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LIONS CLUB DEDICATES MONUMENT IN ARTHUR LEWIS PARK

Submitted by Raymond Murray

In October 2020, the Green Brook Lions dedicated a monument in Arthur Lewis Park, located on the site of the former Green Brook Swim Club. The monument was envisioned in 2017 as a celebration of the 100th anniversary of Lions Clubs International.

Inscribed on the monument are the Lions logo and motto, 'Not above you, not beneath you, but with you'. The monument will celebrate outstanding community leaders, and bears the name of four people who helped shape Green Brook into the wonderful community that it is.

Those inaugural names are: Irene E. Feldkirchner, Alvin P. Kappelman, Jr., Vernon A. Noble and Arthur L. Lewis

Irene Feldkirchner started as a teacher in Green Brook in 1926, in a two-year-old school on the site where the Green Brook Municipal Building now sits. She taught grade 5 through 8. In 1938, the school was moved to a new building, and Irene was the first principal of the Andrew Street School. She dedicated 47 years to education, and the school was renamed to honor her service.

Alvin Peter Kappelman, Jr., was killed on September 11, 2001 at the age of 57. He was an insurance executive who worked at the World Trade Center. Following in his father and uncles' footsteps, Al became a member of the Green Brook Volunteer Fire Department at the age of 16. He served the department for more than 41 years, including many years as a department officer and as Fire Chief. His dedication to the Fire Department helped mold the department. His service is

the symbol of the volunteerism that sets Green Brook apart from other communities.

Vernon A. Noble was a charter member of the Green Brook Lions Club, which was established in 1950. In addition to his philanthropic efforts on behalf of this club, Vern was very involved with the Elks Club, and their efforts on behalf of the handicapped. Vern was an elected and appointed official in Green Brook, serving on almost every board and commission. He served as Mayor of Green Brook Township and as a Somerset County Freeholder. He was a founding member of the Green Brook Flood Control Commission. The decades-long effort began in 1973 following significant flooding throughout the 64 square mile Green Brook basin. In 1999, those efforts were finally realized, as construction began on the protection in Bound Brook. The project is expected to last another 25 years, at a cost of more than \$1.4 billion.

Arthur L. Lewis, the namesake of the Park, was a member of the GB Lions Club. Art was a member of many other community organizations, including the GB Seniors, BPO Elks and Moose International. He was a Green Brook Mayor and Tax Assessor, and a founding board member of the Green Brook Swim Club, which operated for six decades prior to the conversion to a Township park.

Club members are residents and business owners from Green Brook and the surrounding area. For information about how to join the more-than two dozen members of the Green Brook Lions, contact Club President Jerry Accomando at 908-403-0722.



(above) In October 2020, the Green Brook Lions dedicated a monument in Arthur Lewis Park.

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WHRHS WINTER COLLEGE ATHLETIC SIGNINGS

Submitted by Denis Kelly

Two Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) Student Athletes, Seniors Chad Martini of Warren Township and James Coslet of the Millington Section of Long Hill Township, announced their intentions to matriculate and play football next year.

The announcements were made on Thursday, February 4, at their high school's Media Center.

Martini, WHRHS Quarterback as well as WHRHS Basketball Team member, said he intends to attend and play for the Cornell University "Big Red," Ithaca, N.Y. He plans to study Economics.

Coslet, WHRHS Offensive and Defensive Lineman, said he intends to attend and play for

the Dartmouth College "Big Green," Hanover, N.H. He plans to study Political Science.

Both Martini and Coslet were among several WHRHS players who were named Captains of this year's WHRHS Football Team. Both schools, Cornell and Dartmouth, play in the Ivy League athletic conference, and are Division I Colleges.

Also attending the signing announcement ceremony were the player's parents, Chris and Christopher Martini and Jennifer and Jonathan Coslet.

Earlier in the year, on Wednesday, November 11, there were six other WHRHS Student Athletes who signed to matriculate and play intercollegiate sports: Five at Division I colleges and one at Division II colleges.



(above) Chad Martini, WHRHS Quarterback as well as WHRHS Basketball Team member, will attend and play for the Cornell University "Big Red."



(above) James Coslet, WHRHS Offensive and Defensive Lineman, said he intends to attend and play for the Dartmouth College "Big Green."

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LIBRARY TO PILOT DELIVERY SERVICES

Submitted by Tracy Carney

According to recent data, approximately 16.5 percent of Somerset County residents are 65 years or older, 8 percent of residents are living with disabilities, and over 5 percent of Somerset County households have no vehicles available. In order to better serve these populations, the

Somerset County Library System of New Jersey (SCLSNJ) is piloting borrowing systems for Library customers that live in community living centers and those in a housebound or other qualifying situation.

