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WHS MUSICIANS VIRTUAL CONCERT FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Submitted by Mary Ann McGann

In recent years, members of the Westfield High School (WHS) Band and Orchestra have volunteered their talent and time to perform a concert for the residents at Westfield Senior Citizens Housing.

This year, with COVID-19 keeping everyone at home, WHS band directors Christopher Vitale and Trevor Sindorf came up with a way to provide some virtual entertainment to the senior residents through a unique remote learning project.

"The students had the option to create a performance on their instrument (solo or collaboration with peers) or a video message using the song of their choice," says Vitale. "We asked them to pick music written between 1940 and 1980 so it would be relatable for their audience."

Vitale and Sindorf say they are "extremely proud" of their band students, all of whom submitted videos to be considered for the 30-minute virtual concert, which was emailed in May to the senior residents. The video could not be posted publicly, due to copyrighted materials.

"Thank you to you and your gifted students for producing such a wonderful program for the Westfield Senior Citizens Housing," writes recreation director Carezza Motley in an email on May 27. "We have enjoyed the astonishing creativity from such a talented group of students. I hope we can thank them all face-to-face one day soon."



(above) Westfield High School 12th grader Will Loggia created a special video message that includes clips of dancing scenes in popular sitcoms of the past, along with one of himself dancing in his kitchen.

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(above) Westfield High School band students created a special virtual concert for senior residents after COVID-19 prevented the students from performing in person. Photos by Westfield Public Schools



(above) As part of a remote learning project, members of the Westfield High School band and orchestra produced musical performances and special videos for senior citizens in Westfield.



(above) WHS 11th grader Sebastian Wroe performs Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2 in C sharp minor by composer Franz Liszt, as part of a special video concert emailed to senior residents at Westfield Senior Citizens Housing.

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Westfield High School students from the Rotary Interact Club baked special treats to say a big thank you to the front-line workers at Trinitas Regional Medical Center. The Rotary Interact Club specializes in community service and spreading positivity.

Board members Gabriella Scipioni, Alexandra Blancato, Christina LaPera, and Anna D'Angelo worked alongside members and friends to bake and pack 500 bags of baked goods to send to Trinitas, where Anna's father is Dr. John D'Angelo, Chair of Emergency Medicine at Trinitas.



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WESTFIELD HIGH SCHOOL NAMES AWARD WINNING TEACHERS

Four teachers have been honored by the Westfield High School community with awards of excellence. At virtual announcements to staff and students on May 13-14, principal Mary Asfendis named the award winners, who were nominated by students, staff and parents at the school.

Science teacher Suzanne Glynn is the recipient of the Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award, established to annually recognize a teacher who, through both excellence in teaching and a demonstrated commitment to intellectual pursuits beyond the classroom, serves as a model and inspiration to the high school community. Those who nominated Glynn say “the time, effort, and care she puts into her classes” and her obvious love of “every aspect of chemistry” makes her deserving of the award. “Her excitement is infectious as I have never seen anyone leave chemistry without a smile,” one student nominator says. “Mrs. Glynn answers all of our questions and we have the best class discussions.”

The Above and Beyond Award recognizes a teacher or counselor who has made a difference in the life of a struggling child either socially, emotionally or academically. This year’s recipient is special education teacher Lillian (Gail) Alston who is lauded as an educator who believes in her students and encourages them to follow their interests. “From the time I started in her Earth Science class, she always encouraged

me to pursue my interest in science and animals,” says a student nominator. “Her class always made my day and helped me get through my first year of high school.”


Mathematics/Project ‘79 teacher Louis DeAngelo received the Parent-Teacher-Student Organization (PTSO) Teacher of the Year Award which annually recognizes a teacher who is encouraging and motivating, is a good role model, and shows respect for co-workers, students and parents. DeAngelo, who also serves as advisor to the Robotics Club, is applauded by those who nominated him for his “infinite patience,” “endless energy,” and for teaching students to be leaders. “He is completely devoted to teaching and to the students,” says one nominator.

