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23 WHRHS GRADUATES PLAN TO PLAY SPORTS IN COLLEGE

Submitted by Denis Kelly

Sixteen of the 23 Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) graduating seniors who have signed Letters of Intent to play sports at the colleges they plan to attend this Fall gathered for a group photo in the school's Media Center in June.

Nine of the 23 student-athletes plan to play at Division I schools while 14 plan to play at Division III schools.

Earlier this 2018-2019 School Year, students had gathered at one of three "Athletic Signing Days," in November, February and May.

"Congratulations to all the WHRHS student-athletes who plan to continue playing sports for their school teams in college," said WHRHS Athletic Director Daniel Root.

The Class of 2019 who plan to continue their athletic careers in college are:

Division I

Kaylee Donnelly, soccer, at Bucknell University; Lindsay Wolf, soccer, University of Massachusetts; Madelyn Murphy, Lacrosse, Monmouth University; Kelly Fitzgerald, soccer,

University of Rhode Island; Jamie Tomassetti, Track and Field, Central Florida University; Jessica Carrieri, Soccer, Elon University; Lola Constantino, Fencing, Princeton University; Vincent Mattaliano, Wrestling, Sacred Heart University; and Kevin Badger, Football, Monmouth University.

Division III

Andrew Martins, Baseball, Nichols College; Connor Ashnault, Cross Country/Track, Franklin and Marshall University; Shannon Twill, Lacrosse, Gettysburg College; Colleen Farrell, Field Hockey, Ramapo College; Maggie Farrell, Ramapo College; Nick Ciraulo, Wrestling, Stevens Institute of Technology; Salvatore Cianfano, Soccer, Farleigh Dickinson University; James McKenna, Baseball, The College of New Jersey; Brendan Wahlers, Lacrosse, Stockton College; Frank Medina, Wrestling, Stevens Institute of Technology; Michael Salerno, Wrestling, Scranton University; Clement Shao, Golf, Stevens Institute of Technology; Edward Williams, Wrestling, York College; and Shray Parimoo, Soccer, Rochester University.



(above, l-r) Seated: Madelyn Murphy, Jessica Carrieri, Kaylee Donnelly, Kelly Fitzgerald, Lindsay Wolf, and Colleen Farrell; standing: Frank Medina, Connor Ashnault, Jamie Tomassetti, Maggie Farrell, Shray Parimoo, Shannon Twill, Clement Shao, James McKenna, Kevin Badger, and Andrew Martins. Not available for the photo: Lola Constantino, Vincent Mattaliano, Nick Ciraulo, Salvatore Cianfano, Brendan Wahlers, Michael Salerno, and Edward Williams.



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GREAT CLIPS OPENS GILLETTE SALON IN GRAND STYLE

salon franchise, is building on its on-going commitment to provide convenient, affordable, quality haircuts to the Gillette community by opening a new salon.

The new Great Clips at Valley Mall (near Panera and TJ Maxx) opened on Saturday, August 3rd, 2019. Starting August 16th and ending September 30th, all haircuts will be \$7.99.

"We've wanted to be in Gillette for a long time and we're so excited to finally have opened this salon to be part of this wonderful community", said Ana Maria D'Amato and Helen Homoki, Great Clips franchise owners. We are hosting this grand opening celebration to get the word out that you don't have to pay \$35 or more to get a quality haircut. Our trained, experienced stylists provide great haircuts at a great price. Our regular haircut price is just \$15 (\$13 for

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Long Hill LEADER • Page 4 • September 2019 HELPING HOMELESS VETERANS WITH BACKPACKS FOR LIFE

Submitted by Michael Boll, New Jersey Veterans Network

For the last few years our charity racing team, Operation Rebound, has been sponsored by Backpacks for Life (BFL). This amazing charity is responsible for providing thousands of homeless veterans backpacks full of essential toiletries and personal items. Also, the BFL will seek out veterans in need and help them with housing, food, employment and any other service that will help them live a better life.

The founder of the BFL, Brett D'Alessandro, is a United States Marine Corps veteran and started this outstanding charity shortly after he returned home from his tour of duty in Afghanistan. Brett recalls living out of a backpack during the war and felt a backpack can be a life-saving tool. In just a few years, Brett and the BFL are responsible for making thousands of backpacks for our homeless veterans.

