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ANNUAL SCIENCE FAIR GOES COMPLETELY VIRTUAL

Submitted by Shannon Regan

It's that special time of year for Angelo L. Tomaso (ALT) School students to show off their knowledge during the annual Science Fair. With safety protocols and social distancing in mind, the ALT Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) arranged for the event to be completely virtual and it did not disappoint.

More than half of all ALT students registered and participated in the popular event. The PTO updated their website to include sources for students to review.

In previous years, the school gymnasium has been filled with tables covered in colorful science projects, as well as the creator of the project perched in front of their work. Students have always had the opportunity to explain their purpose, research, hypothesis, materials used, results, and conclusion.

However, because the fair was virtual this year, there were a few unexpected benefits that made the event extra awesome. To begin with, many students were not only able to speak about their project but they were also able to give a live demonstration of their experiment. Siblings were able to work together on their projects. Most notably, a major benefit from the virtual format was the ability to view all projects at your own leisure. Students had the opportunity to leave feedback and compliments on their classmates' projects.

Kindergarten student Kaycee Pimentel in Mrs. Marino's class uploaded a video of herself demonstrating the importance of using soap when washing hands.

First graders Lailah and Leisel in Ms. Patel's class shared a video of themselves dressed in lab coats discussing their project titled, "The Telephone String Project". The young scientists shared information about sounds and vibrations with their classmates.

Second and fourth-grade brothers, Reed and Heath Brezee, researched the questions, "Why doesn't the ocean freeze?" The brothers stood outside in a snowstorm to shoot their video.

Third-grade student Emilia Gomes in Mrs. DeRoner's class and older brother Miguel Gomes in Mrs. Lento's grade 5 class, submitted a video of a live demonstration of their Simple Motor project. The pair worked together to create a small motor using only a battery and a piece of copper wire.



(above) Alina and Riya Ramani practice safety during their project.

The Science Fair is a favorite school event for Carina Bellmann, ALT PTO President. "Michele Araujo and Marisa Caruso joined Sonia Gomes this year in continuing a tradition that has been near and dear to my heart since my first year at ALT, 5 years ago. These ladies thought way outside the box to give all ALT scientists a place to shine brighter indeed during an unprecedented year."

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(above) Health and Reed Brezee brave the elements to film their project.



(above) Constantin and Cassandra Bellman explain rock tumbling.



(above) Chase Sullivan and Lucas Araujo with their presentation.

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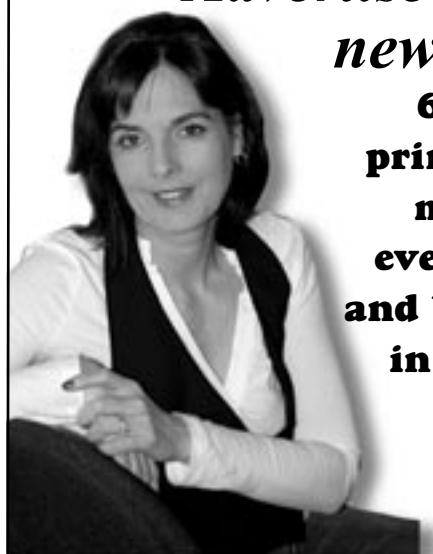
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CENTRAL SCHOOL DIAPER DRIVE

Submitted by Shannon Regan

In mid-February, the Central School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) held a week-long virtual diaper drive to benefit a local foundation called Moms Helping Moms. The mission of this organization is to keep babies safe, healthy, and happy.

The drive was held during the week of Valentine's Day. The Central School PTO upped the ante by creating a fun, school-wide challenge to help increase participation. The theme of the competition was, "Show Some Love to Babies and Moms in Need This Valentine's Day." Students earned points for their grade level by wearing an outfit with hearts or with the color red and with every donation of a package of diapers or wipes.

For ease, Central School families were provided with a link (<https://yougivegoods.com/>) to purchase and ship diapers and wipes directly to the Moms Helping Moms Foundation.

According to Jen McCarey, the Central School PTO Social Action Chair, the school community donated an astounding 351 packages of diapers which is a total of 10,824 diapers, along with 96 packages of baby wipes. The diapers and wipes will be provided to low-income families in New Jersey who have a need for essential baby items.

