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SPRING MUSICAL 'BEAUTY AND THE BEAST' MAR. 30-APR 1

"Beauty and the Beast," this year's Spring Musical at Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS), will be presented at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 30, Friday, March 31, and Saturday, April 1, and at 2 p.m., April 1, in the WHRHS Performing Arts Center (PAC), Stirling Road.

All Senior Citizens are welcome to attend free of charge the Saturday matinee, at 2 p.m., Saturday, April 1, according to WHRHS Drama Director and Beauty and The Beast Director Douglas Eaton.

The Walt Disney full length animated feature film, "Beauty and the Beast," premiered in the United States on Nov. 22, 1991, featuring Robby Benson as the voice of the Beast, Paige O'Hara as the voice of Belle.

The animated movie's soundtrack, featuring songs sung by the original cast, won multiple Oscar and Grammy nominations and awards. The mega-hit recording of the movie's title song, "Beauty and the Beast," featuring Celine Dion and Peabo Bryson, won its own accolades, and helped launch the by-now legendary career of the at-the-time relatively unknown French-Canadian singer, Celine Dion.

Beauty and the Beast, the Musical, ran on Broadway from 1994 to 2007, the 10th longest-running production in Broadway history at 5,461 performances. The original Broadway cast included Susan Egan as Belle and Terrance Mann as the Beast.

A live action remake of the movie, "Beauty and the Beast," is scheduled for release this St. Patrick's Day, Friday, March 17,



(above) "Beauty and the Beast," this year's Spring Musical at Watchung Hills Regional High School), will be presented at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 30, Friday, March 31, and Saturday, April 1, and at 2 p.m., April 1, in the WHRHS Performing Arts Center (PAC), Stirling Road. Some of the production's lead actors are, from left: Sam Sinnott, Hannah Melillo, Jackie Romankow, Kyra Anthony, and Scott Romankow.

12 days before the WHRHS production. It stars "Harry Potter" megastar Emma Watson as Belle, Dan Stevens as the Beast.

A UNIQUE TWIST ON CHARITABLE GIVING

As part of a multi-week character education project, students at Warren Middle School turned a canned food drive into an artistic tour de force.

Sixth graders first viewed the documentary "Hunger in America" last month, before discussing the importance of empathy and volunteerism. The entire school community collected approximately 1,000 cans of food, which were distributed evenly among the 6th grade classrooms.

Modeled after CANstruction, a charity art exhibition inspired in 1992 by a group of New York architects and engineers, 6th graders used the canned food, imagination and teamwork to create works of art on Feb. 7 that included pizza and pie slices, a castle, a baseball diamond, a Rubik's Cube, a whale, and a donut complete with sprinkles.

Home Arts teacher Beverly MacGorman, who organized the project, delivered the canned items to an area food bank.

(right) Fighting hunger with imagination and teamwork. The 6th graders of Mary Ellen Weaver and Kevin Speckin participate in a creative twist on charitable giving.



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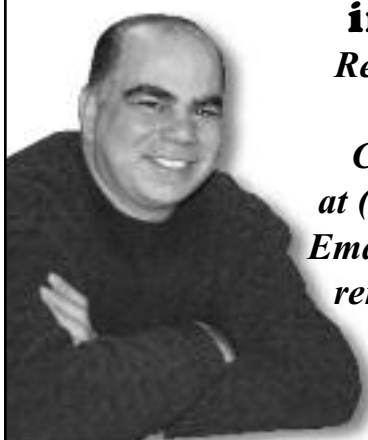
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WARREN MAYOR GARAFOLA INDUCTED INTO NJ ELECTED OFFICIALS HALL OF FAME

Carolann Garafola, who does double duty as Executive Director of Mt. Bethel Village and Mayor of Warren Township, was inducted on February 8, 2017 into the Elected Officials Hall of Fame during a ceremony in Trenton.

The Hall of Fame is a creation of the New Jersey League of Municipalities, which supports mayors and other elected officials across the state. The honor is reserved for elected leaders who have served for 20 years or more.

Mrs. Garafola has been an elected official in Warren for 21 years as both Mayor and Committee Member. This is her 8th term as an elected official and her 6th as Mayor.

Mrs. Garafola has spent her career as an

educator of people with developmental disabilities.

As Executive Director of Mt. Bethel Village, she is in charge of the day to day operations of the residential and day programs, both of which are designed to maximize the independence and promote fun and safety among adults with developmental disabilities, traumatic brain injuries and those who need other supports.

