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WATCHUNG CUB SCOUTS TAKE TO THE WATER IN CRANFORD

Submitted by Kurt Weber

The rain clouds parted and the sun came through just long enough for over a dozen Pack 32 scouts and their families to enjoy a wonderful afternoon canoeing along the Raritan River on a recent Saturday in July.

As they paddled up the river, boys and girls could be seen eagerly looking into the water for creatures of all kinds. Those that traveled quietly were rewarded with the sighting of a snapping turtle. Those that traveled loudly were rewarded with their echo as they passed under one of the many bridges. While resting their arms, parents and grandparents admired the variety of stately and charming homes that run along both sides of the river bank. A few tree houses earned just as much admiration from the kids.

Special thanks go to Ralph Cercelli and his very supportive staff at the Cranford Canoe Club for making this event possible. He not only provided the canoes, paddles, and life vests, but cooked up an incredible lunch on the grill followed by a hand-made ice cream treat. After exerting all that energy navigating the water way, you can bet everyone was hungry. Mr. Cercelli rents out canoes and kayaks throughout the spring, summer and fall. The pack looks forward to returning next year.



(above) The Sicola family of Watchung worked together to claim the quickest trip.

Photo by Kurt Weber



Photo by Cheryl Weiss

(above) The van Maanen family of Watchung glides around the river bend while other pack families scan the water for turtles.

(right) Scouts and friends played games on the river bank, including "spot the bug."



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(above) Everyone loved participating in the Pack Paddle on the Raritan River.

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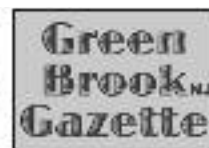
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THOMAS FIORILLA OF WATCHUNG ATTAINS EAGLE SCOUT RANK

Thomas Fiorilla of Watchung and Richard J. Pease of Scotch Plains were recognized for their achievement of the Eagle rank by the Watchung Boy Scout Troop 32 at a Court of Honor ceremony held Wednesday, June 17, 2015.

Eagle Scout is the highest advancement rank in Boy Scouting, and requires years of dedicated involvement in the troop and an extensive community service leadership project benefiting community organizations and the public. Thomas's project was the building and installation of colony bat habitats around Watchung and Best Lakes in Watchung. Richard's project was to blaze, map, and build a sign for the Camp Tecumseh trail system near Pittstown, New Jersey.

Richard's parents are Richard (also Scoutmaster) and Phyllis Pease of Scotch Plains; Thomas's parents are Paul and Amy Fiorilla of Watchung. The Troop's Committee Chair is Sue Tucker, of Watchung.

The Eagle Rank is achieved by only about 5 percent of all Boy Scouts, requiring 21 merit badges and leadership in the troop in addition to the Eagle service project. Notable Eagle Scouts



(above) Eagle Scout Thomas Fiorilla addresses the Court of Honor for Watchung Troop 32's newest Eagle Scouts.

have included astronaut Neil Armstrong, former US Senator Bill Bradley, and President Gerald Ford, among others.

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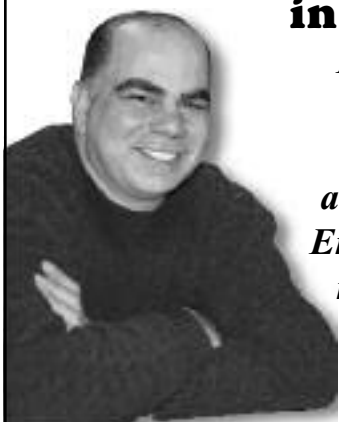
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(above) Eagle scouts, Richard Pease (left) and Thomas Fiorilla take the pledge as the newest Eagle scouts of Watchung Boy Scout Troop 32

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(above l-r) Casidi Tormey and Saniya Sabharwal



(above l-r) Colin Canellis and Julianne Olechowski

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WHSA PUMAS WIN MNJYSA SPRING TOURNAMENT

The Watchung Hills Soccer Association U11G Pumas recently completed a great spring season. They came in first place in Flight 2 of the Mid NJ Youth Soccer Association, qualifying them for the MNJYSA single-elimination tournament.

After making it to the championship game, they defeated a higher-flighted opponent in a penalty kick shootout.

The team consisted of players from Warren, Watchung, Long Hill and Basking Ridge.



(above, back row, l-r): Trainer Bart-Jan Overmaat, Head Coach Jen Sifert, Samantha Fahs, Shannon Woods, Emma Baeyens, Elowen McGuire, Asst. Coach Dan McGuire.
(middle row, l-r): Lauren Ribau, Mia Kolb, Alyssa Steinhart, Stefani Cooper, Melanie Du, Sara Sifert, Grace Marquez. (front row) Lea Gnoy

SAVE THE DATES!

