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Watchung residents (55 and up) were invited to wear their favorite hat and florals to attend a Blooms & Brunch Spring Luncheon held on May 14th at the Fireman's Exempt Hall. They were treated to lunch and games, and each other's company. Watchung Mayor Ronald Jubin spoke and encouraged attendees to stay active and social, "Staying active, mentally, and physical is

the key. So many of you are a great example." Mayor Jubin invited the seniors to join him on Monday nights at 7 p.m. for 'Watchung Walks'. All residents are invited to take a walk around the Watchung Lake as park of The Mayors Wellness Campaign.



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The poster features a silhouette of a diverse group of people walking along a path. In the background, there are trees and a building. The text is bold and eye-catching, with a sunburst effect behind 'ARE BACK!'. A small circular logo in the top right corner reads 'BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG'.



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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

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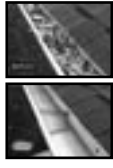
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OSKAR GAEBELE EARNS EAGLE SCOUT RANK

Green Brook Troop 129

Oskar Gaebele achieved the rank of Eagle Scout on April 10, 2025, from Green Brook Troop 129. Oskar’s start in Boy Scouts began in 1st grade and continued into his Senior Year at Watchung Hills Regional High School. Oskar says, “In college and for the rest of my life I plan to live by the morals and standards that I have learned from Boy Scouts.” Oskar plans on pursuing Mechanical Engineering while taking advantage of any opportunity he gets, whether that be academically or just a chance to have fun. One of those adventures Oskar prepared for and went on was a rugged backpacking trip in New Mexico that took him and his Scout Troop over 80 miles and camping in the wilderness.

Oskar’s final Eagle Scout project was to benefit the Warren Lions Club, with the assistance of leaders and Scouts from his Troop he successfully refurbished a shed allowing the Lions Organization to better protect their equipment. Oskar stated, “I learned to plan things out and adapt when things didn’t go according to plan.” Troop 129 wishes Oskar the best as he continues to live the Scout Oath.



(above) Oskar Gaebele achieved the rank of Eagle Scout on April 10, 2025, from Green Brook Troop 129.



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Teams from twelve vocational schools from across the State were tasked with creating, preparing, and serving 300 portions of a savory amuse-bouche – a delicious morsel that takes only two or three bites to eat. Culinary instructors Keith Johnson and Mark Mastrobattista held a “local” competition at SCVTHS to determine which recipe would be entered into the Atlantic City contest. The bite that won the SCVTHS competition – the Pancetta Bruschetta - was developed by Delilah Bergman of Hillsborough and Francesca Boian-Togyik of Manville. The bite featured pancetta, a cream cheese spread

with fresh herbs and spices, a tomato and cilantro bruschetta, and homemade guacamole, served atop crostini, and was presented amid flowers on stands built by the SCVTHS Carpentry program.
 Ms. Bergman and Ms. Boian-Togyik were joined by Sharon Castro Benitez of Hillsborough, Michael Dagostino of Bridgewater, Amy Hernandez of Hillsborough, and Alyssa Robinson of Somerset. The team of chefs had an hour on-site to prepare their dishes before the judges arrived for a tasting, evaluating the entry for taste and presentation. Among the judges was celebrity chef David Burke who, after tasting the Pancetta Bruschetta, spent some time with the students, talking with them and providing feedback on their creation.
 “It was great for the students to see the reception they got from attendees and the judges” said Mr. Johnson. “We’re very proud of the work these chefs did, the food they put on the table, and the accolades they received.”



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June 16 & July 7, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.
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Bingo with Miss June
June 18 & July 23, 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.
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Family Storytime: Move and Groove
June 9 & July 14, 10:30 -11 a.m.
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Adult Book Discussion
"The Buddha in the Attic"
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Feather Drawing
June 14, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m
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(above) New Jersey DAR Liaison to 4-H Holly Dunbar with 1,800 packets of donated vegetable seeds that were sent to Kentucky to help combat hunger. Courtesy photos

SOWING SEEDS FOR A BETTER FUTURE

Community groups and young people in our area recently joined together to offer a helping hand to hungry families in Appalachia. They were responding to a request from Hindman Settlement School, a Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) supported school in eastern Kentucky, for donations of vegetable seeds.

