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Submitted by Dana Fritts, LHBSA

Despite the weather, the Long Hill Baseball and Softball Association's (LHBSA) Opening Day Parade held on April 26th, went on without a hitch! Spirits were high as players, coaches, and families marched down Poplar Drive in Stirling, NJ to kick off the season. A highlight of the day was a visit from a special guest-Sparky from the Somerset Patriots—who brought extra excitement and smiles to the celebration. It was a fantastic way to start the season!











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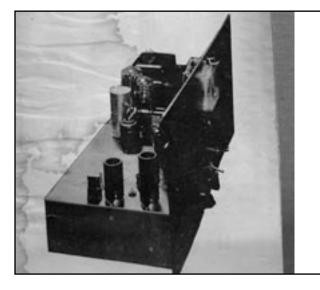
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AMATEUR RADIO CLUB IS CALLING ALL HAMS

The New Providence Amateur Radio Club is a general interest amateur radio club open to all. Our goals are technical growth, community service, fellowship, and fun! We also hope to encourage more people to become hams. If you are thinking about becoming a ham, or if you are a ham looking for a club affiliation, we invite you to visit one of our meetings or activities and talk to some of our members.

We do all kinds of Ham Radio Activities. We take part in contests and exercises to practice our communications skills. We work with local kids, at school and at summer camps

The club was formed in 1965, primarily by hams working at Bell Labs. Meetings were (and are still) held in New Providence, hence the name of the club. Despite the name, there are no resi-



dency requirements for membership, although most members happen to live within 20 miles of New Providence, NJ, which is in Union County.

We currently have about 50 members - men and women - of all ages, including students, with a wide variety of ham radio skills and interests. Please join us!

Our meetings are held in the Salt Brook Elementary School in New Providence, NJ at 7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of every month when the school is open. Topics discussed at our meetings are always related to Ham Radio or electronics, but are frequently non-technical, or presented for the education of our young and/or new members. YOU are cordially invited to attend one of our meetings. For more information, please visit nparc.org, or call 908-464-1730.



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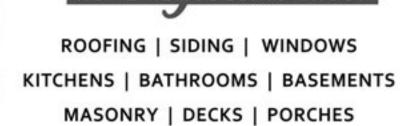
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2025 HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

1982 GRADUATE'S JOURNEY TO THE BIGS

Representing the Class of 1982, Michael Stanfield, the third inductee, was a standout scholar-athlete and National Honor Society member who played on both the varsity football and baseball teams. After earning a degree in sports management from Saint Leo University, he began his career in Major League Baseball. Today, he serves as the Senior Vice President of Sales for both the New Orleans Saints and New Orleans Pelicans, exemplifying how passion and perseverance can lead to extraordinary achievements.



(above) Michael Stanfield with presenter Mark Suseth Photos by WHRHS

1954 INAUGURAL BOARD OF ED

The fourth induction recognized the pioneering spirit of the 1954 Inaugural Board of Education. As the first Board following the regionalization of the surrounding districts, their tireless efforts and visionary planning were instrumental in establishing Watchung Hills Regional High School. Their work laid the foundation for the generations of students who have passed through its halls.

1973 FOOTBALL TEAM

The final inductees were the members of the 1973 football team, remembered for their unity, spirit, and unforgettable victories. Introduced by one of their former coaches, Mr. Robbery Baly, the team was celebrated for its contributions to the school's rich athletic tradition. Nostalgic stories of teamwork and triumph were shared, reminding all in attendance of the power of sports to shape character and create lifelong bonds.

Each inductee was honored in person and given the opportunity to share memories and reflections from their journey. The ceremony highlighted the importance of preserving local history and recognizing those who have helped shape the identity of Watchung Hills Regional High School. Watching Hills Regional High School

In a heartwarming celebration of excellence, service, and history, Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) proudly hosted its annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. The event brought together alumni, faculty, and community members to honor five distinguished inductees whose contributions have left an enduring impact on the school and the broader community.

The Hall of Fame honorees include a decorated Air Force lieutenant, a beloved former school nurse, a nationally recognized sports executive, the original Board of Education from 1954, and the legendary 1973 football team.

Air Force Leadership from the Class of 1968

The first inductee, Virginia Procino Hartmann, graduated from WHRHS in 1968. She was honored for her groundbreaking service in the U.S. Air Force. After graduating from WHRHS, she pursued her studies at Hood College, a

women's university, and soon earned her commission as a second lieutenant through Officer Training School. She began her service career at a time when few women served in the armed forces, breaking barriers and paving the way for generations of women in uniform.



(above, l-r) Virginia Procino Hartmann and presenter Beatrix Procino Hartman Photos by WHRHS





LOCAL MARTIAL ARTS ACADEMY HOLDS SEMI-ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

Gillette, NJ – Chu's Academy of Martial Arts **ABOUT CHU'S ACADEMY OF MARTIAL ARTS:** held its spring tournament on March 22nd featuring all ranks from Black Belt through the 3-to-5-year-old "Little Dragons."

