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## 9/11 MONUMENT DEDICATED ON MEMORIAL DAY

By Elizabeth Heyman



This year, Memorial Day in Warren Township began with an inspiring dedication ceremony for the new 9/11 remembrance monument located in front of Town Hall. The commencement was met with speeches from Deputy Mayor Gary DiNardo, Police Chief Russel Leffert, Fire Chief Timothy McGowan, 2009 Rescue Squad President Paul Rapps, among many others. Carolann Garafola, committee-person for the group that made the project possible, stated proudly in her speech that the memorial was

completely funded and supported by members of the community. Services required for the construction of the sculpture, including landscaping, masonry, and transportation, were all provided by local businesses.

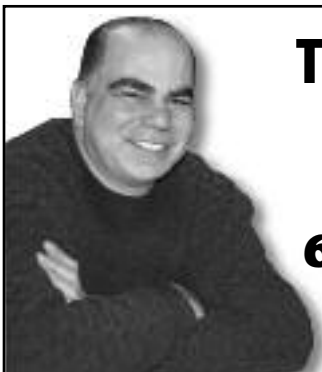
The piece itself consisted of two large blocks of cement representing the towers and between them a large piece of

steel actually retrieved from the wreckage of the buildings. Police Chief Leffert remarked in his speech that on the day of the attack he made a promise, as both an individual and as one of the three million first responders found nationwide, to never forget the tragedy that occurred on September 11th and that he believes the new memorial statue acts as an answer to this promise for him and the rest of the community. Surrounding the sculpture were 411 miniature American flags which represented the 411 first responders lost in the collapse. The audience was invited to take one of the flags to wave around during the parade as a way to celebrate the brave lives of the New York fire, police, and rescue squad members.

The Annual Memorial Day Parade saw the usual collection of the town's best organizations. All were present, including the Marine Corps League, the American Legion, The Lions Club, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, the Elks Lodge, the marching bands from both Watchung Hills Regional High School and Warren Middle School, as well as many others. The Fire Department even showed off a collection of antique trucks carrying members of the squad along with their children and friends.



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## KIRCH-FORD-TERRILL HOUSE PREPARING FOR "WEEKEND JOURNEY THROUGH THE PAST"

The current restorations of The Kirch-Ford-Terrill house, circa 1750, are almost complete. The house was first acquired by Warren Township in 1980. No major restoration has been done since that time. The current restoration project was defined after discussions with the project's architect and preservation consultant. The project consists of repairing and restoring the brick façade on the front of the house as well as restoring more than half of the windows. After removing the paint on the brick façade in order to make brick and mortar repairs, the Historic Sites Committee felt this change was an improvement to the look of the house. Also, the building now looked like it did in the earlier photos of the building. So after all the positive feedback received about the look of the building, the committee decided to leave it unpainted going forward. The house should be open to the public again in September, and will be open for Somerset County's annual



(above) Kirch-Ford-Terrill House undergoing renovations.

"Weekend Journey Through The Past" on the weekend of October 12th and 13th. This project was funded through a grant from the Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Commission, plus some additional funds from the Township approved by the Warren Township Municipal committee.

## WAGNER FARM ARBORETUM PRESIDENT RECEIVES "PROFILES IN POSITIVE AGING AWARD"

Suzanne Smith, president of the Wagner Farm Arboretum, was honored with a "Profiles in Positive Aging Award" from the Somerset County Office on Aging and Disability Services. The award recognizes Somerset County residents age 60 and above who currently make contributions and set examples for others by serving as teachers, mentors, leaders, entertainers, etc. to positively impact people in mind, body and spirit and enhance quality of life.

Smith has served as president of the Arboretum for the past nine years. She has actively worked with residents, community members, volunteers, local government and other stakeholders to establish a vision for the Arboretum. She has overseen new programs and



initiatives, led the development of a master plan, and more.

