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Warren Township Recreation's 2024 Holiday Festival was held on Sunday, December 8, 2024, at the Municipal Complex. All age groups enjoyed various activities including horse and carriage rides, petting zoo, carnival games, hot

chocolate, and a bonfire and fireworks. Food was for sale by a variety of food trucks. A tree lighting ceremony was held, and Santa made a special visit and posed for pictures.



(above) Warren Township Recreation issued a special thank you to the Warren Blue Ridge Sportsmen for all their help in setting up, and the breaking down of the event.

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ANNUAL WINTER INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT

The Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) Music Department recently resented its Annual Winter Instrumental Concert, a celebration of musical talent and holiday spirit. Under the direction of Allan V. Daleus, Director of Instrumental Music, the WHRHS instrumental ensembles, including the String Orchestra,

Symphonic Band, Concert Band, and Wind Ensemble, performed an eclectic program featuring classic holiday tunes, contemporary pieces, and traditional repertoire. Highlights of the evening included "The Night Before Christmas" being narrated by Mr. Peter Martin, a WHRHS teacher.



(above) The Winter Instrumental Concert featured the incredible talent and teamwork of Watchung Hills Regional High School students while fostering a sense of togetherness and holiday cheer.

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Warren Township Public Schools

Central School's 4th and 5th grade Student Leaders planned and organized a fundraiser, Coats that Vote! Working with organizations such as One Warm Coat and Jersey Cares, Student Leaders decided to collect coats this giving season to donate to local charities. Their creative idea for the fundraiser came from the recent election, "We wanted to have students vote for something fun all kids can enjoy at school together," commented 5th-grade Student Leader Naya Patel. During one of their club's meetings, with their advisor Ms. Alyssa Pech, Student Leaders brainstormed practical things the whole student body could vote on. Their final top 3 ideas were Pajama Day, a Dance Party, and Bring Your Stuffed Animal to School Day.

During the week of November 18-22, students at Central donated lightly worn adult and kids jackets, placing them in the bin that won their vote. Over the week, Student Leaders also visited PreK-3rd grade classrooms to talk about the benefits of giving and generosity. They read a book to the students and asked them questions about how they could participate in giving this season. Each day of the fundraiser Student Leaders also counted the votes, providing totals to students on the announcements and parents via the Central School PTO's socials.

Participation and donations came in throughout the week and it was clear it was going to be a close race. Before the final day of

donations, Pajama Day and Bring Your Stuffed Animal to School Day were neck and neck. Ultimately, Pajama Day won by 5 coats, and Central School celebrated Pajama Day on Wednesday, November 27th before Thanksgiving Break! Over 148 coats were donated to those in need this Thanksgiving season. Central School Student Leaders want to thank everyone for their participation and donations.



(above) Some of the student leaders, Joseph Gawkowski, Nate DeTommaso, Cameron Baran, Lucy Ruggiero, Elizabeth Liu.

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SCOUTS VISIT ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

Submitted by Adam Lella

Cub Scout Pack 182 recently visited Annapolis, Maryland, where they toured the historic and prestigious US Naval Academy with Commanding officers! The Scouts and their families had the opportunity to learn about the Navy's history and the responsibilities of

midshipmen to our country. After the tour, the scouts then attended a Navy football game and stayed at a nearby Cub Scout campground in Annapolis, Maryland, joining over 500+ other scout packs from across the northeast.

Parents of kindergarteners or elementary students K-4th grade of Warren Township

interested in joining our Pack 182 are encouraged to reach out. We have several exciting upcoming events, including our Pinewood Derby race, a reptile show, winter cabin camping, and various other outdoor and life-learning activities. You can message me Adam Lella, Cubmaster: cubmaster@warrenpack182.org

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(above) Warren Cub Scouts stayed in a campground in Annapolis, Maryland, joining over 500+ other scout packs from across the northeast.

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HICKORY TREE CHORUS WINTER SING-ALONG

Stay warm this winter by putting some music in your life in 2025! Join the Hickory Tree Chorus for a Winter Sing-Along, which will include a meet-and-greet, warm-ups and, of course, some wonderful singing. Dates are January 8 and 15, 2025, from 6:45 to 9:30 p.m. at The Shrine of St Joseph, 1050 Long Hill Road, Stirling, NJ. The chorus sings a variety of music, including old-fashioned love songs, Broadway, Disney, Beatles, and more, in a fun, supportive community. Come sing with us and share the joy of music together! Stay for friendship and fun!

And the event is free!

Hickory Tree is an award-winning women's chorus singing four-part a cappella harmony in the barbershop style. We are passionate about music, performance, fun and friendship. We believe every voice counts and encourage women singers of all ages, colors, ethnicities, and orientations to visit us and share our joy of music.

Please contact the Chorus for the Winter Sing-Along by email at info@hickorytreechorus.org. Find more information at hickorytreechorus.org.



