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PRESCHOOLERS GET CREATIVE W/ LEPRECHAUN ACTIVITIES

In the Preschool classes at Mt. Horeb School, March was a month celebrating creativity. Lessons were prepared to develop creative thinking, encourage the use of imagination, and increase vocabulary and language skills. The children had a lot of fun as well with their unit on March, rainbows, and leprechauns. In the spirit of imagination, a leprechaun visited the classroom of Mrs. Tara Keller. The children identified locations on the globe, including Ireland and New Jersey and marked them with each country's flag. They listened to upbeat tunes of Irish music and joyfully danced along. A slideshow was presented, with pictures of Ireland and festive holiday parades, so that the students could learn about and appreciate a new culture. At the end of the slideshow they found a surprise note from the leprechaun which sparked the creation of a leprechaun trap! Although they didn't have luck catching the leprechaun, the students (and teachers) certainly had fun trying! The children had to use their detective skills and logical deductive reasoning as they noticed many silly things that the leprechaun had done in their classrooms to make them smile and laugh. For example, there were little green footprints, rainbow strings,

and trails of golden sprinkles, as well as surprise coins and stickers in students' cubbies. The calendar was even turned upside-down!



(above, top, l-r): Ezekiel Minieri, Bertie Walker, Mateus Rebimbas, Constantin Bellmann, Rosalie Krennek, Alayna Currais and Sydney Ullrich, (bottom, l-r): Christopher Brown, Rishi Dev, Ganesh Kaippilly, Vito Cocuzza and Dominic Cocuzza. Photo By: T. Keller

CIVIL RIGHTS VOLUNTEER SHARES EXPERIENCES WITH STUDENTS

By Denis J. Kelly

The Rev. Brooks Smith, a retired pastor at Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church, North Plainfield, spoke on Friday, Feb. 27, to English and Social Studies students at Watchung Hills Regional High School about his experiences as a student civil rights volunteer during the 1964 "Freedom Summer."

He spoke at the invitation of English teacher Laura Goodson, who said Smith was invited in part to celebrate February as Black History Month, and in part to give a broader context to the subject of this year's Academy Award-nominated movie, "Selma." Selma is about the struggle in the 1960s to help Black Americans in the South

register to vote. "Jim Crow" laws had for decades made it virtually impossible for blacks to vote, Smith said.

Smith recalled how dangerous it was for young civil rights volunteers in the South during the summer of 1964. Three of his fellow student volunteers that summer were murdered by members of the Ku Klux Klan. Two others were kidnapped. And many, including Smith, were arrested.



(right, l-r) Watchung Hills Regional High School English teacher Laura Goodson, and students Kyle Anderson of Warren Township and Nicole Parisi of Stirling welcome the Rev. Brooks Smith of North Plainfield, a retired pastor at Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church, North Plainfield.

He spoke to Watchung Hills English and Social Studies students, sharing his experiences as a Civil Rights student volunteer during the summer of 1964.



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ROTARY HONORS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

The Watchung Warren Rotary recently celebrated Women's History Week with a presentation by students from Valley View Middle School and undergraduate students from Kean University at Twin Brooks Country Club in Watchung.

Ten Valley View 5th grade students introduced ten notable women in history while conducting a trivia contest about women's history for the Rotarians. After enjoying a lovely lunch, the program was concluded with the signing and affirmation of Proclamation 4903 by all the women present. Proclamation 4903 was first signed by President Ronald Reagan in 1982 and set the week of March 7 as Women's History Week.

The Watchung Warren Rotary was delighted to have the opportunity to collaborate with youth in the community on this special event. A wonderful time was had by all.



Cindy Malinchak

County doing amazing things every day," said Freeholder Walsh. "It is most appropriate that during Women's History Month, we take the time to publicly recognize them and say thank you." The Outstanding Women in Somerset County awards dinner was held March 27 at The Imperia in Franklin.

"This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Somerset County Commission on the Status of Women," she added, noting it was founded in January 1985 with the support of then-

Somerset County Freeholder Deputy Director Patricia Walsh, liaison to the county Commission on the Status of Women, joins the commission in announcing the 2015 Outstanding Women in Somerset County award winners.

"We have many women in Somerset

Freeholder and later Governor Christine Todd Whitman.

Honorees are women who live in Somerset County. Among this year's award recipients is Warren resident, Cindy Malinchak recognized for her environmental initiatives. She has owned her own commercial construction business – Environmentally Based Green Building, LLC – for nine years, succeeding in an industry that is represented by few women. She was named Leading Woman Entrepreneur for New Jersey in 2011 and 2012. She is a strong advocate for the "green initiative" and teaches classes for green associate and building valuation in New York. She is a LEED AP and a member of the United States Green Build Council who has completed many projects for the military, United Nations and commercial accounts. She also is very generous with her time, volunteering as a speaker at youth organizations and apprentice programs. She is active in the Mount Vernon, NY, and Philadelphia, Pa. areas educating unemployed women, minorities and veterans for entry-level placement in the construction industry.



