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CHEER TEAM WINS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP



(above) Warren Hills Regional High School Competition Cheer Team recently won the Somerset County Championship for their Game Day Routine.

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LYDIA MASTERSON CELEBRATES 10 YEARS AS A LITERACY VOLUNTEER

Speaking with a teacher at a parent-teacher conference. Scheduling a medical appointment over the phone. Writing an invitation to a baby shower. If you speak English, these tasks are probably easy for you. But if English is not your native language, these tasks can be monumentally challenging.

That's where Literacy Volunteers of Somerset County (LVSC) comes in. LVSC promotes literacy throughout the community by providing student-centered tutoring and literacy programs for adults who struggle with English as a Second Language (ESL). The organization matches students with trained volunteer tutors, tutors like Watchung resident Lydia Masterson.



(above, l-r) Lydia Masterson, right, and student Catherine.

Noting that the "winter doldrums" were starting to take effect, Masterson signed up to become a volunteer tutor in January of 2015. "I had recently retired from teaching high school history and jumped at the opportunity to learn how to teach literacy. The training provided eased all fears," said Masterson. She has since tutored students from Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, South Korea, China and India.

Commenting on her LVSC experience Masterson said: "I've gained a deeper

appreciation for cultures other than my own and truly respect the motivation and determination of my students. To talk with others about life enriches my own journey."

LVSC is actively recruiting volunteers, like Masterson, to help meet the needs of the local community. An hour or two a week is all it takes to make a difference, and you don't have to be a teacher to be a tutor.

For more info, visit literacysomerset.org, email info@literacysomerset.org,

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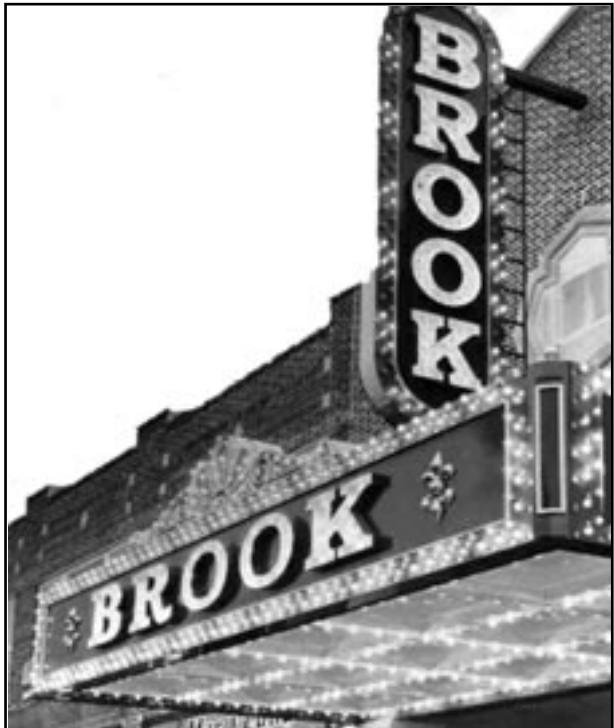
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The Warren Youth Basketball Association is excited to announce the 11th year of Buddy Ball Basketball. Buddy Ball is a free sports program for children who may have a disability or a neurodivergent condition that makes it difficult to participate in a traditional basketball program. Clinics offer 60-minute sessions focused on basketball fundamentals and social interaction. Buddy Ball is open to children from kindergarten through 12th grade, from Warren and any surrounding towns that do not already have a program.

It will take place at Mt. Horeb School in Warren on Fridays, from 6-7 p.m., January 9 to February 27, 2026. Register at: warrenyouthbasketball.leagueapps.com/events

The program will be coached by WYBA volunteer Terry MacConnell. Each player will be paired with a "buddy" who will help them throughout every session. Volunteer buddies currently in 8th grade through high school are welcome to join.

