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## WARREN TOWNSHIP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING

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The Playground and Teen Camp begin June 29th and run until July 31. Every Monday, except for the first Monday, the Teen and the Playground camps are at the Warren Brook Pool from 12-3pm. Our Playground Program, for children entering 1st to 5th grade in September, will be held at the Municipal Pavilion. And the Teen Travel Camp, for children entering 6th to 9th grade, is at the East County Park Pop Warner Field House and the Warren Middle School gym.

Activities for the Playground Program include arts and crafts, group games, fishing casting instruction, board games, playground play, water fun, making ice cream, visit to the library, dance lessons, science projects, basketball, and much more. We have a special treat the first day of camp. The Bucks County Bungee Jump Rope Team will be performing and teaching all the campers starting 10am so don't be late.

The Teen Travel Camp is a semi-organized camp. Teens

are allowed to choose from crafts, t-shirt tie-dyeing, basket weaving, games, sports, hiking at the East County Park Trail, listening to music, basketball indoors or just socializing. And every Wednesday there is a trip set for an exciting location. Once a week we have a special guest visit such as Warren Police dog, Onyx.

The Kindergarten Camp is from August 3rd to 7th from 9am to 1pm at the Municipal Pavilion and is for children entering Kindergarten in September. Activities will be similar to our playground camp.

The Lego Star Wars & Motorized Machine with Mission to Mars Camp is for ages 7-12 and runs from August 10th to 14th from 8:45am-2:45pm at Central School. Lego enthusiasts will have fun building their favorite adventures from Star Wars. We will also have the students build a wide assortment of motorized Lego machines with the Lego education motorized mechanisms curriculum that is designed to teach students just how those complex machines work. New this year! With "Mission to Mars" students can create their own projects that illustrate science concepts. Each child takes home a project the last day.

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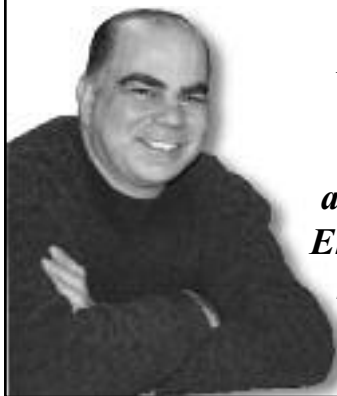
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# CLEVELAND TRANSPLANT HOUSE OPENS WITH FINANCIAL BOOST FROM WARREN RESIDENTS

Submitted by Brain Vitale

Nestled on a quiet side street near the bustling University Hospital's campus is an aged two-story brick building with a sign on top of the entrance that reads "Diane & Brian Vitale Welcome You To The Transplant House of Cleveland." The Vitales don't live at the Transplant House, 2007 East 117th St., nor have they ever been guests. And yet the couple, from Warren New Jersey, jump started an apartment complex for transplant patients and family members who travel to Cleveland for medical care.

The reason? Last year, Brian Vitale spent 2 months in Cleveland waiting for a liver to become available for his transplant at Cleveland Clinic, and 5 months in the recuperative period thereafter.

"If there was a Transplant House we would have experienced less anxiety and saved thousands of dollars spent at a hotel near the Clinic," said Brian.

While in Cleveland, he said he was distressed when he heard that relatives of transplant patients slept in hospital chairs for days at a time and in cars because they couldn't afford a hotel.

And because of that, he said, "I'm doing my best to raise as much as I can."

The independent, nonprofit Transplant House is similar to Ronald McDonald House, a home-away-from-home where families of seriously ill children can stay while the youngsters are receiving care. The patients, from University Hospitals and Cleveland Clinic, generally are



(above, l-r) Diane & Brian Vitale

referred to the house by a social worker.

The house had a soft opening last summer with just a few occupants, and is now officially opened. The sixteen apartments are now full.

Vitale has lived and worked in Warren for 44 years. He is a Senior Partner in his own financial planning and investment firm Vitale, Caruso & Associates.

"I'm trying to get the word out about it – for any groups who would like to learn more about organ donation. I'm happy to do talks for free," he said.

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This year Warren Township Recreation Commission kicked off their 30th Annual fishing derby by honoring Bruce Vitale for 30 years of dedicated service for starting and continuing to run the township fishing derby. Bruce wanted to share his love of the outdoors and fishing with the children and parents. And he wanted to make it free so every resident could participate. So what better way to do that then to start a fishing derby with the blessing of the Warren Township Committee.

