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THREE YOUNG MEN ACHIEVE EAGLE SCOUT STATUS

Watchung Boy Scout Troop 32, chartered to Wilson Memorial Union Church within the Patriots' Path Council, honored three young men for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout during a dinner on February 10th in Watchung. Pramath Kalelkar's Eagle Project constructed milkweed gardens in the Wagner Farm Arboretum Children's Garden to advance the knowledge and preservation of monarch butterflies and milkweed plants. Michael Erickson's Eagle Project built four cedar wood and plexiglass bird feeders and planted perennials around the St. Mary's - Stony Hill prayer garden. Ryan Desai's Eagle Project created a concrete slab for the Watchung Fire Department for a roof training obstacle to help crews learn chainsaw roof cutting techniques for smoke ventilation.

Dr. Richard Wellbrock was honored by Troop 32 with the James E. West Fellowship gift to endowment for his service to the troop for over 30 years. Dinner attendees included boy scouts, troop families, troop leaders past and present, Eagle Scouts from prior years, Watchung Mayor Stephen Pote, Watchung Mountain District Advancement Chair Bill Schulz and Watchung Mountain District Executive Charlean Mahon.



(above l-r) Pramath Kalelkar, Michael Erickson, Ryan Desai holding flags flown over the US Capitol

'WINTER CABARET' SHOWCASES STUDENTS' TALENTS

The stage of the Performing Arts Center (PAC) at Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) was transformed into a cozy "Winter Cabaret" on Wednesday, Jan. 27, to hear some 17 acts, mostly singers and musicians, but also some actors delivering monologues, a stand-up comedienne delivering jokes, and an 'improv' comedy troupe that sent scores of audience members home with smiles on their faces.

Winter Cabaret was presented by the Script and Cue student acting troupe of the WHRHS Theater arts program. Theater Arts Teacher Doug Eaton, who introduced all the acts, said the Winter Cabaret was meant to: Raise a little money to augment funding for theater programs and give a talented groups of WHRHS theater arts actors, singers and musicians opportunities to perform before a live audience.

Performers, in order of appearance, included Nikhil Bhat, Anthony Speros, Matt Renzo, Jenna Stetz, Blake Shapiro, Allison Horvath, Owen DiDonna, Hannah Melillo, Veronica Mu, Victoria Magali, Peri Martins, Carly Macmanus, Kyra Anthony, Jackie Romankow, Judy Tounsi, Hannah Melillo, Julia Sluyter, Judy Tounsi, Ben Allgor, Sam Sinnott, Amelia Stapperfenne, Alex Bird and Charles Buscarino.



(above, l-r) Leads in the WHRHS Spring Musical, "She Loves Me," rehearse after school, Junior Jackie Romankow of Gillette, Senior Alex Bird of Millington, Senior Judy Tounsi of Green Brook Township, Sophomore Sam Sinnott of Millington, Senior Julia Sluyter of Gillette and Senior Ryan Pretera of Stirling.

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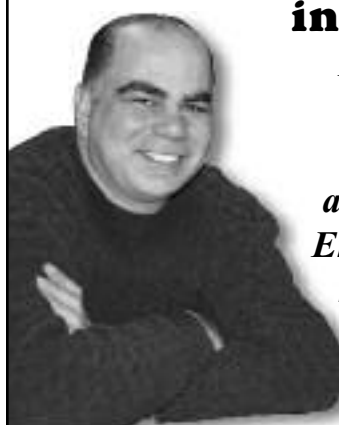
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WHRHS NEWS SHE LOVES ME

By Denis J. Kelly

"She Loves Me," this year's Spring Musical at Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) will be presented at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 17, Friday, March 18, and Saturday, March 19, and at 2 p.m., March 19, in the WHRHS Performing Arts Center (PAC), Stirling Road.

A free dress rehearsal performance for Senior Citizens and 8th grade students in Green Brook Township, Long Hill Township, Warren Township, and Watchung will be presented at 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 16, in the WHRHS PAC.

Tickets for all other performances are \$15 orchestra, \$10 rear orchestra and balcony, and \$5 for students, are available for purchase at the box office on the day of the performance or online at www.Booktix.com. All are invited.

