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During a 2.5 hour hike, the Webelo boys completed requirements to earn the Walkabout Adventure pin and the Bears earned their Whittling Chip and Bear Claws Core Adventure.

The Cubs learned about the Leave No Trace pledge and The Outdoor Code. Throughout the hike the boys performed various Hike leadership roles; Navigator, Denner, First Aider and Snack Leader.

The Bear Cubs learned about knife safety, different types of knives and how to carve and whittle using wood and soap bars. Cubs also performed a "trash bash" service project filling a two of bags with trash from the trails and disposed of them properly on their return to the parking lot. They really did leave no trace!

Cub Scout Pack 182 in Warren Township serves the local community and surrounding towns. To join Cub Scouts or find out more about Pack 182 visit our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/Pack182WarrenNJ our website warrenpack182.org or by contacting us at membership@warrenpack182.org.









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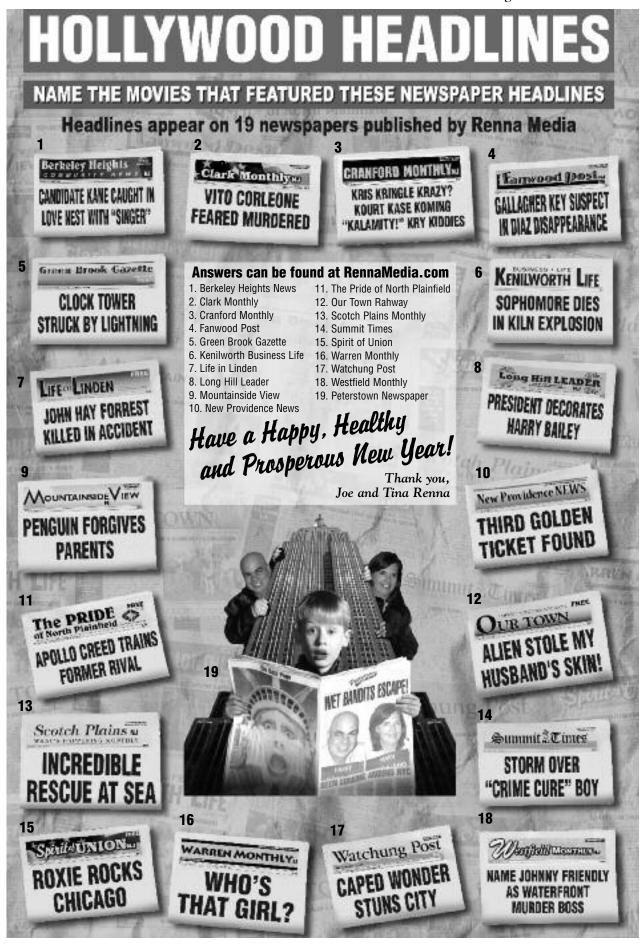
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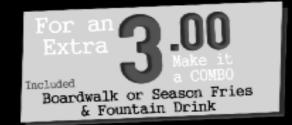
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WARREN PRINCIPALS OUTLINE 1:1 INITIATIVE AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

For a second consecutive year, Warren Middle School Principal Robert Comba and Mt. Horeb Principal Scott Cook presented at the national conference of the Association for Middle Level Education (AMLE) in Austin, Texas, sharing the district's journey in establishing a 1:1 learning environment.

The term "1:1" refers to a school issuing each enrolled student an electronic device in order to access the Internet along with digital textbooks and coursework. In their presentation on Oct. 12 - entitled "One-to-One Initiative: From Concept to Practice," Comba and Cook outlined how the Warren Township School District implemented its Chromebook program to embed the use of technology into daily instruction for Grades 3-8 over the last 4 years.

Sixth graders were first issued individual Chromebook laptop computers to take home in the 2013-2014 school year. Grade 5 students followed the next year, while Grade 4 students received Chromebooks to use in the classroom a year later. This year, all students in grades 3-8 received Chromebooks, with grades 3 & 4 assigned an in-class device only and grades 5-8 students able to use their school laptops at home as well.