Buddies should email Terry MacConnell at tmacc2713@gmail.com and register at: warrenyouthbasketball.leagueapps.com/events

WOMAN'S LITERARY CLUB OF BOUND BROOK

Submitted by Sherry Gilroy

The next meeting for The Woman's Literary Club of Bound Brook will be on January 5, 2026 at 1p.m. The address is Rennell Hall, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 214 Church St, Bound Brook. Members are reminded to bring their \$45 membership dues. Refreshments will be served.

Our guest speaker will be from the National Alliance on Mental Illness. The program will be "In Our Own Voice: Living with Mental Illness."

We welcome potential members from the Bound Brook area to be our guests.

For membership information, email MFicszko@optonline.net and reference WLCBB on the subject line.

BROOK ARTS CENTER ANNOUNCES ITS 2ND SPEAKEASY SOIREE AND SILENT AUCTION

The historic Brook Arts Center is proud to announce its Second Annual Speakeasy Soirée & Silent Auction, Friday, January 23, 2026, at 7:00 PM. This Roaring '20s-themed evening promises an unforgettable night of glitz, glamour, entertainment, and support for one of Somerset County New Jersey's, historic landmarks.

Guests will be transported back to the golden age as they enjoy live music, period-inspired entertainment, and a lavish buffet.

The evening's highlight is a silent auction featuring more than 100 exclusive items, including a cruise getaway, a Bradford Portraits gift certificate with a private photo session, a 20-inch framed wall portrait and luxury hotel stay, four VIP tickets to Meadowlands Racing with dinner and winner's circle photos, designer handbags, sports memorabilia, dining and spa packages and so much more.

Tickets are \$50 per person or \$80 per couple and include buffet dining, live music, live

entertainment, and a cash bar.

Attendees are encouraged to dress in their finest 1920s-inspired attire to fully embrace the spirit of the evening.

The Speakeasy Soirée is the Brook Arts Center's largest fundraiser of the year.

As a fully volunteer-run 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, the Brook Arts Center relies on community support to continue with the preservation and restoration of the facility and its mission of providing high-quality entertainment, inspiring creativity, fostering community partnerships, and nurturing education and growth through the arts.

Tickets are on sale now through January 16, 2026.

To purchase tickets or learn more, visit www.brookarts.org.

Reserve your tickets today and be part of a glamorous night that helps keep the arts alive in our community.



HICKORY TREE CHORUS INVITES ACAPPELLA SINGERS TO OPEN AUDITIONS

The award-winning Hickory Tree Chorus is calling singers in the soprano, alto, and contralto ranges to join their harmonious sisterhood!

Performing in communities throughout northern and central New Jersey, the chorus enjoys singing recognizable popular songs - arranged in rich four-part harmony.

Fresh off their top-scoring performance at the 2025 Sweet Adelines Region 15 competition, the

chorus has earned a coveted spot in the Harmony Classic at the 78th Annual Sweet Adelines International Competition in Columbus, Ohio, October 2026. Now, they're building their sound for the world stage.

Open auditions will be held in Stirling between 6:30-7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in January 2026 and take less than 10 minutes (flexible scheduling is available). Singers are

asked to perform a brief acappella song of their choice. No experience required, just a love of singing and a desire to grow.

This is more than a chorus—it's a sisterhood, a mission, and a moment. Will your voice be part of it?

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ROUND TOP SWIM & TENNIS CLUB CELEBRATING 60 YEARS

For 60 years, Round Top Swim & Tennis Club has quietly stood as one of Warren's most valuable community treasures—a rare, privately preserved open space dedicated not to profit, but to people.

Founded in 1965, Round Top was created with a simple and enduring purpose: to give families a place to gather, children a place to grow, and neighbors a place to connect through shared outdoor experience. Six decades later, that original mission remains unmistakably alive.

Set on 14 wooded acres in the heart of Warren, Round Top offers something increasingly difficult to find—a true retreat. Members spend their summers swimming, playing tennis and pickleball, enjoying volleyball and bocce, and spreading out across expansive grass fields where children play freely

and families unwind. The Club's summer camp and competitive swim team continue to shape confidence, character, and lifelong friendships for generations of children.