The BFL doesn't just do backpacks, they are committed to helping our disabled veterans by providing them with the necessary resources and life-saving services by participating in various health fairs and PTSD groups. The BFL estimates about 350 disabled veterans have benefited from their resources and outreach. The BFL feels it's easy for a veteran to feel lost in the system. There are amazing resources out there, but it can be overwhelming trying to navigate it alone, so the BFL is there to help and guide the veteran through this agonizing process. What makes the BFL special is they invite veterans into their home and help with filling out paperwork, draft resumes, apply for housing, or whatever else is



(above) Brett D'Alessandro, Founder of Backpacks for Life

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The future looks bright for the BFL. They're excited to expand their backpacks distribution and reach even more homeless veterans. As they connect with more veterans' organizations across the country, they will equip even more communities with backpacks.

Their mentorship and coaching process will soon be accessible online. In this exciting development, veterans from across the country will be able to utilize the organization despite their location. Through this growth, the BFL focus remains on bringing hope back into the lives of veterans.

The BFL is out there every day making a difference and the Operation Rebound Racing Team is lucky to be a part of this incredible charity.

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Backpacks for Life please visit their website backpacksforlife.org.

For more information about New Jersey Veterans Network visit njvn.org.

ABOUT OPERATION REBOUND

Operation Rebound is a mobile outreach team of mentors who help at-risk veterans and first responders to live a better life. For the last two years, our team has made huge strides with suicide prevention simply by building trust and cementing friendships with people in need. It's most important to be honest with each person in crisis and follow up with ways to help them regain purpose in life. Setting goals motivates them to stay on a positive track. If you are interested with joining the Operation Rebound Racing Team please feel free to contact Michael Boll at mdbollio@optonline.net or call 973-332-1556.

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WATCHUNG HILLS ELKS LODGE HELP BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

community service project to work with the Andre Reed Foundation to renovate a reading room at the Boys and Girls Club of Paterson and Passaic, NJ. Buffalo Bills NFL Hall of Fame wide receiver Andre Reed established the Andre Reed Foundation to "help underprivileged children reach their full potential and become contributors to their communities." The goal of Andre's "Read with Reed" program is "to encourage kids to exercise their minds, tackle good books, and catch the love of reading."

The project was a culmination of months of organization and collaboration. Candace and Adam are happy to share that through the book drive at Watchung Hills Elks Lodge 885, they

PASSAGE OF THE LEGION ACT BY CONGRESS

Submitted by Linda Kale

Congress recently approved the LEGION Act (Let Everyone Get Involved in Opportunities for National Service Act) (S.504). This action will allow veterans who served during peacetime ("the gaps") to be recognized as acceptable candidates for membership in the American Legion. For decades, many veterans were denied the opportunity to join (and the benefits of membership) simply because no declared war existed during their service time.

Congratulations to the thousands who openly supported this Bill for their concentrated efforts to have their representatives act appropriately.

American Legion Post 433 serves New Providence, Chatham, Berkeley Heights, Stirling and Gillette and has been active since 1946. The American Legion is the largest and most powerful organization of U.S. wartime veterans and their families. The American Legion has delivered substantial improvements for veterans, families and communities.

To become a member or for more information about the American Legion Post 433 call 908-464-9010 or email alpost433@live.com.

Candace and Adam Benzel recently led a were able to collect 839 books, 10 tapes and CDs, 8 craft projects, and 14 other miscellaneous donations! Overall, the project collected over 1300 books and supplies to benefit the Boys & Girls Club - 250 kids in the summer camp program and 1100 kids that use the club throughout the year. On the day of the project, 20 volunteers spent 5 hours renovating the room and sorting the books for a total of 100 hours of work. And that doesn't include the efforts of local Elks John Pizzigoni and Pete Seavey helping Adam box and carry the books and Denise Heilman helping Candace sort and count the books.

Candace and Adam would like say "THANK 7 learning activity books, 23 puzzles and games, YOU to the Elks and to the Warren community for donating the books and for the enthusiastic support of this great cause. This project has so clearly embodied our motto 'Elks Care, Elks Share.' THANK YOU!!!!!"