"By being accepted to present at this conference, Warren Township Schools was one of 300 school districts from across the nation able to showcase best practices," says Comba.



(above l-r) Principals Scott Cook of Mt. Horeb School and Robert Comba, Warren Middle School, were chosen to present Warren Township Schools'. Photo courtesy of Warren Township

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WINTER CONCERT SET FOR DECEMBER 16TH

The Watchung Hills Regional High School Choir welcomes everyone to their Annual Winter Concert on Friday December 16th at 7:00pm in the Watchung Hills Regional High School Performing Arts Center located at 108 Stirling Rd, Warren, NJ.

Directed by chorus teacher Angela DiIorio-Bird, the chorus will be singing songs ranging from classical to all-time favorites including "Let It Be" by The Beatles, "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy" by Pyotr Tchaikovsky, a "Disney Movie Magic" medley, and many more. Plus, admission is free! We hope everyone is able to attend!"

LETTERS TO SANTA

Warren Township Recreation Commission has been approved by Santa to gather mail from Township children and deliver it to the North Pole. We will be accepting mail from Friday, November 18 through Friday, December 16, 4pm.

Letters should be dropped off at the red mailbox in front of the Municipal Building or mail to: "Santa" Warren Twp. Recreation Commission, 46 Mountain Blvd., Warren, NJ 07059.

Every child will receive a personalized letter from Santa, but after December 16, Santa will be busy getting ready for the holiday and will not be able to answer any more letters. Mom and Dad please be sure to include a return address. No stamp is needed.

NEW CHILDREN'S BOOK FROM LOCAL AUTHOR

Hippo Pottymouth, written by Warren resident Ken Lefkowitz.

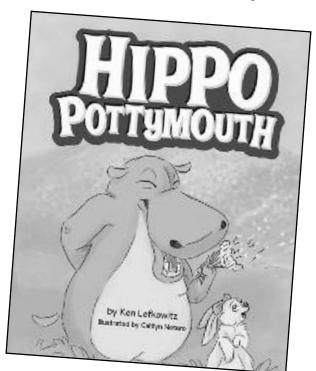
Who is Hippo Pottymouth? Hippi just moved from the city to the country and learns that pottymouth words aren't acceptable there. Join Hippi on fun-filled and exciting adventures as she meets a new friend and discovers that she needs to control her bad habit.

Ken Lefkowitz lives in Warren New Jersey with his wife Tracy, daughter Katie, and their assorted furry friends. Katie's bedtime stories always include her best plush friends. When it was time to teach Katie about pottymouth language, her purple hippopotamus named Hippi created the perfect inspiration for Hippo Pottymouth. Katie's hysterical and uncontrollable laughter inspired this book.

To set up an interview, reading, signing, or for information regarding Hippo Pottymouth please Lefkowitz contact Ken pottymouth.books@gmail.com.

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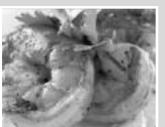
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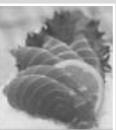
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THE CHRISTMAS BAND RETURNS TO BRING HOLIDAY CHEER

Get your holiday spirits off to a great start with the lively sound of a big brass band playing your Christmas favorites. The Christmas Band will return to Pilgrim Congregational Church's sanctuary for a free concert on Sunday, December 4th at 6:30pm. A joyous annual tradition for the church during Advent, the musicians will play favorite songs and carols of the Christmas season under the leadership of church member and choir director, Tom Paster.

The Christmas Band has made Pilgrim Congregational Church their home during the Christmas season. The band comprises 30 professional musicians from northern New Jersey. They will be joined by music students from Montclair State University and Watchung Hills Regional High School.