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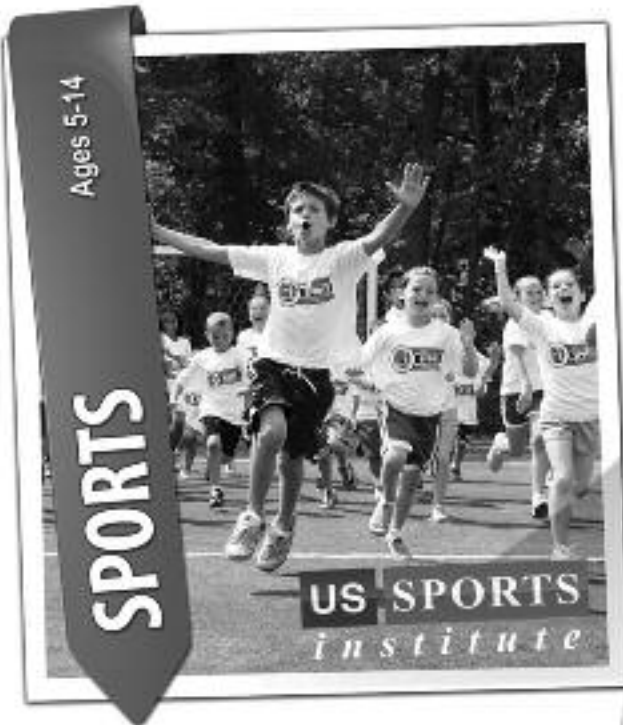
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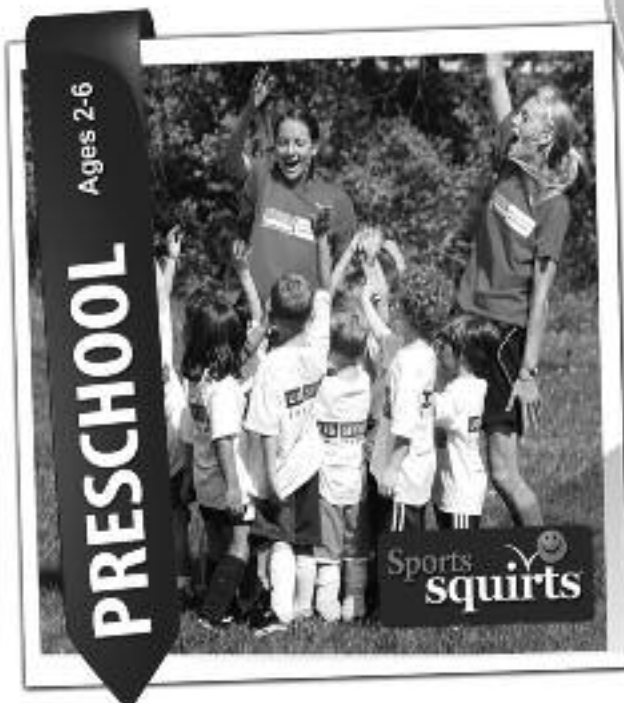


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Anyone interested in hosting a future meeting can call or email

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(right, r-l) Christopher Keller of Penn Mutual presents Ian Welham of Sage Financial Partners with the 30 Second Elevator Speech Trophy at the March 2015 Chamber Meeting.

WARREN TOWNSHIP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOLDS MONTHLY NETWORKING MEETINGS



(above, l-r) Businesses networking at the March 2015 meeting of the Warren Township Chamber of Commerce were Alberto Harris of Leroy Lube & Filter, Stella Testa of Sweet Success, Stephen Tucci of iCAR LLC, and Joe and Sabina of Trainer Joe's.

SUMMER CAMP VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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On Saturday, April 25, 2015, from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the Warren Township Green Team and the Watchung Green Team will hold a Regional Green Fair. The rain date is May 2, 2015.

The event will take place in the parking lot of the Warren Municipal Complex at 46 Mountain Boulevard adjacent to Bardy Road. There will be activities, environmental information, and recycling collections of hard-to-dispose-of items.

Participants at the Fair will include: the Lions Club, Wagner Farm Arboretum, Dean's Natural Food Market, Newtech Recycling, Warren and Watchung Girl Scouts, the Environmental Club of WHRHS, Windsong Farm, Camp Jotoni, NRJ Homes Services, Watchung Garden Club, Regional Pollinator Partnership, Morris/Somerset County Beekeepers Association, Arbonne International and Guardian Paper Shredding.

Over the past two years, the recycling collections of the Green Fair have brought in approximately 36,000 pounds of electronics, 6,275 pounds of shredded paper, and 700 pounds of medicines which were all recycled and properly disposed of with the least impact to the environment. In addition 12,000 pounds of books, textiles, eye glasses, and shoes were directed to those in need.

For Green Fair updates, please check the Warren Township Website at warrennj.org or

the Watchung Borough Website at: watchungnj.gov or

[Facebook.com/warrengreenteam](https://www.facebook.com/warrengreenteam).