In the end, the kindergarten students earned the most points, with grade four coming in 2nd place. The Central School community should be proud of the positive impact they are having on their fellow NJ residents who are in need of support.

To learn more about Moms Helping Moms, visit online at momshelpingmomsfoundation.org



(above) Paige Dealaman shares her Valentine's Day project and all that she loves.



(above) Hayden Montgomery and Sydney Ullrich are showing off their hearts!

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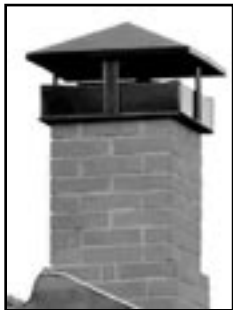
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For patients in the emergency room, fighting cancer or coping with a life-threatening illness, help can't wait. Their health is reliant on the selfless generosity of blood donors. However, the blood supply continues to face challenges from the ongoing pandemic and extreme winter weather that impacted much of the U.S. last month.

More donors, especially those with type O blood, are needed now to ensure that patients have lifesaving blood products available for emergencies and everyday medical treatments.

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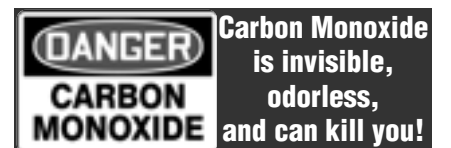
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WARREN LIONS CLUB HONORS MEMBERS

Submitted by Arjun Singh

Warren Lions Club members Fred Schaan and Lee Budd were recently honored with the Marshall Klein Knights for Vision Fellowship.

This Fellowship is made available by Eversight, a Lions supported Eye Bank, formerly known as the Lions Eye Bank of New Jersey. Marshall Klein served as the Executive Director of the Lions Sight Foundation for 20 years, Executive Director of the Eye Bank for 35 years, past District Governor and was a recipient of many other Lions awards.

Lions Schaan and Budd were selected by the Warren Lions Club to become the members of the Knights for Vision Fellowship, because of their many years of service towards the Club's eyeglass collection and recycling efforts. As many of you know, the Club has eyeglass recycling bins at the Warren Municipal Building, Warren ACME markets, and ShopRite of Stirling. Over the years, the two Lions have collected, sorted and delivered thousands of eyeglasses, cell

phones, and hearing aids through these community boxes. Both individuals have demonstrated passion and dedication in their efforts advancing the Club's core Sight mission.

The recycling bins have been closed for several months due to COVID-19, resulting in the eyeglass recycling center disruption, but are now fully open and operational.

Congratulations and a big round of applause for Lions Schaan and Budd.

Lions Club strives to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace, and promote international understanding through Lions clubs. Our motto: "WE SERVE." Our vision is to be the global leader in community and humanitarian service.

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PRESTIGIOUS ACADEMIC CONTEST RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

Submitted by Shannon Regan

Twenty-four eighth-grade students from Warren Middle School (WMS) in Mrs. Dannine Albanese and Mrs. Christine Cirrotti's Language Arts class have been named award recipients for their submissions to the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards contest, the nation's longest-



(above) Jia Khandagale poses with Mrs. Dannine Albanese during her learning day.

running, most prestigious recognition program for creative teens.

Students in grades 7-12 (ages 13 and up) can apply to 29 categories including short story, fashion design, photography, memoir, printmaking, poetry, and novel writing. Students' entries are judged by some of the foremost leaders in the visual and literary arts.

WMS students entered their artwork, essays, poems, and short stories in November and were recently notified that they had been recognized for their efforts. The gold medal winners are going on to the national competition and will be notified if they have won further prizes.

Over 300,000 works were submitted from every state in the nation. This district is extremely proud of the WMS students for being among the 2,900 award recipients.

The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers will hold a week-long series of events in New York City during the first week of June. A ceremony at Carnegie Hall will be held on June 4, to celebrate the success of these talented students.

Mr. George Villar, WMS principal was thrilled to hear the good news. "The success of our students is a point of pride for all of us at WMS. Each of these students are finding their place in this world through their creation and sharing in that is a source of joy. Thank you to all of the 8th-grade students who volunteered to be part of this contest and congratulations to those recognized by the judges. In addition, thank you to Mrs. Cirrotti and Mrs. Albanese for their efforts in guiding our students through this process."

