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Enjoy the entertainment of the Take Flight Dance Center of Warren's production of Super Hero's; other musicians include Bob Marino & Warren's Got Talent winner, Sarah Levine. There will be carnival games by the local sports clubs: Watchung Hills Soccer Assoc, Pop Warner Football/Cheer, The Hills Lacrosse and Warren Baseball/Softball Assoc. Back by popular demand is stargazing by Stonecrest Community Church. Bring your camera and take a picture with special mystery guests. Watch for our special entertainers, who will be mingling amongst us. Bundle up with a horse & carriage ride while the kids enjoy the petting zoo with many adorable animals. Other fun activities include the turbo tub ride, enormous blowup slide, the playground, plus ice skating or sledding (weather permitting). Warren Police will have a booth while handing out special treats, check them out. Tour the fire truck and rescue squad, try on the equipment and snap a picture to remember.

While warming up under the pavilion fireplace listen to quiet music and have your caricature drawn or face painted. The Warren Cub Scouts will be serving popcorn and hot chocolate.

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Handicap parking will be at the Elks Lodge & all other parking at the municipal lot off Bardy Road, Cooper Jewelers & PNC Bank. Please



(above, front, l-r) Front: Sal DiBianca; Recreation Commissioner Gina Rosenfarb; Warren Township Lions Club president, Adriane Stewart. (back, l-r) Township Committee Deputy Mayor, Mick Marion; Recreation Director, Eleanora Murfitt and The Learning Experience, Anthony Moursy. Sponsors not pictured are Warren Township PBA, Brightview Senior Living, Chubb Group of Insurance Co., Watchung Pediatrics, The Showcase Magazine and Watchung Hills Elks #885.

cross at the street light and the police crossing in front of the library field only.

Don't miss the Fireworks at 7pm while 6 year old Phillip Levonian sings the American Anthem.!

The Recreation staff would like to thank the dedicated volunteers and the following sponsors who make this free event possible: To volunteer or sponsor this event go to www.warrennj.org/recreation or call The Recreation office at 908-753-8000 ext 270.

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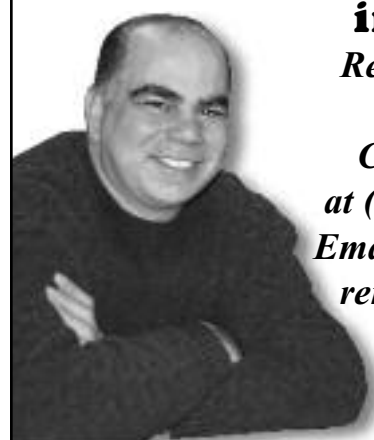
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Karen and Jim Zilinski from The Janet Zilinski Memorial Fund presented, at the November Recreation Commission meeting, six Automated External Defibrillators (AED) and seven outdoor cabinets to Warren Township (the total value \$11,800) to be stationed at the athletic fields and tennis courts. This donation is to replace and add AEDs donated by the Janet Zilinski Memorial Fund (The Janet Fund) previously in 2006.

In 2006 Warren Township Recreation Commission's J.A.N.E.T. Policy (Janet's Always Near Emergency Treatment) was adopted. This was the first one in the country. Each township youth sports organization recognized by the Recreation Commission wishing to utilize Township of Warren athletic facilities is required

to assign a "Safety Coordinator" for its organization and require at least one coach be certified in CPR for each team. Warren Township's J.A.N.E.T policy has been adopted by various towns throughout New Jersey.

Since September 1, 2014, Janet's Law went into effect for all New Jersey public school and private schools that provide instruction to students in grades kindergarten through 12. Each school must have at least one AED in an accessible location and have a minimum of 5 trained responders in both the use of the AED and CPR. In 2006, Warren Township Recreation was the first in the state of New Jersey to have AEDs on its athletic fields thanks to the generous donations from the Janet Fund.



