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WHRHS NEWS ATHLETIC LETTERS OF INTENT

Four student-athlete, seniors at Watchung Hills Regional High School, signed letters of intent on Wednesday, Feb. 3, to play football or soccer at the colleges they plan to attend in the Fall. All live in Warren Township. They are, seated, from left, Frank Rica, wide receiver, who plans to attend and play for Colgate University, Hamilton, N.Y.; Ally Grunstein, forward, who plans to attend and play for Quinnipiac University, Hamden, Conn.; Mark Ball, quarterback, who plans to attend and play for Pace University, New York City, N.Y.; and Tyler Helbing, defensive end, who plans to attend and play for Alderson Broaddus University, Philippi, W. Va. And, standing behind their children, the parents are, from left: Frank and Lisa Rica; Helene and John Grunstein; Nicole and Mark Ball; and Katrina and Fred Helbing.



PAINTING SERIES BY WHRHS ART TEACHER PART OF KEAN UNIVERSITY GRADUATE STUDENT SHOW

By Denis J. Kelly

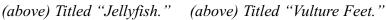
Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS), will exhibit 12 original paintings in the Masters of Art Education Graduate Show, called "Collective Visions," Thursday, April 14, to Friday, May 13, in the James Howe Gallery at Kean paintings on canvas board. University, Union.

Kate Griffin, who has been an art teacher since 2009 at Sunday, April 17, at the Howe Gallery in the Vaughn Eames Fine Arts Building, 1000 Morris Avenue, Union. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Griffin's series, titled "Seen and Heard," is 12 self-portrait Acrylic

For more information about exhibit at Kean, log onto An opening reception will be held from 1 to 4 p.m., www.kean.edu/~gallery or call (908) 737-5326.

(below) Part of Kate Griffin's self-portrait series from Masters of Art Education Graduate Show, Thursday, April 14, to Friday, May 13, at Kean University, Union.











(above) Titled "Eden."

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WATCHUNG RECREATION'S ANNUAL COMMUNITY PICNIC SATURDAY, MAY 21TH, 2016 (RAIN DATE MAY 22nd) 12:00 NOON – 3:00PM MOBUS FIELD Please join the Watchung Recreation Commission for a fun day of activities for the entire family. Refreshments, hot dogs, pizza, Italian ice, popcorn, cotton candy and more!

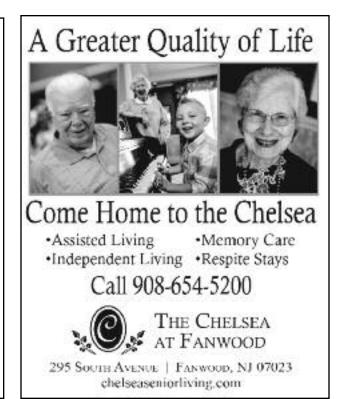


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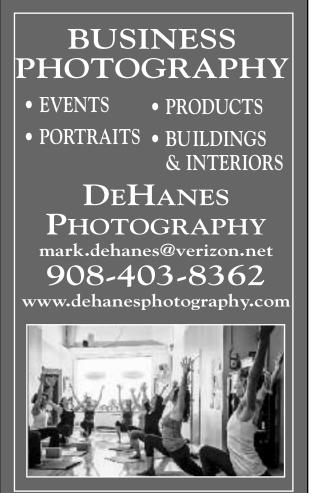
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(above) Erwin Ganz



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Born in Frankfurt, Germany in August 1929, Erwin Ganz lived there until he was three years old, when his family was forced to leave, and had

On Sunday April 10, Mary E. Wilson to relocate to Bernkastel Koos, Germany. They emigrated to the United States in April, 1939, when Erwin was age 9, and settled in Newark, New Jersey.

> Ganz grew up in New Jersey, learned English, graduated from Weequahic High School and Seton Hall University, and also served nine years in the New Jersey National Guard. He also raised his own family while serving six-plus decades with the Ronson Corporation, retiring as a Director of the corporation.

> Erwin Ganz now speaks of his experiences at colleges, high schools, synagogues and churches and has spoken at the NJ State House in Trenton.

> Wilson Memorial Church is located at 7 Valley Road in Watchung, at the intersection with Hillcrest Road, just off the Watchung circle. For further information, contact the church office at (908) 755-5020.

