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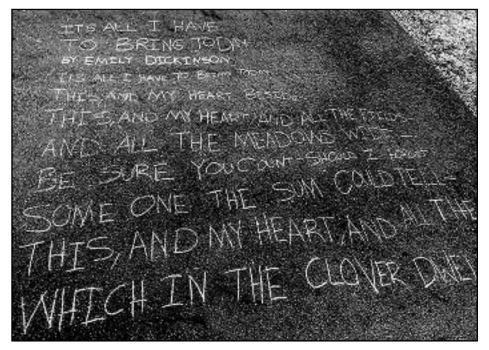
Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) English Teacher Jana Battiloro and her students discovered the use of a different kind of chalk board and a "Poetry Inspiration Challenge" during the Covid-19 Pandemic. The exercise helped students explore one way to harness the power of their own inner poet while reaching out with words of inspiration for their neighbors and themselves.

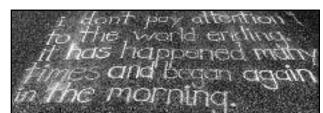
Prior to their Spring Break, Battioro gave her students a light assignment to complete during their one-week off from Distance

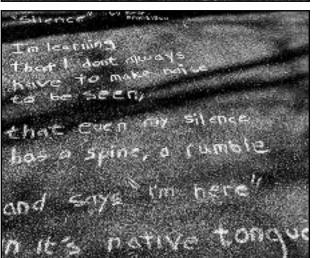
"The Tuesday before Spring Break, I left a 'challenge' for them on Google Classroom," Battiloro explained. Her challenge coincided with National Poetry Month.

"My challenge for you is to not only begin our celebration of National Poetry Month," she instructed her students, "but also to spread some love. So here is the challenge: Find a poem - any poem (even a verse of a poem) and write it on your sidewalk, driveway, window, front door, anywhere you can to show it to the rest of the world. The poem should somehow spread a message of positivity, optimism, hope, encouragement, or love. Then post a picture here so we can see what you did!"

Battiloro explained, "I found myself turning to poems each day when I started my day, trying to find some inspiration and some peace. Then, my daughter started to leave messages on our sidewalk and walkway each day, encouraging our neighbors. That's how the idea was born: That I could merge these two forms of encouragement and that this is needed, but especially for my precious students who are feeling lost and unmotivated and missing their own lives. So, I offered them a poem of encouragement by Mary Oliver, and told them to take the ideas out to others in the form of sidewalk chalk or even post on paper on a tree!









"I am so very proud of my students - all of them. Each day I try to share with them another poem or lyrics from a song - still trying to keep them connected to me and the school and to education."

Battiloro added that she had seen variations of this all over her hometown, too.

Battiloro said the student reaction was overwhelming, but she added, also, it was in line with what she and others have come to expect from WHRHS students.

"So, as Watchung Hills students always do," she said, "they rose to the challenge and have been leaving messages on roads and driveways and sidewalks everywhere, since that day."

Some of the selections the students shared included some written by other poets, and some written by them.

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WATCHUNG ELKS LODGE 885 SUPPORTS THE ARC

Submitted by Michael Ryder

Early May, Lisa Marie Arieno contacted Elks Lodge 885 member Kim DeVizio. Lisa Marie is the director of Foundation Development and Public Relations with The Arc of Somerset, and wanted to see if the Elks could help the Arc's special needs families.

It was during a "Ladies of the Elks" Zoom meeting that the Arc's needs were relayed by Lisa Marie to explain the "why and need" for food. Somerset ARC has 34 group homes and supervised apartments, 95 residents and 65-75 staff members. The residents of these group homes are adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Most residents attend Adult-Day Care facilities but are unable to since the COVID-19 pandemic lock down began.

The Somerset ARC Direct Support Professionals are front line workers who are currently dealing with medically fragile patients at the group homes and apartments. The homemade meals would be one less thing they need to do for that day and would be very much

appreciated.

The Elks members stepped up! For the next four weeks they provided one home-cooked meal for the two homes located in Warren and two homes located in North Plainfield. This equates to approximately 25 meals. Each week we have one Chairperson who will coordinate the meal cooking and delivery. Our first delivery was picked up by Lisa Marie's husband and Arc volunteer Jamie Weinschenk.

