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LOCAL 4-H CLUB WINS NATIONAL HONOR

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A Somerset County 4-H club, sponsored by the Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) in Green Brook, has won a national DAR competition. Just Kidding, a 4-H goat club, placed first in the nation for their community service project in the DAR's Junior American Citizens contest.

The members of Just Kidding collected books that were shipped via Operation Paperback to active service members and to veterans in need. A total of 192 books were collected by the club, including 82 children's books that were sent to Fort Wainright, Alaska, to help create a library for military families on the base. Other recipients included an Armed Forces base in Europe, the Coast Guard in San Diego and a therapy group for veterans in Los Angeles.

"We are very proud of Just Kidding," said Holly Jean Dunbar, New Jersey DAR/4-H liaison and a 4-H alumna. "These nine 4-H members were able to make a difference and brighten the day for many of our military and veterans, sending the message that others care. And, they were able to accomplish this during challenging times with the pandemic and COVID restrictions."

"It was amazing news to learn that the club had won," said Beth Kavanaugh, co-leader of the club with Nicole Perry. "It shows that 4-H provides members with the tools for success." The club was aided by Marion McGlynn, an Operation Paperback and 4-H volunteer.

The club's contest entry describing their project will be on display



(above) Members of Just Kidding 4-H Club



(above) Holly Jean Dunbar, Chapter Recording Secretary and NJDAR/4-H Liaison

during the DAR's annual meeting at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C., June 29 to July 3. Members of Just Kidding will be presented with their awards at the Somerset County 4-H Fair in August.

The DAR is a nonprofit service organization open to women 18 and over who can trace their descent from a man or woman who aided the cause of American independence. For more than a century, the DAR has promoted historical preservation, education, and patriotic endeavor. Learn more at DAR.org.

The 4-H Youth Development Program uses a learn-by-doing approach to enable youth to develop the knowledge, attitudes and skills they need to become competent, caring and contributing citizens of the world. 4–H programs are open to young people in grades K-13 (one year out of high school). To learn more about Somerset County 4-H, visit 4HisTops.org.

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2022 EGG HUNT

eggs were "hidden" on the great lawn for kids court.

On Saturday, April 9th Arthur Lewis Park was grades K-4. Along with the eggs, the bunny full of treasures! Despite a slight rain delay, the made an appearance and there were activities for egg hunt went off without a hitch. Thousands of kids like dying eggs and chalk for the basketball

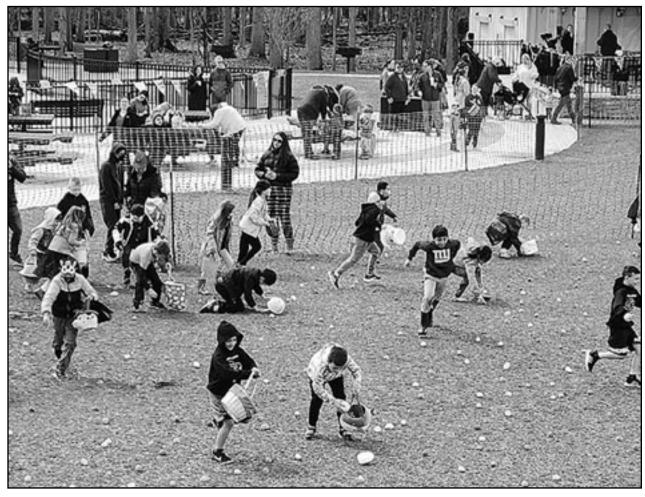


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LIONS CLUB EXPO 2022 – JUNE 15 - 18

We are excited to announce Lions EXPO 2022, to be held at the Warren Township municipal field (46 Mountain Boulevard), a classic carnival of family fun over four days, Wed., June 15 thru Sat. June 18 from 6-10 p.m. There will be amusement rides, games of chance, fireworks, food vendors and an exposition of local businesses. This will be the 54th Annual EXPO, the flagship event of the Warren Lions Club.

