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POP WARNER 13U FOOTBALL CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS



(above) Watchung Hills Pop Warner 13u Central Jersey Conference Champions

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Submitted by Jennifer Ricci

The Watchung Hills Pop Warner 13U football team led by Coaches Fred Ricci, Stephen Kelly and Jeremy Herring defeated the Somerville/Branchburg Pioneers in the Central Jersey Pop Warner Division 2 Conference Finals on October 27th by a score of 14-6. The entire Wolverines team battled a

tough four quarters against the talented Pioneers but the Watchung Hills Wolverines were able to secure the victory in the end closing the regular season with an 8-1 record. Watchung Hills continues to dominate their opponents in the first round of regionals defeating Toms River 36-6. Let's Go Wolverines!

CAPSTONE CHALLENGE EARNS SCHOOL LEADER AWARD

Warren Township Schools was recently notified that its innovative Capstone Challenge had been recognized with the School Leader Award from NJSBA (New Jersey School Boards Association). This honor, awarded annually to New Jersey schools that highlight the programs and practices throughout the state, celebrates Warren Township School District's commitment to fostering real-world problem-solving and critical thinking skills among its students.

The Capstone Challenge, which began in 2018 invites students in grades 5 and 8 to engage in collaborative projects addressing complex issues. Under the guidance of dedicated staff members across different departments, students choose their topics, all of which are tied to both academic standards and community needs. The students are formed into teams,

and these teams present their formal projects to a panel of judges.

The Capstone Challenge has had a measurable impact on student engagement and achievement.

The award will be presented at an upcoming NJSBA event, where Warren Township School District Superintendent Dr. Matthew Mingle will be honored alongside other visionary educational leaders.

If you are interested in becoming a judge for the 2025 capstone challenge, please contact Denise McGee, Curriculum Secretary at dmcgee@warrentboe.org. There are no special requirements or credentials for this volunteer opportunity beyond a desire to help Warren students hone their critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

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NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION

Watchung Hills Regional High School

The Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) hosted their 46th induction ceremony of the WHRHS chapter of the National Honor Society on October 22, 2024. The program was held in the school's performing arts center.

During the opening remarks, WHRHS students, Sana Khurana and Caroline Roberts spoke about the history of the National Honor Society. Highlighting how it was founded in 1921, and it was designed to "recognize and encourage academic achievement while

developing other characteristics essential to citizens in a democracy."

A candle lighting ceremony followed. There were four candles representing different characteristics: Character, Scholarship, Leadership, and Community Service.

The induction of 82 students into the National Honor Society followed.

The program concluded with honoring WHRHS teacher, Ms. Christina DiBartolo as National Honor Society Teacher of the Year.



(above) The executive board, administration, NHS Advisor, & NHS Teacher of the Year Ms. Christina DiBartolo

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Submitted by Adam Lella

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In recognition of their hard work, the Warren Township Committee honored the scouts during a public meeting held on Nov. 14, 2024. Each Scout received a special acknowledgment from Mayor Sordillo and Deputy Mayor Lontai.

We look forward to growing our Pack and

continuing to make a positive impact in our community.

Cub Scout Pack 182 welcomes any new boys of Warren Township in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade. Please contact Cubmaster, Adam Lella cubmaster@warrenpack182.org



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The event will take place at the Municipal Complex located at 46 Mountain Blvd, Warren, NJ from 4:00-7:00pm with the lighting of the bonfire (if permitted by drought restrictions at this writing) at 4:20pm, and fireworks at 7:00pm. A tree lighting will happen at 6:45pm. Santa will be making a special visit at the event and will be

available to take pictures from 5:00pm-7:00pm in front of Town Hall.

Additional parking is available at the Municipal Complex and across the street at PNC Bank and Cooper Jewelers. For more event details please go to our website at warrennj.org/recreation or follow our Facebook Page at WarrenNJRec or Instagram at warrentownshiprecreationnj. In case of inclement weather or if you have any questions please contact the Recreation Office by phone at 908-753-8000 x 271 or by email at recreation@warrennj.org

LETTERS TO SANTA

Santa has granted Warren Township Recreation permission to gather mail from Township children and deliver it to the North Pole. We will be accepting mail from now through Tuesday, December 3rd. Letters should be dropped off at the red mailbox in front of Town Hall or mail to: "Santa" Warren Twp. Recreation, 46 Mountain Blvd., Warren, NJ 07059. Every child will receive a personalized letter from Santa, but after December 3rd, Santa will be busy getting ready for the holiday and will not be able to answer any more letters. Mom and Dad, please be sure to include a return address.

