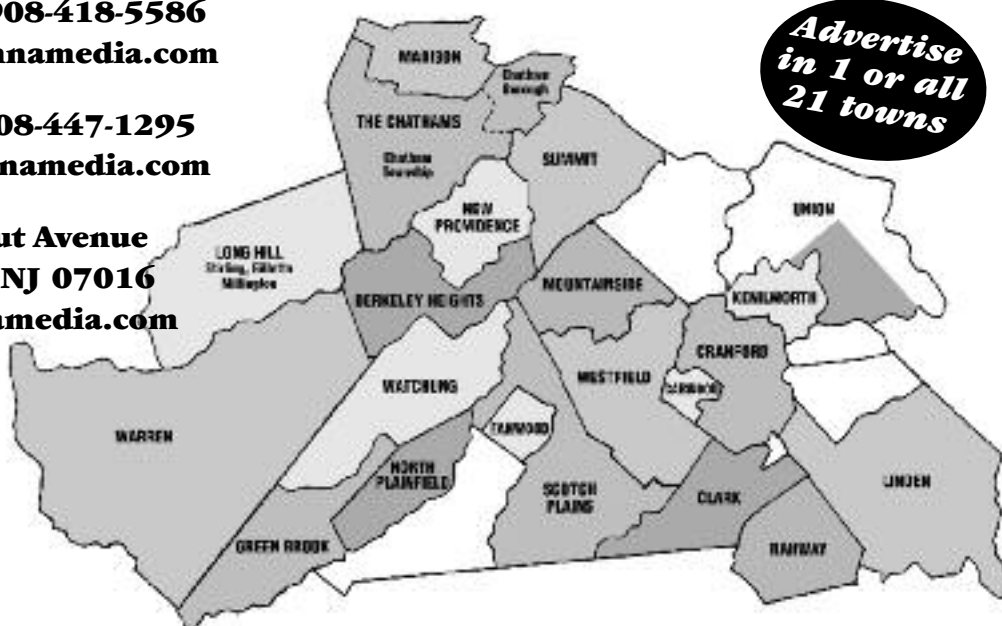
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