The public is invited to attend. There is no charge for the program, but goodwill donations are gladly accepted. No reservations are needed for the concert. The church is located at 105 Mountainview Road in Warren. For further information and directions, please call the church

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Pilgrim Church continues its celebration of Christmas with two special services. On Sunday, December 18th, the church will hold its traditional Christmas Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m. The sanctuary will be beautifully decorated with poinsettias and the Chancel Choir will set the vaulted ceiling ringing with joyous music. Each child in attendance will receive a poinsettia. The Reverend Virginia Scott, Senior Minister, will deliver the morning message. Her topic will be "Expecting the Unexpected."

On Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th at 11 pm, Pilgrim Church will hold its most moving service of the year, the Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols. The service includes the reading of the Christmas story, the singing of favorite carols and the melodious strains of a string quartet, all leading up to the lighting of candles as Christmas arrives at midnight.





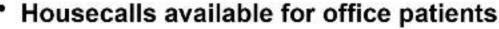
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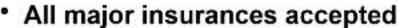






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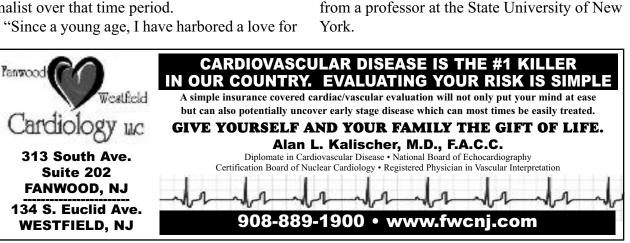
Warren resident Jessica Li, a junior at the Pingry School, is a semifinalist in the 2016 Siemens Competition in Math, Science Technology, recognizing research Alzheimer's disease. She is one of 19 semifinalists from New Jersev.

The Siemens Competition, launched by the Siemens Foundation in 1999, is the nation's premier research competition for high school students. More than 400 semifinalists were selected this year from 1,600 students who submitted individual and team projects. With Jessica's selection as a semifinalist, Pingry's research program continues its notable success in this competition: semifinalists for eight consecutive years, making Pingry the only New Jersey school with this distinction. Specifically, Pingry has had 12 semifinalists and one regional finalist over that time period.

science," Jessica said, referring to her parents' careers in medicine and the scientific books and journals in their home. "I learned as much as I could, then Pingry introduced me to scientific research and offered hands-on experiences, contributing to my appreciation of experimental science."

A member of Pingry's Independent Research Team (iRT), Jessica has been studying Alzheimer's disease because of how it affected her great-uncle. "It was saddening to see the havoc the disease had wreaked on my greatuncle's mind," she said. Her project, for which she led a three-student team, examined how Alzheimer's disease might be accelerated by exposure to a chemical found in pesticides (lambda-cyhalothrin, an insecticide registered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency). According to the project's executive summary, "This study shows that lambda-cyhalothrin... may aid the progression of Alzheimer's disease and may need to be reevaluated for commercial use." Jessica received guidance in her work from a professor at the State University of New York.







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END OF YEAR TAX PLANNING CONSIDERATION FOR DIVORCING COUPLES

By: James McGlew II, Esq.

As the end of the year approaches, many of us will be inundated with television, newspaper and magazine reports regarding endof-the-year tax planning measures one can take to reduce your tax obligation. For those individuals who are in the midst of divorce proceedings, planning to be divorced before the end of the year, or are already divorced, there are often tax implications which need to be considered.

For those individuals who are planning to be divorced before the end of this calendar year, you should know that your filing status for 2016 will change as a result. It does not matter whether you get your divorce completed on January 1, 2016 or December 31, 2016, or any date in between, for the tax year 2016 you are considered to have been divorced for the entire year. If this applies to you it will generally limit your filing status for 2016 to either single or head of household (if you otherwise qualify). Your filing status can have serious financial implications.

The funds a divorcing or divorced spouse receives or pays may be includable as income or deductible as support. But not all funds paid or received quality. You are permitted to deduct alimony paid to a spouse or former spouse if it is paid under the terms of a divorce judgment or Court Order or separation Agreement, and this is true regardless of whether or not you itemize deductions on your U.S. tax return. It must also be noted that: (1) voluntary payments made which are not set forth in a divorce judgment or separation Agreement are not deductible; (2) payments which exceed the amount stated in a judgment or Agreement are not deductible; (3) the alimony received by a spouse or ex-spouse is income in the year they receive it, and; (4) payments designated as child support are never deductible to the parent who pays the support or taxable income to the parent who receives it.

