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OVER 100 INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATE IN JOB FAIR

On Thursday, April 7, the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey (SCLSNJ) hosted their third annual Job and Volunteer Fair for Persons with Disabilities. Over 100 individuals participated in the in-person event hosted at the Bridgewater branch.

"The return of the SCLSNJ Disability Job Fair, after a two-year hiatus, was a remarkable success. Many attendees, participating employers, and service organizations expressed gratitude for the opportunities the fair provided. We thank them in return and look forward to continuing this as a rewarding tradition in the future," said Darryl Voorhees, manager of adult services programming and collaborations.

Participants were able to apply for both paid and service-oriented positions from companies such as FedEx, NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development, The Achievement Center at Raritan Valley Community College, and more. Refreshments for the event were donated by Wegmans Food Markets.

This program was made possible through a partnership with The Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board and the Somerset County Business Partnership. To learn more about future disabilities programming, email adultprogramming@sclibnj.org.



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HIKING WE WILL GO

The Green Brook Historical Society

In June of 1942 the U.S. Army opened a training facility outside of New Brunswick. It was called Camp Kilmer in honor of Joyce Kilmer the author of the poem "Trees". Kilmer had been killed in the war. The training facility was needed as a place for a final training before embarking from the New York ports for shipping overseas.

There had been limited time to get them ready for combat on European soil. But one thing the Army was good for was writing manuals. One such manual called for the taking of a nine mile hike for some unknown reason. So when Camp Kilmer opened, the officers opened a map to look for possible destinations. At the end of one radius was a large patch of green area. This was later deemed to be the 51 acre Washington Rock State Rock.

Therefore during the remainder of World War II marching men could often be seen marching up the First Watchung Mountain to gladly reach the Park as their destination or hopefully a glorious 31 mile vista on a clear day. Records do not indicate this was a same day or an overnight event.

This is just one of the many little known facts about the Township of Green Brook that you will learn by joining the Green Brook Historical Society meetings on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

GREEN BROOK LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

The Green Brook Lions Club announces a minimum of \$8,000 in scholarships are available for award to Green Brook residents who are graduating from high school this spring, and who meet the following criteria.

The Green Brook Lions Club Scholarship applicant must demonstrates a reasonably high level of academic achievement and be of good character. The student must continue their formal education in a two- or four- year college or a vocational program. The main consideration will be the applicant's involvement in working with the handicapped, infirm or the less fortunate, and show their involvement in community service. A minimum of \$1,500 will be awarded for this scholarship.

The David T. McGarry Scholarship applicant will continue their formal education in a two- or four- year college and be pursuing a degree in business, and must show good math skills, exemplified by good grades and advanced classes. A minimum of \$1,000 will be awarded for this scholarship.

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Scholarship applications may be requested by email at greenbrooklions@gmail.com or may be downloaded from the Green Brook Lions website at: <https://greenbrooklionsclub.com/scholarships>

Scholarship applications must be submitted no later than May 27, 2022 to the following address. Scholarship contributions or other donations may also be sent to the same address: Green Brook Lions Club, 2 Murray Ct., Green Brook, NJ 08812

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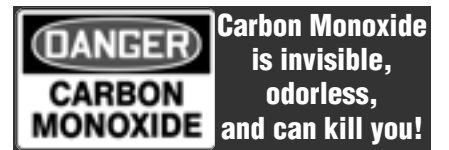
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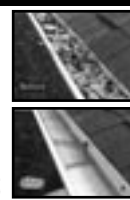
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Saturday, May 7 at 8 pm: Comedian Mike Marino, affectionately known to millions of his fans worldwide as New Jersey's Bad Boy takes the stage for an evening of hilarious comedy. Marino has a tongue like a razor and a heart of gold with stand-up material ranging from cutting-edge observations of everyday life to his Italian family roots.

Sunday, May 13 at 3 pm: Grandma's Boy, the 1922 family comedy silent film directed by Hal Roach and Harold Lloyd, will be shown on the big screen accompanied by Wurlitzer Organist Bernie Anderson.

