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## WARREN TOWNSHIP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING

**THURSDAY,  
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## WARREN BOY SCOUTS COMPETE IN 2015 KLONDIKE DERBY

The Watchung Mountain District's Klondike Derby 2015 competition was held at Watchung Reservation on January 31, 2015. The Klondike Derby consists of a competition amongst Boy Scout troops within Watchung Mountain District. Each team (consisting of 5-10 scouts) pulls a sled from station to station. At each of these "towns," the scouts are expected to perform scout skills, such as compass and orienteering, lashing and knots, first aid, fire building, nature and wilderness survival, camp preparation, tomahawk throwing and other team-building activities - all skills second-hand to Boy Scouts. The boys had a great day competing, and gained lots of experience for next year's Derby.



(above, l-r) Warren's Boy Scout Troop 228's team, consisting of Liam Hogan, Chris Trovato, Colin Beisler, David Cantone, Brady Pilsbury, Michael Minieri, Michael Maloney, John Fogarty and John Trovato

## SHAKESPEARE LIVE AT WHRHS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

By Denis J. Kelly

Eight actors from the "Shakespeare Live!" a school outreach program of the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey (STNJ) in Madison, staged "Macbeth," before an audience of about 100 English, World Languages and Arts students on Wednesday, Feb. 18, in the Performing Arts Center at Watchung Hills Regional High School.

The performance, which was presented immediately following classes, was funded through financial support of the Watchung Hills PTO (Parent Teacher Organization).

English Department Supervisor Marlene Stoto said that the opportunity for Watchung Hills students to see Shakespeare performed live on their school stage was additionally pertinent because Macbeth, and other plays, poems and references to Shakespeare, is part of the English curriculum.

Director of Curriculum and Instruction Mary Ellen Phelan, a former English teacher, said the performance was another in a series of ways the school was augmenting instruction in class with additional sources for the study and critical analysis of literature.



(above, l-r) Actors from "Shakespeare Live," Marielle Rousseau, Kelsey Burke, Ajna Jai, Austin Blunk, Felix Mayes, Travis Johnson, James Costello, and Shamsuddin Abdul-Hamid; meet with students from WHRHS, juniors Sara Choudhury and Zuzanna Kasper of Warren Township, Evani Ricaldi of Green Brook Township, and Max Sherer of Warren Township.

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## RESCUE SQUAD OFFICERS TAKE OATH OF OFFICE

The Warren Township rescue squad is always looking for new members who are interested in learning more about becoming volunteer EMTs. For more information please stop the Squad building on Open House Day- Sunday May 17th from 1-5pm (6 Bardy Road - next to the township tennis courts ) call 908-753-2477 or go to [www.warrenrescue.org](http://www.warrenrescue.org)



(above) Mark Krane, Township administrator, administering the oath of office to the 2015 officers of the Warren Township rescue squad. (l-r): Brian Finkel-sergeant, Rhonda Rapps-secretary, Paul Rapps-Chief, Irene Weinstein-VP, Marc Davis-President, Jane Kelsey-first lieutenant, Frank Levine-second Lieutenant. Not Pictured: Lisa Keve-Treasurer.

Warren Twp Recreation Announces

## SUMMER CAMP VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CIT (Counselors in Training) Applications are now being accepted. Students must be going into 10th grade in Sept. to 12th grade. A letter of reference from a teacher, employer or counselor must be sent with the application to the Recreation Department by May 14. You will be called for an interview. Limit 25 volunteers. For application and job description go online to <http://warrennj.org/recreation/volunteer>

## BOY SCOUTS HOST SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER

Warren Boy Scouts Troop 228 is holding its annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, March 14, 2015 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. It will be held at Our Lady of the Mount Catholic Church, Warren NJ. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children and seniors. The dinner will include salad greens, garlic bread, spaghetti and meatballs with our special homemade fresh sauce, followed by drinks and wonderful desserts. Last year over 300 people came to our dinner, and we are expecting more this year. Please come and support our local Boy Scouts Troop's annual fundraiser and have a wonderful meal in the process.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please email [Troop228@hotmail.com](mailto:Troop228@hotmail.com).



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## 100TH DAY OF SCHOOL IN WARREN TOWNSHIP

By: M. Bivaletz

Warren Township Schools celebrated the 100th day on February 19th with all school buildings engaged in various activities. In Meredith Fishelman's Kindergarten class, students concocted a special trail mix with 10 pieces of 10 different snack choices. They used

(left, l-r) Leo Rivera, Hailey Martins, Nina Cerqueira-Tarakji, Thelma Ikejibeh, and Vienne Downing.

Photo by: WTS

estimation skills to guess what jars contained 100 items. Self-portraits had a twist, as the children drew what they would look like at 100 years old! When asked what they could eat 100 of, the answers ranged from jelly beans to chicken nuggets! Additionally, these Mt. Horeb students were very proud to complete 100 exercises while improving their gross motor skills. One thing is for sure, in Warren Township school district there are hundreds of reasons to smile.... our students!