For providing extra support for struggling

students and for “checking in on his students to make sure their academic and personal lives are going well,” mathematics teacher Matthew Gironda was honored with the Robert and Linda Foose Memorial Award, named for a former principal and teacher. “In addition, Mr. Gironda has prepared full hour virtual lessons while we are on home instruction due to COVID-19,” says a student nominator. “I was super nervous about falling behind in the class, but he has prepared lessons and notes to share with the class that have made us feel a lot more prepared and confident.” The awardees will be honored by the Westfield Board of Education at a virtual public meeting on Tuesday, June 9 at 7:00 p.m. Instructions on how to access the virtual board meeting can be found on the district website at westfieldnj12.org under the Board tab.



(above, l-r) Westfield High School teachers Suzanne Glynn, Matthew Gironda, Louis DeAngelo, & Lillian (Gail) Alston were honored with awards for excellence this year. Photos by Westfield Public Schools



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Submitted by Rotary International District 7475

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Overlook Hospital renovated two additional floors to become ICU units, and sought funding to help purchase the equipment. They have ordered 20 Critical Care Beds, model Hillrom Progressa Bed System. The beds can be upgraded in the future and cost \$34,000 each and have technology to help patients breath. The hospital does not like to transfer patients between beds, because it increases the risk of nonsocomial infections, which means getting an infection in the hospital. Therefore, these beds are designed to be used in other therapeutic modalities. They are designed to be mobile- you can wheel them down the hall to other departments. The useful life of one of these high tech beds is 12 to 15 years. Each bed could potentially save thousands of lives.

Past District Governor Dr. D. Michael Hart is the Foundation Chair for the District. He was able to write a grant proposal which was matched by

The Rotary International Foundation totaling \$34,000 to purchase one bed for Overlook Hospital.

Dr. Hart recently wrote two other grants totaling \$100,000 to purchase 10 ventilators for Trinitas Hospital in Elizabeth, NJ and RWJ Barnabas Hospital in Somerset, NJ. Robert Wood Johnson Barnabas is the largest health system in New Jersey with 15 hospitals. Overlook is part of

the Atlantic Health System with 5 hospitals. Hospital chains share equipment as needed, or divert patients to open hospital wards as needed, so these donations will help the two largest health systems in New Jersey.

Locally, the Rotary Club of Westfield meets for lunch weekly. To attend a meeting, or for more information, please visit westfieldrotary.com.



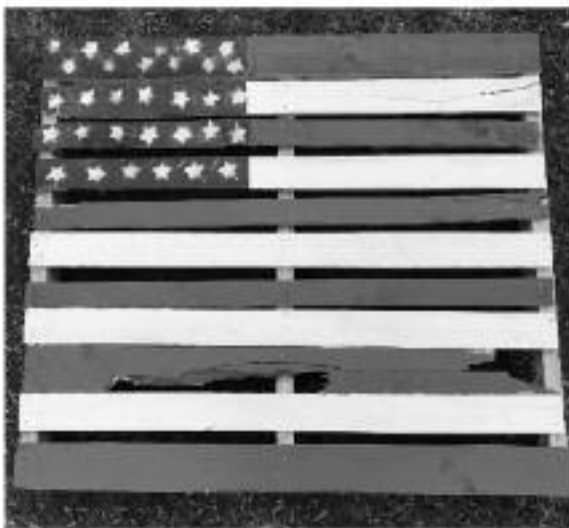
(above) Rotary International District 7475 Foundation Committee Chairs



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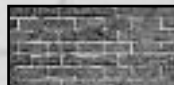
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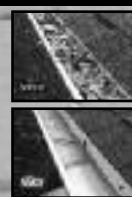
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WESTFIELD HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS RECEIVE SPECIAL SURPRISE



(above) Westfield High School senior Marcelina Krowinska thanks her teachers for their surprise visit to drop off a lawn sign, part of a surprise event for all 12th graders on May 27, organized by the WHS PTSO, with the help of the Westfield community.