(above, front, l-r) Dave Cole, Recreation Chair; Jim and Karen Zilinski from Janet Memorial Foundation; (middle, l-r) Eleanora Murfitt, Recreation Director; Carolann Garafola, Township Deputy Mayor; Gina Rosenfarb and Cynthia Webster, Recreation Commissioners; (back, l-r) Mike Angelini, Joe Filo, Norm Zurawski all Recreation Commissioners.

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The adults at Mt. Bethel Village, residential and day program for people with developmental disabilities, collected and then wrapped dozens of donations of clothing and toys for the Pregnancy Aid Center of Raritan, a non-profit aiding women with crisis pregnancies and their children. The goods delivered before the holiday weekend. The Center will receive the bulk of the donations, but the generosity of Mt. Bethel's

friends and families has resulted in a sizable amount of clothing to be donated to the FISH Organization in Edison and the Men's Shelter in New Brunswick.

"The overwhelming commitment by our adults to helping the community has taken us aback," said Lee Ann Gattorno, Day Program Director at Mt. Bethel Village. "And their insistence to be included is touching and heartwarming."



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NEW YEAR – NEW BEGINNINGS

By: James McGlew II, Esq.

Annual studies repeatedly show that the most common month for individuals to file for divorce is January. The reasons for this are many and varied. Most people, for obvious reasons, do not want to address emotionally charged issues over the holiday season preferring a more peaceful Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas and New Year. For couples whose pending divorce is more driven by financial considerations, and less by emotions, there can be tax consequences which relate to the timing of filing for divorce. And still others who have come to the conclusion that the dissolution of their marriage is inevitable, often times decide that a “new year” is the best time for a “new start.”

Over the course of my career as a family law attorney I have come to believe that the “best” time to make this difficult decision is when an individual is emotionally prepared and after they know that all attempts to make their marriage work have been exhausted.

On a more positive note, a recent report showed that New Jersey had the fourth lowest divorce rate (just 12.9 per 1,000 people) in the United States for 2015. Married couples in New Jersey beat the national divorce average of 16.9 per 1,000, a rate which is a 35-year low, according to the National Center for Family & Marriage Research at Bowling Green State University in Kentucky.

The only couples more dedicated to the institution of marriage are those residing in Hawaii, Wisconsin and Rhode Island. In Hawaii, divorce rates are lowest with only 11.1 per 1,000 calling it a day, followed closely by Wisconsin (12.4 per 1,000) and Rhode Island (12.6 per 1,000). Where might you not wish to live if you want to stay together? The answer is Washington, DC which the same study confirmed had the highest divorce rate at 29.9 per 1,000. Nationwide, the divorce rate dropped significantly from 17.6 in 2014 to 16.9 in 2015 which marks the lowest rate since 1980.

Before anyone assumes that couples are now more likely to stay together for emotional or economic reasons, some researchers say that a primary reason for the decrease in divorce may be that fewer Americans are getting married at all and those who do are getting married at an older age.

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CERT Watchung will be hosting the CERT Watchung, Warren, Green Brook Quarterly Meeting on January 17, 2017, from 7 – 9 p.m.

The topic will be Search and Rescue. The venue will be Watchung Exempt Hall (57 Mountain Blvd, Watchung, NJ. All our meetings are open to observers. In order to become an official CERT member you will need to participate in a training program. Somerset County CERT will be offering the next training for certification starting in April 2017.

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(above) Warren, Watchung and Green Brook CERT teams recently gathered together to celebrate the holidays.

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WARREN TWP. ARTIST'S 'CATS & OTHER FURRY CREATURES' ON DISPLAY AT LIBRARY

The Art Space at SCLSNJ's Warren Twp. Library branch, located at 42 Mountain Blvd. in Warren Twp, will display "Cats & Other Furry Creatures," an exhibit featuring drawings and oil paintings by Warren artist, Karen E. Stoberwill, through January 31, 2017.

Stober has been drawing and painting using lead, color pencils, oil, and acrylic paints her entire life. Her pieces usually focus on her love of nature. The exhibit at SCLSNJ's Warren Twp. Library branch includes paintings of sunflowers, horses, dogs, and kittens.

