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Sofia set a goal of sending out 125 care packages to pediatric cancer warriors in 5 hospitals in 5 different states. To do so, she created an amazon wishlist in which community members could donate various toys and supplies. In addition to the care packages, Sofia wanted to raise awareness for Pediatric Cancer. This past October, she held a 3K "Dunk Cancer" Event at Watchung Hills Regional High School in which participants ran a 3K around the school and "dunked cancer" for every lap they completed by dunking a basketball into a mini hoop. While the participants waited to start, they could get their face painted, their hair braided, a tattoo, or play yard games and enjoy music. There was also a card making station at the event in which participants were asked to draw an inspirational card which would get sent out

along with the care packages for the pediatric cancer warriors. Prior to starting the race, brain tumor survivor Grace Eline spoke about her journey as well as the impact care packages have on these warriors getting treatment. Grace started her own nonprofit organization that benefits pediatric cancer called the WITH Grace Initiative. For more information, please visit withgraceinitiative.org.

After the event and the collection was over, Sofia, among other Long Hill Girl Scouts and community members, worked together to assemble 149 care packages, exceeding her goal by 24. These care packages were then split evenly and sent out to pediatric cancer warriors in five hospitals.



(above, left) Joaquin Squizziato (above, right, l-r) Sofia Squizziato and Fatima Anjum showing their support.



(above, left) Girl Scouts at the care package sorting event held on Oct. 24, 2023.

(above, right, l-r) Ava Long and Francesca Sena playing yard games at the 'Dunk Cancer' 3K event.



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High school juniors Bogdan Kuzmanov and Sebastien Roure-Singh spearheaded the organization of the Inaugural Car Show at the Pingry School in Basking Ridge, NJ. Featuring a stunning lineup of over 70 exotic and classic cars, the event attracted car enthusiasts and community members alike who were eager to marvel at the impressive array of vehicles. The extraordinary event combined passion, community spirit, and philanthropy.

Going beyond the mere display of automobiles, the event carried a profound mission. Motivated by their desire to enact positive change, Bogdan Kuzmanov and Sebastien Roure-Singh used the car show as a platform to support the Community Food Bank of NJ. They brought the community together to appreciate the beautiful cars while also making a

difference for those in need. The outpouring of support surpassed all expectations, resulting in over \$2,300 raised in donations for the organization. Each dollar collected plays a crucial role in advancing the essential work of the Community Food Bank of NJ.

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Submitted by Margaret Keegan

Girl Scouts Daisies Troop 98635 were in full bloom on March 26th. If you have driven by Gillette School recently, you may have noticed it is now beautifully decorated by natural flowers and plants. This is thanks to some of their very own First Graders, specifically the Girl Scouts from Troop 98635.

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This troop of First Graders decided to make planting flowers at Gillette Elementary School

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Troop Leaders: Kathyana Gomez Martinez and Jennifer Garsh



(above) Left: Catrina White, Gabriella Sessanta, Julia Conlon, Julianna Carlo, Margalit Chiodo, Maya Steege, Sydney Carlo, Aisling Mahoney; Right: Anna Luna Gomez, Brynn Dookwah, Fiona Force, Mikaela Seely, Elisa Steege, Hannah Rizzo