The Wagner Farm Arboretum, located in Warren, NJ, the organization hosts programs, events and classes to educate the community on gardening and the environment. For more information visit [www.wfafnj.org](http://www.wfafnj.org).

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# GO FISH! - 28TH ANNUAL FISHING DERBY

Photos and text by Lynn Sjurset

Warren Township's 28th annual spring fishing derby took place on May 18, 2013 at Dealaman Pond. The overcast day did not stop dozens of Warren families, pole and bait in hand, from participating in this fun event. The pond is located in George Dealaman Nature Trail and Arboretum off Mt. Horeb Road in Warren. Hiking and catch-and-release fishing is offered year-round.

This popular event was sponsored by the Warren Township Recreation Department. Blue Ridge Sportsmen's Club members were on hand to offer assistance and measure fish to determine the winners. Residents enjoyed the free food and raffles all donated by the club. Hats for kids were donated by Brian Vitale. It was a fun-filled day outdoors!



(above) Sammie Draper (8) with a fresh catch.



(above) Harrison Bush shows off his catch



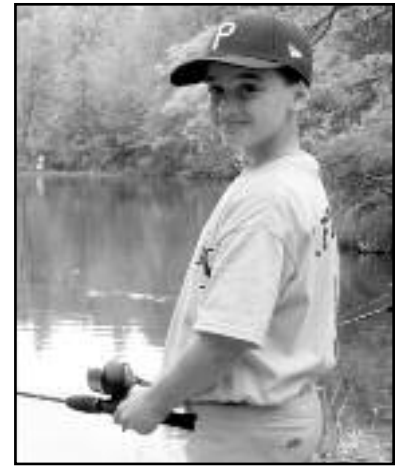
(above) Furquan Ansari with son, Rayhan (5)



(above) Emily McEnroe (8)



(above) Lianna Bartnick (7)



(above) Vincent Freijomil (8)



(above, l-r) Matthew, Gio, and Samantha



(above, l-r) Barry Francini with grandchildren Cameron and Mattie



(above) Ella Burke with Dad and brother James



(above, l-r) Loren Bush helps his son Harrison remove the hook from his fish

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# GIRL SCOUTS LIVE UP TO SCHOOL'S MOTTO

Submitted by Kristine A. Curtiss

Warren Twp Schools' theme for the 2012-2013 school year is "Together We Can Make a Difference." Warren Girl Scout's Junior Troop 65197 has really shown Mt. Horeb School and the community what that means. The troop, comprised of eleven 5th graders, decided to repaint the "Wall Ball" Wall on the Mt. Horeb Elementary School playground for their Bronze Award. They came up with the idea after the wall was vandalized last year. The girls said they were motivated to do this project because they wanted to teach kids that vandalism was nothing to be proud of. By putting designs that were colorful and exciting they hope to improve recess for current and future students. The design incorporates many familiar video game characters as well as targets for kids to aim for when playing wall ball.

The girls are very grateful for the support of

Mt. Horeb Principal, William Kimmick, as well as the art and physical education teachers. Without them this project could not have been realized. Additionally, the girls would like to thank art teacher, Susan Sage, for her advice and guidance on the project; Ron Boehm Painting for loaning equipment and teaching the troop painting technique; Warrentville Hardware and Benjamin Moore Paints for donating a portion of the paint; and everyone who purchased girls scout cookies. Proceeds from the troop's cookie sales were used to finance this project.

The Girl Scout Bronze Award is the highest award a Girl Scout Junior can earn. It shows that girls have made a promise to help others and improve their community. To earn the award, girls must meet certain requirements and then each girl must complete 20 service hours towards the chosen project.



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New vendors are welcome to participate in the market. Contact the Wagner Farm Arboretum office at [amcgowan@wfafnj.org](mailto:amcgowan@wfafnj.org) or (908) 350-7383.

### ABOUT WAGNER FARM ARBORETUM

Established in 2004, the Arboretum is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that provides environmental and horticultural education of children and adults through the development of plant life in a natural suburban learning setting. The Arboretum offers on-going events and programs for children and adults. For more information call 908-350-7383 or visit our web site at [www.wfafnj.org](http://www.wfafnj.org).