In early 2021, SCLSNJ will begin to test the home borrowing service for individuals unable to physically access the Library due to a housebound or other qualifying situation. During this trial phase, 25 customers will receive Library materials via the U. S. Postal Service (USPS).

“This pilot initiative is critical as we look at the current public health situation,” said Christopher Korenowsky, director of public services. “SCLSNJ’s offerings will only continue to grow as libraries reshape their public offerings. Identifying new and innovative ways to connect customers and materials remains a vital strategic priority for the Library System.”

“These rapidly growing groups of Somerset County residents are Library customers and taxpayers who have cherished and supported services throughout their lifetimes,” said Nicole Pascoe, civic services manager. “Many find themselves encountering transportation, health, and mobility issues that limit their physical access to SCLSNJ branches and services.”

In mid-2021, the home borrowing service will become more widely available to qualifying individuals including those facing health, mobility, and transportation barriers to the

Library System’s physical locations.

As 2021 closes, the initiative will extend to Somerset County’s community living centers, where SCLSNJ will partner with facility staff to coordinate pickup of materials at the nearest Library branch. Community living centers include assisted living facilities, group homes, and senior housing complexes.

“We are looking forward to the expansion of both home and community living borrower services planned for later this year,” said Pascoe. “Relaunching these valuable and important services in a streamlined, safe, and sustainable way is a priority of SCLSNJ.”

For questions contact Pascoe: 908-458-4935 or npascoe@sclibnj.org.

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Dr. Somma has been in practice in Union and Middlesex counties for over 20 years, with an emphasis on excellence and compassion for his patients. He has served as the physician for the Elizabeth Fire Department, the Board of Health of Hillside and has served the Board of Education for Woodbridge NJ. He was granted the Humanitarian of the Year Award by Trinitas Health Foundation in May 2014, for his dedication to the community and his outstanding service to the goals of the Foundation.

Dr. Somma has special interests in various fields of Internal Medicine, including diabetes, obesity, cardiovascular diseases and arthritis/rheumatology. He has represented to major pharmaceutical companies, such as Schering-Plough and Pfizer, in a consulting and educational role for his peers. Dr. Somma has been a clinical educator for Seton Hall’s Physician Assistant Program as an Associate Professor of Medicine for their Internal Medicine program.

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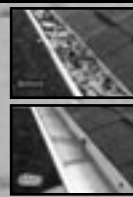
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BICYCLE COLLECTION FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Submitted by Larry Holt

In August 2020, Renna Media reported that Faith Lutheran Church collected and repaired 170 used bikes from residents of New Providence, Berkeley Heights and neighboring towns. The collection was conducted on behalf of Pedals for Progress, an organization which recycles bikes for persons in developing countries. Faith contributed \$1,700 toward the shipment of the bikes.

In the United States daily transportation occurs conveniently with little or no forethought. This is not the case in developing countries, where a village may not have one car. The mode of transportation for commuting to work, going to market and receiving medical care is frequently a pedal bike.

Later this year, Faith will again be asking persons to donate bikes for Faith to process through Pedals for Progress. A person may ask Faith to pick up the bike from his/her house or deliver the bike to Faith. If one wishes to donate a bike before the request, one may place the bike by the shed at the back of Faith's parking lot located at 524 South Street, New Providence, NJ. If you would like a bike picked up call 908-464-5177.

Since 2002 Faith has been participating in the Pedals for Progress program. For the past five years, Casey Walsh has chaired the ministry for Faith.

The pastor of Faith is Rev. Jane McCready. Visit online at famfaith.org, or reach by phone at 908-464-5177.

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The New Jersey Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) – a network of community-based, locally organized units comprised of volunteers – is looking for reinforcements, particularly those with vaccination skills. MRC volunteers are especially vital during emergencies and disasters when paid public health and emergency response assets are overwhelmed. Healthcare professionals (including recently retired individuals) having vaccination skills are