> Are you interested in making new friends, providing direct service to veterans, special children or making a difference in your community? Consider joining the Elks - learn more about us at www.elkslodge885.org, come down and meet us at Watchung Hills Elks Lodge 885 or send us an email to get the ball rolling at membership@elkslodge885.org.



(above, l-r) Adam Benzel, Andre Reed, Candace Benzel



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BUTTERFLY BONANZA FLIES INTO PYRAMID MOUNTAIN NHA EXPERIENCE AN EXCITING DAY FOR ALL AGES

On Saturday, September 14, from 12, 2019, noon to 4 p.m., celebrate the beauty and importance of New Jersey's butterflies and other pollinators at the annual Butterfly Bonanza at Pyramid Mountain Natural Historic Aread (NHA), Montville Township.

The Butterfly Bonanza is packed with excitement, entertainment, and education for all ages. Enjoy a guided 'Bug Safari' tour of the gardens, discover how to bring butterflies into your own garden or yard, travel through lifecycle stations to experience metamorphosis, and walk through the 'Hall of Arthropods' to meet unusual live insects and other invertebrates. Enjoy live music and fun games, and create butterflythemed crafts.

Meet the local beekeeper from Gooserock Farm from Montville, and see an active hive. Locally produced bee products will be available for purchase. At 2 p.m., join the highlight of this event, the Pollinator Parade! Learn a pollination song, and follow performer Ken Gallipeau for a procession around the grounds with costumed staff and visitors dressed as hummingbirds, moths, bats, bees, and of course, butterflies. Feel free to wear your own costume, or create one at the Pollinator Parade Craft Station.

Admission to this event is \$4 per adult, \$3 per child ages 3 to 10, and free per child age 2 and under. For more information and directions to Pyramid Mountain Natural Historic Area in Montville Township, visit morrisparks.net or call 973-334-3130.

The Morris County Park Commission features one of the region's best park systems in the state of New Jersey. It currently protects and maintains 20,197 acres at 38 distinct sites plus offers a yearround calendar of events and activities for all to enjoy!



(above) Join the fun and learn about butterflies and other pollinators at the annual Butterfly Bonanza at Pyramid Mountain Natural Historic Aread (NHA), Montville Township.

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL VOLUNTEERS REPAIR HOMES IN APPALACHIA

Submitted by Teri Kesselmeyer

A group of volunteers from St. Vincent de Paul Church, located at 250 Bebout Ave., Stirling, NJ, traveled to West Virginia to help repair homes. The team of 53 teens, young adults and adults not only gave up a week of their summer to serve the less fortunate in Preston County, WV, but also raised more than \$20,000 to fund the trip, particularly for the necessary building materials and supplies.

The teens worked with the Summer Home Repair Program, run by the Catholic Church of Preston County, which provides home repairs at no cost to low-income families and individuals from June through early August. The program began in 1985 after flooding destroyed many homes in the area and has only grown since then.

The group worked with nine families to repair roofs, build ramps, fix porches, kitchens,

do plumbing work, install doors and much our surprise, Jesus was already there. We found more. Adult volunteers worked tirelessly not only to complete the work, but also to teach the teens new skills which, according to the adult volunteers, was complemented by the teen's own skills, especially math as they worked together in calculating and designing their projects. The young adults were able to put their leadership skills into practice. They were able to take the initiative and start working on what needed to be done and pass on their knowledge to our younger teens.

The theme this year was taken from the Gospel of Mark "Go out into the world" (Mk 16:15). The teens became mindful throughout the week, and thereafter, that God calls us every day to go out into the world and share His good news. As many of them shared during our final reflection, we thought that we were bringing Jesus to those whom we went to serve, but to Him in each person we worked with in West Virginia.

"My trip to West Virginia was different than any other experience I have ever had. I met many nice people that showed me a different side of life," said Mike Sabatella. "From the people I met at our campgrounds, to the group I worked with all week, and most of all the family my group worked for, I learned so much. I learned that when you surround yourself with caring people that are willing to help those less fortunate you gain so much more respect for vourself and others."