Members of the Leadership Program (an intense development program available to red belts and up) conducted and judged the bulk of the competition, a testament to their confidence and communication skill.

For the 3-to-5-year-olds, their participation is a planned module for acclimating them to a performance environment. The Little Dragons enthusiastically demonstrated a selection of their exercises. Then, the senior students took to the floor to delight the Little Dragons with advanced versions of those exercises.

Chu's Academy emphasizes both physical training and thoughtful study. The Academy also runs a rigorous Leadership Program. This type of study results in the Academy's tournaments going well beyond being merely competition to become celebrations of all academy members to "take their place in the world." Students of the academy carry their skills into academics, sports, arts - - any endeavor that they undertake. contributors.



(above) Little Dragons medal winners Tatum, Charlie and Hunter pose with members of the Leadership Team Jo Kyo Aza Chang, Jo Kyo Amos Chang and Julia Barance.



Chu's Academy of Martial Arts, located in Gillette, has been developing positive attributes in children since 1982. The Academy is led by co-owners Lydia Chu and Michelle Cavett, and Program Director Andrew Masini. Chu, Cavett

and Masini are internationally certified master instructors in the Korean martial art of Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan.

For more information, go to www.karate4peace.com or call (908)647-4194.



(above) Participants: black belts Jo Kyo Aza Chang, 15, and Jo Kyo Amos Chang, 13, both of Gillette; red belts Julia Barance, 12, Stirling; Arya Gupta, 11, Stirling; Vedant Maheshwari, 12, Summit; Christopher Hagopian, 12, Millington; green belts Guiliana Giammarino, 9, New Providence; Kyle Furino, 8, Berkeley Heights; Isaac Dubovsky, 9, Stirling; orange belts Trishali, 10, Ishani and Shiv, 8, all of Watchung; Roman Ercolano, 6, Stirling; white belts Luthien, 5, Ephraim, 9, and Moselle, 6, Allen, all of Stirling; Ryan Kostinas, 6, Gillette; Jack Lloyd, 5, Millington; Little Dragons Tatum Givens, 5, Millington; Charlie Lloyd, 3, Millington; Hunter Anderson, 3, Berkeley Heights.



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The Raptor Trust is located at 1390 White Bridge Road, Millington, NJ.

The Raptor Trust is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization which provides free medical care to thousands of orphaned or injured birds each year. Our infirmary staff is available seven days a week during daylight hours to admit injured birds, but we must rely on the people who find them to bring them to us for care. If you find a bird that needs help, please visit our website theraptortrust.org for instructions. We cannot do what we do without the kindness of many – including our visitors!



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(above) Joey has read over 1,000 books! Photo by LHTL



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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:

Summer Reading Kick Off Party Saturday June 21 @ 11:00am (rain date Saturday June 28) Join us for a foam party to celebrate the start of our annual Summer Reading Challenge! We will have foam (think lots and lots of bubbles) and music outside in the library plaza. Inside, we will have all the details you need to be a successful summer reader!

ADULT PROGRAMS: Monday Tech Help

Mondays in June @ 4:00pm Stop by the library with your tech questions. Our wonderful volunteer Ryan will work with you one-on-one. Questions on e-readers, laptops, smart phones and more are welcome! This is a great time to stop by if you have any questions with our e-reading and e-listening and

e-watching platforms. Kaffee und Kuchen (Coffee and Cake) Friday, June 6 @ 3:30pm

Join us for this German tradition of coffee and cake and conversation in the afternoon. Our twist on the tradition is that we will talk books! Come suggest a book to the group and learn what others are reading too. A great way to plan what books you want to read this summer! Fun and casual. We really hope you will join us for our third annual event.

Author Talk: Lisa Jewel

Tuesday, June 10 @ 2pm on Zoom You're invited to an exclusive preview event with New York Times bestselling author Lisa

Jewell as she introduces readers to her forthcoming title Don't Let Him In(Out June 24, 2025!). Along with an introduction to her newest bone-chilling, psychological thriller, Jewell will chat about her life as a writer and her critically-acclaimed body of work. Register on our website for the Zoom link.

> Author Talk: Local Author Jeff Michelson

Thursday, June 12 @ 5pm on Zoom Stop by the library for an in-person talk with local author Jeff Michelson, who wrote some of his recent book while at the LHT Library. Jeff will talk both about the plot twists of his book but also about the writing and publishing

process. Fiber Arts with Arlene

Friday, June 13 @ 3:30pm Join us for a fun hand sewing class with new instructor Arlene, who is a long time LHT Library patron.



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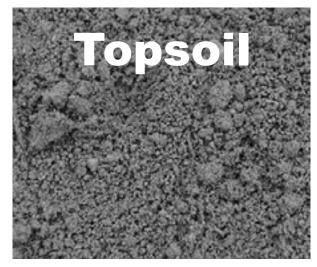
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