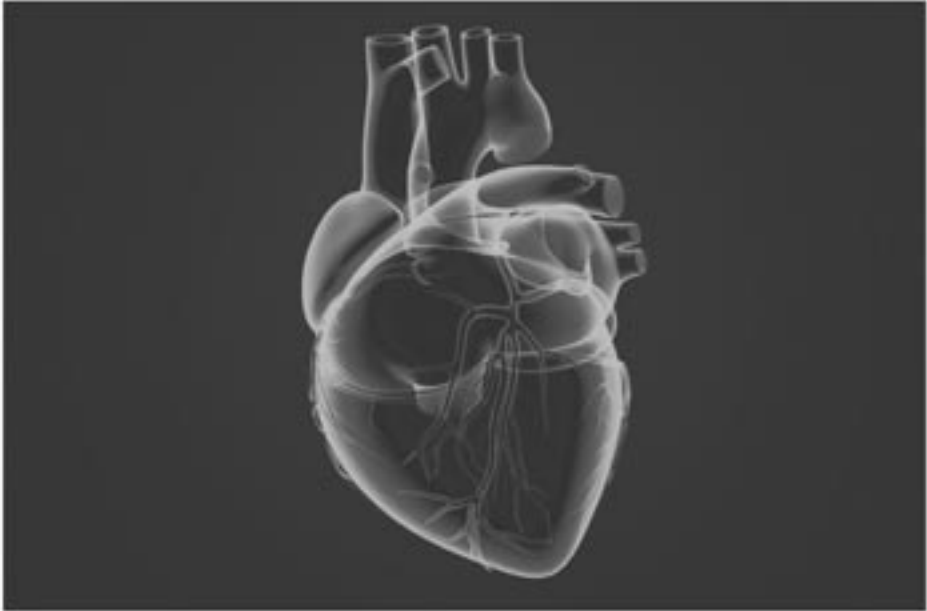
especially needed now that COVID-19 vaccines are available.

In addition to skilled vaccinators, individuals with all types of skill sets (for example, security, language translation/interpretation, education and outreach, warehouse operations, clerical, counseling, and more) are needed. If you are interested in volunteering with the MRC, visit njlmn.njlincs.net and click on “Register as an Existing or New MRC Volunteer!”



(above) This picture, sent to Faith by Pedals for Progress, demonstrates how completely and creatively the recipients use their bikes.

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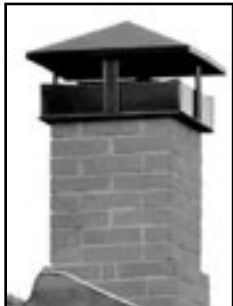
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2020 CONGRESSIONAL APP CHALLENGE

Submitted by Denis Kelly

Four Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) students are among the nine named as award winners in the 2020 Congressional APP Challenge.

New Jersey U.S. Rep. Tom Malinowski, D-7, of East Amwell Township, announced the winners on Thursday, December 10. Malinowski's 7th Congressional District includes Green Brook Township, Warren Township and Watchung Borough.

Malinowski met virtually via Zoom with the First, Second and Third Place winners on Thursday, December 10, the day the winners' names were announced.

THE 2020 APP CHALLENGE WINNERS ARE:

1st Place: Sameer Surapaneni, Arjun Singh, and Jay Fu, all of Warren Township and juniors at WHRHS; their APP is named Farmnet.

2nd Place: Samantha of Brea, Calif.; and Ruoyu Liu of Montgomery Township, N.J., whose APP is named "Vocal"

3rd Place: Victor Hu of Green Brook Township, and a senior at WHRHS, Chris Gu

Short Hills, Sid Srivastava of Holmdel Township, and Aman Wadhwa of Bridgewater Township. Their APP is named "PoliticianConnect"

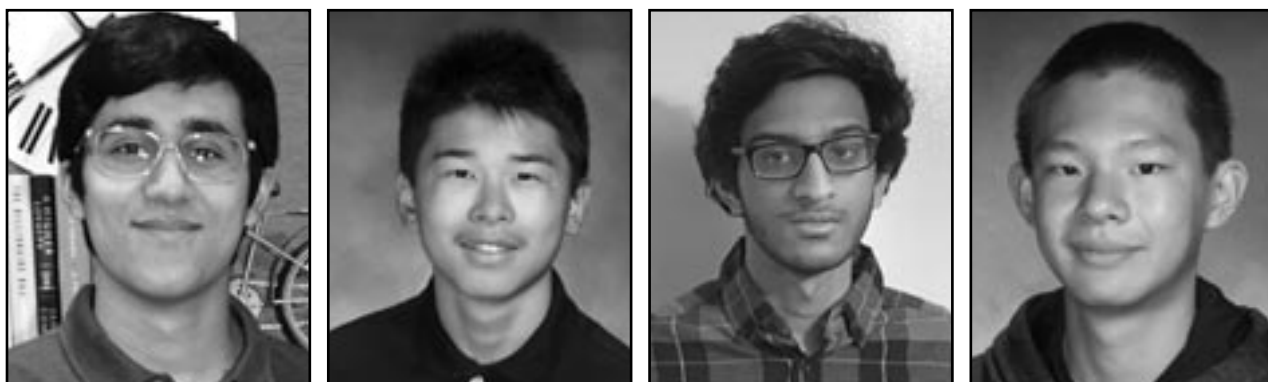
The students said they were pleasantly surprised to be honored for their achievement in the challenge, and enjoyed the learning experience.