The school participates in Grow Appalachia, an initiative that addresses food insecurity by providing free vegetable seeds and organic gardening instruction. They also provide access to a commercial kitchen for canning and food processing so that area residents can preserve their garden harvests.

When word reached Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter DAR, they asked their members to donate and also invited the Somerset County 4-H Youth Development Program to participate. They were soon joined by 4-H in Bergen, Monmouth, Salem and Warren counties and the 4-H office at Rutgers University. Likewise, the teen Confirmation candidates at St. Luke’s R.C. Church in North Plainfield collected seeds as a service project, and seeds were donated by the Neshanic Garden Club.

“The response was overwhelming,” said Holly Dunbar, New Jersey DAR liaison to 4-H. “People realized that this is a great program serving a real need and they wanted to help.

Thanks to their generosity, we were able ship 1,800 seed packets valued at \$2,400 to the school in Kentucky, a gift from the people of the Garden State.”

Hindman, Kentucky, suffered flooding in February and the area is still recovering from catastrophic flooding in 2022. The region is in the same USDA hardiness zone as parts of central and south Jersey, so seeds purchased locally could be donated. According to the school, the most requested seeds are tomatoes, beans, peppers, and squash, but seeds of all varieties of vegetables and herbs were accepted.

The DAR shipped the seeds to Kentucky where the school hosted a Seed Shower in March, inviting area residents to pick out seeds for their gardens. According to Hindman Settlement School, the donated seeds do more than fill gardens, they empower community members with hands-on learning, increase access to affordable food, and bring a little joy to families who need it.

The DAR is a nonprofit service organization that promotes education, historic preservation and patriotism. Based in Green Brook, Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter serves areas of Somerset, Middlesex and Union counties. Contact the chapter at ESCchapterDAR@gmail.com.



(above) Residents of Appalachia receive free vegetable seeds and learn how to be successful backyard gardeners.



(above) Learning to garden is a family affair.

BIKE & SEWING MACHINE COLLECTION - JUNE 7

Faith Lutheran Church

Do you have bikes or sewing machines needlessly taking up room in your home or garage? Give them a new home by bringing them to Faith Lutheran Church’s bike and sewing machine collection for Pedals for Progress (P4P) and Sewing Peace on Saturday, June 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Adult and children’s bicycles in rideable or repairable condition will be shipped overseas by P4P and distributed to those who rely on them for transportation to jobs, markets, medical care, and schools. Donations of working sewing machines also provide income opportunities for those living in developing countries.

If you are unable to drop by on June 7th, you may still leave your bicycle(s) in Faith Lutheran’s lower lot next to the utility shed. If you are donating a sewing machine, please leave it underneath the sheltered alcove by the red doors at the bottom of the parking lot. Faith will make sure these items get to P4P for this collection or will hold them until the next one. Please note that “bikes for parts” or disassembled bicycles will not be accepted.

On average, it costs \$52 to collect, process, and ship each bicycle. A donation toward shipping costs is necessary for P4P’s continued success and \$20 is suggested per bike and sewing machine. All monetary donations (cash

or check) and material donations are fully deductible, and a receipt will be provided on site on June 7th. Donations can also be made directly via p4p.org.

To date, Pedals for Progress has shipped over 167,000 bicycles and 6,300 sewing machines to partner agencies in Central America, Africa, and Eastern Europe.

Faith Lutheran Church is located at 524 South Street, New Providence, NJ. Find out more at famfaith.org. Worship is on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. with livestreaming available via website, Facebook, and YouTube. The church phone number is 908-464-5177 and the pastor of Faith is Rev. Jane McCready.