(above) The Hickory Tree award-winning women's chorus is hosting free events on January 8 and 15, 2025, from 6:45 to 9:30 p.m. at The Shrine of St Joseph, 1050 Long Hill Road, Stirling, NJ.

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OPERAS ON FILM SEASON LINEUP

Mountainside Rescue Squad

The Mountainside Rescue Squad presents Operas on Film, now in its 12th season. The selected films from famous opera houses throughout the world, will be played with subtitles on the second Friday of the month at 1 p.m. hosted by Mena Clemson. It is free to attend. Whether you are an opera buff or an opera neophyte, you are invited to join us for the following films:

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New Year's Trivia

January 2, 11 a.m.

We will play New Year's resolutions word scramble, Word Search and learn some New Year Traditions from Around the World.

Snowy Snow Night Craft

January 3, 11 a.m.

with Karen Haake – We will create a snowy night scene inspired by the former artist Vincent Van Gogh. All materials will be provided. Pre-registration is required.

Tapping Solution

January 6, 11 a.m.

Part 2 of 3. Alicia Grey, a certified tapping practitioner, will offer a workshop to introduce you to this incredible self-help tool.

The Somerset County Traveling Library.

January 6, 1 p.m.

Sign up for a library card, get help troubleshooting technology, check out a book, or just share a book you are currently reading.

Jeopardy

January 7, 11 a.m.

Play Jeopardy in which categories include Winter Flavors & Treats, January Fun Facts, Little Foods, Winter Idioms, Hodgepodge.

Blood Pressure Screening

January 8, 10:30 a.m.

Visiting Nurse Association will meet with you individually and take your blood pressure and answer your questions.

Bingo sponsored by Kristina Bischof of Country Arch Care Center

January 8, 11 a.m.

Bingo is more than just an exciting activity.

Breathing techniques for mental wellness

January 9, 11 a.m.

Dr Prabha Srinivas will be teaching some practices that can be used to distract the mind and induce calm during an anxiety episode.

New Year's Musical Entertainment

January 10, 11 a.m.

As we kick off the new year, we will welcome the year 2025 by singing and dancing to the music provided by Lorri Woodward.

Musical Colors!

January 13, 11 a.m.

Discovery Orchestra staff will explore the seasonal landscape of "Autumn," one of Antonio Vivaldi's famous collection of violin concertos, The Four Seasons. The presentation will include a live performance and interactive audience experience.

Drum Circle with Anil Sachadev

January 13, 1 p.m.

Soothe the mind, body and spirit in this drumming circle.

Craft – Snowflakes with Parul

January 14, 11 a.m.

We will be creating simple, beautiful and stunning snowflakes. All materials will be provided. Pre-registration is required.

Monthly Book Club

(Hybrid) January 14, 1:30 PM

Meets Every Second Tuesday of the month.

Supporting Aging at Home

January 15, 11 a.m.

This presentation is designed to help older adults maintain their independence and quality of life while remaining in their own homes.

Penguin Paradise of South Atlantic (Video)

January 16, 11 a.m.

In the middle of the Antarctic Ocean, an entire mountain range arises from the water: South Georgia, the nursery of the Antarctic. Hundreds of thousands of penguins, elephant seals, fur seals and their young overcrowd the beaches.

Winter Adaptations

January 17, 11 a.m.

Explore how wildlife survives the long winter.

Closed in observance of Martin Luther King

January 20

Boggle

January 21, 11 a.m.

This is a challenging game that is played using a grid of letters.

Hearing Screening

January 22, 11 a.m.

A hearing screening is a brief test to detect if you have hearing loss.

Armchair Travels to China

January 23, 11 a.m.

China! We will visit the Great Wall of China and learn its secrets. We will watch the Chinese Dragon Dance and play China Trivia.

Brains n Games and Hand Bells with Adrienne Graubard.

January 24, 11 a.m.

Join Adrienne for some mind-tingling, brain-stumping word games and a fun-filled musical workout using hand bells.

Garden State:

Living Off the Land in 19th Century New Jersey

January 27, 11 a.m.

Explore the agricultural history of New Jersey.

Technology

January 28, 11 a.m.

Discover how simple tech tricks can help you.

Unleash Your Inner Dragon Artist! - with Parul

January 29, 11 a.m.

Let's bring a mythical creature to life!

Chinese Bingo

January 29, 1 p.m.

Let's play bingo and discover the fascinating world of Chinese traditions and zodiac animals!

Bingo sponsored by Waypoint Legal

January 30, 11 a.m.

Bingo is more than just an exciting activity.

Blaxploitation – with Charlie Smith

January 31, 10:30 a.m.

Charlie will provide a review of the so-called "Blaxploitation" films of the 70s

Yoga with Kartika

Mondays, 10 a.m.