Many people join the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks to participate in our patriotic events or help us provide volunteer services to veterans and special children's groups, or simply to make new friends in the local community.

Are you interested in joining the Elks? Our members come from Warren Township and from towns within a 10 mile radius. You can learn more about us at elkslodge885.org, come down and meet us at Watchung Hills Elks Lodge 885 or send us an email to get the ball rolling at membership@elkslodge885.org.



(above, l-r) Jamie Weinschenk, Betty Volker, Mary Lewis, David Lewis, Kathleen Olesen, Stephanie Zitsch, Linda Helmstetter and Kim DeVizio. Not pictured: Martha & John Pizzigoni, Liz Egan, Mel Doremus, Deni Heilman, Bridget Horn, Debbie Figel, Audrey Lipinski and Valerie Miziack



(above, l-r) Kathleen Olesen, Stephanie Zitsch, Jamie Weinschenk (Arc), Mary Lewis, David Lewis, Betty Volker

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ELKS LODGE #885 DONATES TO FOODBANK

Submitted by Michael Ryder

The Elks National Foundation offers local lodges the opportunity to apply for grants for use in our Community Investment programs that relieve the poor, distressed or underprivileged; advance education or science; lessen the burdens of government; lessen neighborhood tensions; eliminate prejudice and discrimination and combat juvenile delinquency.

Every year, Watchung Hills Elks Lodge #885 ENF Committee Chair Joann Bataille applies for thousands of dollars in grants to support our charitable services for local veterans and specialneeds children.

In April and May, our grants were approved and Joann was able to donate a total of \$2,000 in ENF Beacon and Gratitude grants to the Foodbank Network of Somerset County. More specifically, in April, \$500 of ShopRite gift cards and then in May a \$1,500 check and \$500 more in ShopRite gift cards were given to the Foodbank Network of Somerset County.

Every Elk member joins because they were invited to by friends and family, or because they wanted to be part of an organization that has been consistently giving back to local communities for over 150 years.

Won't you consider joining us? Seated on over 6 acres of park-like property in Warren Township, Lodge #885 enjoys its own lodge building, pavilion, bandstand, picnic area, private members-only swimming pool and the Hofheimer Grotto.

Learn more about us at elkslodge885.org, come down and meet us at Watchung Hills Elks Lodge 885 or send us an email to get the ball rolling at membership@elkslodge885.org. We'd love to meet you, make friends and give you access to great opportunities for giving back to your community.



(above) Watchung Hills Elks Lodge #885 has been giving back to local communities for over 150 years.

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CASA SHAW EXPECTS SURGE IN ABUSE CASES

Submitted by Jeff Warren

Court Appointed Special Advocates of Somerset, Hunterton and Warren Counties (CASA SHaW) is expecting to see a rise in child abuse cases throughout the three counties the organization serves, but also throughout New Jersey as well in the future.

"The number of child abuse cases in our region has decreased significantly over the past two months as children have not been in school and around important individuals in their lives who are mandatory reporters," said Tracy Heisler, Executive Director of CASA SHaW. "The residual effects from this pandemic within the foster care world will be with us for years to come," Heisler said.

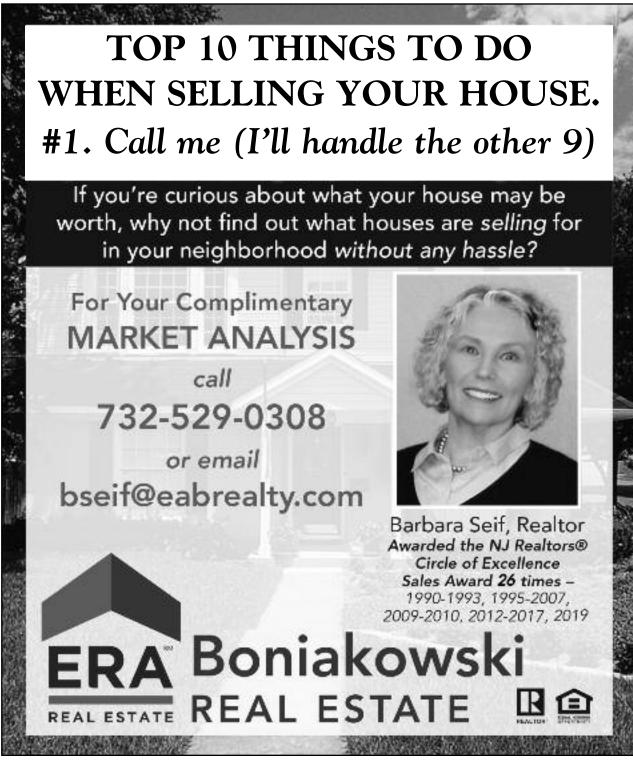
According to data from the New Jersey Department of Children and Families, domestic violence reports in New Jersey dropped 38-percent – from 7,357 to 4,498 – in March and April compared to last year during the same months. Domestic violence arrests were down by 21-percent. Heisler and CASA SHaW volunteers are concerned about the coming spike once state restrictions begin to lift.