Stober graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University with a BA in Fine Arts and has taken additional courses in graphic design, illustration, and photography at Raritan Valley Community College. Some of the artwork on display are available for sale, with 20% of the selling price going to the Friends of the Warren Library. Anyone needing more information regarding the items for sale or any artist interested in exhibiting work in the Art Space at SCLSNJ's Warren Township Library branch, should contact Kathy DeCristofaro at kdecrist@sclibnj.org.



(above) Warren Artist Karen E. Stoberwill standing in front of her oil on canvas paintings of cats, Binky and Samantha, at SCLSNJ's Warren Township Library branch. Stoberwill's exhibit will be on display at the Library through January 31, 2017.



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Over 70 people visited SCLSNJ's Warren Township Library branch on Saturday, December 3 to meet members of the 501st Legion and make

Star Wars themed crafts. We have attached two photos for your consideration. There are more photos to see at Facebook.com/SCLSNJ.



(above) Max Sobin, 4, poses with the BB8 craft he made -- and with Darth Vader.



(above) SCLSNJ Warren Township Library branch teen librarian Katie Bojanek poses with Darth Vader and his Empire forces. Left to right: Officer (Brian Costello), Scout Trooper (Victoria Lowe), Darth Vader (Jared Mattfeld), SCLSNJ Warren Township Library branch teen librarian Katie Bojanek, and Storm Trooper (Sebastian DePaola).

THE MAGIC OF HARRY POTTER

Somerset County Library System of New Jersey's Warren Twp. Library branch recently invited Harry Potter fans to celebrate the magic of Harry Potter with magical crafts and wizarding games.



(above) Bella Kilpatrick, 3, and her dad Kevin pose with the wand she made.



(above) Lawrence Lai, 9 months, may be the most dangerous wizard around!

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KINDERGARTENERS HUNT FOR THE GINGERBREAD MAN

The sweet smell of gingerbread wafted through the hallways as kindergartners at Mt. Horeb School went on a schoolwide scavenger hunt for the Gingerbread Man on Dec. 7. Organized by librarian Christine Burkhardt, the kindergartners have been reading gingerbread-related stories, including "The Library Gingerbread Man," "The Gingerbread Man Loose at the Zoo," and "The Gingerbread Man Loose at Christmas." Then, in search of the Gingerbread Man himself, the youngsters followed clues that led them from place to place.

"If he eats my lunch, I'm going to eat him for lunch," said one youngster. The search ended in each kindergarten classroom, where a plate of freshly baked gingerbread cookies awaited them.



(above) Mt. Horeb Kindergarten teacher Meredith Fishelman reads a clue from the Gingerbread Man, as her students use letters to spell out the next stop.

Photo credit: Warren Township Schools

4TH & 5TH GRADERS INVITED TO SPELLING BEE

The GFWC Junior Woman's Club of the Somerset Hills would like to invite all Warren fourth and fifth grade students to participate in their fourteenth annual spelling bee.

The competition will take place Wednesday, January 18th, 2017 at the Bedminster Township School, 234 Somerville Rd, Bedminster. The check-in will begin at 5:30 and the bee will begin at 6:00 p.m. promptly. Snow date is Wednesday, January 25, 2017 and will be used if the schools are closed or have an early dismissal on January 18th due to weather. There will be pizza, snacks and drinks available to purchase.

The top three spellers will win Gift Cards for \$50, \$25, and \$10 consecutively for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and will be invited to participate in a joint competition between students from Bergen, Morris, Sussex and Somerset counties in a District Spelling Bee in February 4th 2017 snow date February 11th in Rockaway. The top spellers from this District Bee will compete on the State level to be held March 2017 at NJSFWC Headquarters in New Brunswick.

Anyone wishing to participate should complete the registration form below and return it with a \$10 registration fee to us no later than January 11, 2017. Rules and practice word lists will be EMAILED to all participants.

Please write email clearly. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PRACTICE WORD LISTS DO NOT INCLUDE ALL THE WORDS THAT WILL BE USED IN THE COMPETITION. Participation will be limited to the first 50 students registered.

