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TWO SCOUTS COMPLETE EAGLE PROJECTS

Two of Boy Scout Troop 228's Life Scouts completed their Eagle projects in November: Alex Duncan and Jarrod Thompson. Their project was cleanup and beautification of the Hofheimer Grotto in Warren.

Over 330 hours of community service were put into this project, and it was greatly appreciated by Warren Township and Watchung Hills Elks Lodge.



(above) Alex with dad and mom at entrance to grotto.



(right) Boy scouts from Troop 228 at Alex's Eagle project.

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LIONS AND ROTARY CLUBS GIVE ON THANKSGIVING

Submitted by: Charlie Oliva

On Saturday November 23rd, the Warren Lions Club and local Rotarians gathered at the Watchung Hills Elks Club to assemble and distribute over 255 turkeys and dinners for needy families in our area.

The Lions and Rotary have participated in this Thanksgiving effort for quite some time, and it continues to grow every year.

It is organized through the stalwart efforts of Lions Club members Ryan Woodring and Burt Eng.

The Warren Lions also received financial donations from The Warren-Watchung Rotary Club and the Blue Ridge Mountain Gun Club.



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WATCHUNG HILLS HS IS SEEKING HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

By Eleanor Mathews

Nominations to Watchung Hills Regional High School's Hall of Fame are being accepted through January 15th, 2014. Nomination forms may be obtained at the school's main office at 108 Stirling Road, Warren Township school website, www.wrhhs.org.

The names of the 2014 honorees will be announced at the end of February, and an induction/reception ceremony for those selected by the nominating committee is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on the evening of Friday, May 9th in the school's Performing Arts Center.

The Watchung Hills Hall of Fame, initiated in 2008, marking the school's fiftieth anniversary, honors alumni of the school who have achieved distinction either during their high school years or in professional or community life thereafter, and also acknowledges individuals such as school board members, teachers, coaches and others who exemplify outstanding service to the school. Alumni nominees must have graduated at least ten years ago.

Nominations of individuals who were nominated but not selected will be retained for consideration for four years.

Persons who lack complete information about a potential Hall of Fame nominee, are requested to fill out the nomination form and contact Vice Principal Terry MacConnell at tmacconnell@wrhhs.org, or call him at (908)647-4800, Ext. 6975, for further assistance. Every attempt will be made by the Hall of Fame committee to gather additional information about that nominee.

Those honored by membership in the Hall of Fame are recognized by a personalized plaque in the school's main lobby. The Hall of Fame includes persons who represent many fields, such as teaching, music, public service, entertainment, the arts, athletics, science, etc.

CUB PACK 32 HOLDS READ A THON

It was a fundraising event where Scouts read and maintaining activity areas, the event was a success and the fundraising goal was reached, funds will be used for the upcoming Blue and Gold Dinner and the 75TH year celebration for January 10th when graduating Webeles Scouts will cross into Boy Scot Troop 32

Boy Scout Troop 32 is currently selling Christmas Wreaths as their only annual fundraiser, please support their efforts, you can purchase a Christmas Wreath at St Mary's Church, Willson Memorial Church and Donkin Donnouts on Saturdays and Sundays



(above, l-r) Den Chief, Eagle Scout Freddie Hayeck as The Cat in The Hat, Kurt Weber Cub Master for Pack 32

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THE WATCHUNG HILLS JR. WARRIORS HOCKEY CLUB MITES IMPROVE RECORD

The Watchung Hills Jr. Warriors Hockey Club Mites team (4-8 year olds) celebrated the Thanksgiving weekend with a strong effort in a 5-3 victory over Denville at Mennen Arena.

The Jr. Warriors debuted several of their developmental players who stepped up big for the game, with several regular players missing the game because of illness and being away for the holiday weekend.

Goalie Sawyer Flynn, making his first start of the season, was stellar in the first period, stopping all of the shots directed at his net in the period. The pairing of Jacob Lee & Brendan Dowd bode well as they played a strong defensive game in the period to protect Sawyer Flynn. Defenseman Michael Wilson opened the scoring for the Warriors with a well-placed wrist shot that got past the Denville goalie in the second period to make it 1-0.