ANNUAL SWAP MEET AND FLEA MARKET

Antique Auto Club of America is seeking a variety of vendors for its 50th Annual Swap Meet and Flea Market, held Sunday, April 10, 2016. Event held indoors and outdoors at Long Hill Community Center, So. Warren Avenue, off Valley Road (across from Jaeger Lumber). Gates open at 6:30AM for vendors and 8:00AM for public and end at 3:00PM. Spectator admission

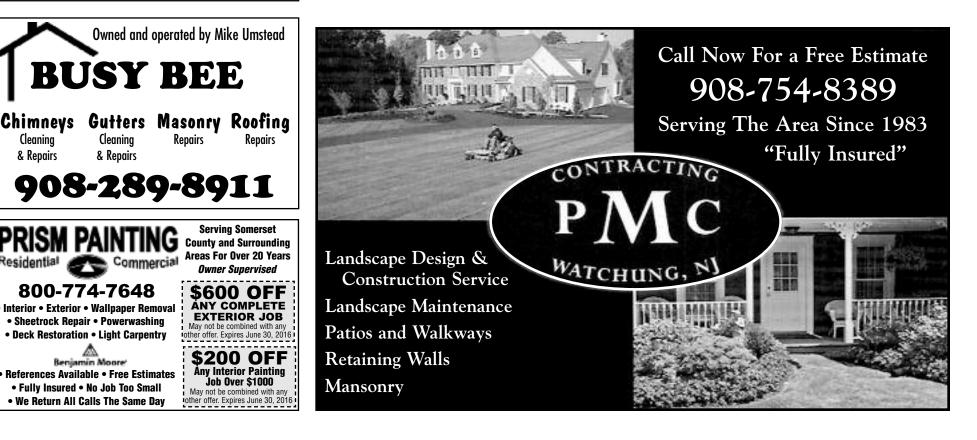
The Watchung Mountain Chapter of the is \$2.00 per person, and children are free. Event will be held rain or shine. Indoor spaces are 9'x18' and include one free table. Outdoor spaces are 10'x18' (on blacktop).

> Breakfast and lunch available. For additional information call George at 908 403-7441, or download flyer for registration form at www.njaaca.org. then click Watchung Mountain Chapter.

SMALL FRONT GARDENS OF THE NETHERLANDS

The Garden Club of Watchung will present an illustrated program on Small Front Gardens of the Netherlands on April 6 at 1 p.m. The public is invited to hear, Marty Oostveen, professional garden designer and owner of The Dutch Touch LLC and president of the Gardeners of Somerset Valley Garden Club. Marty grew up in Holland

where tiny pocket gardens are common in front of houses. She shares her gardening knowledge with us as we see small spaces turned into floral wonders. The program will be held at Murray Hall, St. Mary's Stony Hill Church, 125 Mountain Blvd., Watchung. For further information, call 908-754-5766.





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(above) Assemblywoman Nancy Munoz visits with Mrs. Stack's 2nd grade at Bayberry Elementary School in Watchung class to talk about civics and government at the district level, and how a bill becomes a law.



(above) Watchung Mayor Steve Pote visits with Mrs. Korner's 2nd grade class at Bayberry Elementary School in Watchung talk about the role of local government, in addition to the three branches of local government.

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All SCLSNJ library branches except the Bridgewater Library branch will have the following operating hours:

Monday through Thursday, 9:30 am - 9 pm and Friday and Saturday, 9:30 am - 5 pm.

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Thursday, April 7 at 4:00 PM Ages: 4 to 6 Listen to stories, make a project, and enjoy a snack.

Miss June's BINGO ROOM!

Friday, April 1 from 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM

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Thursday, April 14 at 4:15 PM

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Thursday, April 14 at 4:15 PM

Leisa's Crafty Class for Kids

Wednesday, April 27 from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM in the Children's Area Ages: 5 to 8 (Must be 5 when program begins)

Try something new! Make a craft, have a snack and hear great stories.

Watchung Library Chess Club

Wednesday, April 13 at 7:00 PM Ages: Students in Grades 3 to 8 Presented by: Martin Carroll Play and learn chess and have fun! We will learn some great new moves and strategies every month! Beginners and advanced players are welcome! Also, returning to facilitate the class is Martin Carroll.