Please return this form and a \$10 check made payable to the Junior Woman's Club of Somerset Hills to: Bridget Amedio, 39 Hillcrest Blvd., Warren, NJ 07059. Registration deadline is January 11th, 2017.

Please include with check: Name of student, name of school, address, grade attending, name of teacher, your telephone number and email address.

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(above) Scouts from Troop 228 assisting at Mike Maloney's Eagle project, performed at St Martin's Church in Bridgewater. His project was the creation of a picnic area at the church. They are (L-R): Arnav Patel, Buddy Steen, John Trovato, Brady Pilsbury, Mike Maloney, Parth Patel, Chris Trovato, Andrew Roth, Sean Gubitosi.



(above) Karthik Irakam standing in front of part of his Eagle project performed at Watchung Hills Regional High school. His project was the creation of an outdoor classroom for the preschool at WHRHS.

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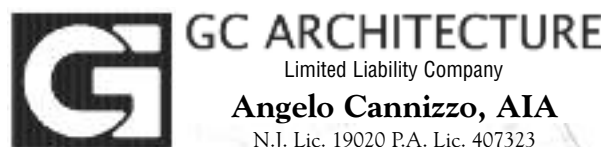
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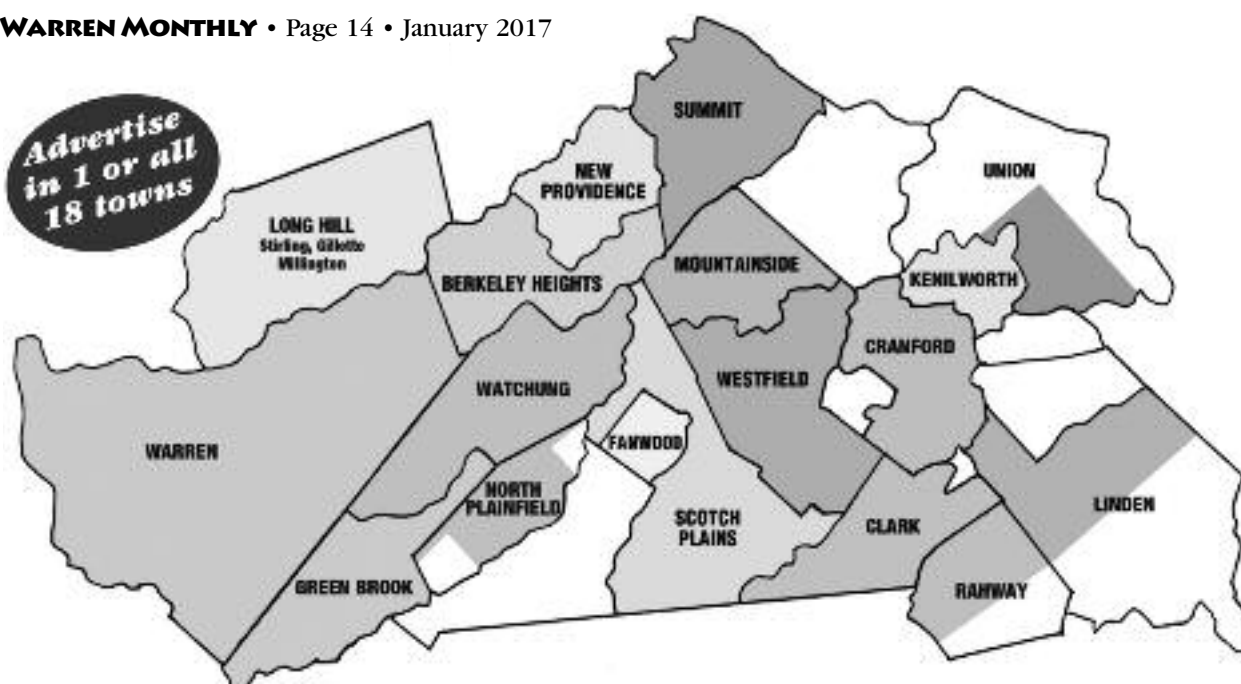
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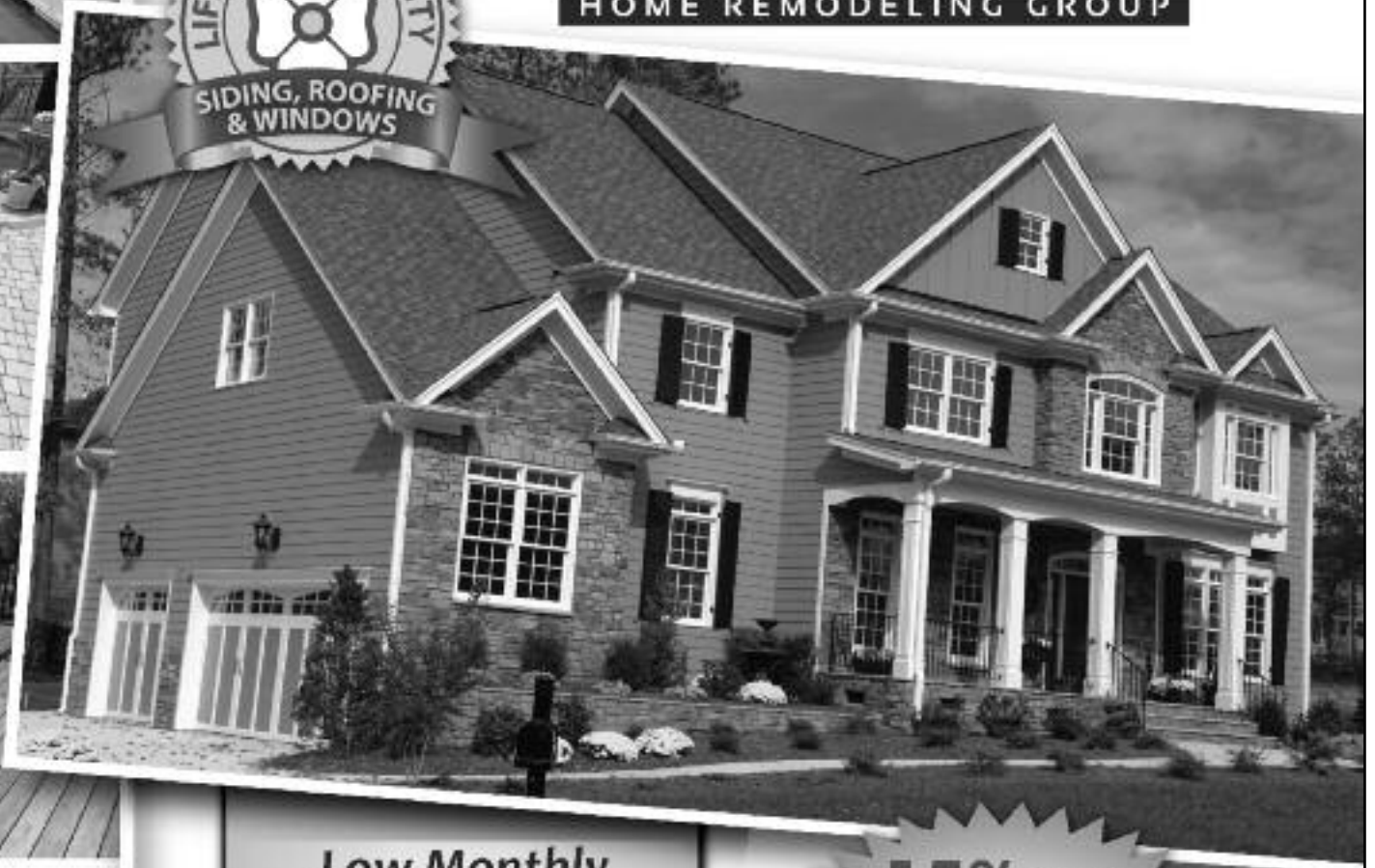


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