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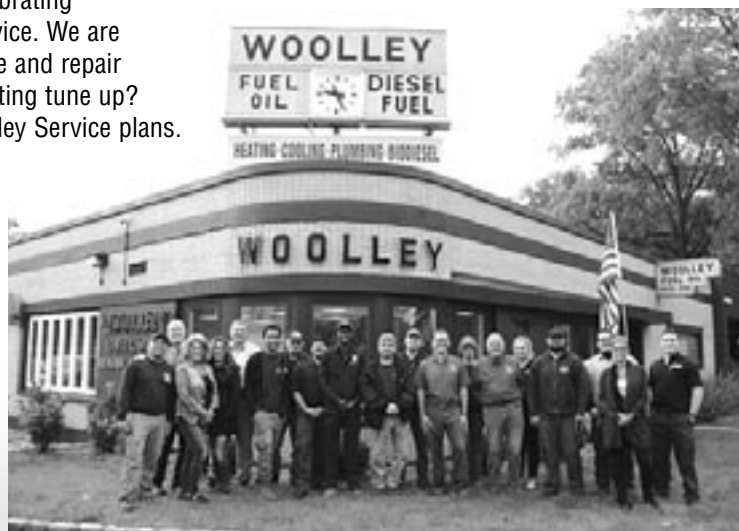
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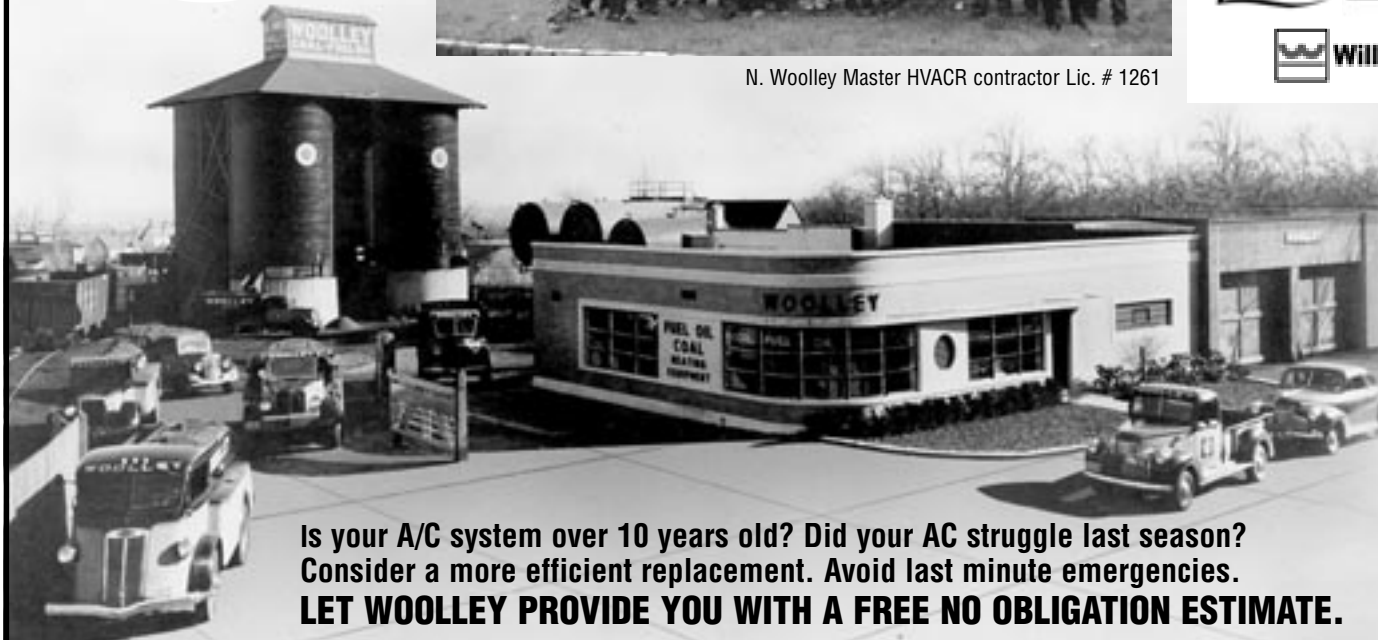
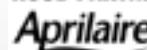
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Despite the early morning rain and muddy conditions, spirits were high as participants arrived bright and early, armed with fishing gear and eager anticipation. The derby kicked off at 8:00 AM. Participants wasted no time getting down to business, scattering around the lake in search of the best fishing spots. Free t-shirts, prizes, and food were provided to the participants.