Round Top is not limited to summer alone. Throughout the year, the property remains a sanctuary for walking, fresh air, quiet reflection, winter cross-country skiing, and a deep connection to nature - offering value well beyond a traditional pool season.

What truly distinguishes Round Top, however, is not its amenities or acreage. It is the continuity. Generations of families have learned to swim here. Former campers return as parents. Grandparents watch their grandchildren enjoy the same poolside summers they once did. This kind of multigenerational continuity is rare—and increasingly irreplaceable.

Round Top remains member-owned and community-governed, stewarded by the families who use and care for it. This structure has preserved not only the land, but the culture: welcoming, grounded, and deeply rooted in Warren's identity.

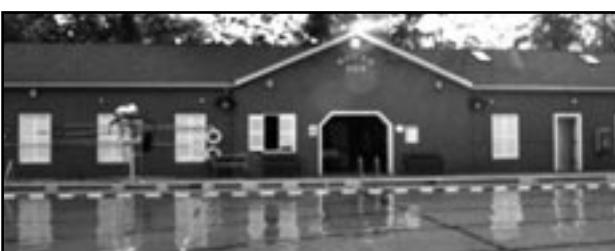
As Round Top Swim & Tennis Club celebrates 60 years, we are opening a limited opportunity for new members to join this community. Membership availability is intentionally finite, and interest continues to grow each year. Families who value open space, tradition, and meaningful connection are encouraged to explore membership now.

Visit roundtopswim.com to learn more and apply while availability remains.

Join Round Top - and help carry this legacy forward into the next generation.



(above) The Gators - Round Top Swim Team



(above) Round Top Features adult and children pools, tennis and pickleball courts, playgrounds, club house, hiking trials and more



(above) Summer Camps

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WARRENBROOK SENIOR CENTER JANUARY EVENTS

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Games/Cards (Scrabble, Uno, Canasta, Mexican Train, Rummikub, etc.) – Available daily.

If you have a favorite game that is not listed that you would like to play and/or if you are interested in starting a club featuring your favorite game, please let us know.

Jigsaw Puzzles – Available daily

Strike up a conversation, make new friends and enjoy assembling puzzles together. We have a large variety of puzzles for participants to choose from.

Watercolor Paint Class

Mondays & Wednesdays, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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Chair Yoga with Kartika

Mondays, 10 a.m.

This class is open to all levels of skill. Hatha yoga poses can be practiced while either sitting or standing. Hatha yoga will help increase bone density, improve strength, flexibility, and balance while you are immersed in a relaxing class. Expect lots of gentle stretching to bring movement to joints and muscles. This class is perfect for relieving stress and helping gain an overall sense of well-being.

Mahjong for Intermediate Players

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

If you are an intermediate mahjong player and would like to play this game of skill, strategy, and calculation, then join us on Tuesday mornings.

Tai Chi with Roger Hsu

Tuesdays & Fridays, 10 a.m.

Tai Chi participants will focus on shifting body weight through a series of light, controlled movements that flow rhythmically into one long gesture. Studies have shown that some participants have experienced a reduction in pain, fatigue, and stiffness and have gained a greater sense of well-being. Tai Chi can help reduce falls, especially for those with balance problems. This program can be practiced while either standing or sitting. This class is open to Warrenbrook Senior Center clients only.

Bridge Group with Ronnie

Tuesdays, 1 – 4 p.m.

Bridge is a mentally challenging card game that offers intellectual and social stimulation. Playing bridge regularly stimulates your brain and helps keep your memory active and your brain alert. Join Ronnie and her group as they play bridge on a weekly basis. Welcome new members and beginners (lessons available).

Stretch & Strength

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

with Mikaela Kane from Rutgers Co-operative Extension. Mikaela will be leading an 8-week exercise class that involves stretch & strength. Stretching keeps the muscles flexible, strong, and healthy, and we need that flexibility to maintain a range of motion in the joints. The exercise can be done with or without weight.

