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# PACK 32 SCOUTS ADVANCE RANKS

Friday the 13th may seem unlucky to some, but luck had nothing to do with the good fortune shared amongst Cub Scout Pack 32 on that date this June. That night, the pack recognized the year-long efforts of over 30 boys to advance along the Cub Scout trail. Den members were awarded rank badges that signified they have completed the requirements at their level: Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos.

Throughout these achievements, the boys have had lessons in families, communication, staying healthy, staying safe, community, citizenship, service, making choices, tools, cooking, the outdoors, our flag, our country, and many other topics. These all contribute to the goal of a Cub Scout to develop character, be a good citizen and neighbor, and to stay physically, mentally, and morally fit. While that sounds like a lot of work, it is cleverly wrapped up in a lot of fun! Highlights for the year included a sleepover on the USS Intrepid, multiple outdoor camping trips, pocket-knife training, community service projects, sharing collections, learning first-aid, and seeing Watchung history. They also participated in some history by celebrating the 75th anniversary of the pack! The boys of Pack 32 have had a great year with their friends and family and can be proud of their milestones.



(above) Fred Mancini helps Gavin Cort get the right angle needed to catch a blue gill. Other scouts and parents from Pack 32 line the pier during the Fishing Derby at the Spring Cub Camporee at Camp Winnebago. Mr. Mancini was instrumental in helping a number of boys catch their first fish that day!

Photo Credit: Jonathan Joshua



(above) Cub Master Joanne Cort smiles next to one of her Wolf Cubs, Krisztian Bakos, as they settle down to watch the campfire skits at the Spring Cub Camporee at Camp Winnebago in Rockaway, NJ. Krisztian was lucky enough to help pass out raffle tickets to the crowd, despite the fact that he had a broken arm. He is proof that it takes a lot to keep a good scout down!

(above) Pack 32 capped off another fantastic year of scouting by celebrating the advancement of each member of the pack. The boys worked hard on their requirements and were rewarded with their rank badges, a painted face, and cup cakes! Shown are the boys and their tireless leaders who attended the ceremony on Friday, June 13th.



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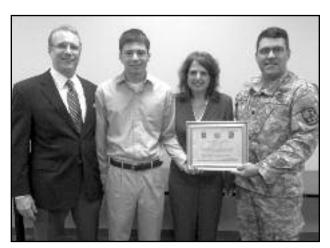
# MATTHEW CELESTE RECEIVES ARMY ROTC SCHOLARSHIP

Photo and Article by Denis Kelly Submitted by Eleanor Mathews

Matthew Celeste of Watchung, a senior at WHRHS, received an Army ROTC Scholarship Monday, May 12, 2014. Matthew plans to attend the University of Minnesota to study engineering. It is a four-year scholarship valued at \$150,000, one of only about 25 four-year Army ROTC scholarships awarded to high school students in New Jersey this year.

Matthew is an Eagle Scout with Boy Scout Troop 32, Watchung. His Eagle project was surveying an historic cemetery in Warren Township.

He is captain of the swim team at Watchung Hills, has also run Track and participated on the debate club. He has taken AP Physics, AP Calculus and AP Statistics.



(above, l-r) Ron Celeste, Matthew Celeste, Lucina Celeste and Lt. Col. Samuel J. Welch, Professor of Military Science at Rutgers University.

## **NOT IN OUR SCHOOLS!**

inclusion.