The musical is a performance of the WHRHS Drama Department's Script and Cue Student program, directed by Drama teacher Douglas Eaton, with musical direction from Choral Music teacher Angela DiIorio Bird.

Eaton and DiIorio Bird said that the WHRHS production of *She Loves Me* involves the participation of some 45 students in the cast, another 20 in the orchestra, 20 among the crew, and countless others in set design and ancillary assistance.

Student leads in the play include Jackie

Romankow as Amalia Balash, Sam Sinnott as Georg Nowak, Ryan Prestera as Seven Kodaly, Julia Sluyter as Ilona Ritter, Judy Tounsi as Arpad Lazio, Anthony Speros as Ladislav Sipos, Alex Bird as Mr. Maraczek, and Charles Buscarino as Waiter.

Book, music and lyrics for *She Loves Me* are by Joe Masteroff, Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick, respectively. It was originally directed and produced on Broadway by Harold Prince in association with Lawrence N. Kasha and Philip C. McKenna. Original orchestrations are by Don Walker adapted by Frank Matosich.

The legendary New York City theatre troupe, the Roundabout Theatre Company, is currently planning a revival of *She Loves Me* for Broadway, starring Laura Benanti, Zachary Levi and Jane Krakowski, among others. The revival, along with a current revival of "Fiddler on the Roof," another of Harnick's creations, was mentioned in a full-page feature story about Harnick in the Sunday, Nov. 22, 2015 edition of *The New York Times*. The story is written by Michael Paulson, and an online version of the story can be found at nytimes.com.

The story line for *She Loves Me* has been adapted for film three times in the past: For the 1940 film, titled "The Shop Around The Corner," starring James Stewart and Margaret Sullivan; for the 1949 film, titled "In The Good Old Summertime," starring Judy Garland and Van Johnson; and for the 1998 film, titled, "You've Got Mail," starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan. .

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On January 28, 2016, Kristin V. Hayes, Esq. received the Morris County Bar Association's 2016 Pro Bono Award for her pro bono service.

Hayes has been a Partner with the Morristown law firm of Wiley Malehorn Sirota & Raynes since 2008. She had joined the firm as an associate in 2000. Her practice focuses on commercial and employment law.

Hayes formerly was an adjunct professor at the Seton Hall University School of Law, teaching legal research and writing. She currently resides in Watchung with her husband and two daughters, who supported her at the award ceremony.



YE'S - NEW RESTAURANT OPENS IN WARREN

A new restaurant in Warren is reaching out to its neighbors in Green Brook to announce their opening. Ye's Asian Bistro opened its doors in February 2016. Owners, Kevin and Yan Dong offer a unique mix of Vietnamese and Chinese Cuisine for lunch and supper. Ye's is located at 41 Mountain Boulevard, Warren, NJ.

Balancing out the Vietnamese portion of the restaurant are several dishes from other traditions, like appetizers Peking Duck Steam Buns, Indian Pancake with Chicken Curry Dipping, and Hawaii Shrimp Rolls. There are also many spicy dishes like their Rock Shrimp Singapore Vermicelli and Mandarin Fish.

Ye's drink specials are a popular attraction. Their assortments of Bubble Teas are satisfying by themselves, but Yan explains it is common to drink them with a meal. They also offer a variety of Smoothies, fresh juices, flavored teas and coffee.

Prior to opening in Warren, Kevin owned and operated Arbor Asian Bistro in the SoHo Section of Manhattan for six years. They were living in Brooklyn at the time. They saw a listing for the vacant space and after visiting the location made plans to relocate. They were impressed by not

only the restaurant space but by the town itself. Kevin and Yan now live in Warren and look forward to becoming part of the community. They have two children, three and ten years old.



(above, l-r) Kevin and Yan Dong



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(above l-r) Miriam Contractor, second place and Abiram Gupta, first place.

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Members of the HOPE (Helping Other People Everywhere) Club at Mount Saint Mary Academy (MSMA) in Watchung recognized the importance of aiding local families in need by collecting 325 boxes of cereal, which will be distributed by volunteers at the Star Fish Food

Pantry in Plainfield.

The drive was held from January 25 to February 22, with donations given to Star Fish on the afternoon of February 22.