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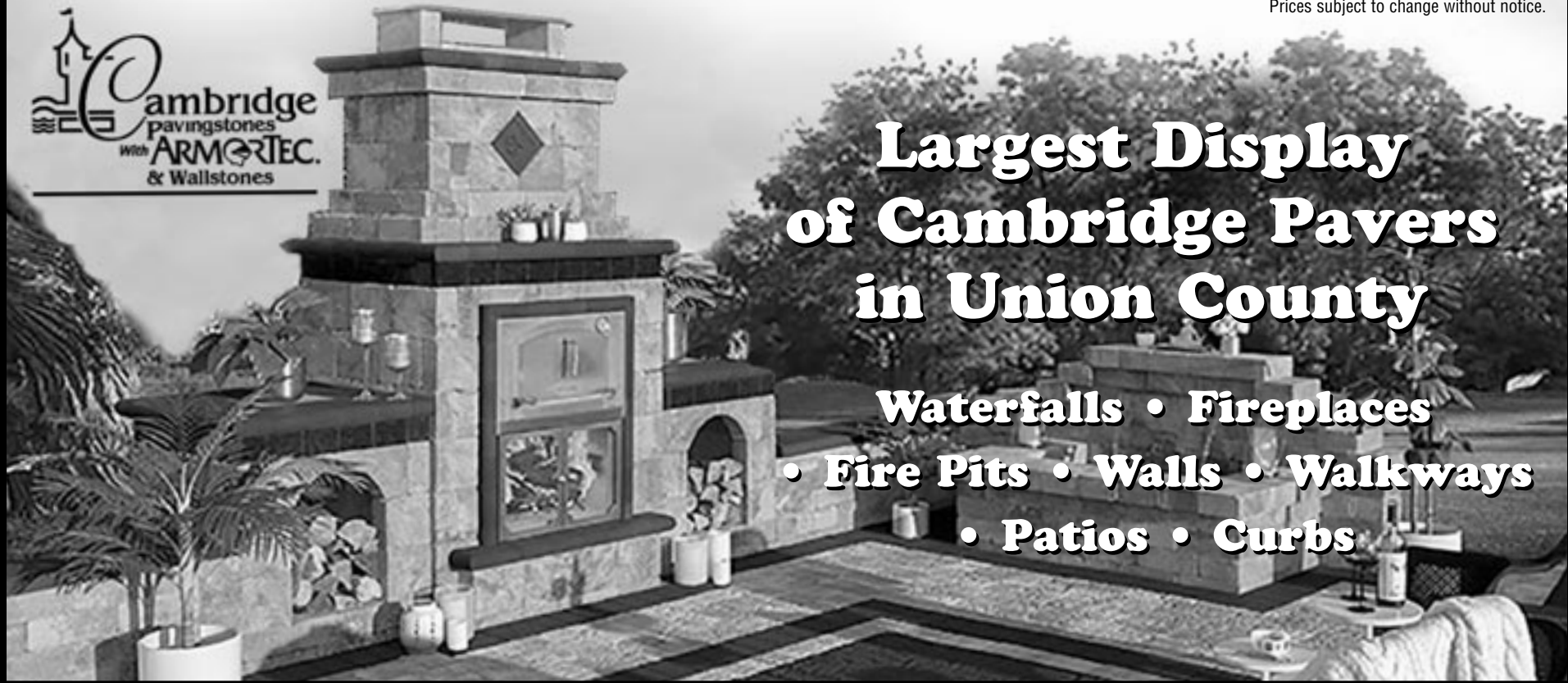
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WHO RUNS PROJECT GRADUATION?

Project Graduation is an independent parent organization with their own budget, fundraising events and planning committee. Senior parent volunteers work hard to host various exciting events that lead up to the end-of-year graduation night event.

WHO ATTENDS PROJECT GRADUATION NIGHT?

WHRHS has approximately 500 seniors from the towns of Green Brook, Long Hill, Warren and Watchung who will be graduating on June 13, 2024. The event is open at no cost to the entire WHRHS graduating class, and we hope for 100% participation.

WHO PAYS FOR THE EVENTS?

Project Graduation is funded completely through donations.

The ability to provide all the events throughout the year is only possible through generous donations from our families & community. This includes the parents, local businesses and community organizations. As we are a regional high school, we are reaching out to the member towns, seeking donations to help offset the costs of this celebration. In the past, we have received pledges as well as goods and services, from many different community members. If you have a business or skill you can offer or know someone willing to help, please let us know!

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

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Watchung Hills Regional High School, 108 Stirling Road, Warren, NJ 07059.

Alzheimer's NJ Caregiver Support Group - Thursday, May 2, 10:30 AM - This group is run by a trained facilitator and provides families and caregivers with the emotional support and education they need to better understand Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of dementia. Those interested may register at alznj.org or by calling the Center at 973-635-4565.

The Psychology of Scams

Monday, May 6, 1:00 PM

Learn how to protect yourself from on-line scammers trying to steal identities and computer data. Sponsored by Bradley & Son Funeral Homes.

Beginner Bridge Lessons

Wednesdays, starting May 8, 10:00 AM

Lessons for those new to the game or just rusty at it. Cost is \$8 per class, plus the cost of the recommended text book, if desired.

Equine Therapy & Miniature Horse Visit

Wednesday, May 8, 12PM

Maureen Coultas, Founder & Director of Hope's Promise will discuss the healing power of equine therapy and bring along a miniature horse to visit with.

Travels on the Lewis & Clark Trail

Wednesday, May 15, 11:00 AM

Slide presentation and commentary by columnist and author, Jennifer Fischer on her travels along this historic trail.

Rose City Songsters Choral Performance

Tuesday, May 21, 1:30 PM

This Madison choral group will perform classics, Broadway tunes, and pop songs.

Remembering the American Revolution

Thursday, May 30, 1:00 PM

Joel Farkas will examine whether what we remember about our country's founding is the truth or a good story. His presentation will cover Paul Revere's Ride, Washington crossing the Delaware, the Battle of Bunker Hill, and more.

Save-the-Date:

We're a Big Dill Pickleball Tournament

Saturday, June 8, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Support the non-profit Senior Center while playing pickleball. This is an unsanctioned tournament in round-robin format. Register individually or with a partner. The price is \$65 per participant. Go to chathamseiorcenter.org for more information about this fundraiser and to purchase tickets.

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