The hand weight of 2-5 pounds is recommended

Craft Activities

4th Monday, 1 – 4 p.m.

We all work on doing craft work for Community Service projects throughout the year. This quarter, we are creating cards for our Home Delivered Meal clients. All supplies will be provided.

Line Dancing with Linda Hyland

Thursdays, 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

You don't need a partner; and dancing is an easy way to stay healthy, both mentally and physically. It's suitable for participants with limited mobility and has been shown to increase cardiovascular and muscular strength and improve coordination and balance as you work through different moves.

Afternoon Yoga with Wai-Ling Poon

Thursdays, 12:45 p.m.

Take a break, relax, and recharge with our Gentle Afternoon Yoga session. This class uses seated and standing poses (with the support of a chair) to improve flexibility, balance, and circulation, all in a safe environment.

Bridge

Fridays, 1 – 4 p.m.

Bridge is a mentally challenging card game that offers intellectual and social stimulation. Playing bridge regularly stimulates your brain and helps keep your memory active and your brain alert.

Armchair Travels to Iceland

January 2, 11 a.m.

This one-hour special begins in Reykjavík,. Then, after fording rivers in a desolate valley and spotting puffins on volcano-shaped islands, we drive the 800-mile Ring Road — connecting glaciers, fjords, geothermal hotspots, sod-roofed settlements.

The Somerset County Traveling Library.

January 5, 1 p.m.

Join the Somerset County Library staff to sign up for a library card, get help troubleshooting technology, check out a book, or just share a favorite book you are currently reading.

Wheel of Fortune

January 6, 11 a.m.

Spin the colorful wheel and watch the anticipation build as participants try to match clues and solve word puzzles. Whether you're a seasoned player or a first timer, this classic game offers plenty of laughter, friendly competition, and a chance to test your memory and word skills. Perfect for all levels of ability. Wheel of Fortune brings people together in a lively, interactive way, offering a wonderful mix of entertainment and socializing. Don't miss out on the fun

Bingo

January 7, 11 a.m.

with Warrenbrook Volunteer, Bob Mazet. It promotes socialization, strengthens hand-eye coordination, and improves listening and short-term memory skills.

Remembering Martin Luther King Jr.:

January 8, 11 a.m.

Legacy of Courage and Inspiration (Video).

Martin Luther King Jr. stands as an iconic figure in history, dedicating his life to the noble cause of advocating for equality in rights and abolishing segregation and discrimination against Black Americans in the United States.

Drum Circle with Anil Sachadev

January 12, 1 p.m.

This is a holistic experience that leaves participants feeling a sense of joy! .

Snowflake Craft

January 13, 11 a.m.

Celebrate the beauty of winter with a fun and festive snowflake craft! This relaxing, hands-on activity is perfect for all skill levels.

Monthly Book Club.

(Hybrid) January 13, 1:30 PM

Book Club members to discuss the book of the month and select the next book to read. New members are always welcome!

Studio 60+

January 14 & 28, 1 p.m.

Warrenbrook seniors will meet to plan the events they are interested in. They will also practice for their quarterly musical entertainments & drama.

Breathing Techniques for Mental Wellness

January 15, 11 a.m.

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

Music and Memories

January 16, 11 a.m.

with Sal Di Bianca. Get ready to sing, dance, and celebrate alongside the wonderful seniors of Warrenbrook. Come prepared to move, groove, and make joyful memories together!

Wordle

January 20, 11 a.m.

with Warrenbrook Staff. Wordle is a word-based brain game where participants have six chances to guess a five-letter word.

Senior Medicare Patrol

January 21, 11 a.m.

with Joel Schneider from Jewish Family Services of Middlesex County. Join Joel as he provides education regarding strategies and techniques regarding how to protect our personal information.

Bingo

January 22, 10:30 a.m.

with Bob Mazet. It promotes socialization, strengthens hand-eye coordination, and improves listening and memory skills.

Boggle

January 27, 11 a.m.