The following students won Gold awards: Cadence Sintra, Katie Rall, Avi Gupta, Nina Dusza, Ethan Chen, and Ethan Liu.

The following students won Silver awards: Selina Zhan, Maya Wishnia (2 awards), Season Wei, Benjamin Phillips, Kyle Ling, Jake Keirstead, Jay Dhiman, and Arin Harkawa.t

The following students won Honorable Mention: Juliana Steier, Isaac Ming, Megan Li, Matthew Kim, Jia Khandagale, Tyler Fu, Amy Claxton, Melody Chen, Amy Aschoff, and Trisha Atianzar.



(above) Cadence Sintra, Arin Harkawat, Jay Dhiman, Selina Zhan, and Megan Li pose for their picture during their distance learning day.

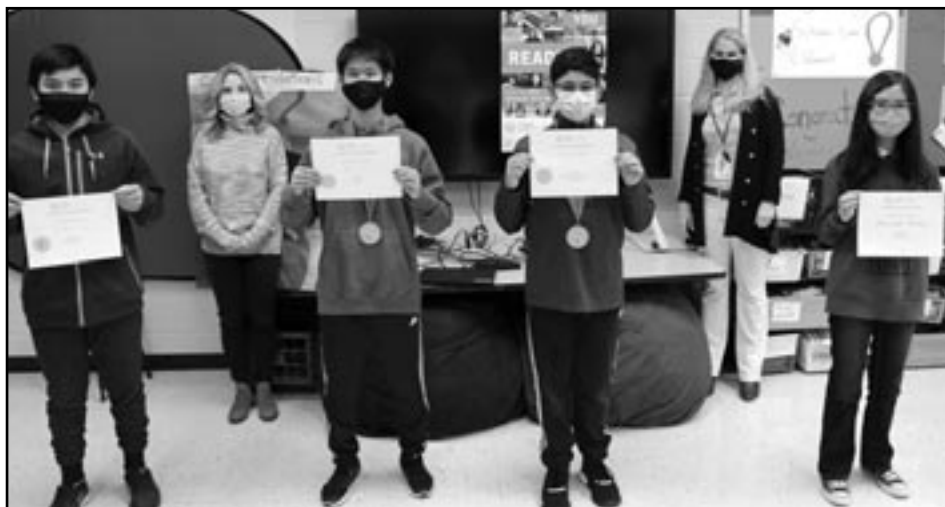


(above) Season Wei, Katie Rall, Juliana Steier, Ben Phillips, Maya Wishnia pictured with teacher Mrs. Dannine Albanese.

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(above) Kyle Ling, Tyler Fu, Ethan Liu, Melody Chen, Amy Claxton, Mrs. Christine Cirrotti pictured with their awards and Mrs. Dannine Albanese.



(above) Jake Keirstead, Ethan Chen, Avi Gupta, and Trisha Atianzar pose with their awards accompanied by Mrs. Dannine Albanese and Mrs. Christine Cirrotti.

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ALL 11 WHRHS NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS NAMED FINALISTS

Submitted by Denis Kelly

All 11 Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) Class of 2021 students who were named National Merit Semifinalists in September have since been named National Merit Finalists, according to the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC).

The WHRHS Finalists are: Michael Horzepa, Victor Hu, Elizabeth Huang, Charles Margulies, Nora Mehler, Rohil Navani, Paulina Przybylski, Wesley Tseng, Neha Venkatesh, Valerie Wang, and Tyler Wu.

"Congratulations to the 11 students on this amazing accomplishment," said WHRHS Principal William Librera. "We are so proud of this group not just for their performance on standardized tests, but for their daily contributions to our WHRHS classrooms and in their various service activities."

Since the 2014-2015 School Year, a total of 63 WHRHS students have been named Semifinalists. Many of the Semifinalists were subsequently named Finalists, including all the Semifinalists during the last two school years. The year-to-year totals of Finalists or Semifinalists have been: Class of 2015 – 11; Class of 2016 – 6; Class of 2017 – 10; Class of 2018 – 15; Class of 2019 – 6; Class of 2020 – 4; and Class of 2021 – 11.

In addition, some 30 Class of 2021 WHRHS students received special recognition in September by the 2021 National Merit Scholarship program by being named to the Commended Students List.