Our Event sponsor is NextHome Premier. The Corporate sponsors are Pfizer, Lawrence Law Firm and Lightbridge Academy. The Mitlo Family is sponsoring this year's Fireworks, which concludes the EXPO on Saturday, 10 p.m.

The Lions EXPO attracts approximately 10,000 people over the four days and has become the premier family fun event in Warren Township and the surrounding communities.

The EXPO will have a pay-one-price wristband every night this year. We will be holding a Giant 50/50 cash raffle with the

drawing on Saturday June 18th, resulting in a Exclusive Game sponsor sign or a \$150 nonmulti-thousand-dollar payout to a single winner. The winner need not be present. Tickets will be available for purchase throughout the Expo dates for \$5 each.

"Hosting the EXPO has been a tradition for us, it's our resolve to spread the smiles on people's faces, especially after the difficult couple of years we all have endured" said Mark Ramos, the 2022 EXPO chairperson of Franchini at 908-334-9304. the Warren Township Lions Club.

The Lions Club, as well as the games, rides and food vendors at the EXPO are committed to observing the State-mandated COVID safety guidelines in force during the Expo dates. In addition to multiple washing stations adjacent to the restrooms, special hand sanitation stations will be available throughout the Expo. All patrons are kindly asked to cooperate with the State-mandated guidelines.

Local Business Exposition The EXPO is an excellent platform for local businesses to showcase their services and connect directly with customers through the purchase of a \$500

exclusive ride sponsor sign displayed at the Expo for the 4-day duration.

We are still accepting a very limited number of applications for tent vendors to sell or promote their business to the thousands of people in attendance at the LIONS EXPO. For information on becoming a tent vendor at the 2022 Lions EXPO, please contact Anthony

All proceed from the Lions EXPO are donated back to community organizations and sight and hearing foundations throughout New Jersey.

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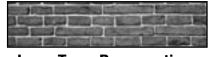
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ROBOWARRIORS RETURN HOME TRIUMPHANT

Submitted by Leanna Wellerding

Team 41-RoboWarriors, representing Watchung Hills Regional High School, arrived home on Sunday, April 24th, bringing home the title of FIRST Robotics World Championship Roebling Division Semi-Finalists.

More than 3,300 teams from across the globe participated in the FIRST Robotics 2021-2022 season. High performers all season long, bringing home 2 silver medals and a caché of awards, the RoboWarriors joined with 453 other teams that earned their qualification to the FIRST Robotics World Championships, this year held in Houston, Texas.

Teams had just under 2 months to scratch build an industrial sized robot capable of playing in the season's themed game. "Under strict rules and limited time and resources, teams of high school students are challenged to build industrial-size robots to play a difficult field game in alliance with other teams, while also fundraising to meet their goals, designing a team "brand," and advancing respect and appreciation for STEM within the local community."

Participating teams tackled the hands-on tasks of designing, programming and building a robot, work to train their drive team to maneuver the field and to pick up and transport cargo across the field under enemy defensive plays, offload cargo by shooting into either of two cargo hubs, climb a series of 4 suspended bars at increasing heights and cooperate with their alliance partners to earn ranking points.

During the early season the team brought home 3 coveted awards: Excellence in Engineering, Innovation in Control, Industrial Design. Team families with the assistance of the WHEAT Foundation raced to organize transportation and accommodations for team members to attend the global event and the team's 54th official event since its inception in 1997. The WHEAT Foundation's GoFundMe, found on gofundme.com: WHRHS Team 41 Robotics to World Championship! seeks to help offset the cost of team participants' families who paid those fees personally, as well as the cost of transporting the robot, pit equipment and tools safely to Houston and back.

WHRHS Team 41 descended on Houston, Texas, during the high-school's spring break, joining their competitors for 4 days of intense competition from Wednesday, April 20 through Saturday, April 23, 2022, at the George R. Brown Convention Center. Team battled it out in the



(above) Drive team members wait out the autonomous play period

Livestream screenshot by Leanna Wellerding

Roebling Division. After collecting ranking points and racing up to 4th rank at one point, team bumped teams up and down the ranks during the 127 matches played. The battle ran fast and furious as bots traversed the field, firing at the target and performing lightning-fast offensive and defensive maneuvers.