Photo by Beata Krowinska and Westfield Public Schools

Westfield High School seniors were surprised to find teachers they have only seen during virtual lessons over the past two months arriving at their homes on May 27 to deliver lawn signs.

"The seniors are still waiting to find out when they will be able to have a 'live' graduation so we wanted to do something to make them feel special. It epitomizes the spirit of Westfield to have the teachers, the Westfield Police Department, the Board of Education and the Department of Public Works all come together to celebrate these kids," says WHS PTSO co-president Monica Bergin about the PTSO-organized event. "The teachers were excited to help out and more than 60 volunteered to be part of the six delivery teams."

"It is great seeing how supportive the WHS teachers and community as a whole are during this difficult time," says senior Aiden Kilbourn.

"It was a wonderful surprise to see my teachers and I loved seeing all the decorated cars," adds 12th grader Madeline Stack. "It made me and all the other students feel really special."

Parent Beata Krowinska called the lawn sign delivery "an amazing moment for many WHS

students." "I didn't see that much excitement in my daughter's face for a long time," she writes in an email to WHS principal Mary Asfendis to thank all involved in the event. "Marcelina felt so special when she saw two of her favorite teachers standing and clapping for her. This experience will last forever."

Asfendis thanked the PTSO for "initiating and planning this amazing community event," the Westfield Police Department for the "hours coordinating and leading our routes," and the Westfield Department of Public Works for providing vehicles for the delivery caravans.

"I can speak for all of the Westfield staff in saying it was a highlight of our year to celebrate this amazing class," Asfendis says. "We were so excited to see our students and share in the joy of their graduation from Westfield High School."

"The smiles on the faces of our seniors says it all," says Superintendent Dr. Margaret Dolan. "It is gratifying to see the Westfield community come together to create special experiences for the Class of 2020, even as we continue to adhere to social distancing rules during this extraordinary time."



(above) More than 60 teachers from Westfield High School participated in a special event to honor the Class of 2020, paying surprise visits on May 27 to deliver lawn signs to the 12th graders.

Photo by Westfield High School Parent-Teacher-Student Organization and Westfield Public Schools



(above) WHS physical education teacher Ralph Corey and Student Government Association president John Czarnecki exchange a wave as Corey pays a surprise visit to the 12th grader to deliver a special lawn sign on May 27.

Photo by Westfield High School Parent-Teacher-Student Organization and Westfield Public Schools

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EDUCATOR JEANINE GOTTKO AWARDED ROTARY PHILHOWER FELLOWSHIP

Submitted by Mary Ann McGann

Jeanine Gottko, who taught first and fifth grade at Franklin Elementary School in Westfield before working with both students and teachers in the district as a master technology teacher, is the 2020 recipient of the Rotary Club of Westfield's Philhower Fellowship in recognition of outstanding teaching at the elementary school level.

Gottko received the news on April 23 during a virtual meeting with Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Programs Paul Pineiro, to which Superintendent Dr. Margaret Dolan paid a surprise virtual visit.

"Jeanine is so deserving of this important recognition," says Dolan. "Her years as a classroom teacher combined with an impressive knowledge of digital learning tools and technology has been invaluable to our school community, especially during the educational upheaval caused by COVID-19."

A Westfield native, Gottko joined the Westfield Public School District in 1997 as a first grade teacher at Franklin, moving down the hall two years later to teach fifth grade for 13 years.

"I always hoped I would teach in Westfield because I had received such an outstanding education here and I knew what a wonderful district it was," says Gottko who received a Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of Delaware in 1997. "I also liked the sense of community and the ability to continue the district's tradition of excellence for future students."

In nominating Gottko, a team of teachers at Tamaques Elementary School noted her expertise in instructional technology. "Her knowledge and skills reflect her continued pursuit of professional

growth in this rapidly changing field," the group wrote in a nominating letter. "Our recent abrupt switch to distance learning put Jeanine's skills in the spotlight, as she is suddenly in charge of teaching everyone in the district, including staff, administrators, and parents, how to use an overwhelming number of different tools. She has instilled in all of us that we are capable of using technology to make distance learning effective."