Shortly later, off a shot from Cam Jelinek that rang the post brother Timmy Jelinek was able to gather the rebound and bury it home for a 2-0 lead. Denville fought back later in the period to tie the score at 2-2. Strong defense by Jacob Lee along with solid play by Sam Lopes and Daniel Adams both in their debuts helped the Warriors to get out of the second period with the score tied 2-2 going into the third period.

The third period saw Denville step up their pressure against Flynn and the Warriors, with Denville getting an early goal to go ahead 3-2. The Warriors were able to fight off the pressure, with strong defense from pairing Michael Galiani and Michael Wilson who took control of the zone with dominating play in front of goalie Sawyer Flynn, who made several outstanding saves. The Warrior offense picked up midway in the third period with a myriad of shots coming from Aidan Wilson, Orestes Antippas, Brendan Dowd and Cam & Timmy Jelinek.

The Warriors then broke through late in the third period after sustained offensive pressure by Daniel Adams, Jacob Lee, Aidan Wilson, and Orestes Antippas resulted in sports highlight reel worthy 3 quick goals that were put into the back of the net for the natural hat trick by Peter Da Silva, which put the Warriors ahead for good and closeout the game with a 5-3 victory over Denville. The mite Warriors record in now 3-2-1 for the season.

2013/2014 DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG - PUBLIC NOTICE

By Order of the Mayor and Council Thomas E. Atkins, Administrator

The Borough of Watchung wishes to inform all Borough residents and non-resident Borough property owners that a Borough-controlled deer management program will begin on or about December 2, 2013 and may continue until February 15, 2014. The program will be conducted under the same format as that previously utilized under the Community Based Deer Management Program.

The deer management program will be conducted as follows:

1. Controlled hunting via firearm by Warren Blue Ridge Sportsmen, Inc. on three tracts of municipal land from December 2, 2013 through February 15, 2014, as permitted by State regulations. The three tracts include 19.81 acres on the west end of Mountain Boulevard, 9.56 acres on Sequoia Drive and 6.4 acres between Route 22 and Johnston Drive.

2. Controlled hunting via firearm by Warren Blue Ridge Sportsmen, Inc. on three tracts of privately owned land from December 2, 2013 through February 15, 2014 as permitted by State regulations. The three tracts are identified below.

There are a total of six tracts of municipal or private land within the Borough of Watchung approved for this season's deer management

program. Shooting is limited to the six sites designated in the program and will only be done from elevated tree stands.

A 24 hour telephone hot line will be in operation at the Watchung Borough Municipal Building and will be maintained by the Borough to provide timely and regularly updated advance information to residents as to which dates the tracts are scheduled to be used. The hot line number is 908-745-2111 Option 1. This information will also be placed on Local Cable Access Channel 15, Watchung Radio 1610 AM and posted on the Watchung Borough website: www.watchungnj.com

WATCHUNG BOROUGH DEER CULLING TRACKS 2013/2014 SEASON

- Site # 1 – 19.8 acres west end of Mountain Boulevard
- Site # 2 – 6.4 acres – between Route 22 and Johnston Drive – east end
- Site # 3 – 9.56 acres on Sequoia Drive
- Site # 4 – 1.4 acres east on Mountain Boulevard
- Site # 5 – 1.5 acres on northwest side of High Tor Drive
- Site # 6 – 1.5 acres on Elsinore Drive

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WATCHUNG HILLS STUDENTS EARN 2013 'AP SCHOLAR' DESIGNATION

By Eleanor Mathews

Two-hundred-and- twenty-four Watchung Hills Regional High School students who took Advanced Placement (AP) Exams in May of 2013 have won distinction as "AP Scholars," according to the College Board, creators and sponsors of the Advanced Placement (testing) program.

The program provides motivated and academically prepared students with the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school and to earn college credit, advanced placement in college course work, or both, for successful performance on the AP Exams. The program offers several levels of awards which recognize college-level achievement on students' performance on the Advanced Placement Exams, and students may progress from one level to the next as they successfully complete the exams which are given each spring.

At Watchung Hills, 19 students qualified for the National AP Scholar Award, which designates students who receive an average score of at least 4 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of these. Watchung Hills' National AP Scholars, whose average score was 4.62, are:

Neha Agrawal	Kayleigh Askin
Jessica Bethlahmy	Rohit Biswas
Kevin Chen	Katherine Dong
John Draikiwicz	Joshua Ehrenberg
Alan Gou	Olivia Hampton
Patricia Hwang	Felix Kung
Hao Yan Li	Diana Liao
Audrey Luo	Milonee Mehta
Brian Pester	Matthew Piekarski
Jessica Xu.	