For further information regarding the Green Fair or the Warren Green Team, please contact Laura Mandell at green.nj.laura@gmail.com or (908) 334-9221

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An organizational meeting is planned for Tuesday, April 7 at 7 pm at the Library (first 10 to sign-up*), and the inaugural meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 28 at 7-9pm. *Sign-up at www.meetup.com (search for "Brograms"). This event is free and open to the public. For more information you may email Fred DaVeiga at warren.brograms@gmail.com or call the Warren Twp Library at 908-754-5554 ext 64. The Warren Twp Library, a branch of the Somerset County Library System, is located at 42 Mountain Boulevard, Warren, NJ 07059.

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(above) Troop 228 Dads cooking and preparing for the big night. (l-r): Michael Minieri, Steve Trovato, Paul Monti, Mike Cantone, Jignesh Patel (partly obscured), Keith Hogan, Bob Pilsbury and Surya Irakam.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank all those families who came to our Annual Boy Scouts Troop 228's Spaghetti Dinner last Saturday, March 14th. We appreciate the local community's support of our Troop, and this was evidenced by the strong turnout to make this a very successful dinner for us once again.

We would also like to thank all our local businesses who took out an ad in our advertising journal - we appreciate your support and financial assistance. I would also like to thank the dads who cooked the spaghetti and special home-made sauce, the moms who baked delicious desserts and all parents and scouts who worked throughout the dinner as hosts and waiters.

The money raised from this dinner helps our scouts attend summer troop camping opportunities, purchase new equipment and aid in the training of our scouts and adult leaders. This all enables our troop to continue to flourish and give back to our community through its various volunteer opportunities and service projects.

Sincerely,

Lesley Duncan

Warren Troop 228 Committee Chair

BOY SCOUT TROOP 228 HOLDS SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

Submitted by Lesley Duncan

Warren's Boy Scouts Troop 228 held its Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, March 14th at Our Lady of the Mount Church in Warren. The dinner was attended by over 250 people, mostly from Warren's local community. Patrons dined on salad greens, garlic bread and spaghetti and meatballs in our special freshly-prepared tomato sauce, cooked by the boys' dads. This was followed by scrumptious home-made desserts baked by the boys' moms. The waiters were the boy scouts from the troop, serving the food and beverages. It was a

wonderful display of teamwork and was enjoyed by all in attendance. All patrons also received an advertising journal which showcased local businesses that supported our troop by paying for an ad. Money raised from the dinner helps our scouts attend summer troop camping opportunities, purchase new equipment and aid in the training of our scouts and adult leaders. This all enables our troop to continue to flourish and give back to our community through its various volunteer opportunities and service projects.



(above) Boy Scout Troop 228 with adult leaders at recent spaghetti dinner at Our Lady of the Mount Church in Warren.

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Baccara comes from a long line of "Beechcroft" Labradors. Beechcroft is the AKC registered kennel name for the Wiests' Labradors. While their dogs have excelled in the ring, Beechcroft Labradors have brought joy to countless families as family pets. Baccara is a great show dog but she is also a happy, fun loving, loveable, playful companion. She can be an imp and loves to find the nearest mud puddle for a frolic; just what a Lab should be!



(above) Grand Champion Beechcroft Midnight Rose's Baccara, a Beechcroft Labrador.

CHILDREN CELEBRATE HEALTHY EATING

Central School participated in a fruit and vegetable Celebration from March 9-13th. Each day of the week was represented by a different color. In the spirit of healthy competition, classrooms calculated totals to see which could bring in the most fruits and veggies that were associated with the specific daily colors. Congratulations to the winning class of Lyndsay Carroll and Anthony Ciraco. The PTO also provided samples such as yellow zucchini, pineapple, cherry tomatoes, and clementines, for the students to taste!

(right) Second grader Bodhi Lee proudly displays his salad creation for green day. His salad contained 14 different green fruits and vegetables: spinach, kale, snap peas, cabbage, brussel sprouts, cucumber, zucchini, bell pepper, asparagus, broccoli, broccolini, avocado, fennel, and celery! Photo by: A. Sacks



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Beginning March 16th, Farmer Eric brought two incubators with twelve candled eggs in each, to Woodland School. He explained that students were responsible to turn the eggs three times a day, ensure a 99.5 degree temperature and keep the incubator humid. The waiting was the hardest part. As they left school on March 20th, the first day of spring with the snow falling, students were already excited to return the following Monday in anticipation of the hatching. By March 24th, the chicks had emerged. Students recorded their observations in journals and cared for the chicks in the brooder boxes, feeding them seed, giving them water, and providing layers of wood chips.

Subsequently, their teachers connected the

students' experience not only to the science curriculum, but to reading and writing activities as well. Warren Township Schools... Shining Brighter Every Day!



(above, l-r) Maria McKenna and Macey Edwards. Photo Credit: A. Brower

THREE WARREN MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS RECEIVE YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT

At a ceremony on March 24, 2015, Raritan Valley Community College presented Paul Robeson Youth Achievement Awards to the following three Warren Middle School students.



(above, l-r) Aleah Spruell for scholarship, Chase Jones for athletics and Nya Venson for performing arts.

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