Friday, May 20 at 8 pm: Singer Chris Ruggiero's vintage rock and roll concert, "Silly Love Songs. It will be the 22-year-old singer's concert appearance in Somerset County since he rose to national fame following his PBS Television appearance.

Saturday, May 21 at 8 pm: Starman, The Bowie Tribute will perform the hits and deep cuts from "Ziggy Stardust (& the Spiders from Mars)" and "Station to Station", in their entirety, along with additional choice cuts from Starman's extensive song repertoire.

Sunday, May 22 at 2 pm: Stephen Fuller and Amani recreate the magical sounds of Lionel Richie. A spectacular tribute to the music that made Lionel's legendary sound and songs popular with generations of fans. Performing Richie's songs from the Commodores to his

amazing solo career.

Tickets are available for purchase online at brookarts.org or by calling 732-469-7700. Box Office Opens two hours before showtime for walk-up sales. Concessions, Bar, and Free Parking are available. ADA accessible.

The Brook Arts Center is in historic Bound Brook, New Jersey, one block from the Bound Brook Train station and a few short miles from Rt 22, 287, and 78. It is the only existing vaudeville theater (Brook Theater) remaining in Somerset County, and one of eight in New Jersey listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Brook Theater has been providing entertainment since 1927.



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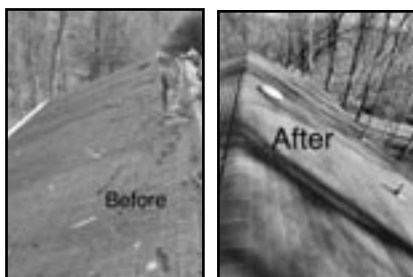
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Watchung Hills Regional High School Hall of Fame Committee is honored to announce its five newest members to the Class of 2022. The inductees will be honored with a ceremony and reception to be held at the high school on Friday, May 20th. The activities will begin at 6:00 p.m.

The five inductees, selected from nominations made by members of the community, represent a wide range of talented former graduates and those who served the Watchung Hills Communities. They include the following:

Wayne Lee – A beloved and respected English

teacher for 40 years, who was voted Teacher of the Year in 2007.

Dr. Dawn Mitzner LaPorte – A 1987 Graduate and class valedictorian who has gone on to a very successful career as an orthopedic surgeon at John Hopkins School of Medicine.

Josh Pauls – A 2011 Graduate who won his fourth gold medal as a member of the United States Paralympics Sled Hockey team this past March.

René Thomas Rovtar – A 1976 Graduate who has served in the field of education as a board of education member, teacher, and superintendent

for over 40 years.

Barbara Vitarius – A former Watchung Hills Regional High School Board of Education member for 13 years and served the Watchung Community for 40 plus years as an advocate for quality education, civic engagement, and community service.

Tickets are \$25.00 and they may be purchased in the main office of the high school or at the door the evening of the event.

For more information about the event, please contact Laurie Grafer at lgrafer@whrhs.org or (908) 647-4800, ext. 4870.



(above, l-r) Wayne Lee, René Thomas Rovtar, Barbara Vitarius, Dr. Dawn Mitzner LaPorte, Josh Pauls

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Submitted by Brian Greene

Three 14-year-old Green Brook residents, Maddie Goret, Mya Uku, and Zack Kusch, recently closed out a strong short course swim season. All three swim for Streamline Aquatics Club (STAC), and are coached by Brian Greene, who is a resident of Green Brook as well.

Maddie Goret and Mya Uku joined STAC in 2015, while Zack Kusch has been swimming for STAC since 2016. Maddie, Mya, and Zack are friends, teammates, and classmates at WHRHS. Throughout their years swimming for STAC, the three have all earned great individual successes.

Recently the three shined at the 2022 Eastern Zone Short Course Age Group Championships in Webster, NY, held March 30th through April 2nd. This three-day meet featured some of the fastest

age group swimmers in the Eastern Zone which includes USA Swimming clubs from New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Maryland, Maine, Virginia, Washington DC, and more.