And, among the WHRHS Class of 2021 students on the Commended List, one, Anthony Roca, has also been selected for recognition by the National Hispanic Recognition Program as a Hispanic Scholar, according to a release from the College Board National Recognition Programs (CBNRP).

Students who qualified as Finalists, Semifinalists and Commended students, as well as the National Hispanic Recognition Program Hispanic Scholars, did so by taking the 2019 Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) in the Fall of 2019. The annual PSAT/NMSQT serves as an initial screening for these programs.

All Finalists will be considered for National Merit Scholarship awards to be offered in 2021, according to NMSC.



(above, top, l-r) Michael Horzepa, Victor Hu, Elizabeth Huang, Charles Margulies, Nora Mehler, Rohil Navani, (bottom, l-r) Valerie Wang, Tyler Wu, Paulina Przybylski, Wesley Tseng, Neha Venkatesh.

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FAITH LUTHERAN, NOT A BUILDING, BUT PERSONS HELPING THOSE IN NEED

Submitted by Larry Holt

Since the surge of the pandemic in March 2020, Faith Lutheran in New Providence has again demonstrated that it is not a church building but a servant community. Because of the contagion of COVID 19, social ministry programs have not been able to occur physically. Nonetheless, the members of Faith have overcome obstacles and continued to conduct their ministries.

Managing this persistent and tenacious initiative is Faith's pastor, Rev. Jane McCready.

The following describes the ministries, adjustments that have been required and the names of Faith's members who lead the ministries.

ST. JOHN'S SOUP KITCHEN IN NEWARK

Since March 2020; members, co-workers and friends of Faith have prepared over 36,000 sandwiches for the homeless persons served by St. John's. The sandwiches, an average of 775 per week, are delivered by Faith each Thursday



(above) Tony of St. John's Soup Kitchen and Rev. Jane McCready with delivery of 800 sandwiches and other items.



(above) John Tintera and his son, Andrew, of Union happily CROP Walk to Stop Hunger.

morning to St. John's. Included with this delivery are fresh fruit, baked goods, snacks and toiletries. Prior to the pandemic, on the second Saturday of every month, for the past thirty-six years, Faith has prepared and served a comprehensive hot meal to the clients of St. John's.

This ministry is led by Joanne and Mike Warin of New Providence and Désirée Bouchat of Springfield.

FAMILY PROMISE

Family Promise is an organization of churches which hosts families and individuals who are temporarily homeless, with each church providing care for a week at a time. Faith has participated in this program about four times a year for the past three decades. The ministry changed dramatically with COVID 19. In place of hosting, Faith has made generous financial gifts, given three pre-owned cars, grocery store gift cards and clothing to Family Promise, for the people it serves.

This program is led by Kim Delatour of Berkeley Heights.

BROADWAY HOUSE FOR CONTINUING CARE

Broadway House for Continuing Care is a facility in Newark where about eighty persons suffering from HIV/AIDS live. The patients receive care from doctors, nurses, therapists and counselors. Twice a month, a small group from Faith have gone to Broadway House to do crafts and visit with the residents. In response to COVID 19, Broadway House was closed to visitors.

Wendy Naratil of Warren, the leader of the ministry, continues to send to each resident a 3D or music birthday card from Faith. Broadway House says Mrs. Naratil's card is often the only birthday greeting that a resident receives.

NEW PROVIDENCE FALL FOOD DRIVE

Each November, Faith partners with the New Providence Community Service Association (CSA) and the New Providence Cub and Boy Scouts to collect food for needy families. The food is donated to Star Fish Pantry in Plainfield and the CSA. A major part of the Drive is about 130 people gathering on a Saturday in November to sort and pack the food. This collection of close working people could not occur in November 2020.

To substitute, members of Faith generously gave checks and gift cards to Starfish Pantry and CSA.

The chairperson for Faith is Cheryl Bock of Summit.

CROP WALK TO STOP HUNGER

The CROP Walk to Stop Hunger is a three mile walk through New Providence on a fall Sunday afternoon by members of Faith and other local churches. The purpose of the Walk is to raise money to help eradicate hunger in the United States and around the world. The members of the churches walk as a group, with many carrying signs to publicize this social issue.