GERALD M. MOBUS MEMORIAL FISHING DERBY

September 12th @ Watchung Lake
from 9:30 am – 11:30 am

(Rain Date Sunday September 13th)

Tackle and bait, Refreshments, Trophies and Prizes Must bring your own fishing pole!
Free event for all Watchung Residents!

9/11 MEMORIAL SERVICE

On September 11, 2015 the Mayor and Council will hold a memorial service to honor those who lost their lives

during the terrorist attack of September 11, 2001. The ceremony will be held at 5:30 P.M. at the Village Green

at the Watchung Circle, across from the Texier House. All are invited to attend.

*In case of inclement weather the ceremony will be held at Valley View School in the "All Purpose Room"

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Oct. 24th 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

@ Mobus Park

(Rain Date Oct. 25th)

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AUGUST EVENTS

KIDS

Knitting for Kids with Pam MacKenzie

August 3, 10 & 17, 1-2:30 pm.
ages 7-12

Superhero Stick Puppets

August 4, 11 am - 12 pm.
ages 4+

Story Time for Twos

August 5, 10:30-11:15 am.
24-36 months with caregiver

The King's Castle

August 5, 7-8 pm.
chess for grades 3-8

Miss June's Room

August 6, 11 am - 12 pm.
ages 4-6

Summer Reading Bingo with Miss June

August 14, 11 am - 12 pm.
ages 6-13

Who Flies? Lunchtime Storytime

August 25, 12-12:45 pm.
ages 2.5-3 with caregiver

The Science of Superheroes

August 26, 11-11:45 am.
grades 4-8

Cookie Review Day:

August 5, 12, & 19, 10 am - 9 pm.
All ages

Local Heroes - Firefighters & Fire Truck Visit

August 12, 1-1:45 pm.
all ages

TWEEN AND TEEN

Comic Book Crafts

August 6, 7-8 pm.
grades 5-10

Readers Ice Cream Social

August 12, 7-8 pm.
grades 6-12

Hero Movie Show

August 18, 6-8:30 pm.
grades 6-12

ADULTS

Mah Jong Club of Watchung:

August 4, 5, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25 & 31, 1-4 pm.

Watchung Writers Group:

August 6, 13, 20 & 27, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm.

Canasta Group of Watchung:

August 6, 13, 20 & 27, 1-4 pm.

Current Books Book Club:

Maisie Dobbs by Jacqueline Winspear.
August 10, 11 am - 12 pm.

WACC Watchung Adult Chess Club:

August 10, 7-8:30 pm.

Watchung Book Discussion Group:

The Good Lord Bird by James McBride.
August 13, 7-8:30 pm.

Tasty Bites & Books Book Club:

The Blessing Way by Tony Hillerman.
August 17, 12-1 pm.

Writer's Gallery:

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ARTIST COMES TO WATCHUNG LIBRARY

On July 7, SCLSNJ's Watchung Library branch hosted Drawing Out Your Hero, a program sponsored by the Friends of Watchung Library. The artist who presented the program, Linda Howe, gave the library two of her demonstration prints: Keep on Swimming and Here Comes the Sun. She also donated a re-purposed Pegasus sign called Imagine.

Howe presented a studio class on "touch drawing" printing, teaching the children how to create images with their fingers, hands, and a few optional tools. Children prepared printing plates and then created drawings. All kinds of animals, flowers, scenes and messages emerged when the papers were pulled from the plates. "It all started in a library in Fairfield, Connecticut," says artist and storyteller, Linda Howe. "An artist came to the library to say how he drew horses." After the program, Linda couldn't stop drawing them either. "I was going to be world's most famous equine artist!" Linda became a professional artist at a time when the New York art scene wasn't featuring animals. However, her talents drew her to teach children art and to tell them stories. About Linda Howe

Howe has been exhibiting her work at libraries, galleries, schools and nature centers since 1974. Her murals are on permanent exhibit at the Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education in Philadelphia and at the Ludington Library in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. In addition to her work as an artist, Howe has also been a professional storyteller for the past twenty years, using inspirational poetry and puppetry as part of the process.

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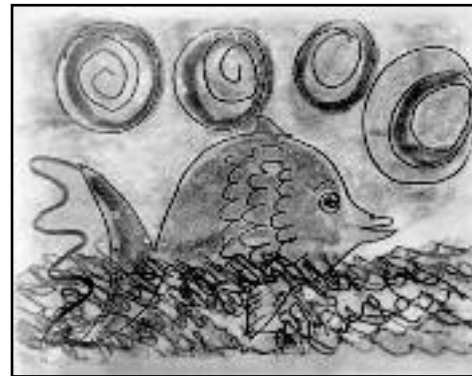
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(above l-r) Francesca Salas and Clare Dong



(above) Cara Salas and daughter Francesca Salas



(above) Here Comes The Sun and Keep On Swimming print donated to the Watchung Library by artist Linda Howe

(right) Artist Linda Howe with Imagine, the re-purposed Pegasus sign she donated to the Watchung Library



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