"Not in Our Towns" invited two Watchung Hills High School seniors, Catherine Higgins & Engy Gadelmawla as well as two WHRHS teachers, Jamie Lott-Jones and Mary Sok to the annual National Leadership "Not In Our Towns" Conference in Billings, Montana held at the end of June. On June 20 2014, educators and students from around the nation convened in Billings for an inspiring day of stories, tools, and strategies for promoting school safety and inclusion. Higgins and Gadelmawla participated in the opening ceremonies and were asked to be conference presenters. The two High School seniors spoke at the Conference about the successful anti-bullying campaign they first began in 2010 at the High School. Their innovation and creativity has led to national recognition of their efforts and has included initiatives such as the production of The Watchung Hills High School cyber-bullying video and the first ever White Out held at the High School to promote anti-bullying and

Catherine and Engy gave a presentation about their efforts and their trip to Montana to the members of The Watchung Warren Rotary. To support the two students and their teachers in their endeavors, the Rotary gave a \$1000 donation to the two young women at a recent Rotary meeting held at Twin Brooks Country Club located in Watchung, NJ. The Watchung-Warren Rotary Club, chartered in 1961, consists of local business and professional people dedicated to helping young people in their communities and throughout the world. Their motto is "Service Above Self" and serves as the basis of a common purpose...to help those in need. Many of their fundraising efforts are dedicated to providing financial assistance to youth related programs. Those interested in obtaining more information about The Watchung-Warren Rotary Club should contact the Club's President, Mark Spinelli at mark@spincpa.com

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(above, l-r) Pamela Singh, First Vice President Elect of the Watchung Warren Rotary;
Elizabeth Jewett, Superintendent of Watchung Hills Regional High School District; Engy Gadelmawla, Catherine Higgins and Mark Spinelli, President of the Rotary.

# New Therapy Used by Tiger Woods **Comes to Central New Jersey**

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- · Chronic tendonitis
- · Chronic pain

The goal of PRP Therapy is to resolve pain through the natural healing process and has proven to have lasting results. For years, doctors have tried to reduce inflammation, with anti-inflammatory medication, thinking it could be the source of pain. Teams of doctors and researchers are now finding that hamessing the power of inflammation allows the body to go through its natural healing arc, which can relieve pain by getting rid of the problem. This new treatment program offered at Performance Rehabilitation & Integrated Medicine is called Platelet-Rich Plasma (PRP) Therapy and is a cutting-edge process that relieves pain by promoting long lasting healing of musculoskeletal conditions. This rapidly emerging technique is showing exciting potential with osteoarthritis of the knee, shoulder, hip and spine, rotator cuff tears, chronic plantar fascilitis, anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) injuries, pelvic pain and instability, back and neck injuries, tennis elbow, ankle sprains, tendonitis, and ligament sprains.

#### What is Platelet-Rich Plasma Therapy?

PRP is an emerging non-surgical treatment in an ever popular, all natural health sector. This non-surgical treatment involves the injection of healing proteins, growth hormones and stem cells from a patient's own blood directly into the site of the injury. The doctors at Performance Rehabilitation & Integrated Medicine have seen dramatic results as this treatment triggers the body's own ability to repair itself.

#### Professional Athletes Use PRP Therapy.

Platelet Rich Plasma has come a long way in just a few short years in the treatment of sports injuries. Now most sports organizations, trainers and players recognize the importance of PRP in their respective sports. Treating professional athletes with PRP is a common practice designed to encourage healing and reduce downtime. Performance Rehabilitation & Integrated Medicine offers the same treatment that Tiger Woods, Kobe Bryant, Alex Rodriguez, Hines Ward and many elite athletes use. You owe it to yourself to find out if it is right for you.

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(above) Jeremy Cui, grade 7



(above) Charlie Margulies, grade 5



# **STUDENTS DELIVER TED-ED CLUB TALKS**

Achievements Rise – Gifted and Talented) Program at Valley View Middle School became official members of the newly-formed TED-Ed Club network. Other members included schools from around the country and across the globe.

Valley View students began preparing their TED-type talks this winter. During class sessions, they brainstormed possible topics and debated what makes an "Idea Worth Spreading." Students' interests ranged from computer



(above) Jasmine Hwang, grade 5

Students in the SOAR (Seeing Our science (How to Keep Safe From Hackers; How Does an Internet Search Engine Work) to social science (Which is Stronger, Hate or Love; Why Middle Schoolers Label Each Other) and school issues (How to Make School More Engaging; Music CAN Help You Study).

