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"HUNGER HAULERS" ADVANCE TO CHAMPIONSHIP

Green Brook Middle School

The extraordinary journey continues for a talented group of sixth graders from Green Brook Middle School. Team Hunger Haulers has officially advanced to the highly anticipated Championship round of the New Jersey School Boards Association STEAM Tank Challenge! The state championship will take place in October 2026, where the students will pitch their innovative project to launch a mobile food pantry operated entirely out of a food truck.

To prepare for this high-level competition, the students didn't just study from textbooks, they collaborated with real-world leaders. Early in their journey, the team met with Green Brook Mayor Jim Van Arsdale, who helped them navigate local government logistics, community partnerships, and

leadership. As they advanced to the regional and final stages, the students also secured mentorship from Mark Dinglasan, the Executive Director of the New Jersey Office of the Food Security Advocate. With over 20 years of experience in community support, Mr. Dinglasan mentored the students on large-scale food program operations, supply chains, and sustainability. This expert feedback allowed the sixth graders to sharpen their business model and deeply understand what it takes to turn a great idea into an actionable, community-centered reality.

No matter what happens in October, these wonderful sixth graders have already proven that they have the vision and the power to be a true part of the solution. Congratulations to Team Hunger Haulers!

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STUDENTS EXCEL AT FBLA CONFERENCE

SCVTHS

Members of the Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School (SCVTHS), chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) recently competed in multiple events during the New Jersey FBLA State Leadership Conference in Atlantic City.

Overall, 27 of the 39 SCVTHS competitors finished in the top ten for their contest including Jashith Gorrepati of Green Brook - 1st Place, Business Plan.

By finishing in the top four in their respective competitions, nine SCVTHS students qualified for the FBLA Nationals, which will take place in San Antonio, Texas, from June 29 to July 2. Business Entrepreneurship and Management instructor James Strickhart, who advises the FBLA chapter at SCVTHS, said, "Our students' performance at the State Leadership Conference reflects the high bar they set for themselves across our entire school community. Earning a spot at the National level is a milestone achievement, and it's an honor to advise such a dedicated group as they transition from students into competitive professionals. I am incredibly proud of their hard work and dedication, and I'm excited to see what the future holds for them next."

FBLA's mission is to inspire and prepare students, through career and leadership experiences, to become community-minded business leaders. The New Jersey State Chapter has been in existence since 1961. Nationally, FBLA has over 200,000 high school members and over 5,000 chapters.



(above) SCVTHS students Jashith Gorrepati (center) of Green Brook, and Rohan Patel (right) of Hillsborough, receive their First Place award in the Business Plan competition during the 2026 New Jersey FBLA State Leadership Conference in Atlantic City. Presenting the award is SCVTHS student and outgoing FBLA State Membership Vice President Pari Malla (left) of Branchburg. Courtesy Photo

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NJFO PRESENTS STRANGER THINGS: THE 1,000 CANDLES CONCERT EXPERIENCE

The New Jersey Festival Orchestra (NJFO) invites audiences to step into the world of Stranger Things this summer with Stranger Things: The 1,000 Candles Concert Experience, a one-of-a-kind candlelit event combining the excitement of live music, beloved television themes, and the unforgettable sounds of the 70s, 80s, and 90s.

Performed by a live string ensemble and narrated by Maestro David Wroe, this immersive concert experience celebrates the nostalgia and atmosphere of the hit Netflix series while showcasing iconic pop and rock classics that defined a generation. Audiences will hear music inspired by the show's haunting soundtrack alongside recognizable favorites from the decades that shaped its distinctive sound and style.

Illuminated by the warm glow of candlelight, the performance offers a unique blend of cinematic storytelling, nostalgia, and live music, creating an unforgettable evening for fans of Stranger Things, music lovers, and newcomers alike.

"This concert is designed to bring people together through music they know and love," said Maestro David Wroe. "Whether you're a

longtime fan of the series, grew up with the music of the 70s, 80s, and 90s, or are simply looking for a memorable night out, this experience offers something for everyone."

Perfect for family outings, date nights, multigenerational gatherings, and summer entertainment, Stranger Things: The 1,000 Candles Concert Experience welcomes audiences of all ages. To encourage younger attendees to experience live music, NJFO is offering \$25 student tickets for patrons age 21 and under.