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Elements Massage of Warren is offering individuals with multiple sclerosis (MS) a 50 percent discount off the regular walk-in rate for massage services during the month of March. In addition, Elements is giving away two free massages every week to clients, who suffer with this chronic disease that attacks the central nervous system.

"There are numerous benefits that massage therapy provides individuals who suffer with MS," said Elements Massage Owner Ferry Firmansjah. "We wanted to offer MS clients our first rate massage services at a very attractive price as a way of helping them with this often disabling disease."

Massage therapy has been known to provide

several benefits to individuals suffering with MS including helping to relieve muscle spasms, improve circulation, alleviate pain and reduce anxiety. Massage has been a staple treatment for MS for decades and can have a powerful positive effect on health.

Last year, Elements Massage of Warren raised \$995 for the National MS Society's New Jersey Chapter and participated in the MS Walk in Clark, New Jersey.

Elements Massage of Warren is located at Pheasant Run Plaza, 177 Washington Valley Road, in Warren, New Jersey. (732) 667-5500, [elementsmassage.com/warren](http://elementsmassage.com/warren), Facebook ([facebook.com/elementswarren](https://www.facebook.com/elementswarren)) Twitter (@elementswarren).

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(above, l-r):  
Megan & Brianna  
Vetter with some  
of the beautified  
birdhouses from  
their Girl Scout  
Silver Award  
project.



(above, l-r): Brianna and Megan Vetter by their  
completed hopscotch board at WFA.

## GIRL SCOUT SISTERS HOPE PROJECTS WILL HAVE LASTING EFFECT ON COMMUNITY

Submitted by Girl Scouts Megan & Brianna Vetter

Megan and Brianna Vetter, Cadettes from Girl Scout Troop 65304, have been working on their Silver Award with Wagner Farm Arboretum. These sisters installed a hopscotch board in the Children's Garden at WFA, with the help of George Vetter Landscaping Inc and the generous donations of stone from M & N Boychuk Stone Co Inc. After that, they built ten small bird houses and twenty large with donations of wood from Huston Lumber Supply Co, and the help of Kris Byk, which were used for their event, "Beautify a Birdhouse." The paint for the birdhouses was donated by Warrenville

Hardware. The event was held at WFA, and allowed kids to paint a bird house, make some bird feeders to hang in their own yards, and learn about the local birds. The bird houses are ready to be hung in the spring! Lastly, they gave a few of the bird houses to WFA to keep for when the original ones need to be replaced, along with instructions on how to build them and supply lists.

Megan and Brianna said, "We hope our Silver Award will leave a lasting effect on our community, and benefit both citizens, and nature!"

## "FESTIVAL OF SOUND" TO BENEFIT THE SEEING EYE



(above) Anita Eigen  
with Camper

Anita Eigen, representing The Seeing Eye, spoke to the Warren/Watchung Rotary Club on Tuesday, March 3. The Seeing Eye is the oldest existing guide school in the world. Since 1929, The Seeing Eye has partnered with people who are blind who seek to enhance their independence,

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Tickets can be purchased online at <https://festivalofsound.eventbrite.com> or by calling the Bickford Theater Box Office at 973-971-3706. If unable to attend, please consider making an "angel donation" directly to the Seeing Eye, PO Box 375, Morristown, NJ 07963. Please write "Festival of Sound" on the memo line.

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Kate Conroy 908-352-0900,

[kateconroy@gatewaychamber.com](mailto:kateconroy@gatewaychamber.com)

(right, l-r) Host of the Chamber's February  
2015 meeting Kevin McClarren of Home  
Care Assistance with Fred DaVelga of  
Regal Wealth Advisors.

(right, r-l) Warren Chamber of Commerce  
president Evan Tornquist presenting the Warren  
Chamber Meeting trophy to Christopher Keller  
of Penn Mutual for his 30 second elevator  
speech at the February 2015 Chamber Meeting.



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# WARREN RESIDENT TO COMPETE IN AKC NATIONAL AGILITY CHAMPIONSHIP

Submitted by Mary Lou Hanlon

Coming off her most recent 3rd place finish at the Westminster Kennel Club Agility Championship, Warren resident Mary Lou Hanlon, owner of PetMinders, Inc. and her Border Collies Shazam and Wizard will be among the contenders at the American Kennel Club® National Agility Championship this March 27-29 in Reno, Nevada. The quickest, most agile dogs in the country will all be aiming for the title of National Champion.

Top agility team Mary Lou Hanlon along with her dogs Shazam and Wizard, met tough standards to qualify for this competition. During the event, they will run timed agility courses, off-leash, striving for a perfect score of 100. Any missed obstacles or other mistakes result in penalty faults which are deducted.

Agility, AKC's fastest-growing canine sport which hit over 1.23 million entries in 2014, is an activity that provides fun and exercise and strengthens the bond between dog and handler. Dogs demonstrate their agile natures and versatility by following cues from the handler



through a timed obstacle course of jumps, tunnels, weave poles and other objects.

This year marks the 19th AKC National Agility Championship and 6th Preferred National Agility Championship for dogs jumping lower than their measured jump height.