"It's been my honor and pleasure to serve the people of Warren while continuing my career serving a population with special needs," said Mrs. Garafola. "Warren is a wonderful place to live and work and I've been fortunate to be able to do both here."



(above) Mrs. Garafola with State Senator Jon Bramnick, R-21, from the Feb. 8 event.

Photo courtesy of Mt. Bethel Village.

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LIBRARY OFFERS PROGRAMS FOR LOCAL BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS

Somerset County Library System of New Jersey has announced programs for local business professionals. Registration is required to attend these programs. To register, visit SCLSNJ.org or contact your local SCLSNJ library branch.

Business Maker Day will be held on March 24, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the SCLSNJ Warren Township Library branch, located at 42 Mountain Blvd. in Warren.

This year's professional mini-conference for small business owners, entrepreneurs, and leaders will focus on social media: why it's important and how to do it well. Learn to increase the visibility of your business, connect with your customers and community for free. Pooja Krishna of Career Networking for Women will present Social Media Effectively, a fast paced session of tips and tricks to get you started. Diane Thieke of Simply Talk Media will cover how to create high quality content on a variety of social media platforms. SCLSNJ staff will discuss how

the library can be your business partner. There will be ample time for networking and you can set-up one on one appointments for specific help or tutoring. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Importance Of Saving For The Future For Small Business Owners And Their Employees will be held on April 5, 7-8 p.m. at SCLSNJ's Bound Brook Memorial Library branch, located at 402 East High St. in Bound Brook.

This program will focus on different ways to save, such as homeownership, savings accounts or tax advantaged vehicles like IRAs. There will be an emphasis on the importance of taking advantage of all the benefits that the place of employment may offer, including a 401(k) when applicable. Learn about the benefits of having insurance for your small business and for your employees. Presented by Elliott Smego, Financial Advisor, Prudential Insurance Company of America.

About Somerset County Library System of New Jersey

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JULIA CUNNINGHAM HITS 1,000 POINTS

One of the highlights this season for Watchung Hills Regional High School Warrior Girls Basketball Team came at 5 minutes and 50 seconds in the second period of the home game against Ridge High School on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2017. That's when with a foul shot on the back end of a "and one" three point play, Junior Julia Cunningham scored the 1,000th point of her illustrious career as a Warrior.

Cunningham scored the 1,000th point on her 23rd point of the game. She went on to score 40 points in the game, which set her own personal game best record as a Warrior and set the new WHRHS school record for most points by an individual girls player in a game.

Cunningham is only the second girl to amass 1,000 points in her career at WHRHS. The school record for scoring among girls basketball players is 1,234, set and held by Meghan Kopecki. Only varsity points count toward this record, Coach Kirchofer said.

"The game against Ridge was an incredible night for the Lady Warriors basketball program, but was extremely special for my family and myself," said Cunningham. "Hitting my 1,000th point was something that I had been dreaming of since I was a little kid and to break the scoring record and eclipse the 1,000th point mark in the same night was an unbelievable feeling."



(above) Junior Julia Cunningham was congratulate by her teammates after she scored the 1,000th point of her illustrious career as a Warrior on January 24, 2017.

HOW DIVORCE CAN IMPACT YOUR CURRENT AND FUTURE SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

By: James McGlew II, Esq.

One of the questions often asked by divorced individuals, particularly at the time of their retirement or the retirement of their former spouse, is whether or not they are entitled to receive Social Security benefits based on their prior marriage. The Social Security Administration interprets the law with the philosophy that a divorced person may deserve a personal benefit themselves if they were a long-term spouse of a member of the country's workforce.

Generally, there are two sets of rules which the Social Security Administration applies to determine whether or not an individual will qualify. The first applies if your former spouse is living; the second applies if they are deceased. The interpretation of these rules can sometimes be complicated and is often necessary to have an experienced family law attorney review not only the rules applied by Social Security but the settlement agreement signed at the time of the divorce.

In the first scenario, where the former spouse is still living, the preliminary criteria which need to be met are: (1) your prior marriage lasted for 10 years or more; (2) you are not currently married; and (3) you are 62 years of age or older. Just as important is whether you are entitled to receive Social Security benefits based on your own prior work history. If you are, the amount which you are entitled to receive for your efforts must be less than what you are entitled to receive based on your prior marriage. No individual is entitled to collect both benefits.

A second set of rules apply if an individual's former spouse has already died. Under these circumstances, you would have to be 60 years of age or older, have to have been married to your former spouse for more than 10 years, and cannot be entitled to a retirement benefit which would be higher than what could be claimed based upon your former spouses work record. Finally if you have remarried before the age of 60, you may not be able to receive this benefit. If you remarry after the age of 60, you would probably be entitled to receive it.