"CASAs are the eyes and ears within our family court system, and provide our judges with independent and objective information

about abused and neglected children. It's a matter of time before we see what the true domestic violence numbers are, and then how that relates to children and youth in the home," Heisler said. "Thankfully, our staff is still here, still working hard with our dedicated CASA volunteers to make sure the important work is getting done for those already in care. We are prepared for what is to come as we fully anticipate a flood of more foster children into the system," said Heisler.

For more information about CASA SHaW and how individuals in the community can become a CASA volunteer to make a difference in the lives of abused and neglected children, visit the CASA SHaW website at casashaw.org.

CASA of Somerset, Hunterdon, and Warren Counties is part of a statewide network of community-based, non-profit programs that recruit, screen, train and supervise volunteers to "Speak Up for a Child" removed from home due to abuse or neglect. CASA is the only program in New Jersey that uses trained volunteers to work one-on-one with children, ensuring that each one gets the services needed and achieves permanency in a safe, nurturing home. To find a local CASA program in your county, visit casaofnj.org.







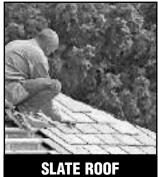




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SOMERSET COUNTY SHERIFF'S AND FOB TEAM-UP FOR ANIMAL SHELTER DONATION

The Somerset County Sheriff's Office, FOP Lodge 39 and FOP Lodge 89 recently came together to support the Somerset Regional Animal Shelter in Bridgewater. Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the shelter has been

facing hard times, with limited resources. On Wednesday, April 22nd, the officers personally delivered multiple bags of food, as well as \$620 cash to help take care of the sheltered animals awaiting adoption.









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Once Upon a Time (families)

July 18, 10-10:45 a.m.

Healthy Smoothies (families)

July 18, 2-3 p.m.

Creatures Beyond Imagining (families)

July 21, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

CHILDREN AND TEENS

**Puppet Time **

(ages 2-5 years and parents/caregivers)

July 1, 10-10:25 a.m.

Book Club - Hero's Journey (entering grades 3-6)

July 1, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

STEAM Lab

(entering grades K-2 and their caregivers)

July 1, 4-5 p.m.

Fairy Tale Art - Dragons

(entering grades K-2 and parents/caregivers)

July 2, 11-11:30 a.m.

LEGO® Club (entering grades K-5)

July 2, 4-5 p.m.

Family Storytime - Twilight Tales

(families with children)

July 2, 9; 7-7:30 p.m.

Phenomenon (entering grades 6-12)

July 6, 10-11 a.m.

Hour of Code - Dragon Blast (entering grades 2-5)

July 6, noon - 1 p.m.

Science Bites

(entering grades 3-6 and parents/caregivers)

When Life Gives You Lemons...?

July 6, 2-3 p.m.

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July 20, 2-2:30 p.m.

Frozen Yogurt Pup-Cicles - A Treat for You and Your Dog

(entering grades 3-5 and parents/caregivers)

July 7, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Music With Ms. Jenni

(ages birth - 3 years and parent/caregivers)

July 8, 27; 10-10:45 a.m.

Creatures From Around the World

(entering grades K-5)

July 8, 7-7:30 p.m.

Baby and Toddler Storytime - Discover Stories (ages

birth - 3 years and parents/caregivers)

July 9, 10-10:30 a.m.