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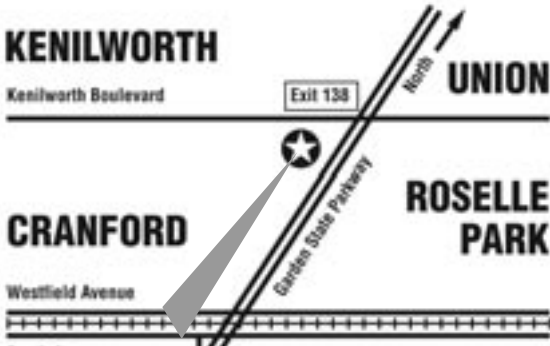
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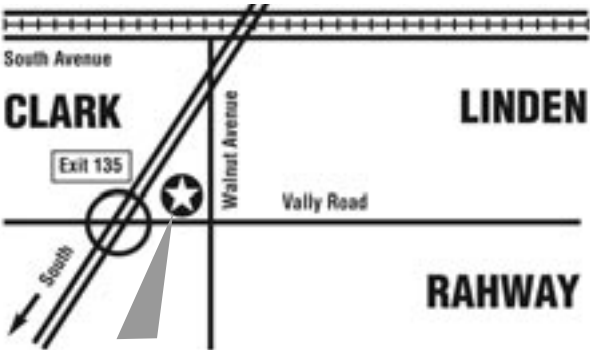
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Chair Yoga with Kartika

Mondays, 10:00 a.m.

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“Walk With Ease”

Mondays, 1:00 p.m. - June 16 – July 21

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Mahjong for Intermediate Players

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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Take control with Exercise

Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.

This is an ongoing exercise program, in video form, for all skill levels that can be practiced while either standing or sitting. No fee for this ongoing class.

Bridge Group with Ronnie

Tuesdays, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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Stretch & Strength

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

A 10-week exercise class that involves stretch & strength.

Craft Activities

2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 1- 4 p.m.

This is a great opportunity for artists & crafters to meet new people while creating an art piece or craft. All supplies will be provided.

Advanced Bridge

1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

This is a closed group and is available by invitation only.

Line Dancing with Linda Hyland

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Card/Table Games

Thursdays, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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Tai Chi (Video)

Fridays, 10:00 a.m.

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Technology for Seniors with Aadi

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Bridge

Fridays, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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Teen’s Perception on Aging

June 2, 11 a.m.

How Social Media Influences Teen’s Perception on Aging and Alzheimer’s with Chris Kellogg of Nightingale NJ.

The Somerset County Traveling Library

June 2, 1 p.m.

Help troubleshooting technology, check out a book, or just share a favorite book you are currently reading.

Bingo

June 4, 11 a.m.

Bingo sponsored by Kristina Bischof of Country Arch Care Center.

Breathing techniques for mental wellness

June 5, 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.

Brains n Games and Hand Bells

June 6, 27, 11 a.m.

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

Reducing Sodium

June 9, 11 a.m.

Learn how to identify hidden sodium sources and make simple changes to reduce your salt intake without sacrificing flavor.

Drum Circle

June 9, 1 p.m.

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Wheel of fortune

June 10, 11 a.m.

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Monthly Book Club (Hybrid)

June 10, 1:30 PM

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Here comes the Bride

June 11, 11 a.m.

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June 12

Father’s Day Games

June 13, 11 a.m.

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Summer Musical Entertainment

June 16, 11 a.m.

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Neurographics

June 17, 11 a.m.

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Uncovering the History of the Enslaved

June 18, 11 a.m.

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Bingo

June 19, 10:30 a.m.

Improves listening and short-term memory skills.

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June 20

Women's Health: The Big Three

June 23, 11 a.m.

This presentation will equip you with the knowledge you need to take control of your health!

Boggle

June 24, 11 a.m.

Then look for words within a larger word. Join us as we try to find as many words as possible.

Pinecone flower Bouquet

June 25, 11 a.m.

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Wordle

June 26, 11 a.m.

Dig deep into your vocabulary repertoire and identify some words.

Senior Moments Band Performance

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