This class is open to all levels of skill.

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Warrenbrook Seniors will meet twice a month to plan the events they are interested in.

Mahjong for Intermediate Players

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

If you are an intermediate mahjong player then join us on Tuesday mornings.

Take control with Exercise

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.

This is an exercise program, in video form.

Zumba Gold with Judith

Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.

Get your blood pumping with some zesty music that will truly inspire a hearty workout.

Bridge Group with Ronnie

Tuesdays, 1 – 4 p.m.

Bridge is a mentally challenging card game that offers intellectual and social stimulation.

Geri-Fit

Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.

Geri-Fit is a unique and evidence-based seated (standing optional) exercise program.

Line Dancing with Lynda Hyland

Thursdays, 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

Increase cardiovascular and muscular strength as well as improve coordination and balance as you work through different moves.

Card/Table Games

Thursdays, 1 – 4 p.m.

Join in and play some of your favorite games such as Dominoes, Left-Center-Right, dice games, Rummikub, Canasta, Mexican Train.

Bridge

Fridays, 1 – 4 p.m.

Playing bridge regularly stimulates your brain and helps keep your memory active.

Tai Chi with Roger

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JOSEPH DOLL CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF LIFESAVING HEART TRANSPLANT

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As we honored the brave men and women who served our country this Veterans Day, Joseph Doll, a Vietnam veteran from Green Brook, reflected on his own incredible journey - not only as a proud serviceman but as a heart transplant recipient who recently celebrated the 10th anniversary of his lifesaving transplant.

A decade ago, after battling advanced heart failure due to his service-related exposure to Agent Orange, Joseph received the ultimate gift - a new heart - thanks to the selflessness of an organ donor. Today, Joseph enjoys precious moments with his family, moments he once feared he would never experience. In addition, Joseph has become a passionate advocate for NJ Sharing Network, using his story to raise awareness about the importance of organ and tissue donation.

“Organ donation gave me my life back and has allowed me to experience many incredible moments. I encourage everyone to register as organ and tissue donors. You can truly make a difference and save lives,” said Joseph.

From Vietnam Veteran to Heart Transplant Survivor

Joseph Doll’s battle with heart disease began early in life. At the age of 21, shortly after returning home from military service in Vietnam, Joseph was diagnosed with chronic hypertension. Despite undergoing multiple heart procedures over the years, including a triple bypass and valve replacements, his heart condition continued to worsen.

Joseph’s journey to transplant was fraught with emotional and physical challenges. In addition to his own medical battle, his wife, Harriette, was diagnosed with thyroid cancer. Their daughter Carrie and her husband Nathan were also expecting the birth of their first child at the same time.

On October 16, 2014, Joseph’s prayers were answered thanks to a successful heart transplant

at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

“Words cannot express the gratitude I have for my donor Steven and his family. They gave me the ultimate gift - a second chance at life. I honor them every day by living fully and appreciating every moment,” said Joseph. “Meeting Steven’s family in person at NJ Sharing Network was one of the most profound moments of my life. We are like family now.”

Adding to his many blessings, Joseph celebrated the birth of his first granddaughter, Reagan, just two days after his heart transplant. Joseph also shared the heartening news that Harriette had her cancerous thyroid removed seven weeks after his transplant and enjoyed many years of good health. Though Harriette is currently facing a new health challenge with uterine cancer, they remain hopeful and continue to support each other through every step.

Now, ten years after his transplant, Joseph remains active, shares his story to inspire others, and continues to advocate for NJ Sharing Network’s lifesaving mission.

“I’m not wasting a second. I go for long walks, I travel, and I spend as much time with my family as I can. Waking up every morning and knowing I get to be here for these moments is the greatest feeling,” said Joseph.

According to the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), over 100,000 Americans are waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant, with nearly 4,000 of them in New Jersey. One organ and tissue donor can save eight lives and enhance the lives of over 75 others. However, the opportunity to give the gift of life is extremely rare - not everyone who registers as a donor is able to donate after they pass away. In fact, less than 1% of all deaths meet the specific medical criteria to be an organ donor. This underscores the pressing need for more registered donors.

To learn more about organ donation, get involved, and join the National Donate Life Registry, visit www.NJSharingNetwork.org.

THE KID FROM WARREN

Watchung Hills Regional High School

Watchung Hills Regional High School alum Daniel Edelman made waves on Saturday, December 7th, when he took to the field with the New York Red Bulls in the MLS Cup Final against the LA Galaxy, showcasing his talent on soccer’s biggest stage.

Edelman, grew up in Warren Township attending Central School and then Warren Middle School to Watchung Hills Regional High School where he played soccer, Daniel Edelman has always been "The Kid from Warren".

The Warren community is thrilled to cheer on one of its own and extends heartfelt support to Daniel as he continues to represent his hometown with pride.