It is also important to note that ex-wives and ex-husbands are treated the same under the Social Security statutes, that it does not matter if your former spouse is now remarried and that any benefit you are entitled to receive as the divorced spouse will have no effect on the amount of the benefit your former spouse is entitled to receive based upon his or her work history. Lastly, bear in mind that if you should elect to receive your benefits before your full Social Security retirement age (which you can determine at www.ssa.gov) you will permanently reduce the amount you are entitled to receive.

There are other rules that may apply to divorced individuals. If you subsequently remarry, you generally are prohibited from receiving benefits based on your former spouse's work history unless your later marriage ends (whether by death, divorce or annulment). If your former spouse has not applied for retirement benefits, but has met the qualifications to receive them, you can receive benefits on his or her record if you have been divorced for at least two years. Differing rules apply for those who have been married multiple times.

There are other qualifying factors and determinations which need to be considered to confirm what benefit a former spouse is eligible to receive. It is always best to contact an experienced family law attorney who can discuss your qualifications to receive such benefits. At Lindabury, McCormick, Estabrook & Cooper, our practice includes diverse experience in related areas including tax law and elder law which we utilize to provide comprehensive legal advice to individuals who are or have dissolved a marriage. Our New Jersey divorce lawyers represent people throughout the state in all areas of family law, including child custody and support, alimony, asset distribution, and more.

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LOCAL STUDENT TO HOST ECO-FRIENDLY CRAFT PROGRAMS AT LIBRARIES

Watchung Hills Regional High School sophomore Jacqueline Lee, 15, will lead a series of programs at Somerset County Library System of New Jersey's Warren Township and Watchung Library branches this March. The programs will teach children ages eight and up how to recycle paper, plastic, and tin into beautiful art.

The Eco-Friendly Craft programs at SCLSNJ's Warren Township Library branch, located at 42 Mountain Boulevard in Warren Twp., will be held March 16 & 30 at 7 p.m. Participants will make Origami using recycled sticky notes on March 16 and crochet with recycled plastic bags on March 30.

The Eco-Friendly Craft programs at SCLSNJ's Watchung Library branch, located at 12 Stirling Road in Watchung will be held March 8, 13, 22, & 29 at 7 p.m. Participants will: make origami with recycled post-its on March 8; crochet with recycled plastic bags on March 13; make jewelry and crafts with soda tabs and more on March 22; create even more recycled crafts on March 29.

At Watchung Hills Regional High School, Lee is a member of various math teams and enjoys studying algorithms and engineering. She plays hockey and is a member of the school's varsity fencing team. As a member of the school's Environmental Club, she enjoys sharing her enthusiasm for environmental protection. Jacqueline also enjoys knitting, making origami, weaving, and creating other crafts. She is excited to combine both interests in the Eco-Friendly Crafts series at SCLSNJ's Watchung Library branch.

"I have been an avid reader since I was in grade school and reading at the sunny Watchung Library has always been --and still is--one of my favorite pastimes," said Lee. "I wanted to give back to my community and share some fun crafts

that protect the environment. I thought March was the perfect time to hold these classes because March 8 is International Women's Day and the month of March is Makers Month. I am excited that we can bring together members of the

community to celebrate both empowering women and creativity."

Registration is required to attend these programs. To register, visit SCLSNJ.org or contact your local SCLSNJ library branch..



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Family Read Aloud Month:

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Family Makers Fair Fun:

March 25, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

No registration required.

Storytime with Belle:

March 18, 10-11 a.m.

KIDS

A King’s Castle - A Chess Club for Kids!

March 9, 7-8 p.m.

(grades 1+)

STEM Saturday

March 4, noon - 4 p.m.

(4+ years old) No registration required.

Show Us Your Smile

March 6, 10-11 a.m.

(2-5 years old)

Healthy Spring Snacks

March 6, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

(7-11 years old):

Pop-Up Storytime

March 8 & 9, 10-10:45 a.m.

(2-5 years old)

Storytime with the Girl Scouts

March 8, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

(grades K-3): “Amelia & Eleanor Go for a Ride”

Pajama Party Storytime

March 10, 10-10:45 a.m.

(birth-2 years old)

Celebrating St. Patrick’s Day with Miss Central Coast

March 11, 1-2 p.m.