Next, students researched their topics and found valid sources for statistics, facts, and information. They decided what to add that could enhance their presentations and what was extraneous.

Watching popular TED talks helped the kids realize how important it is to organize their information - talks must flow from one idea to another in a logical format.

Creating visuals to highlight main ideas was the next step - students learned how to make their own animations and learned to synch their speeches with the visuals.

Practicing, getting peer feedback, watching videos of themselves during practices, all helped the students get ready for their big presentations.

All students in grades 5-8 delivered their talks to an audience of parents, teachers, and classmates.

#### **BROWNIES AND GARDEN CLUB TOGETHER AGAIN** Submitted by Cara Salas, Brownie Troop Leader

The Garden club of Watchung recently joined with the third-grade Brownie troop from Bayberry school. Together they did a community service project at the Watchung library by planting a garden of herbs and vegetables including tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers and lettuces. A big thank you to Anne DeParto of the Garden club who joined together with Brownie leader Cara Salas and Marilyn Cubano to work on this fun project. Also thank you to the Watchung Library for letting us plant in front of the library. All the produce will be donated to the Somerset County food Bank.

(right, standing, l-r) Standing: Anne DeParto, Abigail, Isha, Cara Salas, Jenna, Marilyn Cubano, Kendra. (seated, l-r) Marisa, Isabelle, Kayla, Madeline, Isabella and Francesca.









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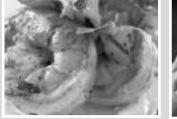
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# WATCHUNG AUTHOR REVEALS LOST REVOLUTIONARY WAR SITES

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(above) Author Robert A. Mayers

## **REGISTER FOR FALL SOCCER BY JULY 31ST**

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Few people have heard of the incredibly fierce Battle of the Short Hills fought in Edison, Scotch Plains and Plainfield. The defeated Americans moved their wagons full of wounded soldiers up Bonnie Burn Road and down Valley Road through Watchung on their way to Bridgewater. For many years afterward Bonnie Burn Road was called "Bloody Gap." The entire supply column of Washington's Continental Army also marched down Valley Road on the way to the great victory at Yorktown Virginia in 1781. This road was often used as it provided the security of being behind the first ridge of the mountains.

The Forgotten Revolution When History Forgets: Revisiting Critical Places of the American Revolution That Have Been Neglected by History revives these lost locations and others in the northeast with fresh research from original military records and onsite visits. Watchung author Bob Mayers found that myths were often created when the winner wrote the history. Obscure British, Hessian and Loyalist accounts reveal more accurate details than those that have traditionally been accepted as authentic by earlier historians.

At each of these places "witnesses," people with special local knowledge contributed to this work. They were staff at national and state parks, regimental re-enactors, members of historical societies, owners who live on the land and descendants of original settlers whose ancestors are buried in local cemeteries. These

caretakers of local history provide special insights and information that could not be found in recorded history.

Natural defenses such as the Great Swamp and the ridges of the Watchung Mountains determined the location of these places. Hills, rivers, cities, forests and coastlines influenced troop movements, battle sites, supply routes and the flow of action during the entire war. While Mayers was conducting research for his book, The War Man, The True Story of a Citizen -Soldier who Fought from Quebec to Yorktown, (Westholme, Publishing, 2009) he followed the footsteps of a real soldier and came across these forgotten historic places. Now he brings them to vou.

The Author relies on original military records to follow events at these sites, but no amount of archival research can compare with his visits to these places and his vivid comparisons to how they appear today to over two hundred years ago. This account saves readers from traveling to each of these places and to be selective when making personal journeys. Skillfully designed, this book contains over 40 pictures of sites, documents, photos and maps.

The author is an active member of 10 historical societies and is a frequent speaker and contributor to society publications. This book has been written so that it may be enjoyed by average readers and not just hard core fans of the era. Available on line-Amazon.com, from Heritage Books or in bookstores, Publication date: May 30, 2014.