(above) Daniel Edelman

Photo by Watchung Hills Regional High School



At Center) Joseph Doll receives the Vinnie DiPane Award from the Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter 233 for his commitment to the organization. Standing with Joseph Doll is (left-to-right) Robin Goodrich, Steven Leventhal, Joseph Doll’s granddaughter Reagan, Harriette Doll, and James Hixon.

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Joseph Doll with his granddaughter, Reagan, honor fallen heroes at the historical colonial cemetery of the First Presbyterian Church of Woodbridge.



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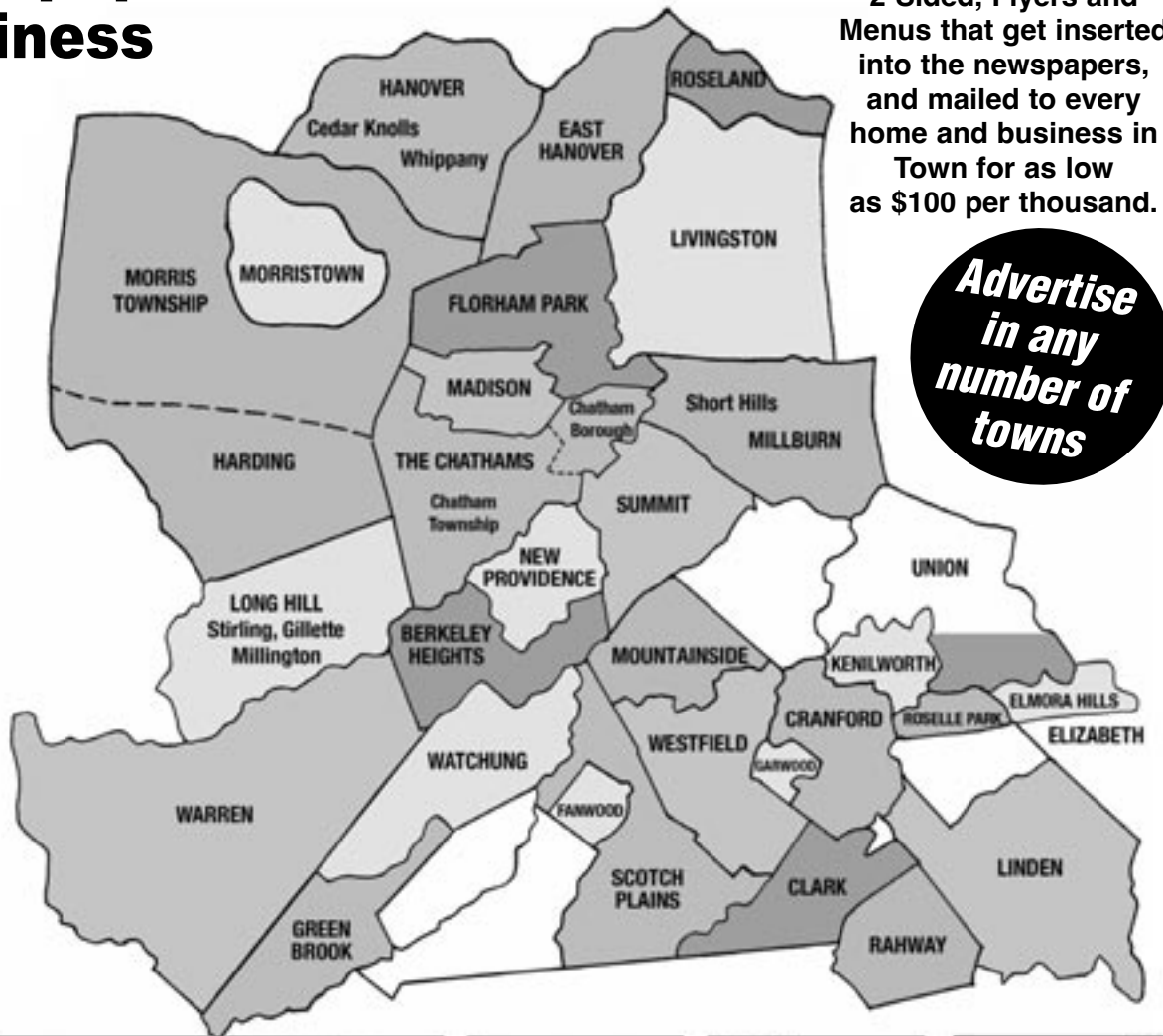
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6 Units	6.5"x6.25" or 10"x4"	320	760	1200	1400	1600	1800	2000	2200	2400	2600	2800
9 HALF PAGE	6.5"x9" or 10"x7"	360	860	1300	1600	1900	2200	2400	2600	2800	3000	3200
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18 FULL PAGE	10"x14"	500	1200	1800	2200	2500	2800	3000	3300	3600	3900	4300
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