In the fall of 2020, a group walk of about 100 persons could not occur. Mike Warin of Faith and New Providence, the chairperson planned and managed a group walk. Participants could choose the time, route and length of their walks. The

virtual walkers achieved \$3,120 in contributions toward the reduction of hunger.

SHARING TREE

Through this ministry, members of Faith buy Christmas gifts for persons who live in social agency homes or face economic stress. COVID 19 changed past procedures. While the Sharing Tree was virtual, the gifts for recipients were real. They could choose from a warm hat/scarf/gloves set or a cozy sweatshirt sized to fit.

The leader of the Sharing Tree ministry is Joanne Berryman of Madison.

KNIT, PURL AND PRAY GROUP

The members faced a new experience in 2020. They were unable to meet together and share fellowship while doing their knitting and crocheting. Nevertheless, the group, working individually at home, made 110 hats and scarves for St. John's Soup Kitchen, 337 baby hats for University Hospital in Newark, 60 hats and scarves for St. Stephen's Grace Church in Newark, whose members are largely immigrants, five prayer shawls and four comfort hearts.

The group is led by Theresa Adamson of Warren and Joyce Brandt of Sterling.

PREVIOUSLY OWNED BIKES

In August of 2020, Faith collected 170 used bikes, repaired them and arranged for their shipment to rural Thailand. The bikes are being used by persons to travel to work, go to market and receive medical care. The bikes were collected on behalf of Pedals for Progress, an organization that recycles bikes for persons in developing countries. Faith contributed \$1,700 for the shipment of the bikes.

Casey Walsh of Bridgewater is the leader of the ministry.

TUTORING IMMIGRANT CHILDREN

Once a month about fifteen members of Faith have been tutoring Guatemalan children in English and math at St. Stephan's Grace Church in the Ironbound section of Newark. The members work with adults as well who want to improve their English. At the end of the tutoring, the entire group always plays bingo.

March 2020 changed everything. While members of Faith could no longer go to Newark to teach the children, Faith did not forget them. Faith gave a check to Pastor Moacir of St. Stephan's Grace to help the immigrant children and their families buy food. At Christmas, the tutors gave thirty-seven sweatshirts to the children and their fathers and money for food. The above mentioned, Knit, Purl and Pray group, made hats and scarf sets for the children and their fathers.

Kim Delatour of Berkeley Heights is the leader of the tutoring program.

Each Sunday morning, Faith's 10 a.m., liturgical service, led by Pastor Jane McCready, can be seen at facebook.com/FaithLutheranNewProvidence/live. The two associate pastors of Faith are Rev. Robert Kriesat of Convent Station and Rev. Lucas Vaga of Millington.

Faith is located at 524 South Street in New Providence. Visit online at famfaith.org or reach by phone at 908-464-5177.

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April 7, 6:30-7 p.m.

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April 14, 7-7:30 p.m.

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Bilingual English/Spanish Storytime (families)

April 20, 5-5:30 p.m.

Register now: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4674353.

Sensory Time - STEAM Edition

(families with children)

April 24, 10:30-11 a.m.

Register now: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4702277.

Family Night - Egg Carton Daffodils

April 29, 7-7:45 p.m.

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A Piano Recital With Dennis Kobray

April 29, 7-8 p.m.

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Meet the Author - Shveta Thakrar (grades 9-12)

April 7, 1-1:45 p.m.

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Density (grades 1-4)

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Register now: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4694106.

It's Electric (grades K-5)

April 14, 4-5 p.m.

Register now: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4700521.

Music and Movement

(ages birth - 3 years and caregivers)

April 13, 10:30-11 a.m.

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Crafting Fun - Rainy Day Duck

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April 13, 3-3:30 p.m.

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Project Green - The Facts on Forest Fires and Light

Pollution (grades 4-12)

April 17, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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Stay at Home Science - Naked Egg (grades K-5)

April 17, 1-1:30 p.m.

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Paper Bead Bracelet Making (grades 5-9)

April 17, 2-2:45 p.m.

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Blossoming Trees (grades K-3)

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AP Biology Study Session (grades 9-12)

April 19, 4-5 p.m.

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(grades 10-12)

April 22, 4-5 p.m.

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Hour of Code - Moana Wayfinding With Code

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April 19, 4-5 p.m.

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6-12)

April 20, 4-6 p.m.