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Questions contact the Recreation Office at recreation@warrennj.org or 908-753-8000 ext. 270 or 271

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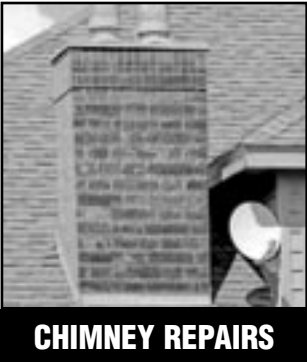
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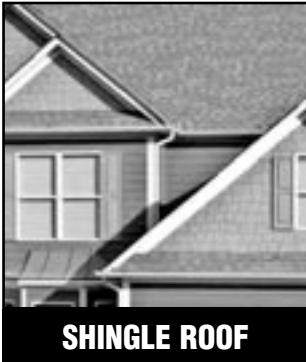
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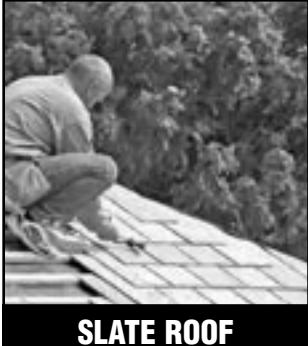
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Next, a holiday luncheon is planned for Tuesday Dec 17th at noon for at Carpaccio's Restaurant in Middlesex. The Club is filling Holiday Stockings for USA Armed Forces and collecting used sneakers for use and recycle. The club recently collected new and slightly used winter jackets for school children.

The WLCBB has a wide membership from four Counties and provides friendship and programs of interest. Guests are always welcome at meetings. For more information call Marlene Ficzko at 908-704-7406, and follow Club activities on Facebook at WLCBB.

FREE CONCERT – DEC. 21

Sawmill Run Old Time Sting Band will bring their authentic American mountain music to The First Presbyterian Church of Stirling, 158 Central Ave., Stirling, on Saturday, December 21 at 7 p.m.

Sawmill Run is New Jersey's own homegrown Old Time String Band. This is an exciting, vital, driving music that predates Bluegrass and Country and gets people moving. Interpreted by four accomplished multi instrumentalists on banjo, fiddle, dulcimer, mandolin, upright bass, guitar and, vocals, this music is created for joyous gatherings, dancing and fun times. The tunes

have been passed from generation to generation for decades. The band regularly attends Old Time music gatherings throughout Appalachia and also studies historic recordings. The band has brought back these tunes to New Jersey to be passed along and the tradition of American String Band music lives on. Sawmill Run Old Time String Band plays in venues and festivals all across New Jersey.

As always, our concerts are free to the public; donations are welcome. For more information, go to fpcestirling.org or call the First Presbyterian Church of Stirling at 908-647-1033.



(above) Sawmill Run Old Time Sting Band will bring their authentic American mountain music to The First Presbyterian Church of Stirling located at 158 Central Ave., Stirling, on Saturday, December 21 at 7 p.m. Free admission.

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Fourteen veterans received medals and certificates from the DAR. Members of the Boy Scouts presented each veteran with their awards

and thanked them for their service. The Scouts also distributed cards that they made for the vets and Mira Vie provided refreshments.

In December, Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter will honor veterans of the past when they decorate a tree for the Festival of Trees at the Somerset County Environmental Education Center in Basking Ridge. Their theme is "Celebrating America By Honoring Our Patriot Ancestors." The tree will include brief biographies of members' ancestors who fought in

the American Revolution. The Festival runs December 6-29, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The DAR is a nonprofit service organization open to women 18 and over who can prove descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Based in Green Brook, Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter serves areas of Somerset, Middlesex and Union counties. New members are welcome. Contact the chapter at ESCchapterDAR@gmail.com.



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(above) Kelly Mazzocchi, Peapack and George Hoehn, from Stirling.

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The Stirling Elks is made up of men and women from Long Hill Township, Berkeley Heights, Basking Ridge, New Providence and other surrounding towns who are citizens of the United States, at least 21 years old and who believe in God.

There are many Elk programs that benefit special needs children and adults. The Elks also has various scholarships, involvement with scouting, athletic teams, veterans, youth activities, and patriotic programs.

The Special Children's Committee sponsors several functions a year for special needs children, adults and their families. The Stirling Elks hosted its annual Special Children's Halloween party on Sunday, Oct. 29. It was a beautiful day, and everyone enjoyed great food, music and entertainment by Magician, Tommy Knucklehead.

For further information on the Elks and or the special needs activities, please contact Pat Mocarski at 908-647-1537.



(above, l-r) Magician Tommy Knucklehead and Jessica Walpow from Warren, Paisley MacIntosh and her Grandma Carin from Greenwood Lake, Magician and Paisley MacIntosh, from Greenwood Lake.