(above) Colorful and exciting mural ready for "Wall Ball."

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# SENIORS MEET NEW JERSEY'S OMBUDSMAN

On Monday, May 13, 2013, James W. McCracken, who is the state's Long-Term Care Ombudsman, came to the Warrenbrook Senior Center and discussed a wide variety of topics that affect the senior population. He covered the signs of elder abuse, offered resources for combating elder abuse, advance care planning for seniors and the availability of home and community based services for frail elderly individuals. He emphasized the importance of empowering seniors to advocate for support and services that will meet their individual needs. The one statement that he repeated several times is that he does not want his office to be a secret. He wants every one to know about his office and what they do.

Three highlighted areas of interest to the members were:

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(above) James McCracken speaking with member Antoinette D'Costa from Warren.

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### Afternoon Book Club

1:30 PM. Thursday, July 11

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### Black Bears in NJ

7 PM, Thursday, July 11

The Bear Education and Resource Group's mission is to educate residents about black bears, reduce unwarranted fears, promote tolerance of our bear neighbors and foster peaceful coexistence between people and bears. Learn simple steps to lessen the chance of having bears frequent residential neighborhoods.  
Pre-registration required.

### First Ladies according to Martha Washington!

2 PM, Saturday, July 13

This performance by actress, singer and playwright Maggie Worsdale is loaded with secrets about the 'other' first ladies. Lady Washington also has a few tricks up her sleeve - secrets of her own! Join us for this fun program!  
Pre-registration required.

### Evening Book Club

7:15 PM, Tuesday, July 16

New members are always welcome.

### The Comedy of Sid Caesar

7 PM, Wednesday, July 17

This Sid Caesar program, presented by Bill Levy, explores the comedy of Sid Caesar in his 'Your Show of Shows' and 'Caesar's Hour.' The presentation features several hilarious skits including 'The German General' and 'This is Your Story.' It also includes discussions about the contributions of writers such as Mel Brooks, Neil Simon, and Woody Allen and actors including Imogene Coca, Nanette Fabray, Carl Reiner, and Howard Morris. Pre-registration required.

### Beneath the Garden State – Exploring Aquatic New Jersey

2 PM, Saturday, July 20

This stunning illustrated presentation introduces the audience to the strange and beautiful animals found in the Atlantic waters off New Jersey. Visit New Jersey's artificial reefs made of army tanks, tug boats and large ships and see what a shipwreck looks like underwater.

You will experience accounts of Herb Segars' thirty years of scuba diving and photographing in New Jersey.  
Pre-registration required.

### Great Gardens of NJ

7 PM, Tuesday, July 23

Travel from South to North in this hour long presentation filled with beautiful imagery and helpful suggestions for planning your next garden visit. Guest speaker: Lesley Parness has served as Superintendent of Horticultural Education at New Jersey's largest park system, the Morris County Park Commission, since 2001.  
Pre-registration required.

### Here comes the Sun! Learn about the Solar System

7 PM, Thursday, July 25

Using stunning astrophotos from space probes, land based telescopes and the orbiting Hubble Space Telescope we will start from the Sun and visit all the planets in our solar system with John Andrews of the NJ Astronomical Association. This illustrated visit to the other planets in the system will reveal the harsh reality of being too close or too far from the sun.  
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# GOLDMAN DIGS WARREN!

On Friday, May 31, 2013, more than 20 Goldman Sachs employees donated their time to Wagner Farm Arboretum in Warren. For this project, Goldman Sachs' global volunteer program called Community TeamWorks partnered with Partners for Parks, a volunteer program of The Land Conservancy of New Jersey, to do work needed at the farm. This program allows Goldman employees to take a day out of the office and spend it volunteering with local nonprofit organizations. In 2012, more than 25,000 Goldman Sachs people from 48 offices around the world partnered with more than 950 non-profit organizations on a diverse array of community service projects. Through cross-divisional, team based Community TeamWorks projects, the Goldman volunteers bring to communities the same qualities they bring to their professional work: excellence, commitment, innovation, energy, new ideas, and an appreciation of both the big picture and the importance of the individual.