Spring Craft for Teens and Adults

Wednesday, April 13 at 4:00 PM Ages: Adults and Teens Ages 12 and up Presented by: Hannah Kerwin Learn how to make whimsical pom-poms by folding and cutting tissue paper. The instructions are simple. Choose your favorite color combination. Create a festive party decoration! Brighten any room in your home! Please bring sharp scissors. Craft will take place at the main table in front of the Circulation Desk. Armchair Art Tours: Eternal Spring Wednesday, April 6 at 1:00 PM Ages: Adults Presented by Dr. Michael Norris, Armchair Art Tours Wander vicariously through fabulous private gardens, from ancient to medieval, brought to you by the art and plants of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and its branch museum, The Cloisters. About the Presenter: Mike spent twenty years at the Cloisters Museum and the

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the University of California at Santa Barbara. **Mah Jong Club of Watchung**

Mondays and Tuesdays from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM Ages: All Ages

The Mah Jong Club of Watchung meets every Monday and Tuesday from 1:00 to 4:00 at Watchung when the library is open. Contact Melanie Novello at

Novello1800@aol.com for more information, or to be placed on the distribution list to receive evites for both clubs. No fee - All welcome.

Download Library Materials to Your Device

Friday, April 8 from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM Ages: Adults

Presented by: Jonathan Sherer Learn how to download FREE audiobooks and music from thousands of choices offered by the Somerset County Library System. Bring your card and your device – make sure it's charged. After you learn how, you can

download from any wifi-enabled location. Watchung Writers Group

Thursdays, from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM Ages: Adult

If you're interested in writing of any kind and want to improve your skills and share your experiences, The Watchung Writers Group would like to meet you. The aim of the Group is to stimulate better writing. We work toward this goal through critiquing, spontaneous writing and examining the various technical aspects of writing. Also, we periodically have guest speakers such as agents, editors and publishers. So, mark your calendar. We look forward to your participation in the writing group. Any question, contact Pat Rydberg at pattijeanr@aol.com.

Energy Meditation

Friday, April 1, 8, 22, 29 at 10:45 AM Ages: Adults

Presented by: Patricia Barron This seated meditation will be guided by the instructor with meditative music to circulate your energy and heal on a physical, mental and emotional basis. This class is based on principles of Chinese Medicine. It will inform you how to quiet the mind by using the structure of your

body and the focus on certain points on the body to become more mindful of the present moment. This practice will free up your energy so you will feel calm yet enlivened and rejuvenated. All mediations are done while seated on a chair so all are welcome to participate. About the Presenter:

Patricia Barron, L.Ac. Licensed Acupuncturist, offers treatments of Traditional Chinese Medicine which

include Acupuncture, Moxabustion, Ear Seeds, Cupping, Gua Sha, Tuina (Asian-form of massage), Qigong

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complex disorders.

2 for 1 Book Club Monday, April 18 at 11:30 AM:

Ages: Adult

The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin When his most prized possession, a rare collection of Poe poems, is stolen, bookstore owner A. J. Fikry begins isolating himself from his friends, family and associates before receiving a mysterious package that compels him to remake his life.

Social Action Book Club

Third Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM Watchung Book Discussion Group

Second Thursday of the Month at 7:00 PM

Ages: Adults We throw in books you would otherwise never read, but

are worth reading! Drop-ins are always welcome. Mao's Last Dancer by Cuxin Li

Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 PM:

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LIBRARY HAPPENINGS



(above) Young music lovers and their parents rocked the house as Jamie Fawcett created a morning of movement and music at Watchung Library on March 2.





(above) There's always room for green eggs and ham on March 2, Dr. Seuss' birthday. Children and grown-ups gathered around Watchung Library's favorite Cat in the Hat, Jessica Wexler, to celebrate both the Cat's and Dr. Seuss' birthdays. The party included stories, games, cupcakes, and plenty of happy memories. When the Cat's in town, you can never have too many whiskers and smiles!