At the end of the week, many teens shared similar personal reflections with the group. Volunteers agreed that as much as they had given, they had received so much more in return from the homeowners and the experiences they had on the trip.



(above) The teens, young adults and adult volunteers who traveled to Preston County, West Virginia for St. Vincent de Paul's annual mission trip to provide service and share their faith with families in need.



FOUR STIRLING FIREFIGHTERS COMPLETE ADVANCED TRAINING

Submitted by Frank Reilly

Stirling Fire Co. firefighters Tyler J. Harris, Sebastian Leon, Alec H. Meehan, and Matthew Picone were awarded certificates of successful completion of the highly specialized Rapid Intervention Crew (RIC) and Safety and Survival training given at the Morris County Fire Academy.

Stirling Fire Chief Al Gallo presented the men with the certificates as well as acknowledged their achievement and thanked them on behalf of the township residents and their brother Stirling firefighters. Very few firefighters attain this high level of specialized training. The four men had to complete the course that included lectures and rigorous hands on training. Before thanking the course all participants were advised it was "exceptionally physically demanding" and they had to have passed several tests and other training before being admitted to the course, which exceeded the State's demanding guidelines.

The Stirling Volunteer Fire Co. is one of a few fire companies in our region to have a RIC team and is proud of their accomplishments in this advanced rescue and lifesaving knowledge and experience.

GILLETTE CHAPEL FLEA MARKET

The Gillette Chapel will be holding a Flea Market on Saturday, September 14, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (indoors, rain or shine). There will be something for everyone, including household items, antiques and collectables, bedding and linens, holiday decorations, furniture, glassware, electronics, games and toys, DVDs, CDs, books, and clothing.

The Gillette Community Chapel is located at 123 Summit Avenue Gillette, NJ (corner of Lackawanna Blvd). Reach by phone at 908-647-2573, visit online at gillettechapel.com, or like us on Facebook!



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HAZARDOUS WASTE ONE-DAY DROP-OFF

Disposal events will be conducted at sites in Morris County. These disposal days are open to Morris County residents only. Commercial generators must use the permanent HHW facility. For a copy of the 2019 household hazardous waste event day flyers which include directions the different locations to visit mcmua.com/sw hhw events.asp.

Saturday, September 14, 2019, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Public Safety (Firefighters and Police) Training Academy, 500 West Hanover Avenue, Parsippany, NJ 07054

Note: GPS units have trouble locating this site. Saturday, October 19, 2019, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Pequannock Valley Park, Marvin Road, Pompton Plains, NJ 07444



WOOFSTOCK MUSIC FESTIVAL 2019

Mark your calendar for Saturday, September Photography. And of course dog adoptions! 7, 2019. We will be having our Home for Good Dog Rescue summer music festival event -WoofStock! At Hartley Farms Polo Field, 9 Hartley Farms Rd, Morristown, NJ. This is Home for Good's largest adoption day of the year and is great fun for the whole family. This event is pet-friendly, so be sure to bring your HFG alum to visit!

We will be having live music from the amazing band Brian Kirk & The Jirks as well as food trucks, craft vendors, beer and wine, K-9 contests, prize raffles, dog and family photoshoots by the talented Jennifer Mount

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This event is a great place to bring your Home for Good rescue pup for a reunion with other HFG rescue dogs as well as meet the fosters who care for so many dogs.

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Gates open at 11 a.m.

Activities start: 12 noon.

Music: $12 \operatorname{noon} - 4 \operatorname{p.m.}$

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LONG HILL PARTICIPATES IN NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2019

On Tuesday, August 6, 2019, Long Hill WHAT IS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT? Township invited the community to join millions of neighbors across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide for National Night Out. First responders held demonstrations for the kids, and allowed them to explore their vehicles and equipment and ask questions.

National Night Out is an annual community building campaign that promotes police community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true

sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide on the first Tuesday in August. For more information visit natw.org.





(above) Stirling firefighter John Melluso explains to the on-lookers what is about to occur during the extrication demonstration.

(above) Entrance to the first responders section of the event.





r(above, l-r) Stirling firefighters Alex Meehan, Lt. Anthony Centurion, and Matt Picone use the Jaws of Life to remove a smashed door trapping the occupant in the car. Photos by Frank Reilly



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