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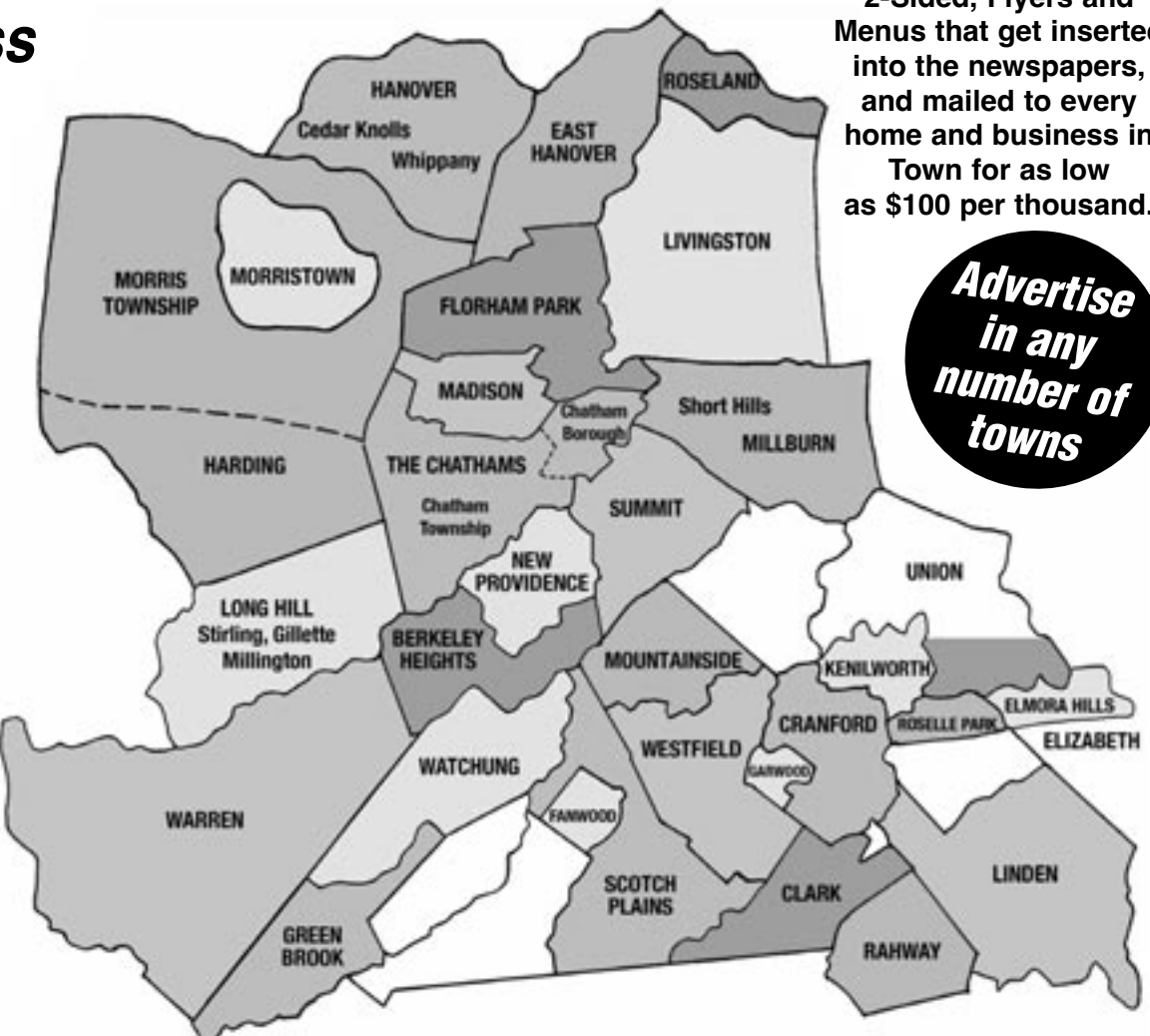
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Drum Circle with Anil Sachadev

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Christmas Cards with Parul

December 10, 11 a.m.

Shell Angel Ornament Craft with Parul

December 11

Breathing techniques for mental wellness

December 12, 11 a.m.

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Holidays around the world with Mary Ellen from Grace Healthcare Services

December 16, 11 a.m.

Boxed in for the Holidays

December 17, 11 a.m.

Sing Along with Warrenbrook Seniors

December 18, 11 a.m.

Carols while getting into the Christmas spirit.

Hallelujah!

December 19, 11 a.m.

Christmas Ornament Craft

December 20, 11 a.m.

Craft – Clothespin Reindeer

December 23, 11 a.m.

Warrenbrook Senior Center Closed

December 24, 25 - Christmas

Dreidel Games for Hanukkah.

December 26, 11 a.m.

Kwanzaa with Warrenbrook Staff

December 27, 11 a.m.

Bingo with Emily

December 30, 11 a.m.

New Years Eve Trivia with Warrenbrook Staff

December 31, 11 a.m.

Yoga with Kartika

Mondays, 10 a.m.

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