Up-to-the-minute coverage will be posted on the AKC National Agility Championship Facebook page.

The AKC National Agility Championship is sponsored by J & J Dog Supplies, MAX 200, M.A.D. Agility and Clean Run Productions.

# PRODUCER SEEKS SOUNDS OF WARREN

When you think of your hometown, chances are images come to mind. Perhaps it's an historic structure or maybe it's a feature of nature, but have you ever stopped to consider the sounds of your town? A life-long resident of New Jersey hopes to create an audio mosaic of the state made up from a sound from each one of its 565 municipalities.

Bernie Wagenblast began his quest on July 4, 2013 in Milltown at the town's Independence Day parade. Since then he's added over 140 towns around the state. Wagenblast calls his project New Jersey 565 and says he tries to find a sound that's unique for the town. In many instances the audio clips, and the story behind them, may even be surprising to long-time residents.

Wagenblast's goal is to collect 100 sounds a year and complete the project in six years. You can hear sounds at [www.pinterest.com/brwageblast/new-jersey-565](http://www.pinterest.com/brwageblast/new-jersey-565). If you have a suggestion for a sound for New Jersey 565 call Bernie at [bernie@bwcommunications.net](mailto:bernie@bwcommunications.net).



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## REC BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS 2015

Each year, The Warren Recreation Department runs a high school intramural basketball league; 200 boys participated this year. It is split into two groups - 9/10th grade and 11/12th grades, with a playoff at the end of

the season. The boys had another successful season.

Kean from the 9-10 Division beat Montclair State and Duke beat UNC in the 11-12 Division in Double Overtime.

(right) 9-10 Rec Champions –

Team #3 - Kean

(top, l-r) Jeff Strickler,  
Jon Taub, Matt Piro, Corey Chan,  
Aidan Viggliotti,  
(bottom, l-r) Anthony DeNave,  
Jason Jeronimo, Joe Blasja.  
Not Pictured – Matt Rizzi



(below) 11-12 Rec Champions –  
Team #15 – Duke

(top, l-r) Rob Torrisi,  
Derek Lamble, Andrew Kolodin,  
Dan Mink, Mike Murphy,  
Kevin Cagnetta, Chris Irving.  
(bottom row, l-r) Marco Alfano,  
Alec Orrazetti, Frank Butrico.



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Please note: Program dates and times may be subject to change.

For complete program information, go to the library's website or call the library.

## SELF-IMPROVEMENT: Less Stress and More Success

7 PM, Thursday, March 12.

Meet Somerset County author and lifestyle coach Carla Hugo who recently published *Keyed In: 7 Keys To Transform Your Life*.

## MUSIC: St. Patrick's Day Concert

with Irish Harpist and Vocalist Aileen O'Donnell

2 PM, Saturday, March 14.

Irish Harpist and Singer Aileen O'Donnell brings to her performances the warmth, wealth and beauty of the Irish folk harp along with the elegance of the concert harpist. The Dublin born artist has won the O'Carolan International Harp and Voice Competition and the All Ireland Harp Competition.

## GENEALOGY: Past Forward

– The Search for Ancestral Irish Roots:

7 PM, Wednesday, March 18.

Join author and genealogist Maureen Wlodarczyk as she shares the story of her 30-year search for her beloved grandmother's Irish roots. It is a poignant genealogical and historical journey starting nearly 200 years ago.

Registration required.

## KNITTING: Open Knitting with Courier News'

knitting columnist Pam MacKenzie

11 AM, Wednesday, March 25,

and Tuesday, March 31 at 7 PM.

Pam MacKenzie will be at the library to help us launch a knitting group. Feel free to bring your questions, knitting challenges, favorite books and – of course – your current knitting project. Pam will be happy to help people fix mistakes should you need any help with your knitting project. Registration required. FREE.

## FAMILY MATTERS: Long Term Care Insurance:

Monday, March 30 - 7 PM

As Americans are living longer the cost of health and custodial care continues to rise at exponential rates. Long Term Care Insurance may be something you wish to add to your Retirement Portfolio.

Kevin Lynch from the Society for Financial Awareness will provide answers to the following questions:

What Is Long Term Care Insurance? Who pays for "Extended Care"? Who may need "Extended Care" or "Long Term Care" insurance?

What about Medicaid or Medicare?

## NEW JERSEY MAKERS' DAY

11 AM to 2 PM, Saturday, March 21.

In celebration of NJ Makers' Day we invite you to visit the library between 11 AM and 2 PM for activities geared toward the whole family.

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT.

### For adults:

Enjoy demonstrations of basket weaving, knitting reusable gift bags (at 11 AM with Knitting columnist for the Courier News Pam MacKenzie), rug hooking, and using Arduinos for home DIY applications.

### For the younger crowd:

Participate in a Marshmallow Tower Challenge. Make your own button at the library. There will be DIY crafts for the little ones throughout the day.

### For the whole family:

See a 3D Printer in action! At 12:30 see a demonstration of Finch and Ozobot robots!

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(above) Library patron Nicholas Miller  
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