These Green Brook swimmers are making incredible waves, and will continue to compete for STAC throughout the spring and summer in the 2022 long course season.

Maddie Goret placed first in the Women's 13-14 200 Yard Breaststroke and 2nd place in the Women's 13-14 100 Yard Breaststroke.

Mya Uku, placed 10th place in the Women's 13-14 100 Yard Freestyle.

Zack Kusch placed first in the Men's 13-14 100 Yard Breaststroke, first place in the Mens 13-14 200 Yard Breaststroke, and 5th place in the Mens 13-14 200 Yard IM.



(above, l-r) STAC Head Coach, Brian Greene with his swimmers, Maddie Goret, Mya Uku, and Zack Kusch on the pool deck at the Webster Aquatic Center, home to the 2022 Eastern Zone Age Group Championships, Webster, NY.

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(above) Remy (center) is pictured with his new forever family. His canine siblings are also rescues who experienced similar rescue stories.



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GRETA'S RUN FOR IMAGINE - MAY 22

The 9th Annual Greta's Run for Imagine will be held in-person for the first time in 2 years! Join us on Sunday May 22, 2022 for an official USATF 5K race through Westfield, NJ. This year, we are introducing a Memory Walk – a 0.6 mile route where families of the community can walk in memory of anyone who has died. Memory Walk Registrants can purchase a sign to decorate with the name of their loved one to line the walk route and memorialize their family member.

Greta's Run began 9 years ago when a group of Greta Schoenemann's friends decided they wanted to honor her memory with a 5k race. Greta had died on September 15, 2002 due to injuries sustained when a branch fell on a group of students as they were eating lunch outside of Westfield High School. This year marks the 20th anniversary of Greta's death and the 9th year the race has been run in her honor.

Sadly, many of us have experienced the loss of someone we love and this year's event is in honor of all of them. We invite everyone to join us as we run, walk or roll in honor of Greta and all those we love who have died. At Imagine, we see this run as an act of honor, as an act of mourning and of remembrance for our families and our community.

Before the 5K race, we invite everyone to join us for a Memory Walk when we will provide time and space for all to walk in honor of those who have died but are not forgotten.

Proceeds from the race support Imagine's free peer support groups for children and families coping with grief, as well as Imagine's grief education programs which are available for schools and businesses looking to better support their communities. Additionally, Imagine staff are available to provide support in the immediate aftermath of a loss in a school community, organization or place of business.

We are so thankful for our sponsors thus far for the 9th Annual Greta's Run for Imagine. To become a sponsor, Contact Angela Marie Tayco at angela@imagineenj.org or 908-228-3360.

To register for Greta's Run and/or the Memory Walk, please visit imagineenj.org/gretasrun. We look forward to coming together as a community to honor and remember those we love who have died.

Imagine's Executive Director, Lindsay Schambach would like to extend this invitation to you: 'We hope that you will join us and walk alongside our families, our children, and our community, and let everyone know that their loss matters, that they are not alone, and they are never forgotten.'

Imagine offers grief and loss education and training to the community and free year-round grief support groups for children ages 3-18 who have had a parent, sibling, or close family member die. Concurrent groups are available for parents and guardians of the children in our groups, and young adults 18-30. Imagine also offers a support group for Spanish speaking adults. For more information, please contact Imagine at 908-264-3100 or info@imagineenj.org.

PROJECT GRADUATION – SEEKING DONATIONS

2022 marks the 31st year of Watchung Hills Regional High School's Project Graduation. A volunteer team of parents of WHRHS seniors comes together to plan events for the graduating class throughout the year that lead up to a safe and fun graduation celebration for the entire class.

Traditional events include the Senior Panoramic Picture Day (shown in the photograph), where each senior is given their Senior Warrior t-shirt, and several Senior Week events, including a Yearbook Signing social, Senior Breakfast and the end-of-year event held on graduation night!