Donna Toryak, MSMA's director of admissions and the moderator of HOPE, said,

"Many young students and adults will be able to start their day with a healthy breakfast thanks to these donations."

The outreach effort, which was entitled "Cereal Super Bowl," was one of many carried out during the year by the club, which boasts approximately 25 members.

Ms. Toryak added that the club has also collected paper products to benefit Project Paul in Keansburg in the fall, and prepares sandwiches for the Salvation Army in Plainfield.

Members of HOPE also play bingo on campus with the retired Sisters of Mercy and create greeting cards for them for Christmas and Valentine's Day.

A future goal for the club is to organize a "diaper drive" to benefit a local food pantry.

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(above, l-r) Caroline Hendrix, a freshman from Westfield, Katie Butler, a sophomore from Warren, and Fiona Hadley, a freshman from Florham Park. Three members of the HOPE (Helping Other People Everywhere) club at Mount Saint Mary Academy in Watchung are pictured with some of the donated cereal boxes that will be distributed by Star Fish Food Pantry.



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Storytime with the Cat in the Hat

Wednesday, March 2 at 1:00 PM

Ages: Preschool and Up with Caregiver

Presented by:

The Cat in the Hat (Watchung's Jessica Wexler)

Come and join the party to celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday!

The Cat in the Hat will be here reading stories, playing games, and sharing snacks.

Miss June's Room

Thursday, March 3 and 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, March 4 and April 1

from 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM

in the Seniors Room. Ages: 4 and up

Calling all kids who love to play bingo! Come to the library and see if you can win a prize!

Art with Ms. Bea

Thursday, March 17 at 4:15 PM

Ages: 4 to 7 with Caregiver

Presented by: Beata Makowski, Artist

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Leisa's Crafty Class for Kids

Wednesday, March 30 and April 27

from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

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Ages: 5 to 8 (Must be 5 when program begins)

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Makers Day! LEGO® Challenge

Saturday, March 19 at 11:30 AM

Ages: 6 to 13

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Tuesday, March 29 at 2:00 PM

Ages: 7 to 9

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Ages: Students in Grades 3 to 8

Presented by: Martin Carroll

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Snowflake Paper Craft for Teens and Adults

Wednesday, March 9 at 4:00 PM

Ages: Adults and Teens Ages 12 and up

Presented by: Hannah Kerwin

You will make articulately patterned snowflakes by folding paper differently than you've done before. Learn how to cut away what you don't want – this principle may be familiar from wood block printing.

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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

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

Ages: Adult

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Energy Meditation

Friday, March 4, 11, 18, and April 1, 8, 22, 29 at 10:45 AM

Ages: Adults. Presented by: Patricia Barron

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2 for 1 Book Club

Monday, March 21 at 11:30 AM:

Ages: Adult

The Plague of Doves by Louise Erdrich
The unsolved murder of a farm family haunts the small, white, off-reservation town of Pluto, North Dakota. The vengeance exacted for this crime and the subsequent distortions of truth transform the lives of Ojibwe living on the nearby reservation and shape the passions of both communities for the next generation.

Monday, April 18 at 11:30 AM:

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

(Check online for updated information)

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.

Thursday, March 10 at 7:00 PM:

Beautiful Ruins by Jess Walter

Follows a young Italian innkeeper and his almost-love affair with a beautiful American starlet, which draws him into a glittering world filled with unforgettable characters.

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Mao's Last Dancer by Cixin Li

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“UNTETHERED”

Artist Liz Mitchell at Watchung Arts Center

“Untethered”, an exhibit of monoprints and sculptures by artist Liz Mitchell, will be on view in the Watchung Arts Center’s Lower Gallery from March 6 through March 31.

LETTERS

New works by the New Art Group

An exhibition in the Heinz Otto Gallery at the Watchung Arts Center, Watchung, NJ



(above) Malala by Jane Caminos.

One of New Jersey's longest standing artists' collectives, with a 23-year history, The New Art Group gives text a whole new meaning in its latest exhibition entitled “Letters,” which will be featured in the Heinz Otto Gallery at the Watchung Arts Center in March, 2016. Visit www.newartgroup.com for more information .