Agreements which distribute marital property at the conclusion of a divorce generally do not have income tax consequences. But sometimes there are exceptions and the specific language contained in these Agreements should provide guidance in such circumstances. Some examples are when pension or other retirement accounts are divided or when a decision needs to be made regarding who will claim property tax payments and the mortgage interest deduction on future separate tax returns.

Lastly, the issue of which parent can claim a child as a dependent on a tax return should always be set forth in a divorce Settlement Agreement. In most instances, it is the custodial parent's right to claim the child as a dependent. The custodial parent is the person with whom the child actually lived for the greater number of nights during the year. However, the right to claim the child or children can be allocated differently in a Settlement Agreement when both parents agree. Parents are even permitted to alternate the dependency exemption or divide the number of children each will claim.

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CHELSEA "LACE RACE" CAMPAIGN RAISES \$32,000 FOR ALZHEIMER'S NEW JERSEY

Following a fundraising campaign culminating in a walk through Thompson Park in Jamesburg, Chelsea Senior Living raised more than \$32,000 for Alzheimer's New Jersey.

All 13 of Chelsea's New Jersey senior living communities held fundraising activities during September and October towards a goal of raising \$1,000 each. The Chelsea at Warren raised money individually with a wine tasting event. Those efforts plus other donations and a match from Chelsea corporate brought the total to at least \$32,000 and more donations are still being counted.

For the first time, Chelsea Senior Living sponsored its own Alzheimer's walk, dubbed the "Lace Race", on Sunday, October 23, 2016, held in Thompson Park, Jamesburg. Participants included employees and their families, Chelsea residents and their families and other supporters. Speakers included several Chelsea employees who have, or had, family members suffering from Alzheimer's.

Joanne Prospero, Executive Director of The

Chelsea at Manalapan, spoke tearfully about her mother whom she cared for as the director of the dementia area of another Chelsea community.

"I could see my mother's decline every day," she told the approximately 100 participants during opening ceremonies.

"Today I walk in memory of my grandmother Charlotte and all the residents who I have cared for over the years who have enriched my life so much with laughter and joyous memories," said Raquel Miller, director of the dementia area of the Chelsea at Toms River.

Alzheimer's New Jersey provides support for families and caregivers of those with Alzheimer's and contributes to research towards finding a cure. Alzheimer's disease is a degeneration of the brain that slowly robs an individual of memory and body functions. There is no cure.

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(above) Chelsea at Warren group along the walk route.

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Attorney David C. Bendush announced settlement of a lawsuit arising from a home explosion in Hunterdon County in September of 2014. The blast was caused by a contractor who was converting the home of his clients, from oil to natural gas. The clients were in the home with their infant daughter at the time of the explosion and fire. Davis Heating and Cooling was attempting without success to purge the new gas lines. Large amounts of natural gas were caused to accumulate inside the basement until the gas exploded, nearly levelling the structure and knocking the clients to the ground where they stood. Mr. Bendush litigated the liability issues aggressively, and attained the unusual result of summary judgment for plaintiff. The defense had little choice but to settle quickly and on favorable terms, in order to avoid a trial.

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Cub Scout Pack 182 in Warren, NJ had the great opportunity to host the amazing Gerald Zelenka from A Touch of Nature at their monthly Pack meeting in October. An Eagle Scout, Mr. Zelenka shared his expertise and his captivating collection of live birds, lizards, tarantulas, alligators, snakes, insects and small mammals with the boys. Throughout the hour-long presentation, everyone learned interesting facts about these creatures, got to see many of them up close and heard some great stories from Mr. Zelenka's over 50 years of experience and adventures as a teacher, outdoor naturalist and well-traveled wildlife photographer.