(4-12 years old)

Gumdrop Building Challenge

March 14, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

(grades 4-8)

Lego Mania

March 15, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

(4+ years old):

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Tiny Time Rhymes

March 16 & 31, 10-10:30 a.m.

(2 years old and under)

Eco-Friendly Craft

March 30, 7-8 p.m.

(8+ years old): Origami on March 16 & Crocheting

Music Together

March 20, 10-10:45 a.m. & 11-11:45 a.m.

(birth-5 years old)

Meet the Force: Magnets

March 20, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

(grads 1-5)

Let’s Cook a Little!

March 21, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

(grades 1-2): The Grey Stuff

Preschool of Rock

March 22, 10-10:45 a.m. & 11-11:45 a.m.

(6 months-4 years old)

Let’s Cook! Veggie Spring Rolls

March 23, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

(grades 3-5)

Kids’ MusicRound

March 28, 10-10:45 a.m. & 11-11:45 a.m.

(birth - 4 years old)

Explore the World of “Hydrogels”

March 29, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

(grades K-5)

TWEENS & TEENS

Teen Advisory Board

March 7, 7-8 p.m.

(grades 6-12)

Celebrating St. Patrick’s Day with Miss Central Coast

March 11, 1-2 p.m.

(4-12 years old)

Teen Safe Spaces

March 13 & 27, 7-8:15 p.m.

Gumdrop Building Challenge

March 14, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

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Teen Volunteer Night

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Meet Author J.A. White of “The Thickety Series”

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Chess Club for Adults

March 10, 17, 24, & 31, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

No registration required.

Oscars Film Showing

March 10, & 17, 1-3:45 p.m.

Photo Lecture in Chinese

March 4, 10:30 a.m. - noon.

Yarn & Threads Group

March 6 & 20, 10 a.m. - noon.

English Conversation Group

March 6 & 13, 10-11:30 a.m.

Bridge Players Group

March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 1-4 p.m.

No registration required.

Spanish Conversation Group

March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 12:15-1:30 p.m.

Mah Jongg Players Afternoon

March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 1-4 p.m.

Afternoon Book Discussion

March 9, 1:30-3:15 p.m.

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Three graduating student athletes at Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) declared on College Signing Day, Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2017 that they have committed to play sports in the college of their choice next year. Two students intend to play football, one to run cross country.

They are: Michael Montecalvo of Green Brook Township, offensive and defensive lineman, a WHRHS Warrior football standout, who plans to play football for the University of New Haven, West Haven, Ct.; Lamar Evans of Warren Township, receiver and cornerback, a WHRHS Warrior football standout, who plans to play football for Sacred Heart University, Fairfield,

Ct; and Ryan Martins of Green Brook Township, a WHRHS Warrior cross country standout, who plans to run cross country for the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb. Coach of WHRHS Football is Rich Seubert. Coach of Boys Cross Country is Dom Tasco.

"We were so proud to have three student athletes from our WHRHS athletics program who signed letters of intent this week," said WHRHS Director of Athletics Chris Van Vliet. "Congratulations to these athletes and their families, and best of luck to them as they continue their athletic careers in college next year."



(above l-r) Michael Montecalvo of Green Brook Township; Lamar Evans of Warren Township; and Ryan Martins of Green Brook Township.

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WOODLAND SCHOOL NOMINATED FOR BLUE RIBBON AWARD

Woodland School has been nominated by the New Jersey Department of Education to apply for the 2017 National Blue Ribbon Schools Award, one of only nine schools in the state to receive the distinguished recognition this year.

"I accept this nomination on behalf of the amazing educators (current and former), wonderful community, and all of the administrators who came before me who paved the path for success," says Jeffrey Heaney, whose tenure as Woodland principal began in 2014.

Created in 1982, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes outstanding public and non-public schools for overall academic excellence and/or their progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups. To be nominated, a school must demonstrate high or strongly improving student scores on state or nationally normed assessments in the last year tested, as well as meet annual measurable objectives.

Specifically, the performance of all tested students in a school in both reading and mathematics must be in the top 15 percent of all schools in New Jersey in the most recent year tested. Additionally, for each of a school's student subgroups, the performance of all tested students in a subgroup in both reading and math must be in the top 40 percent of all schools

statewide.

Woodland School was nominated in the category of "Exemplary High Performing Schools." "This prestigious recognition is the result of years of hard work by remarkable educators and a supportive community who do everything that it takes to ensure that students are successful," says Heaney. "From the moment I walked through the door at Woodland School, I knew this was a very special place."