The Watchung Arts Center, located at 18 Stirling Road in Watchung on the Watchung Circle, To obtain more information about upcoming WAC performances, classes and workshops, and monthly art exhibitions, please visit WatchungArts.org or call 908-753-0190.

ACTION SHOTS FROM WATCHUNG'S LIBRARY

SCLSNJ staffer June Flachs hosts "Miss June's Room" at our Watchung Library branch. The children ages 4-6 love listening to her stories and crafting with her. Don't miss the next "Miss June's Room" on March 3 at 4 p.m.

Riya Reddy had fun crafting in Miss June's Room at SCLSNJ's Watchung Library branch on January 28.



CHARACTER EDUCATION AT BAYBERRY

Fourth Grade Bayberry students were provided with the unique opportunity to learn about the disabled population through the SEEDS (Student Education & Experience for Disability Sensitivity) Program. Amy Burns, a dynamic speaker and social worker talked to the 4th grade students at Bayberry in January to help us celebrate tolerance and diversity for differences. The presentation included 3 types of disabilities;

physical, developmental, and cognitive/learning as well as five interactive student challenges simulating physical impairments, visual impairments, developmental impairments, cognitive impairments, and learning impairments. The group discussion simulation activities, and question session, helped students increase their understanding and acceptance of others living with disabilities.



(above) An activity simulating visual impairments.



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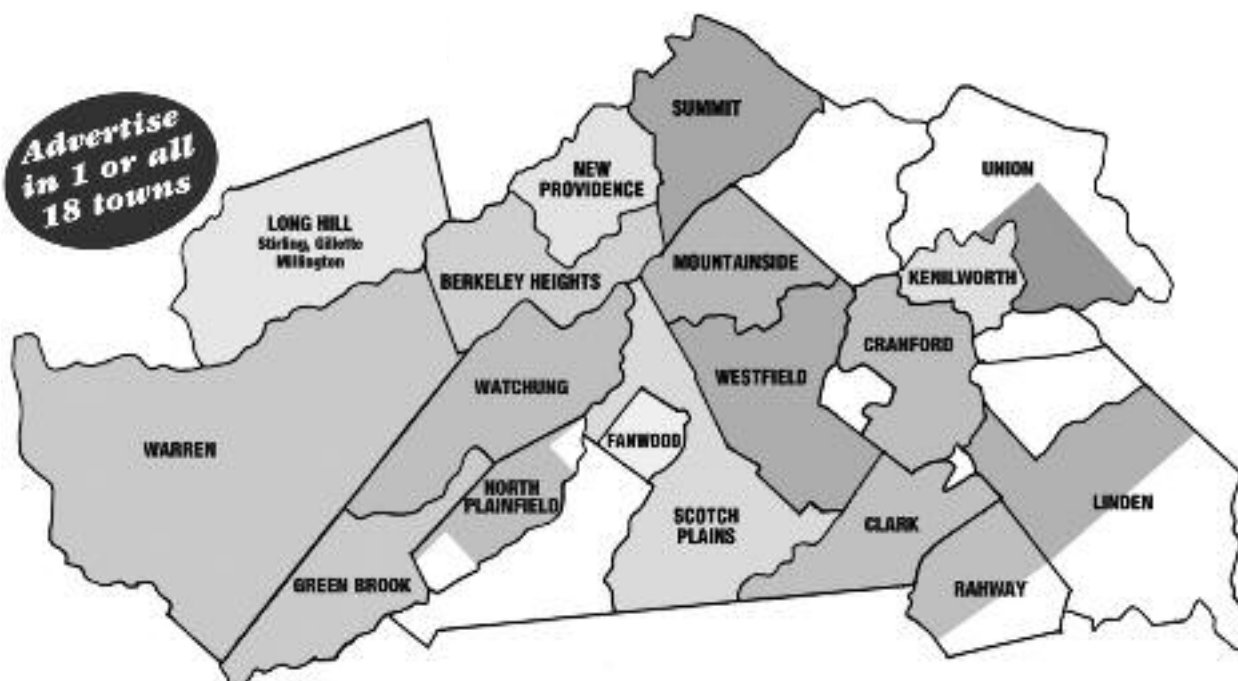
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