Fairy Tale Food (entering grades 2-4 and

parents/caregivers):

Little Red Hen's Apple Bread

July 9, 3-3:30 p.m. **Jack's Bean Salad**

July 16, 2-2:30 p.m. **Cinderella's Parfait**

July 23, 1:30-2 p.m.

Digital Leadership Workshop (entering grades 9-12):

July 9, 5-6 p.m.

July 30, 1-2 p.m.

American Sign Language Storytime

(ages birth - 5 years and parents/caregivers)

July 10, 10:30-11 a.m.

Jellyfish Sensory Bottle

(ages 5-8 years and parents/caregivers)

July 10, 1-2 p.m.

Learning Lab (entering grades K-5):

Unicorn Science

July 10, 3-4 p.m.

Oceans and Mermaids

July 23, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

LEAP Into Science - Light and Shadow (grades K-4 and parents/caregivers)

July 11, 2-3 p.m.

Arms and Armor Through the Ages (families with children)

July 13, 10-10:45 a.m.

Book Discussion - "Muddy Max: The Mystery of Marsh

Creek" by Elizabeth Rusch (entering grades 3-6)

July 13, 2-3 p.m.

Camp Half-Blood Poseidon

(entering grades K-6 and parents/caregivers)

July 13, 4-5 p.m.

It's All Greek to Me (entering grades 6-12)

July 13, 6-7 p.m.

Ares and Athena

(entering grades K-6 and parents/caregivers)

July 14, 4-5 p.m.

Artemis and Apollo

(entering grades K-6 and parents/caregivers)

July 15, 4-5 p.m.

Hephaestus and Demeter

(entering grades K-6 and parents/caregivers)

July 16, 4-5 p.m.

Ambrosia and Nectar (entering grades 6-12)

July 16, 6-7 p.m.

Hermes

(entering grades K-6 and parents/caregivers)

July 17, 4-5 p.m.

Capture the Flag (entering grades 6-12)

July 17, 6-8 p.m.

Nature Explorers

(entering grades K-2 and parents/caregivers)

July 14, 10-11 a.m.

Secret Stories - Writing in Codes and Ciphers (entering

grades K-5)

July 14, 1-2 p.m. **Author Visit - Beth Ferry**

(families with children)

July 14, 6:30-7 p.m.

Toddler and Preschool Storytime(ages 18 months - 5 years and parents/caregivers)

July 15, 16, 23; 10-10:30 a.m.

Magical Creatures Party (entering grades 1-3 and parents/caregivers)

July 15, 11 a.m. - noon

Teen Paint Night - Watercolor Beach (entering grades 6-12)

July 15, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Music With Miss Donna

(ages birth - 5 years and parents/caregivers)

July 16, 21; 10:30-11 a.m. **Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5 years and**

> parents/caregivers): **STEM Stories**

July 17, 10-10:30 a.m.

The Ocean July 28, 10:30-11 a.m.

Creative Writing Workshop

(entering grades 7-12)

July 17, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Beginner Magic Workshop (ages 6 and up):

July 20, 10-11 a.m.

Hour of Code - Candy Quest

(entering grades 2-5) July 20, noon - 1 p.m.

STEAM - Mechanical Mysteries

(entering grades 3-4)

July 20, 4-4:45 p.m.

Family Book Discussion - "Aesop's Fables" (families with children entering grades K-5)

July 20, 6-7 p.m.

Medieval Murder Mystery

(entering grades 6-12)

July 21, 1-2 p.m. **Little Explorers - India**

(ages 3-5 years and parents/caregivers)

July 21, 4-4:45 p.m. Fairy Tale Theater(entering grades Pre-K to 3 and

parents/caregivers) July 22, 10-10:30 a.m.

Sew a Reusable Pouch (entering grades 3-6): July 22, 4-5 p.m.

Draw a Story - Fairy Tales Around the World (entering grades K-2)

July 22, 6-6:45 p.m.

Puppet Time

(ages 2-5 years and parents/caregivers)

July 24, 10-10:25 a.m.

Once Upon a Building (entering grades 2-4):

July 24, 2:30-3 p.m.

Tropical Rainforest Animals

(entering grades K-5 and families) July 25, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Junior Detectives - The Librarian Who Wasn't (entering

grades 4-8)

July 27, 4-5 p.m.

Teen Summer Reads Book Club

(entering grades 9-12)

July 27, 6-7 p.m.