Another letter from a fellow educator lauds Gottko for going above and beyond to provide e-learning tools and assistance throughout the school year. "When the district moved to distance learning and the weight of the entire district was suddenly upon her shoulders, she has continued to support us in an astounding way."

Gottko has been a master technology teacher for grades K-8 for the past 7 years, serving as an instructional coach for teachers and administrators, planning and conducting professional development sessions, and visiting classrooms to incorporate technology into student lessons. In 2013, Gottko was named one of the National School Boards Association's "20 to Watch," a prestigious recognition of "emerging U.S. education leaders for their ability to inspire fellow educators and their innovative use of technology to contribute to the creation of high-quality learning environments."

"Jeanine is that unique combination of experienced classroom teacher and educational technology wiz," says Pineiro. "She is respected and trusted. Her calm and compassionate approach has gone a long way in soothing our school community during this adjustment to

distance learning."

Gottko also has created a Distance Learning webpage for parents, with helpful e-learning resources on Webex, Google Hangouts/Meets, Google Classroom, and other digital instructional tools.

When asked about a professional highlight, Gottko says, as a longtime teacher, she enjoys keeping up with what former students are doing. "Quite a few have become teachers themselves and others are doing extraordinary things despite having lives that weren't as simple as they planned."

She credits her parents, former Rotarian and Westfield Town Administrator Ed Gottko and Jean Gottko, a nurse, with encouraging her to volunteer outside the classroom. "My parents always encouraged me to join different committees, to play a role in my community, and to never limit myself."

Gottko received the Rotary Philhower Award on May 5 as a guest of honor during a virtual Rotary Club meeting. That evening, she was recognized as well at a virtual meeting of the Board of Education.

The Philhower Fellowship was established in 1993 by the Rotary Club to honor former Westfield Rotarian Charles Philhower and to recognize the importance of teaching in the elementary grades. An educator for more than 50 years, Charles Philhower, who died in 1962, was supervising principal (superintendent) of Westfield schools for three decades as well as co-founder and past president of the Rotary Club of Westfield, and District Governor.



(above) Educator Jeanine Gottko is this year's Philhower Award recipient, in recognition of her years as an exceptional elementary school teacher and master technology teacher.