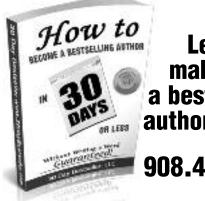
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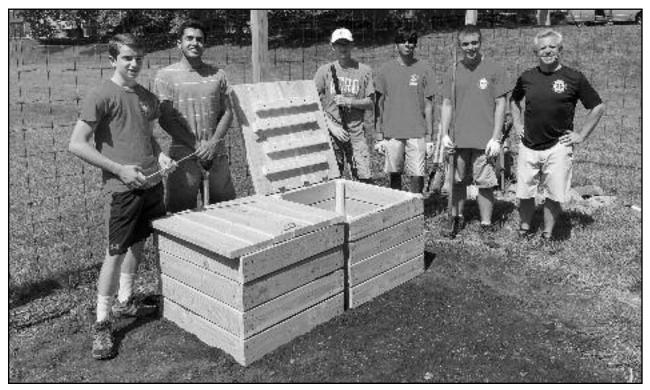
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ARJUN MAHAL EARNS EAGLE RANK

Arjun Mahal earned his Eagle Scout Award over the summer. As a member of Warren Boy Scout troop 228 his Eagle Scout project was the

addition of six flower beds, two composting bins, and six butterfly houses, to the outdoor classroom at Mt. Horeb school in Warren.



(above l-r): Chris Trovato, Arjun Mahal, Nathaniel Holl, Parth Patel, John Trovato and Mike Cantone.

ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER

Warren Boy Scout Troop 228 assisted at the Mt. Horeb United Methodist Church's Annual Turkey Dinner, held on November 5th in Warren.



(above l-r) Standing: Kim Ball (our Chartered Organization Representative), Matthew Nunes, Graham Schmidt, Robert Fippinger, Jaison Desai, Ginner Fippinger (Troop adult leader) and in front (standing) is Kanav Desai. Sitting: Jay Fu, Buddy Steen and Andy Shi.







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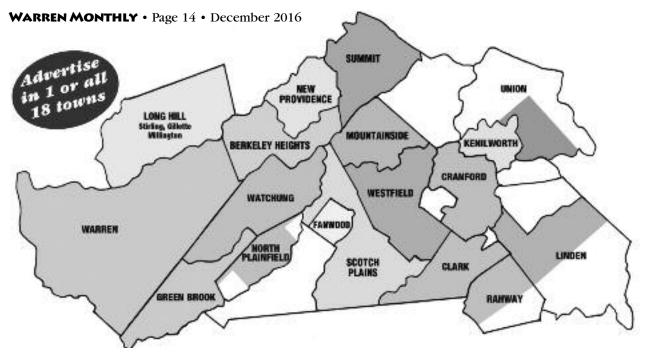
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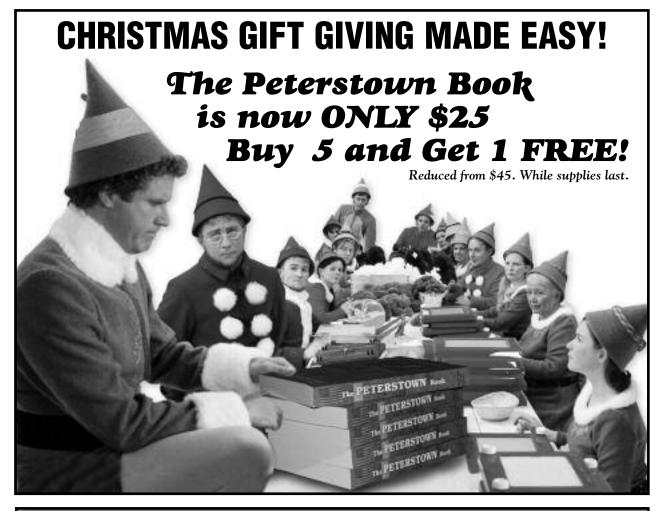
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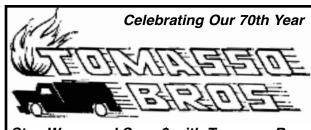
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