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#### JULY PROGRAMS

**Time for Twos Storytime** 

Friday, July 18 at 12:30 PM Ages: 2 (with Caregiver - Child must be 24 MONTHS when program begins) Activities and books for children who enjoy having

stories read to them.

#### Lunchtime Storytime with Mrs. Fine

Tuesday, July 8 at 12:00 PM Ages: 2 and 3 with Caregiver Presented by: Mrs. Fine Have fun with fingerplays, songs and stories! Bring a sandwich or finger food and we'll make the dessert and

#### serve something to drink. **Slumber Stories and Songs for Sleepyheads**

Tuesday, July 22 at 6:30 PM For Ages: 2 1/2 to 4 Presented by: Mrs. Fine Get dressed in your jammies and hear some of your favorite stories!

#### **Taking Flight**

Tuesday, July 29 at 7:00 PM in the Downstairs Seniors Room Ages: 3 to 9 with Caregiver Presented by: The Children's Museum of Somerset County You'll enjoy all sorts and manner of flying objects. Included will be balloon powered rockets, balsa gliders, air-pressure powered rockets that the children can build, and boomerangs. World-level boomerang competitor Peter Hansch, a Somerset County resident, will have an outdoor demonstration of what a boomerang can do.

#### **Animal Tales!**

Wednesday, July 30 at 11:00 AM Presented by: Turtle Back Zoo Ages: 3 through Grade 2 Children's literature and live animals are a winning combination! You will meet the Zoo's live versions of some of the wonderful and fascinating animals featured in the stories that are read.

#### **Bach 2 Rock Meets the Sound of Science!**

Wednesday, July 23 at 11:00 AM at the Watchung Arts Center Presented by Carvn Lin Ages: Kindergarten through Adult Using her electric violin, sound effects pedals, and other sound gear, Caryn will help you discover fascinating facts including: • What is sound, both acoustic and electric? • What is a sound wave, and how does it relate to volume and pitch? The show includes some of Caryn's original, interactive Bach 2 Rock fun, plus 3-dimensional sound magic to illustrate the sound of science! For more information on Caryn, visit: www.carynlin.com.

# **HILLS GOLFER NAMED NJSIAA HONOREE**

from

in

the



Michael Graboyes

officials, for twenty-first annual Scholar Athlete Luncheon of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA).

Athletes

Pines

across New Jersey

were honored at the

Edison on Sunday,

May 18 - one top

athletic achiever from

the state's secondary

schools-before an

estimated audience of

a thousand parents,

coaches and athletic

Manor

Outstanding representatives of the Class of 2014 (one from each of the state's high schools, both public and private) were called together to be acknowledged for what they have in common: achievement in both athletics and academics. Michael Graboyes was Watchung Hills Regional High School's representative in this high-powered sampling of student athletes in New Jersey's high school graduating class.

Graboyes has won recognition-one might even say "fame"-for his achievements on the golf course. His most recent triumph was capturing the NJSIAA Tournament of Champions individual title (May 20), shooting a two under par 70 at Hopewell Valley Golf Club, coming in as the top individual finisher (35-35-70) among the state's student golfers.

His background includes multiple wins on South Florida Junior PGA Tour, Palm Beach County Junior Golf Association, US Kids Winner. In the 2012 Optimist International Junior Golf Tournament he was recognized as

**By Eleanor Mathews** 

one of four majors in junior golf. He achieved three top five finishes in 2013, and earned Number One rank in N.J. in the Junior Golf Scoreboard 2014—nationally ranked 113.

Graboyes has made notable achievements off the green as well. He's a four-year member of the Math League and of the Robotics Club for three years; has been involved in the Sports Writers Club for three years, and in the Physics League for one year.

He's played varsity golf all four years, was Captain of Group IV Champions 2012 and 2013, and was named to Group IV Champions in 2012 and 2013, Highbridge Hills Champion in 2014, and Red Raider Invitational Champion in 2013.