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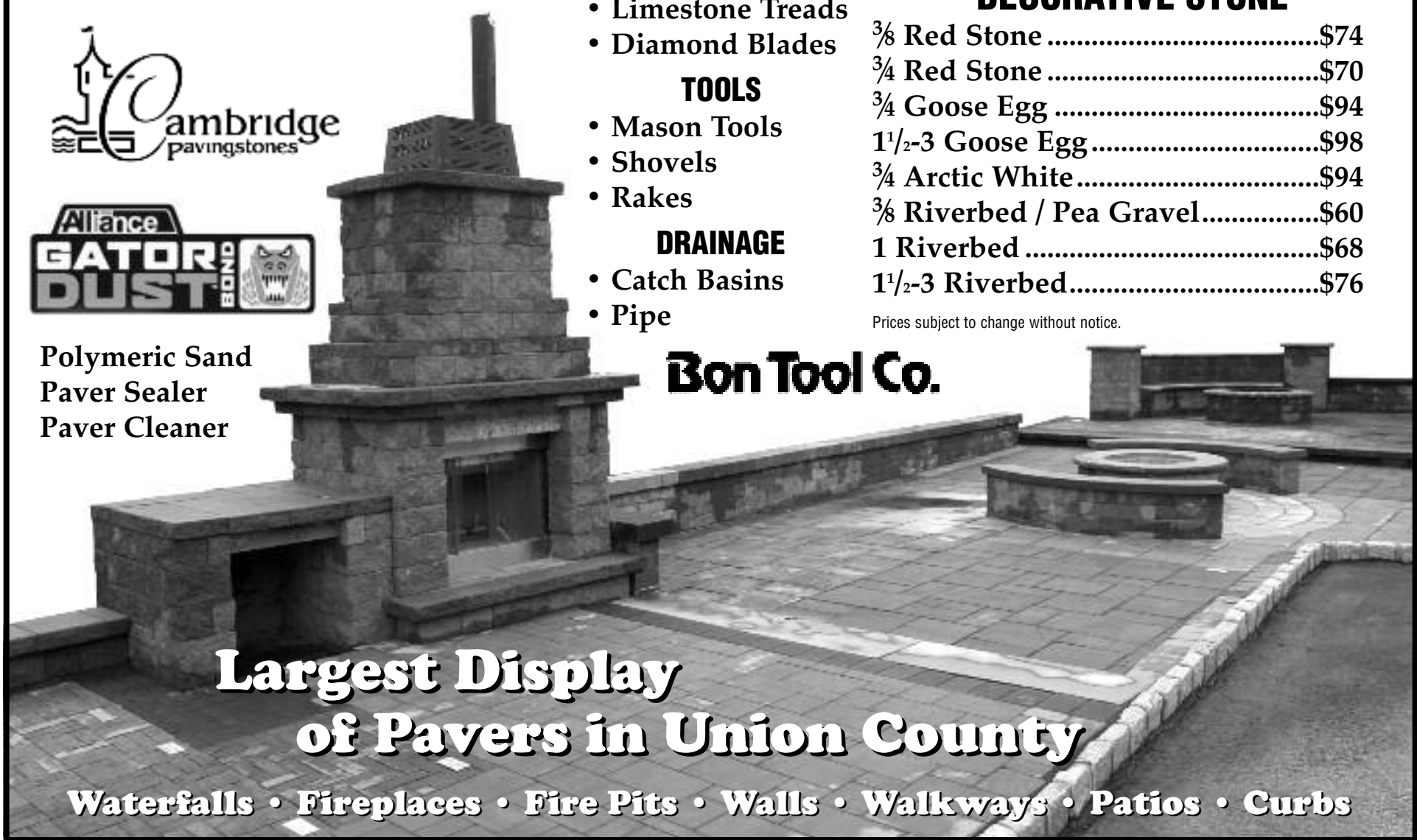
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STUDENTS PLACE IN ODYSSEY OF THE MIND REGIONAL TOURNAMENT



(above, l-r) Franklin Elementary School students Devan Regas (Grade 5), Takato Kaneda (Grade 3), Siya Singla (Grade 3), Luca Giaccobe (Grade 3), Alex Giangone (Grade 5), Lexie Twilley (Grade 3), and Ben Britain (Grade 5), pictured here with coach Andrea Giangone, placed 2nd in the regional Odyssey of the Mind competition in March.



(above) A team of Edison and Roosevelt Intermediate School students placed 1st in a mechanical problem solving category at the regional Odyssey of the Mind competition in March. (Clockwise from left): Avery Keith (Grade 8, Edison), Nathan Reynders (Grade 8, Edison), Ted Crall (Grade 7, Roosevelt), Nolan Daly (Grade 8, Edison), Ethan Delforte (Grade 8, Edison), and Lucas Gunzberg (Grade 8, Edison).

Photos by Westfield Odyssey of the Mind

Submitted by Mary Ann McGann

Five Westfield student teams demonstrated creativity, ingenuity, and presentation skills in specific problem-solving categories at the Gateway Regional Odyssey of the Mind Tournament, held on March 7 in Sayreville, NJ, with three teams placing first, second, and third in various categories.