This is a challenging game that is played using a grid of letters, in which attendees search for words that can be constructed from letters of sequentially adjacent letters.

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BENJAMIN WEBB EARNS EAGLE SCOUT RANK

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Benjamin Webb achieved the rank of Eagle Scout on November 12, 2025, from Green Brook Boy Scout Troop 129. Ben's start in Cub Scouts began in 1st grade and continued into his Senior Year at Watchung Hills Regional High School. Ben says, "Scouts has positively shaped my character and the way that I view the world. I can't help but ponder how Scouting has helped me become the version of myself that I am today."

Ben has shown his amazing leadership as a Den Chief all while pursuing other school activities. Den Chief is an important role in scouting, older Boy Scouts work with younger Cub Scouts to "prepare the boys to feel prepared for the journey ahead of them, and to know that even if they were anxious, they would always be welcome in Scouting." In continuing with this effort, once this group of boys crossed over into the Troop, Ben then became their Troop Guide, another leadership position that "provides consistency and support during their transition." It was extra rewarding for Ben while working on his Eagle Scout project that the boys he mentored for so many years returned their support by helping him. Ben stated, "The boys' presence at my project demonstrated to me that my leadership had an effect on them, which made me feel emotionally rewarded for my work."

The Eagle Scout project served as Ben's largest test of leadership; he was able to "coordinate a large group of Scouts and adult volunteers simultaneously" while designing a project that consisted of three raised planter boxes made of



(above) Benjamin Webb, Green Brook Boy Scout Troop 129's latest Eagle Scout.

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cedar wood filled with plants. All Saints Episcopal Church in Millington, NJ requested this project to solve the problem of drivers using a walkway that was designed for pedestrians. The walkway in front of the church was becoming dangerous; this project now blocks the walkway to vehicles in addition to beautifying the front of the church.

Ben's interests include the High School

Marching Band, Jazz Band, Academic Team, Italian Honor Society and National Honor Society. Ben begins to prepare for college this fall and will study business. While Ben balanced his scouting, academic and extracurricular activities he also earned some scouting awards Den Chief Service Award and National Outdoor Achievement Award. He held the following positions in the Troop: Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Den Chief and Bugler.

Learning Loyalty from the Scout Law, Ben states, "I know that loyalty will continue to guide the way I make decisions. I aspire to be steadfast regardless of the circumstances, allowing others to rely on me for guidance and support. No matter where life takes me, I will find satisfaction dedicating myself to others."

For more information about Green Brook Boy Scout Troop 129 visit their Facebook page: GBTroop129



(above) Ben's Eagle Scout Project benefited All Saints Episcopal Church in Millington, NJ.

STATE CANCELS LEGAL NOTICE MANDATE

We rarely ever hear about the government reducing taxes but it happened this year when New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy eliminated the mandate that legal notices must be printed in a newspaper.

The antiquated mandate is decades old and the cost for the advertising was paid for by public funds from municipalities, counties, school districts, and independent authorities. It was a lucrative business for the publications and more recently the majority of their revenue. Without the mandate the fear in the newspaper industry was that the publications relying on the legal advertising income will not survive.

In some cases the majority of content in the newspaper had been the legal ads. In question was the criteria for the mandate, i.e., were the publications meeting the required numbers of

paid subscriptions, and circulation.

The idea of doing away with the mandate, though practical, was considered political poison. No lawmaker wanted to be deemed responsible as the cause for newspapers' closures and people losing their jobs. During the Governor Christi administration the Star Ledger warned that doing away with the mandates would cause 250 weekly newspapers to close.

What brought about the change is a successful lawsuit filed by the County of Warren which named the Star Ledger and Daily Record as defendants. The suit may have been the last straw in the Ledger's decision to stop printing the newspaper in January of 2025.

Local governments will now be required to publish their legal notices on their websites.



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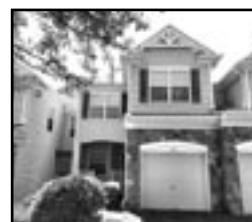
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