The AP Scholar with Distinction designation recognizes students who received an average score of at least 3.5 on all APs taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. Watchung Hills had 86 Scholars with Distinction who earned an average score of 4.31. They are:

Neha Agrawal	Nicholas Akrawi
Samuel Aldous	Nicole Alexandre
Esfahani Ansari	Kayleigh Askin
Jackson Bahr	Jessica Bethlahmy
Rohit Biswas	Leanne Block
Sarah Brown	Karan Cariappa
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Kevin Chen	Whitney Chu

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Jacquelyn Salustro	Alyson Schapira
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Robert Ullis	Joshua van der Kroft
Alexandra Varnerin	Seneca Velling
Carlos Vieira	Owen Whitley
Jessica Xu	Anika Yetsko
Albert Zeng	Charlotte Zuber

The AP Scholar with Honor designation was granted to students who received an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. There were 34 students in this category; their average score was 3.90. They are:

Celine Alapatt	Mark Barrameda
Elizabeth Booth	Elana Borinsky
Karen Chi	Salil Chowdhury
Audrey Chu	Jordan Cole
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Dennis Tan	Melanie Ting
David Wasserstein	Emily Wilson
Elaine Xiao	Alexander Yu

Eighty-five students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams. Watchung Hills had 85 such Scholars, with an average score of 3.58 They are:

Trevor Adriaanse	Melissa Aiello
Sara Battaglia	Tuhina Bhat
Lucy Bolognese	Alyssa Bonnesen
Samantha Braver	Zachary Chan
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THE IMPROVABLES return to the Watchung Arts Center on January 11, 2014 for a night of family-friendly fun. Each show is a new experience, refreshing and full of outrageous moments and hysterical experiences. The troupe performs a series of "games" in which they act out various scenarios without knowing in advance what they are going to say or how things are going to turn out. The audience often sets the scenes for the players on-the-spot and may be pulled up to join in the fun! Laugh loud and often as the troupe performs a series of skits from pre-written prompts or audience suggestions. Bring friends and enjoy the wacky world that imagination and improv can create.

The Improvables have been the longest running comedy troupe at the Center and continually produce a unique evening filled with comedy games that will keep them on their toes and the audience doubled over from hysterical laughter.

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The next Improvables Adult Show will be on March 15 at 8 PM.

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Watchung Library is located at 12 Stirling Road in Watchung, behind the Watchung Arts Center.

For complete program registration information, please check the online calendar (www.somerset.lib.nj.us, then go to Evenys/Programs for Watchung).

Program information is subject to change, so also look online for updated programs and additions.

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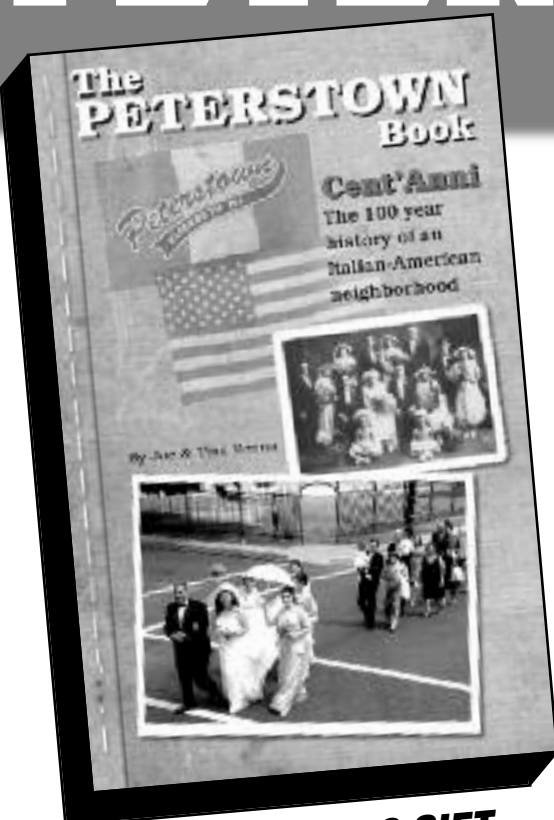
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