WHRHS Principal William Librera said WHRHS is very proud of this achievement by all the students. He said their achievement is a testimony both to their academic abilities and their work ethic.

"Each one of the finalists demonstrated creativity and a solid understanding of the issues

our country is currently facing," said Rep. Tom Malinowski. "I can't wait to see what these young people will create next. Congratulations to all."

Launched by the U.S. House of Representatives in 2015, the Congressional App Challenge is a nationwide call for participation that, "allows students to compete against their peers by creating an APP," for desktop/PC, web, tablet, mobile, or other devices," according to program notes. "Through recognizing our nation's young programming talent, Congress hopes to shine a light on the growing importance of these skills."



(above, l-r) Arjun Singh, Jay Fu, Samar Surapaneni, Victor Hu.

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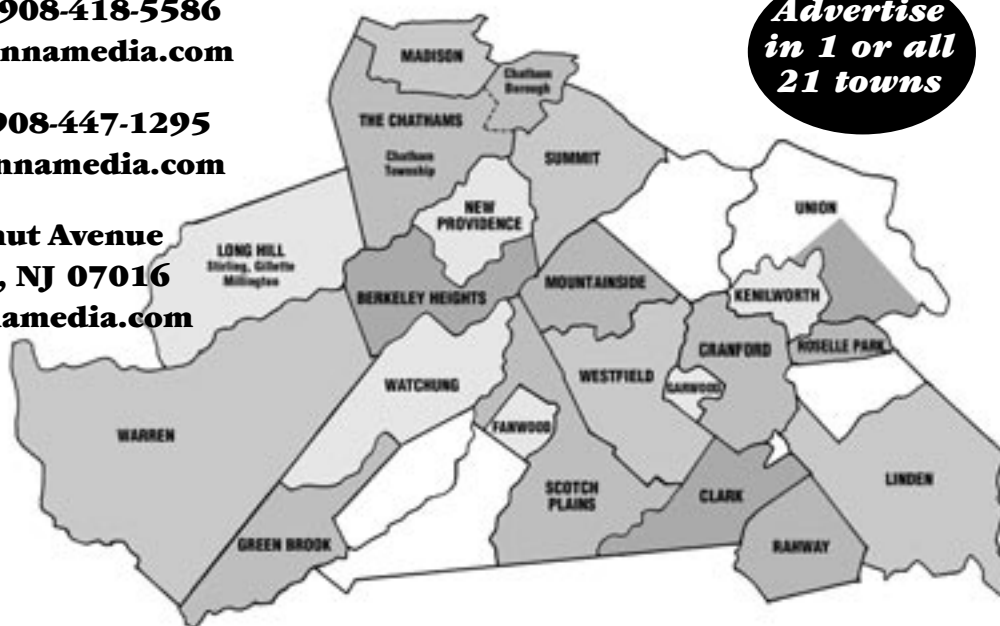
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Music, Bubble, and Comedy Show

March 9, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

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Meet the Author - Debbie Levy, Writing RBG:

March 10, 1-2 p.m.

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St. Patrick's Day Storytime With Miss Karen

March 17, 6-6:30 p.m.

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We Can Do It - American Women In History

March 18, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

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Family Night - DIY Bird Nests

March 18, 7-7:45 p.m.

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Sensory Time - STEAM Edition

March 20, 10:30-11 a.m.

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A Virtual Visit With Louisa May Alcott -

Performed by American Historical Theatre

March 25, 7-8 p.m.

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A Virtual Escape Room (ages 10 & up)

March 1-14,

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Caves - The Real Land Down Under (grades K-5)

March 2, 7-8 p.m.

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Art Workshop - (grades 6-12)

March 3, 5-6:30 p.m.

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Spin, Pop, Boom (grades 2 and up)

March 4, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

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Girl Power - Block-Based Coding (grades 4-8)

March 8, 5-6 p.m.

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

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Puppet Time (ages 2-5 and caregivers)

March 10, 10-10:25 a.m.

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High School 101 - Q&A (grades 7-8)

March 10, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

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March 13, 2-2:45 p.m.

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March 15, 4-4:45 p.m.

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Amelia Earhart - The Power of One

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