

Warren County Plans Day-Long Bicentennial Celebration June 28

By Art Charlton

WARREN COUNTY N.J. - Warren County, New Jersey turns 200 years old this year, and the county government is holding the Warren County Bicentennial Celebration mark the occasion.

Held on the grounds of Warren County Community College in Washington Township, the event takes place on Saturday, June 28, with a rain date of June 29. The celebration starts at 12 noon and runs to 9 p.m., with a fireworks show capping the festivities at 9:15 p.m.

The event features fun for all ages with free admission, parking, rides and games, while 11 bands – all with local connections – will play on two stages throughout the day. Craft and informational vendors will be on hand, with refreshments available for purchase from food trucks and a beverage garden featuring beer and wine from the breweries and wineries located within Warren County.

In order to accommodate anticipated crowds, the County is organizing several offsite parking areas with shuttle buses circulating throughout the event to bring attendees to and from the festival.

More information about parking, shuttles and the schedule of events during the Bicentennial Celebration is available at www.Warren200.com.

Opportunities to participate are still available for local crafters, historical and community groups, food trucks and other vendors. If interested, please contact Kim Barnes of the Warren County Land Preservation Department at 908-475-7750.

Warren County was created through enabling legislation that passed in November 1824, separating the southern end of Sussex County into a county of its own. The new county was named for Dr. Joseph Warren, a Boston firebrand who advocated for independence from England and was killed while fighting in the Battle of Bunker Hill 50 years earlier on June 17, 1775.

The June 28 Celebration is just one of a number of events commemorating the County's 200th birthday. The Bicentennial kicked off with a gala last November – 200 years after the enabling legislation was adopted. A series of concerts have been held for the past three summers to raise awareness about the bicentennial, the Warren County Library is holding a number of bicentennial events, and the annual Explore Warren History Trail weekend will be a special bicentennial edition this November 1-2.

The Warren County Bicentennial Celebration is sponsored by the Board of County Commissioners and co-produced by MES Event Services, LLC.



2025 STEAM Student Scholarship Award Winners

By Da Vinci Science Center

LEHIGH VALLEY - The Da Vinci Science Center has bestowed its STEAM Scholarship Awards (formerly known as the Hall of Fame Awards) annually since 1999 to students who show a unique passion for science, educators who inspire enthusiasm for science with innovative approaches, professionals and companies who bring science to life every day, and partners who support the Science Center's mission.



DeAndre Bentinck

Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts

A senior at Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts, DeAndre is a STEAM enthusiast passionate about how systems work. He built an e-bike for a self-led research project, exploring how it could reduce emissions in suburban areas and improve local transportation infrastructure. DeAndre hopes to pursue engineering and environmental research.



Jillian Halm

Freedom High School

President of the STEM Empowerment Society at Freedom High School, Jillian is passionate about engineering and empowering younger students through science outreach. She's an avid cyclist and Formula 1 fan who plans to study Materials Engineering and contribute meaningfully to her community.



Grace Kirby

Northampton High School

Grace turned her childhood love of STEM into a successful rice crispy treat business. Through that venture, she discovered a passion for manufacturing and engineering. Currently a Northampton HS student, she plans to attend Lehigh University's IBE Honors Program and pursue dual master's degrees in Materials Science and Engineering and Finance.



Mia Napolitano

Freedom High School

A junior at Freedom High School, Mia founded a Medical Club and actively participates in science fair, currently advancing to states with her project on melatonin and reproduction. Her passion for women's health is driven by personal connections to PCOS and endometriosis.



Gage Reichard

Louis E. Dieruff High School

An accomplished student from Louis E. Dieruff High School, Gage balances STEAM studies with leadership roles in debate and theater. He's passionate about physics and calculus and plans to become an engineer to solve real-world problems he's long been curious about.