A team comprised of students from Edison and Roosevelt Intermediate Schools placed 1st in the "Mechanical Problem," building a networking device capable of transmitting an image, email and text message between three different network segments. The team also was required to include a pop up advertisement, a malware character to "infect" the network and an anti-virus hero to rescue the network. The Franklin Elementary School team, new to the tournament this year, placed 2nd in the "Balsa Wood Problem," building an adjustable balsa wood structure that could sustain a maximum weight without breaking. These two teams were

eligible to advance to the state Odyssey of the Mind competition, which has been cancelled due to COVID-19.

A team from Tamaques Elementary School placed 3rd in the "Classics" category and two primary teams from Tamaques and McKinley Schools participated in the competition as well. Primary teams are not given awards but gain valuable collaborative, problem-solving, and presenting skills.

Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program for students from kindergarten through college. According to njbrotm.org, "team members apply their ingenuity and creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics," bringing their solutions to regional, state and world competitions.

For more information, visit the New Jersey Odyssey of the Mind website at njootm.org or email donnakenneyny@gmail.com.



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Please send your items to the attention of Westfield Historical Society Trustee, Robert Wendel, at the following email address: westfieldhistoricalsociety@gmail.com; mail to Westfield Historical Society, Attn: R. Wendel, P.O. Box 613, Westfield, NJ 07091; or, upload to the Google Drive folder link found at westfieldhistoricalsociety.org. Please include your name and contact information or remain anonymous.

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The Westfield Historical Society's umbrella covers the Reeve History and Cultural Resource Center (headquarters), The Westfield Historical Society Archives, and the Miller-Cory House Museum which is owned by the Westfield Historical Society and managed by the Miller-Cory Board of Governors.

Westfield Historical Society membership is encouraged and interested individuals and families are invited to join the Society at westfieldhistoricalsociety.org/membership-donate.

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HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS RECEIVE AWARDS AT VIRTUAL CEREMONY

At Westfield High School's annual Awards Night on May 28, which was held virtually due to COVID-19, approximately 145 awards were presented to the following graduating seniors:

- FMBA Local 30 Westfield Firefighters Scholarship - Emily Ensslin
- Westfield High School Blue Devil TV Award - Jakob Tannenbaum
- Italian-American Club of Westfield Terry DiFalco Scholarships - Mark Falletta, Julia Gagliardi, Jackie LaMastra, and Theresa Lizzo
- Westfield Young Republican Committee Public Service Award - Patrick Mullen
- John Byrne Memorial Scholarships - Emily Ensslin and Jeremy Kronheimer
- Kathryn Brennan Memorial Award - Paul Romeo
- Katherine E. Cuthbertson Memorial Achievement Awards - Helen Chinn, Ian Gurland, Jakob Tannenbaum, and Henry Vierschilling
- Bruce G Dunning Memorial Award - Greta McLaughlin
- Edmund K. Faltermayer Journalism Scholarship - Abigail Jarecki
- Mark & Debra Friedman Innovation Scholarship - Samantha Shih
- Ezra Kennedy Memorial Scholarships - William Litchholt, Sara Miller, and Anna Saber
- Dorothy Kirkley Memorial Scholarship - Viggo Jabon
- Lightbridge Academy Scholarship - Lindsay Sherman
- Laurence F. Greene Achievement Awards - Inti Araya and Nicholas Robinson
- The Douglas J. Odenkirk Memorial Award - Inti Araya
- The Franklin School Jake Tooley Scholarship - Sara Saber
- Dr. Derrick Nelson Service & Leadership Award - Kevin Yucetepe
- Spencer Savings Bank Scholarship - Paul Romeo
- The Matthew Thomas Toriello Memorial Award - Sophia Powell
- Adult School Scholarship - Madeline Katz
- Westfield Art Association Award - Sophia Wayner
- Westfield Chapter UNICO National Awards - William Loggia, Andrew Principato, and Demi Tsavekou
- The Westfield Future Achievement Scholarships - Ryjon Burke, Juan Castillo, Roselyne Garabete, and Jack Ruckman
- Westfield Jaycees Scholarship - Anastasia Fowler
- Ailish Campanile Scholarship - Catharine Miller
- The Kelly Mazzucco Scholarship - Mikaela Buoscio
- Barbara Philpot Memorial Spirit Awards - John Czarnecki, Anastasia Fowler, and Roselyne Garabete
- The Barry Judd Memorial Scholarships - Anastasia Fowler and Arthur Robbins-Geller
- Charles Ropars Memorial Scholarships - Gianni Pizzi and Rachel Seigerman
- The Westfield Education Association Scholarships - Ava Feldman, Emma Karp, and William Loggia
- Ann & Victor Frette Memorial Scholarships - Remi Shendell and Jakob Tannenbaum
- Charles E. Brown History Prize Award - Greta McLaughlin
- Westfield PAL Allen Chin Memorial Scholarships - Emma Karp and Paul Romeo
- Westfield PTC Scholarships - Jeremy Kronheimer, Casimir Malak, Remi Shendell, Kevin Vricella-Stokes, and Amanda Wagner
- The Anne & Douglas Yearley Memorial Scholarships - Alana Allen-Jones, Sophia Mirrione, and Amanda Wagner
- Daughters of American Revolution Good Citizens Award - Ava Feldman