On this day, one group of volunteers laid a brick foundation for a shed to store tools and equipment while others weeded and spread mulch in the Children's and Giving Gardens. Still others were busy setting up an irrigation system in five raised beds. Goldman Sachs volunteers were led by Dennis Briede, Stewardship Manager and Barbara McCloskey, program manager, both from The Land Conservancy of New Jersey as well as staff members from Wagner Farm.

Wagner Farm Arboretum Gardens & Learning Center is located in the Watchung Mountains in Warren at 197 Mountain Avenue. It is dedicated to the environment and horticultural education of children and adults through the collection, study, and display of trees, shrubs, flowers, and other plant life in a beautiful, natural setting to encourage cultivation and conservation of plant life in ways that promote community involvement and increased environmental awareness. From 1917 to 1987 the Arboretum

property was owned and operated by the Wagner family as a successful dairy farm. Over 120 Holstein cows grazed the pastures and were milked and bottled there. Residents from Warren and surrounding communities bought the glass-bottled milk, cream and chocolate milk.

In 2001 Warren Township purchased the Wagner Farm property when the town's advisory committee suggested that the site be made into an arboretum. A non-profit was then established. Wagner Farm Arboretum is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization supporting a natural suburban learning center.

Visitors will find a Giving Garden there that supports their Growing to Give project. This garden is dedicated to growing many different kinds of produce such as tomatoes, peppers and okra. The fresh produce is donated and distributed to the poor and needy in five counties through agencies such as SHIP, Food Bank Network of Somerset County, Star Fish, soup kitchens, Second Harvest, and other appropriate agencies. A total of 80,000 pounds of produce have been donated since the onset of the program. The gardens are tended entirely by volunteers.

The Giving Gardens Project also partners with Growing to Give educational program. Wagner Farm Arboretum sponsors the Warren Twp Elementary schools in a yearly program to grow various vegetables. Arboretum volunteers help students plant vegetable seeds in flats and tend them for several weeks in their classrooms. Then in the spring, the students take a bus trip and plant their seedlings in the Giving Garden. Twenty-eight of the fifty plots in the Giving Garden are dedicated to this program to help teach children about the environment and to help them understand the social aspects of giving back to a community.

Located at the farm is also a Children's Garden where children can explore the nature world. It is intended to be an exciting place where children can experience the marvels of nature. Here you'll find flowers that attract butterflies, an alphabet flower bed, shrubs, trees, fun musical features, a garden maze, and life-size fiberglass cows reflecting the original use of the land. The farm plans to add a sensory garden too!

Then there's the Community Garden providing a sense of community and connection to the environment. Over 110 plots are available for rent to Arboretum members to grow their own food organically. A wheel barrow, dumpster, watering can and water supply are included in the annual rental fee.

### LEARN • VOLUNTEER • GROW

Interested in becoming a volunteer at Wagner Farm Arboretum? All members receive a quarterly newsletter – Wagner Farm Arboretum news, notices of events and programs, and are invited to garden parties held at the Arboretum. Please consider joining us with one of the many levels of membership available. Call Ann Marie 908-350-7383. Wagner Farm Arboretum, 197 Mountain Avenue, Warren, NJ. [www.wfafnj.org](http://www.wfafnj.org)



(above, l-r) Goldman Sachs volunteers Jayashree Tyagi, Basking Ridge; David Sjurset, Warren; Saloni Nihalani, Warren; Mayank Sharma, Fanwood, and Craig Sjurset, Warren. Photo by Lynn Sjurset

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**Little Neck or Top CLAMS**  
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Platters over stuffed with the best the season has to offer.  
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