The concert will be presented
in three performances:
Saturday, July 25, 2026
at 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM

The Presbyterian Church Chapel
140 Mountain Avenue, Westfield, NJ
Sunday, July 26, 2026 at 2:30 PM
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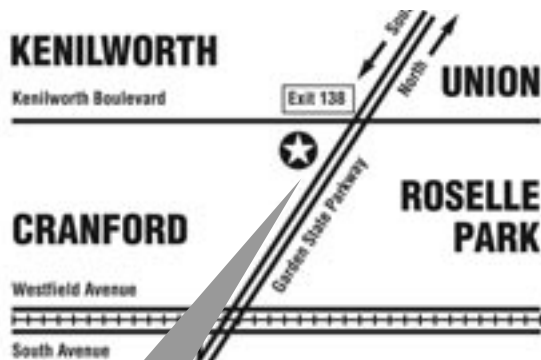
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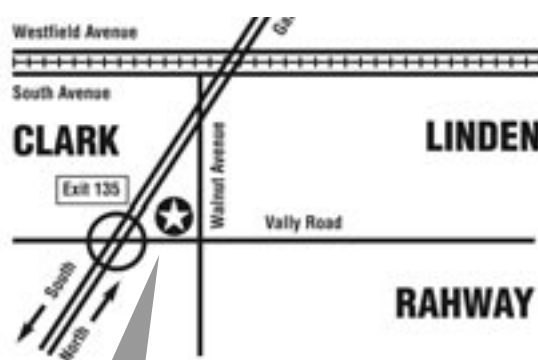
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LOCAL STUDENTS HONORED IN AMERICA 250 CONTESTS

Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter DAR

Local students received state and national recognition in contests hosted by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) to celebrate America's 250th birthday.

Neil Nikhils, a 10th grade student at Watchung



(above) National contest winner for poetry, Neil Nikhils, with DAR Chapter Regent Nancy Stoll.

Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) in Warren, placed first in the nation in the DAR's Junior American Citizens Contest for his poem, "Dear America." The contest had the theme, "Happy 250th Birthday, America!" with categories in art, writing and community service. Nikhils was presented with his awards at the Watchung Hills Board of Education meeting on June 2.

"These contests were meant to promote the study of American history and to help young people better understand the celebration of America's 250th," said Holly Dunbar, DAR state chairman. "It is not just about celebrating a date on the calendar. It is about the men and women who have sacrificed to obtain and sustain our freedom."

The Patriots of the American Revolution Essay Contest asked high school students to examine the life of a person who lived during the

Revolution. Three WHRHS students were recognized. In her essay, "The Woman Behind the Uniform," Isabelle Walk, grade 11, followed the life of Deborah Sampson, a woman who disguised herself as a man to serve in the Continental Army. Walk's entry received second place on the state level. Shruthi Sridhar, grade 10, received second place on the local level and Carolyn Hockmeyer, grade 11, placed third. The three students received their awards at a DAR chapter meeting on June 9 at Green Brook Town Hall.

Additional DAR awards for youth will be presented at the Somerset County 4-H Fair in August. All of these contest entries were sponsored by Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter DAR. The chapter serves areas of Somerset, Middlesex and Union counties. Visit DAR.org or contact the chapter at ESCchapterDAR@gmail.com.

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(above) DAR essay contest winners display their awards. Regent Nancy Stoll, Carolyn Hockmeyer, Isabelle Walk, Shruthi Sridhar, and DAR members Beth Kavanaugh and Clara Barbaz.

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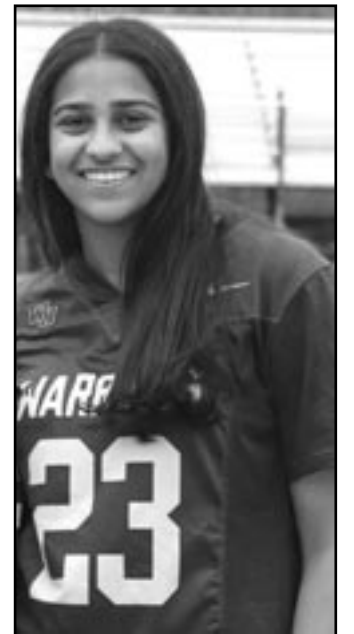
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DIA PRABHAKAR EARNS FIRST TEAM ALL-DIVISION HONORS IN GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL

Watchung Hills Regional High School standout Dia Prabhakar has been officially named to the 2026 First Team All-Division for Girls Flag Football in the Big Central Conference (BCC).

The elite postseason honor, certified by BCC President Scott Miller, recognizes Prabhakar as one of the premier flag football players in the region following a standout 2026 season. Selection to the First Team is voted on by league coaches, highlighting her exceptional skill, leadership, and athletic contributions on the field.

As girls flag football continues its rapid growth across New Jersey, Prabhakar's achievement sets a high benchmark for the Watchung Hills athletic program and solidifies her status among the conference's elite student-athletes.