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

- English Department Award for Excellence in Language - Logan Calder
- English Department Award for Excellence in Literature - Morgan Rollins
- English Department Book Lover's Award - Ava Feldman
- Margaret Dietrich Award - Etan Zeller Maclean
- The Senior Growth & Perseverance Award - Madeline Ripper
- Kelly Mazzucco Journalism Award - Caroline Dwyer
- The Andrew Karp Award - Jessica Schlewitt
- The Gail Trimble Memorial Award - Kathryn Bartlett
- The Buriss Music & MacRitchie Technology Award - Helen Chinn
- Jean M. McDermott Fine Arts Award - Emily O'Connell
- Madeline Wild Bristol Awards - Stephen Park and Brooke Walden
- Rachel Mather Sullivan Scholarship - Libby Richardson
- The Charles Addams Memorial Art Award - Adam Wachtel
- AP Calculus AB Award - Emily Isaacman
- AP Calculus BC Award - Aidan Kilbourn
- AP Statistics Award - Michael Catania
- Calculus Award - Kevin Vricella-Stokes
- Computer Science Award - Hasumi Tanemori
- Discrete Mathematics, Probability & Statistics Award - Anthony Butera
- Seminar in College Mathematics Award - Kurt Hu
- The Les Jacobsen "SBATAI" Award - Tia Lemberg
- Physical Education Award (female) - Helen Chinn
- Physical Education Award (male) - Henry Shapiro
- Biology 2 AP Award - Jessica Schlewitt
- Chemistry 2 AP Award - Ian Gurland
- Environmental Science Award - Majeed Assadi
- Exercise and Sports Science Award - Abigael McKinney
- Forensic Science Award - Michael Catania
- I.D.E.A. (Introduction to Design, Engineering and Architecture) - Kurt Hu
- Physics AP Award - Aidan Kilbourn
- Noel and Thelma Taylor Memorial Award - Julia Tompkins
- David M. Hart Science Award - Majeed Assadi
- Growth Mindset Award - Kaleb Amarante
- Model United Nations and Youth and Government Awards - Olivia Conti, Adam Schwartz and Brianna Vaca
- Social Studies Department Award - Madeline Katz
- The Excellence in History Award - Remi Shendell
- Steven Lapidus Memorial Scholarship - Elisa Saint-Denis

- Westfield Foundation Awards - Ava Feldman and Madeline Katz
- Col. & Mrs. Henry Bayard McCoy Scholarships - Anthony Butera and Patrick Mullen
- Excellence Award in Mandarin - Liam Jackson
- Star of Progress in Mandarin Award - Aidan Borges
- Excellence in French Award - Greta McLaughlin
- French Elan Award - Lilly Talmont
- Italian Club Achievement Award - Mark Falletta
- Laura Meierhans Memorial Award - Aidan Kilbourn
- Marc Hardy Memorial Latin Award - Caroline Dwyer
- Spanish Club Academic Achievement Award - John Czarnecki
- Spanish Club Service Award - Abbey Zidel
- Most Outstanding World Language Student - Samuel Ertman