Over the years, Bruce enlisted others to help make it an event you don't want to miss, starting with The Warren Blue Ridge Sportsmens Club who bring with them 30 volunteers and 450 hot

dog & burgers, 16 pounds of zeppoles and 10 gallons of Italian ice. The Club also helps kids fix their hooks, lines and bobbers and offers loaner poles for those who don't have one. They raffle off several poles, reels and tackle boxes during the derby. Bruce and the club walk around the pond teaching the kids and parents how to cast. This year The Warren PBA Local #235 became a huge sponsor by donating the fish and also sending five police officers to help with registration and handing out bags and hats. The 200 hats were donated by Brian Vitale who also has contributed for many years. Back this year was the NJ Wildlife and Fish Hatchery, Ron Jacobsen who did a show n tell for the children.

Finally, the past two years the Bounce Factory has helped by sponsoring the drinks while Bob Marino added music to the event. Efingers Sporting Goods store generously donated fishing poles again this year. It's a huge team effort and it all started with one man and his love of fishing and the outdoors.

The Recreation Department would like to thank Bruce & Brian Vitale, Bounce Factory, PBA Local #235, Warren Blue Ridge Sportsmens Club, Bob Marino, The Rotary Club, Dunkin Donuts in Warren and all the other volunteers who helped serve the food, hand out bait and pick up garbage. It was another great event because of you!



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Tyler Abeles.....16 inch Catfish

### 7-8 YEAR OLDS

Amanda Smith .....17 1/2 inch Catfish  
Zoey Gallic.....10 inch Bass

### 9-10 YEAR OLDS

Braden Fenton.....17 inch Bass  
David Dubas .....11 inch Calico

### 11-12 YEAR OLDS

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## DEMYSTIFYING THE CONDUCTOR

On Saturday, May 9, clarinetist, composer and conductor Jessica Davy took our Warren Township Library's audience on a musical journey that introduced the structure of a symphonic orchestra during Behind the Curtain: The Orchestra & the Conductor. She demystified the concept of the Conductor, showing how they shape the music we love.

The attendees listened to music clips from famous conductors such as Leonard Bernstein, Arturo Toscanini and Herbert van Karajan, and learned how each conductor has left their mark

in the music world. Batons were provided, and participants tried their hand at conducting well-known pieces, and then conducted Jessica while she played the clarinet.

Jessica Davy has performed and has had her works performed throughout the east coast at venues including New York's Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center's Avery Fischer and Alice Tully Halls, Philadelphia's Kimmel Center, and The Boston Symphony Orchestra Cafe. Jessica founded New Jersey Music Society (formerly known as The New York Chamber Virtuosi).



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Swift Farm visited the Preschool classes at Mt. Horeb School on May 4, 2015. As part of their curriculum, learning about farm life and animals who live there, these guests were a special treat to see!

The students got to feel lambs, hold chicks, and more! Special thanks to teachers Tara Keller and Carol Keirstead for organizing the event each year, and for the Mt. Horeb PTO for funding it.

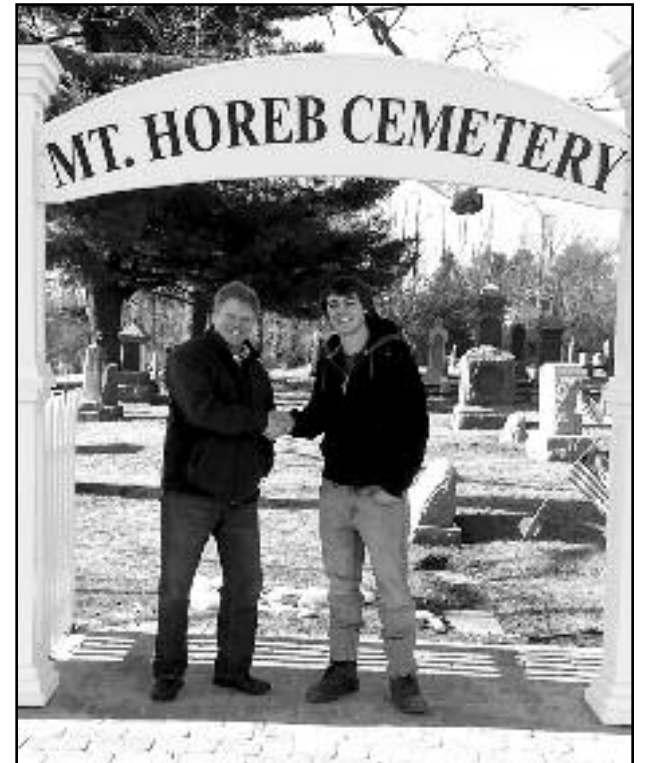


(above) Students in Tara Keller's class: (l-r): Mateus Rebimbas, Dominic Cocuzza, Bertie Walker, Ezekiel Minieri, Sydney Ullrich, Alayna Currais, Rishi Dev, Ganesh Kaippilly (partly obscured), Christopher Brown, Constantin Bellmann, and Vito Cocuzza

# EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT BENEFITS MT. HOREB CEMETERY

Submitted by Lesley Duncan

Boy Scout Troop 228's Steven Guerin has completed his Eagle Scout project. Steven's project was to create an entranceway to the Mt. Horeb Cemetery at Mt. Horeb United Methodist Church. It consisted of putting down pavers, erecting an archway with sign and a bench.