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Green Brook Historical Society

On Saturday, June 6th, 2026, fife and drums, and Militiamen firing muskets, could be heard atop Washington Rock, as the 250th Anniversary Celebration of our country took place in historic Green Brook. It was a fitting venue, since General Washington and his troops occupied the Watchung Mountains during a critical period of the Revolutionary War. He viewed British troops located in the New Brunswick and Perth Amboy areas from this very promontory lookout point.

The Green Brook Historical Society and Township of Green Brook hosted the event, with much fanfare. On a very warm and beautiful day, visitors enjoyed the free event, with a wide variety of things to see and do. The program officially opened with the Star-Spangled Banner played by the NJ Fifes and Drums group, followed by an address by Mayor James Van Arsdale and a reading of the Declaration of Independence by Green Brook Historical Society members. Throughout the day, the Fifes and Drums group played Revolutionary War period music and the Outwater's Militia group performed drills, fired muskets and explained weapons handling and how militia groups operated. Wool spinners demonstrated their domestic chore and a wood worker showed how camp utensils and equipment were carved from logs. A Colonial Medicine and Battlefield Surgery display was very informative and

interesting. A British representative even tried to sign up Loyalists to stay true to the English King!

The Green Brook Historical Society, Plainfield Historical Society, and the local Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter) distributed educational materials. A model of a Revolutionary War beacon was displayed, explaining how fires were lit up along the ridge of the Watchung Mountains, to alert the local militia in the valley below that the British were on the move. Interactive stations were set up for visitor participation. A Colonial Games, Quill Writing and Stencil-Making set-up were especially enjoyed by children.

General Washington gave a patriotic talk on the NJ signers of the Declaration. He and Mrs. Washington mingled with the crowd, dressed in period clothing.

Prizes were awarded on the hour, and food, beverages and ice cream were available for purchase at the site.

The event was a team effort, supported by volunteers from the Watchung Hills Regional High School, Local Leo Club and the Green Brook Recreation group, in league with the Green Brook Historical Society and Township of Green Brook. Both volunteers and visitors enjoyed the special commemoration of the founding of our beloved country.



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Bridge Group with Ronnie

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Project Healthy Bones

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

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GeriFit Exercise

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

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(Video) Cardio Exercise

Wednesdays, 1 p.m.

Cardio burst workouts offer a fun, energizing way for older adults to boost heart health, improve balance, and stay active.

Craft Activities

2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 1 – 4 p.m.

We are creating cards for our Meals on Wheels clients. All supplies will be provided.

Line Dancing with Linda Hyland

Thursdays, 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

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Afternoon Yoga with Wai-Ling Poon

Thursdays, 12:45 p.m.

This class uses seated and standing poses (with the support of a chair)

Bridge

Fridays, 1 – 4 p.m.

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

The Declaration of Independence:

The Influence of Mary Kathryn Goddard

July 1, 11 a.m.

by Terry Antoniewicz. This presentation particularly highlights one of the forgotten women who helped shaped the nation.

Creative Movements with Tom Mckie.

July 1, 1 p.m.

Creative movements that will get you moving, grooving and laughing.

Red, White & Blue Rubberband Bracelet Craft

July 2, 11 a.m.

All materials will be provided.

Warrenbrook Senior Center closed

July 3 - in observance of Independence Day.

The Great American Songbook

July 6, 11 a.m.

with Nancy Petrucelli. It includes both music and the stories behind the songs.

Traveling Library

July 6, 1 p.m.

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Wordle with Warrenbrook Staff

July 7, 11 a.m.

Button Flower Garden Craft

July 8, 11 a.m.

All supplies will be provided.

Bingo with Bob Mazet

July 9, 11 a.m.

Blood Pressure Screening

July 10, 10 a.m.

with Nina Raps BSP Pharm, RPh, from Rutgers Ernesto School of Pharmacy.

Fall Prevention

July 10, 11 a.m.

Informative session focused on reducing fall risks in your home and surroundings.

Fraud Against Seniors:

Common Cons and Signs of Elder Abuse

July 13, 11 a.m.

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Drum Circle with Anil Sachadev

July 13, 1 p.m.

Wheel of Fortune

July 14, 11 a.m.

Monthly Book Club

(Hybrid) July 14, 1:00 PM

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An Attitude of Gratitude:

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July 16, 11 a.m.

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Musical Entertainment with Neal Meador

July 17, 11 a.m.

Heading Off Hoarding in the Aging

July 20, 11 a.m.

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HIIT (High Intensity Interval Training) Exercise

July 20, 27, 1 p.m.

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Boggle with Warrenbrook Staff

June 21, 11 a.m.

Vision Screening with Chaitali Shah

July 22, 10:30 a.m.

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Bingo

July 23, 29, 11 a.m.

Cybercrime and Elder Fraud

July 24, 11 a.m.

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Patio Party

July 27, 11 a.m.