Teen Trivia (entering grades 9-12)

July 28, 2-3 p.m.

Graphic Novel Book Club (entering grades 3-5)

July 28, 4-5 p.m. **Beyond Imagination (families with children):**

July 28, 7-8 p.m.

Mini-Makers - Magical Homes (entering grades 2-6)

July 29, 1-2 p.m.

Honey Heist (entering grades 6-12)

July 29, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Draw a Story - Fairy Tales Around the World (entering

grades K-2) July 29, 5-5:45 p.m. Family Night - Egg Carton Sea Turtles (families with

> children) July 30, 4-5 p.m.

Harry Potter Night (entering grades 5-10)

July 31, 5-6:30 p.m. **ADULTS**

De-Stress and Unwind With Yoga - An Online Class From **SCLSNJ**

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Acing the Virtual Interview July 1, 7-8 p.m.

Old Glory History of the American Flag - Presented by

Kevin Woyce July 2, 7-9 p.m.

Selected Readings - SCLSNJ Unites the Community Through Verse

July 7, 14, 21, 28; 11-11:45 a.m. **Understanding Your Financial Statements**

July 7, 1-2:30 p.m. **Ten Unsung Heroes of Colonial America**

July 8, 7-8 p.m.

Abbey Road and the End of the Beatles July 9, 7-8 p.m.

The Wreck of the Broker - The Story of New Jersey's **Deadliest Train Wreck**

July 13, 7-8 p.m.

Online Training With SkillUp Greater Raritan July 14, 1-2 p.m.

> **Here Comes the Bride A History of Marriage Traditions** July 15, 7-8 p.m.

Fantasy Readers' Round Table July 16, 7-8 p.m.

Summer Survival - Essential Oils to the Rescue July 20, 7-8 p.m.

My Loved One Has Been Diagnosed With Dementia -

What Do I Do Next? July 22, 7-8 p.m.

Money Management Crash Course

July 23, 2-3 p.m. **No-Heat Recipes for Summer**

July 24, 3-4 p.m.

Virtual Readers' Roundtable A Moderated Book Talk

> July 27, 1-2 p.m. The 411 on Podcasts

July 29, 11 a.m. - noon **Meet the Author - Jason Love**

July 30, 7-8 p.m.

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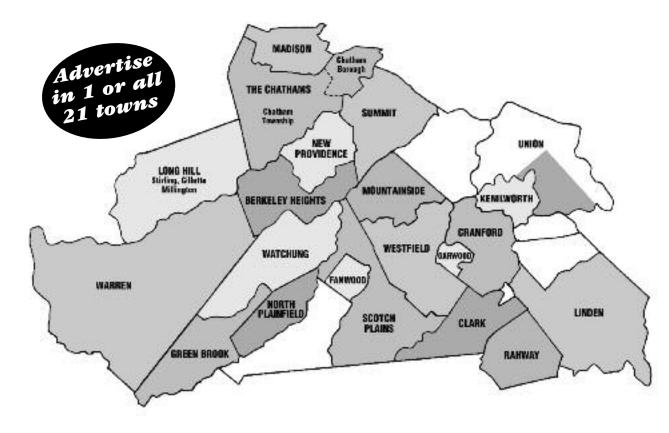
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During the past 20 years, over 2000 of Rahway's street trees have died or were removed and never replaced. Resident Bob Markey is producing a three-episode video which provides viewers with a sobering look into this serious crisis affecting Rahway's trees. The video also provides a toolbox to fix the tree problems and to rebuild Rahway's urban forest. There is a plan to accomplish it, but the effort needs help and support.

Markey states, "This crisis didn't happen overnight, nor is it the fault of any individual, city department or elected official. Over the years mistakes and oversights have been made."

The Arbor Day Foundation certified Rahway as a Tree City USA Community in 1997 with two primary requirements: Form a Tree Board and Enact a Tree Ordinance.

The video is to raise awareness and solicit help in the effort to rebuild, restock and restore Rahway's urban forest.

Folks can help by sending an email to Help@SaveTheTreesofRahway.org, and by subscribing to Save The Trees of Rahway YouTube Channel, and by following the group on Facebook.

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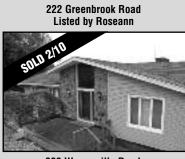


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