The past two years have been challenging to plan during Covid. In 2020, the event itself was canceled, but the committee did a great job finding alternative ways to celebrate the class. Last year, the committee had to wait until the last minute to finalize plans given the restrictions on indoor gatherings. No matter the challenge, the Project Graduation tradition has continued in some form or another to celebrate our seniors.

This year continues to be a challenge and a struggle for our students as they navigate their final year of high school amidst the uncertainty of the pandemic. However, this senior class is a resilient group of Warriors, and we are so proud of all they have accomplished. We hope this event will give them the celebration they deserve so they can put the years of uncertainty behind and create memories to last a lifetime.

The committee is excited to announce this

year's action-packed night will be held at Iron Peak Sports & Entertainment in Hillsborough, NJ. Graduates can choose from a full night of fun, including rock climbing, ninja courses, basketball, pickleball, volleyball and other sports, a new video arcade, live entertainment and so much more. Of course, food and drinks will be provided throughout the night for them to share this final night with their classmates.

All 520 WHRHS seniors are welcome to attend the Project Graduation event free of charge. Every senior will participate in the Senior week events leading up to Project Graduation as well. The committee relies entirely on fundraising to make this enormous event happen, including donations from the WHRHS community. If you or your business is interested in donating or providing a service, please reach out to ProjectGradWHRHS@gmail.com, or send your donation directly via check made out to Project Graduation, 108 Stirling Road, Warren, NJ 07059. We also accept Venmo @WHRHS-2022Project Graduation – be sure to email us your details so we can ensure you receive acknowledgement. All donations are tax deductible and will be mentioned in the Graduation program.

Thank you in advance for supporting our students.

Lawrie McLeod & Cristina Nunes – Co-Chairs

Sushama Sekhar – Treasurer

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(Photos on page 13)

SCRAP METAL DRIVE MAY 14

On Saturday, May 14th, from 8 -11 a.m. Warren Boy Scout Troop 228 will hold a scrap metal drive at the Community Volunteer Fire Company #3, located at 14 Community Place, Warren.

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The Shining Stars are back! Celebrating 10 years on the stage, the talented special needs cast will be presenting “The Greatest Hits” — covering many of the memorable performances over the past decade.

The outdoor show will take place on the campus of Woodbridge High School, located at 1 Samuel Lupo Way, Woodbridge, on Saturday, May 14, 2022 at 5 p.m. There will be food trucks, a tricky tray and a 50/50 raffle.

“It’s hard to believe it’s been ten years, but it’s been an incredible journey,” noted Shining Stars Network Founder and Show Director Sally Curci. “We continue to be inspired by our performers every day. Their passion, dedication and talent is what makes our shows come to life.”

The Shining Stars have performed in front of audiences of 1,000 or more, with cast members from seven different counties performing over the years. The Cranford-based organization still has many Cranford residents, but is open to anyone who wants to experience the performing arts.

“We’re all about inclusion and opportunity while building self-esteem and creating

friendships,” said Shining Stars Network Founder and President Mike Curci. “There have been so many incredible performances over the years and we can’t wait to see our stars shine on stage once again.”

Tickets are available by going to ShiningStarsNetwork.org and clicking on the “purchase tickets” page. General admission tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the show. Please bring a folding chair or blanket. Seating boxes are first-come, first-served. Gates open at 4 p.m. Plenty of on-site parking is available. Rain date is May 21st. Any cancellation will be noted at ShiningStarsNetwork.org.

SHINING STARS NETWORK is a non-profit organization based in Cranford, N.J. founded by Sally and Mike Curci that shines the light on the special needs community by creating opportunities in the performing arts, with the goal of building self-confidence and self-esteem while enjoying the experience of performing on stage. In addition, their Shining Stars Ambassadors basketball team travels to play local first responders and organizations while building

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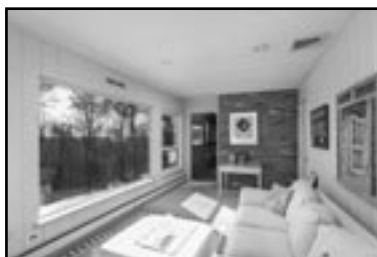
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