In the program's 35-year history, six secondary public schools in Somerset County, including Watchung Hills Regional High School, have been recognized as National Blue Ribbon Schools. Just four public elementary schools in the county have received the award.

"This honor is well deserved for the entire Woodland School community, from students and their families, to the teaching staff, administration, and all of the wonderful support personnel who make the school a home away from home. Recognition like this does not come without years of hard work and dedication from a great many people," says Superintendent Matthew Mingle. "While the initial nomination has a lot to do with our students' performance on standardized assessments, the next phase requires us to demonstrate how committed we are to the whole child. I know the Woodland School

community will shine when the final nomination makes its way to the U.S. Department of Education."

Heaney says he is proud "to work alongside a group of educators and with parents who help children grow as critical thinkers, problem solvers, and most importantly, as human beings with good character." "We are so proud that our school district is being recognized nationally with a Blue Ribbon Schools nomination," says Tia Allocco, Board of Education President. "This distinction affirms the exceptional education provided both at Woodland School and throughout Warren Township. The Board would like to thank all of our teachers and administrators for their professionalism and expertise, as well as parents and the broader Warren community for their continued support of our students."

Woodland School must complete and submit a formal application to the U.S. Department of Education by March 31. National Blue Ribbon Schools winners will be announced in September.

"We hope that we are chosen as a Blue Ribbon School," says Heaney, as he cites the school's theme. "But, regardless of the outcome, we should all be proud. There is no doubt: 'It is always a great day at Woodland.'"



(above) "This prestigious recognition is the result of years of hard work by remarkable educators and a supportive community," says Woodland Principal Jeffrey Heaney (front row, third from left), about the school's nomination for a National Blue Ribbons School Award.

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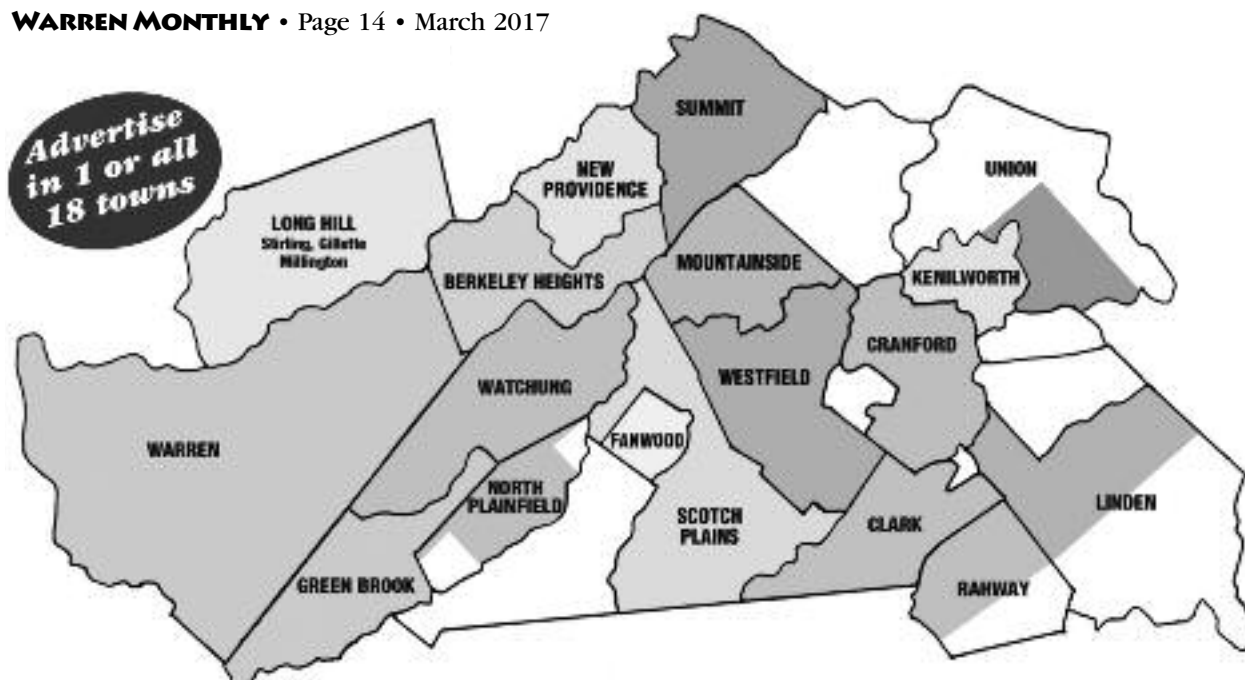
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