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Osteoarthritis and Joint Replacement

July 28, 11 a.m.

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Pressed Flower Craft

July 30, 11 a.m.

All materials are provided, and no prior experience is needed. Pre-registration is required.

Understanding Artificial Intelligence.

July 31, 11 a.m.

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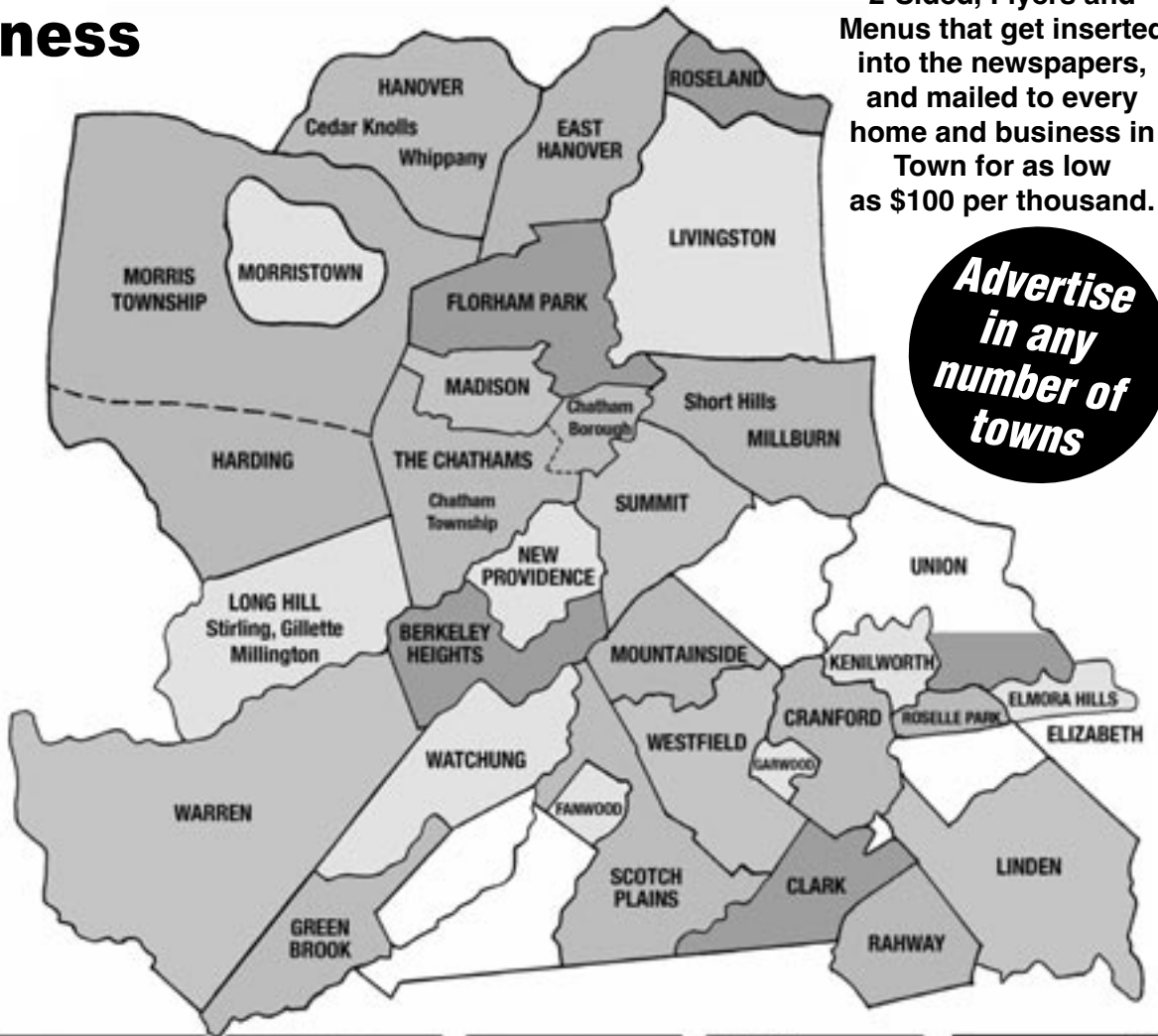
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1 Unit (Business card)	3.25"x2"0	100	260	360	460	560	600	660	700	800	900	1000
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9 HALF PAGE	6.5"x9" or 10"x7"	360	860	1300	1600	1900	2200	2400	2600	2800	3000	3200
12 Units	6.5"x14"	400	960	1400	1800	2100	2400	2700	3000	3300	3600	3900
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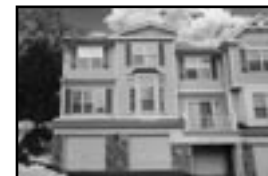
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