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April 27, 5-7 p.m.

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April 28, 3-3:45 p.m.

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Meet the Author Adam Higginbotham

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Richard B. Primack

April 19, 7-8 p.m.

Register now: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4642240.

Jennifer Ackerman

April 21, 7-8 p.m.

Register now: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4568805.

Dawn Anahid MacKeen

April 27, 7-8 p.m.

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- Shakespeare's Sonnets

April 6, 7-8 p.m.

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April 7, 7-8 p.m.

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Vikings - Seafaring Warriors

April 8, 2-3 p.m.

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"Lady Clementine" by Marie Benedict

April 8, 2-3:30 p.m.

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Register now: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4707708.

"Underground Railroad" by Colson Whitehead

April 8, 6:30-7:45 p.m.

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"The Turncoat's Widow" by Mally Becker

April 28, 7:15-8:45 p.m.

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April 8, 7-8 p.m.

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Less Sugar, Better Health -

April 9, 2-3:30 p.m.

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The 1964 New York World's Fair -

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Roosevelt's Tree Army - The History of the Civilian

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Upcycle Craft

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April 22, 7-8 p.m.

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April 28, 11 a.m. - noon

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April 29, 2-3 p.m.

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April 30, 2-3 p.m.

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DIGITAL OFFERINGS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AT THE LIBRARY

March is National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, during which the country aims “to help raise awareness about the inclusion of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, in all areas of community life.” In order to reach this community, the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey (SCLSNJ) continues to enhance their services and programs to better serve persons with disabilities.

“SCLSNJ strives to foster a sense of safety, connection, and belonging in our libraries,” said Nanette Peterson, branch manager. “We hope to remove barriers to our materials and services that impact utilization while offering people with impairments more independence, and control.”

According to the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities, over 1,200 adults in Somerset County are eligible for their services.

“In response to the state's continued initiative to move individuals from its developmental centers into the community, more adults with developmental disabilities are living in the community every day,” said Jennifer Sulligan, civic services supervisor. “At SCLSNJ, we are committed to addressing the needs of this shifting demographic by striving to improve the accessibility of our spaces, resources, and services.”

Throughout the month of March and beyond, the Library System will offer a series of virtual programs that foster the needs of adults and children with disabilities. The programs include a disability awareness panel discussion that will help attendees learn about local resources and

support service available; an information session that helps navigate college and career resources; and an engaging, all ages and abilities music, bubble, and comedy show.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has certainly presented many challenges in reaching individuals with developmental disabilities, and our staff is aware of just how isolating quarantine has been for this population,” said Lynn Mazur, youth services supervisor. “We are so delighted to be able to offer programs through a virtual platform, and we are excited about connecting with our patrons online.”

She continued, “While all of SCLSNJ's programs are open to the public, programs such as the upcoming music, bubble, and comedy show with Matt Mazur (no relation to Library employee) are specifically designed to create library experiences that are especially welcoming to individuals on the autism spectrum or with other intellectual or developmental disabilities.”

The music, bubble, and comedy show was designed by Matt Mazur, who created Turtle Dance Music and AutismFriendlyShows.com, to “help kids come out of their shells.”

“Over the last decade I have had the pleasure of working with 10s of 1000s of children, teens, and adults with autism, including my brother-in-law and co-author, Tim Shaw (whose book Scrag's Big Adventure we published, illustrated and co-wrote together),” said Mazur. “[At Turtle Dance Music] we have been working hard to translate our live/in-person sensory-friendly music experience to the virtual world. Live streaming is connecting more parents and new

parents who might not have used the Library System before to how incredible the Library System is.”

#BeSafeAtHome and explore virtual programs with your Library:

Disability Awareness Panel Discussion (adults)

• March 8, 7-8 p.m. Register now:
sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4723786.

Music, Bubble, and Comedy Show (all ages)

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

sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4652088. Show And Share - An

Event For Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month (adults)

• March 11, 2-3 p.m. Register now:

sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4711308.

Sensory Time - STEAM Edition (families with children): 10:30-11 a.m. Register now:

• March 20: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4702995.

• April 24: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4702277.

American Sign Language Storytime (ages birth - 5 years and caregivers): 10:30-11 a.m.

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• April 27: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4635123.