After school activities include tutoring, serving as head coach for Watchung Recreational Basketball League, and (in great demand) caddying at the Twin Brooks Country Club. He participated in the Honda Classic Golf Tournament in 2014, and was selected to work inside the ropes as a Standard Bearer and on Shot Link.

His membership in the National Honor Society and the National English Honor Society are indications of his all-round academic achievement.

If the surname Graboves has a familiar ring to it, it's this: Michael's older brother, Luke, achieved the same recognition from the NJSIAA a year ago, and was similarly honored at that organization's yearly student -athlete acknowledgment event. Luke has continued competing in golf at Cornell University; Mike will follow in his footsteps in the fall-attending Cornell, continuing competitive golf there. The duo hope to bring their enthusiasm for the game back to the Hills.

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#### WATCHUNG SENIORS CLUB

For Watchung residents (55 years of age and older) Regular meetings on the Second Wednesday of each month: 11:00 AM Firemen's Exempt Hall (lower level, handicap accessible) 57 Mountain Boulevard, Watchung, NJ From September to June. Refreshments served, guest speakers, trips, pizza parties, and an annual picnic in June. Come join us! For more information, call Grace Bell at (908) 756-8446 or Ruth Allen at (908) 756-9365.

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#### CURRENT BOOKS

Monday, May 12 at 11:00 AM: The Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline Penobscot Indian Molly Ayer is close to zaging out of the foster care system. A community service position helping an elderly woman clean out her home is the only thing keeping Molly out of juvenile hall. As she helps Vivian sort through her possessions and memories, Molly learns that she and Vivian aren't as different as they seem to be. A young Irish immigrant orphaned in New York City, Vivian was put on a train to the Midwest with hundreds of other children whose destinies would be determined by luck and chance. Molly discovers that she has the power to help Vivian find answers to mysteries that have haunted her for her entire life; answers that will ultimately free them both.

Tasty Bites and Books Ages: Adult Meets the third Monday of the month ay noon (with exceptions for holidays).

Monday, May 19 at 12:00 PM: The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein Nearing the end of his life, Enzo, a dog with a philosopher's soul, tries to bring together the family, pulled apart by a three year custody battle between daughter Zoe's maternal grandparents and her father Denny, a race car driver.

Social Action Book Club Ages: Adult Third Thursday of the Month at 7:30 PM for books, 7:00 PM for films Thursday, May 15 at 7:00 PM: FILM: Michael Moore's Roger and Me

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Are You Frustrated Because Your Life Is Not What You Want? Ages: Adults

Presented by Faith Saunders, Life Coach and Trainer You are not alone. Many people live their life feeling this way because they don't know what to do to get out of their rut. This interactive workshop will teach you practical strategies that will help you become the driver of your life - not a passenger in it. Faith has 18 years experience working in various capacities with many groups, including women in recovery, teenage mothers, youths and adults with emotional challenges. She has a Masters Degree in Psychiatric Rehabilitation from UMDNJ, and is a recipient of Central Jersey National Association of Business Owners prestigious Emerging Entrepreneur of the Year Award in 2009. Wednesday, May 14 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Book Discussion with the Watchung Group Ages: Adult Second Thursday of the Month at 7:00 PM We throw in books you would otherwise never read, but are worth reading! Dropins are always welcome.

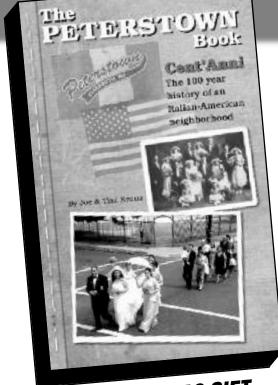
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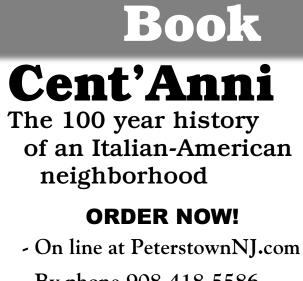
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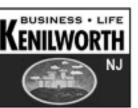
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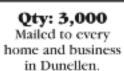
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