ORGANIZATIONAL AWARDS

- The Seeing Eye Puppy Raising Service Scholarship - Tyler Devitt
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 - Westfield Welcome Club Scholarship - Emily Ensslin
 - J. Isabella Dodds Awards - Ethan Ament, David Broughton, and Remi Shendell
 - Charles Frankenbach, Sr. Memorial Scholarship - Mary Weber
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 - Joel P. Langholtz Memorial Award - Jessica Schlewitt
 - Peggy H. Lott Scholarship Fund Award - Rachel Saxon
 - Frank A. and Margaret R. MacPherson Fund Award - Katherine Hynes
 - John S. and Helen Bell McMartin Award - Abigail Jarecki
 - Lisa K. Monteleone Memorial Scholarship - Ava Feldman
 - Joseph E. Rood Memorial Award - Camilo Cardenas-Caceres
 - Justina V. Taylor Scholarship Award - Roselyne Garabete
 - Liesja Tortorello "Carpe Diem" Memorial Award - Lauren Oligino
 - Westfield High School Distinguished Student Award - Aidan Kilbourn
- Also recognized at the virtual Awards Night ceremony, were four recipients of the WHS Teacher/Staff Awards:
- The Above and Beyond Award - Lillian "Gail" Alston, Special Services
 - Robert L. and Linda J. Foose Award - Matthew Girona, Mathematics
 - WHS Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award - Suzanne Glynn, Science
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By following these few simple tips, pet owners can significantly improve neighborhood safety for everyone.

The Postal Service has a short animated dog bite video available on its YouTube site, USPS TV at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GpqmrNBJAos&feature=youtu.be>.

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Submitted by Mary Ann McGann

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Please note that, at the time of publication, two bills are pending in the New Jersey legislature that would require an electronic process for the collection of petition signatures and their submission for elections during the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency. Westfield school board candidates should check with the Union County Clerk about current filing

requirements.

The Westfield Board of Education will have three open seats in November. The two board members whose three-year terms are expiring on December 31, 2020 are Kent Diamond and Peggy Oster. Additionally, the one-year unexpired term held by Brian Morrissey will expire on December 31, 2020, creating a three-year seat on the November ballot.

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Too many businesses are stuck in contracts with no return on investments, no way to check if the work is getting done, and needing to invest more to make things right.

The following is a guide to Renna Media services and costs that you can compare to your present provider.

I highly recommend doing an independent audit of your website!

Contact Walter Watson at walter@www-online-enterprises.com

He does a great job analysing and making recommendations.

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Thank you. - Joe Renna

Full Service Online Marketing



Online Marketing Items

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Web Page / Calendar Event / Monthly Banner ads

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Website / SEO services

- Website Audit/Analysis and recommendation plan:\$250
- Website creation/update:.....\$2,400
(Cost for average website: 12 pages,
contact form, SEO friendly, responsive design)
- Website Hosting:\$300 per year
Includes website hosting, software updates,
monthly website content updates
- SEO Services:.....average cost \$1,000 - \$2,000 per month
Custom tailored solutions:
Google Ranking, Local SEO, Social Marketing

Video advertising

Production:

- Product placement \$250
- 30-second commercial \$500
- 3-minute spot \$1,000
- 30-minute show \$1,500
- 3-hour shoot - \$2,000

Do not commit to a service unless you have a solid marketing plan and budget.

Your plan should work on paper before you spend dime one. Don't waste money just trying something. There is no magic bullet. **Call Joe for a free consultation.**

Call Joe Renna 908-447-1295

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Check out Joe Renna's Hyper Local Network on YouTube. Call 908-447-1295 if you want your business featured online and in print. See sample show below.



BOB MARKEY - SAVE THE TREES OF RAHWAY

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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