• May 25: sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4635125.

STEP Up Social Hour - Navigating College and Career Resources (grades 9-12)

• March 29, 4-5 p.m. Register now:
sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4704139.

For more information about resources, services, and programs for persons with disabilities available through your Library visit SCLSNJ.org or contact npeterson@sclibnj.org.

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:

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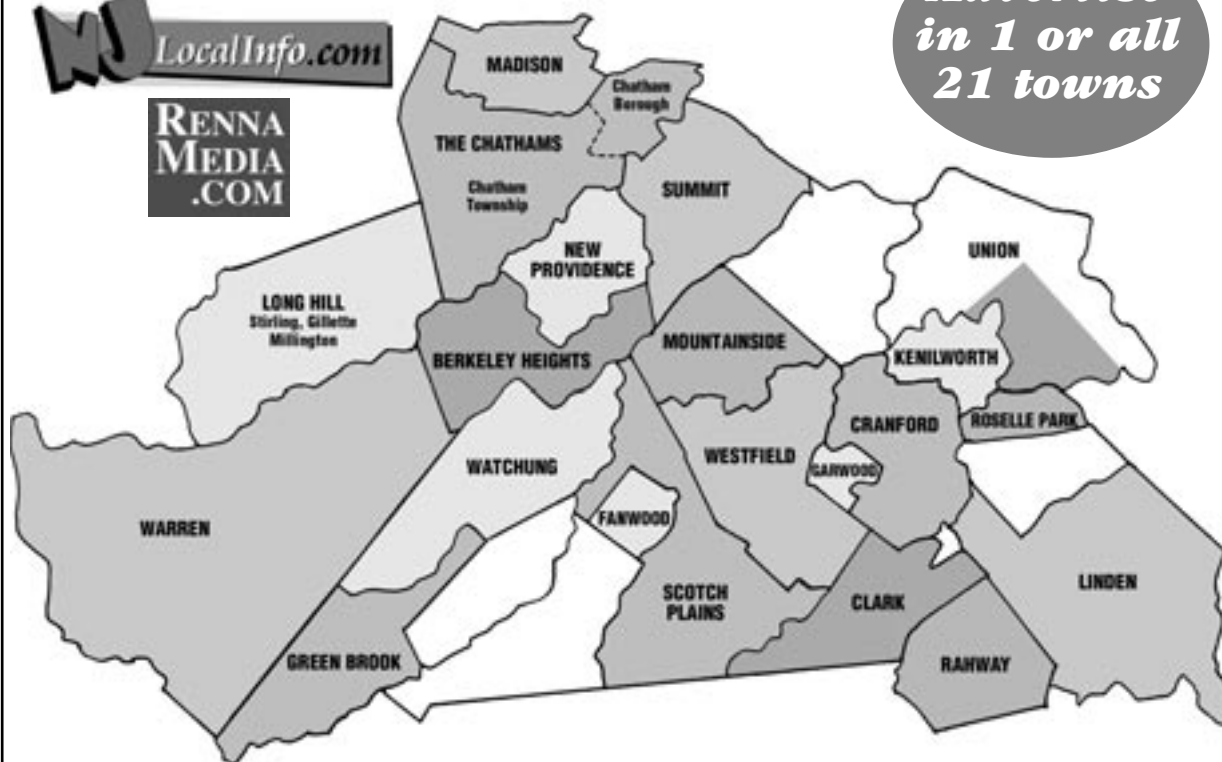
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WEBSITE AUDIT/ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION PLAN

- **SEE WHAT IS WORKING AND NOT WORKING**

Know where your web traffic is coming from and why.

- **ELIMINATE / AVOID COSTLY SCHEMES**

Evaluate the return you are getting from your online marketing costs.

- **INCREASE ONLINE MARKETING RESULTS**

Recommendations include ways to increase traffic to your website

- **NO OBLIGATION**

This service is recommended even if you have an existing web management contract. Use it to tune up your marketing plan.

**ONE TIME
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**Call for a consultation
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WEBSITE / SEO SERVICES

- **STARTER WEBSITE: \$500**

Basic static site that can be developed further

- **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**

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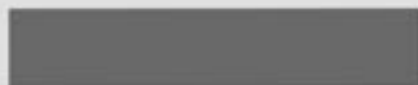
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