(above, r-l) Steven Guerin with Doug Ball, beneficiary for the church.

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## 2015 FARMERS' MARKET IS MOVING!

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Farmers' Markets have sprung up across our country. They promote in-season eating, organic and local produce and educate us as well.

For the past 2 years, the Wagner Farm Arboretum has helped organize local farmers and food artisans by participating in this trend and the 2015 season will be moving to a busier, more accessible location!

June 18th marks the opening day for the Farmers' Market in the Warren Township area and the season runs through September 24th. You can find it at 46 Mountain Blvd., in front of the Warren Municipal Complex every Thursday from 3 to 7 PM.

The best way to connect with your food is to connect with the people who grow it.

At the market you will find a variety of locally grown vegetables, fruits, all natural meats, award winning farmstead cheeses, artisan breads, fresh pasta, and Italian specialties, along with baked goods, local wine, nuts, pickles, honey, fresh flowers and much more!

About Wagner Farm Arboretum: The Wagner Farm Arboretum Foundation was founded in 2004. Located in Warren, NJ the organization seeks to enrich, educate and inspire the community by increasing environmental awareness and recreational opportunities. The WFAF is supported entirely by memberships, donations, grants and fundraisers. For more information visit [www.wfafnj.org](http://www.wfafnj.org)

## LIONS CLUB TO HOLD ITS GOLDEN YEAR EXPO

Submitted by: Charlie Oliva

It was long and tough winter for all of us, but summer is finally on the horizon and so is the Warren Township Lions Club's annual EXPO! This year's EXPO will mark its 50th year, and will run from Wednesday, June 10th through Saturday, June 13th from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM each evening at the Warren Township Municipal grounds on 48 Mountain Boulevard.

EXPO will feature rides, games, food, vendors and entertainment, and will conclude with a spectacular fireworks display on Saturday evening. Admission will be \$2.00 per person, with children under five admitted free. Each night will feature Pay-One-Price bracelets for the rides.

EXPO is the major fundraiser of the Warren Lions Club, and enables the Club to donate to local charities, organizations and events. For more information, contact Adriane Stewart, EXPO Chairperson, at (908) 768-0264 or go to [warrenlionsclub.org](http://warrenlionsclub.org)

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## REGIONAL BAND WINNERS SELECTED



(above, l-r) Congratulations to the regional band winners from Warren Middle School. Alan Lin, Cathleen Luo, Tim Iroudassamy, John Kolibachuk and Alan Wang. Region 2 consists of 50 school districts in Central NJ. Students prepare for at least 6 months and audition against hundreds of talented musicians; it is a high honor to be selected. Tim Iroudassamy also won the 8th grade Outstanding Music Student Award. Special thanks to their Instrumental Music teacher Diane McCloskey for her time and direction. °

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# ARTS FESTIVAL SHOWCASED STUDENTS' TALENTS

By Denis J. Kelly

The Open House of the 15th annual student Spring Arts Festival, on Tuesday, May 12, showcased the contributions of many of this year's 1,671 participating students, including the art pieces and performances in wood working, jewelry, pottery, graphic design, photography, drawing, painting and fine arts artists, as well as musicians and singers.

Artwork was on display throughout the school's atrium entrance and the hallways up near the Performing Arts Center, instrumental, choral, and theater arts and arts studios.

And, performances featuring student singers and musicians in individual performances, in

duets, and in various combinations and small groups, received enthusiastic receptions for several hours in the Performing Arts Center.

The full concert spring performances by the music department will be held during the first week of June, the instrumental performance will be held at 7 p.m., Wednesday, June 3, and the choral performance will be held at 7 p.m., Friday, June 5.

The Arts Festival Film presentations and Theater performances were held on Wednesday, May 13, generated films being shown in the South Auditorium, and a Theater performances, featuring student work on stage and behind the scenes in production, were held in Room 94.

Various iterations of student achievement in dance were presented Thursday, May 14, through Saturday, May 16, in the Performing Arts Center.

"Our students' work shows imagination, creativity, and an emerging, often acquired, sense of technique, all of which are a reflection on the commitment and professionalism of our Arts staff," said Brad Commerford, supervisor for Arts and World Languages.



(above, l-r) Freshman Katie Carroll, and her sisters, senior Amanda Carroll, and junior Lindsey Carroll all from Warren, all members of the Watchung Hills Regional High School Girls Lacrosse Team, admire the work behind them of another member of their team, junior Giuliana Popolillo from Stirling. The Carroll sisters had just come from a Lacrosse game, where they defeated Immaculata High School, 15-7, and Amanda scored her 100th goal. The previous week, Lindsey scored her 100th goal.

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