(left) Families met Michelangelo, a miniature therapy horse, and his second "Mom", owner Maureen Coultas of Hope's Promise on February 17 at Watchung Library. Children had a chance to groom and pet Michelangelo. Maureen read the book, Michelangelo, The Little Therapy Horse, which is the story of Michelangelo's life. And some children even learned how to walk a horse - because miniature horses are too small to ride! NJ FOUNDATION FOR OPEN GOVERNMENT TO PRESENT FREE SEMINAR Tuesday, April 26 6:30 – 8:30 PM

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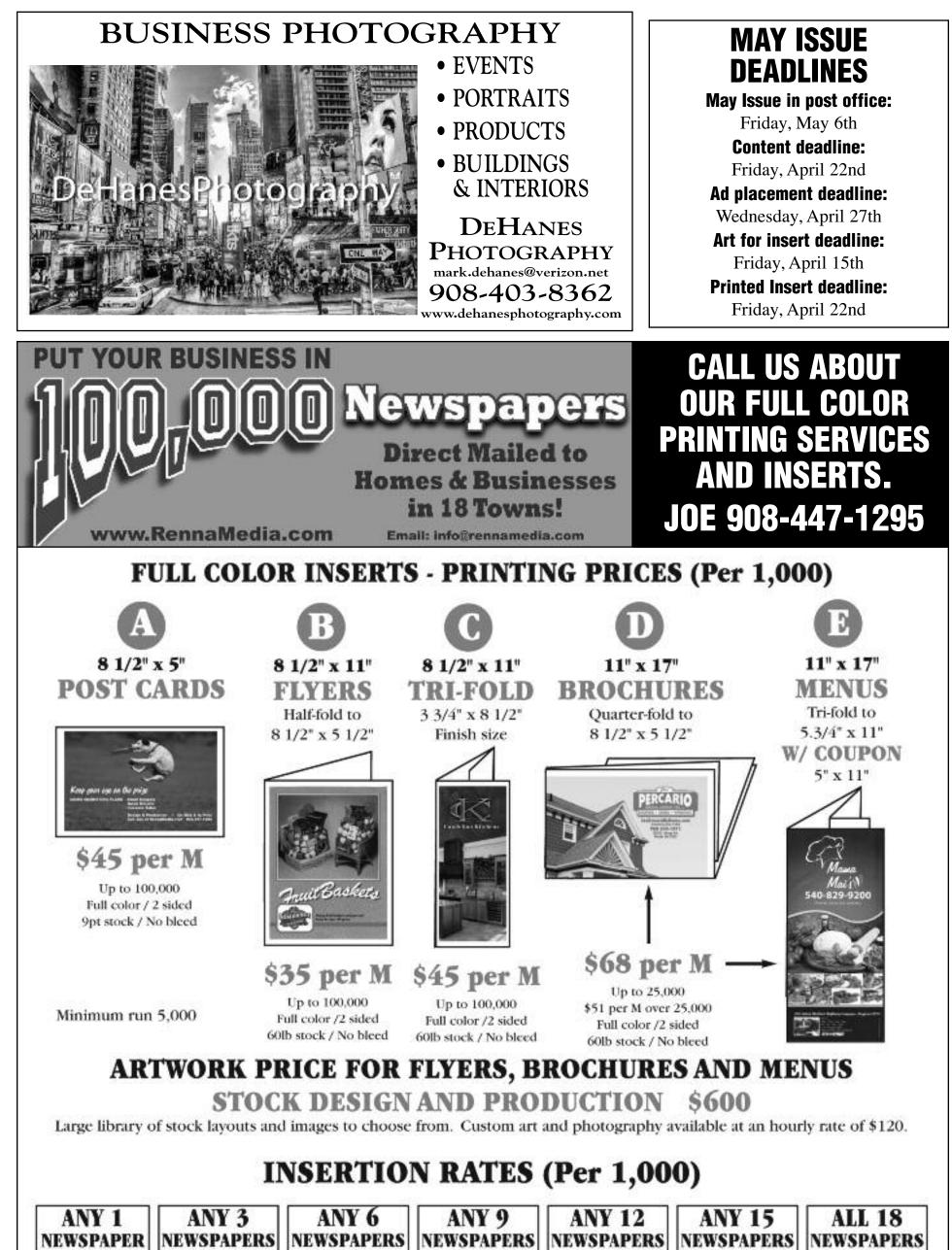
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