With a season full of exhilarating wins and challenging losses, Team 41 drove their bot all the way into the semis, among a mere 96 teams

still in contention from the original 3,325 teams who participated in the season.

Team sponsors include: Picatinny Arsenal/The Knotts Company/Nokia Bell Labs/Picut Manufacturing/Warren Lions Club/Intuitive Surgical/Thor Labs/P&R Fasteners Inc./Advent Industrial/Offaly Associates LLC/Advanced Circuits/Watchung Hills Education and Technology Foundation & Watchung Hills Regional High School.



(above) Team members and advisors in attendance at Worlds

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The spotted lanternfly is native to China, India, and Vietnam. It was first sighted in the United States in Pennsylvania, and has since spread to surrounding states, including New Jersey. The spotted lanternfly was first discovered in Somerset County in 2019. While not harmful to humans or animals, this invasive insect feeds on the sap of many different hardwood trees, scrubs, ornamental plants, and has the potential to impact agricultural crops of economic importance such as grape vines, hops, and apple orchards. Feeding damage caused by the spotted lanternfly significantly stresses the affected plants which can lead to decreased health and potential crop

Residents and visitors are advised to keep an eye out for spotted lanternflies and their egg masses and kill them on sight. Destroying spotted lanternfly egg masses before they hatch is the best way to limit their spread. Eggs can be laid on any flat hard surface including metal, wood, and plastic. Egg masses are commonly found on fence posts, telephone poles, lawn furniture, and the underside of tree branches. Egg laying begins

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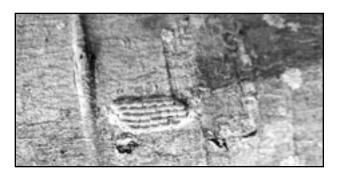
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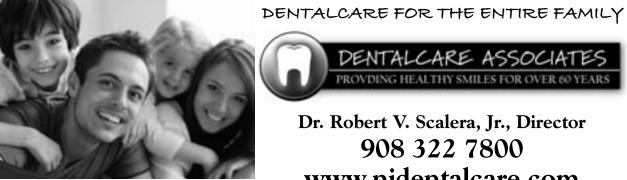
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(above, l-r) During the Gates Avenue Knitters 22-year anniversary, the group presented the Long Hill Township Library with a \$1,300 donation from their hat sale. Pictured: Arlene Kaplan, Gates Avenue Knitters; Marygrace Luderitz, Director; and Albie Ashbrook, Adult Services Librarian, Long Hill Township Library.





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There-abouts in the month of April in the year 2000, Gates Avenue, Gillette resident Arlene Kaplan, started a knitting group along with 4 friends. Twenty-two years later the group, now called the Gates Avenue Knitters, are still knitting after all these years. Including 4 of the 5 original knitters who still live in town. One moved to Pennsylvania.

The group has met steadily over the years. During Covid, in the warm months they met outside in Cantor Park. When it got chilly, they moved inside to the Long Hill Township Library. The group is looking forward to spring and spending some warm days knitting outside again.

There are about 40 knitters on the club's roster. Eighteen to twenty show up on any given club meeting day. Their skills range from beginner to master knitters. They help each other get past stitchy problems with patterns, and they are

On Monday April 25, 2022, the Gates Avenue excited and willing to help beginners learn to hitters celebrated their 22-year anniversary. The knit.

They come from Long Hill Township and surrounding towns, including, but not limited to, Warren, Watchung, Bridgewater, Springfield, Chatham, Madison, Summit, and Westfield. Many were introduced to the club thru friends.

Along with their own projects, the group knits for causes. They knit approximately 500 hats per year and distribute them to soup kitchens. Beginning in November they have a display at the library and the hats are sold as a fundraiser thru March. The group recently presented the library with \$1,300 from the proceeds of the last hat sale, which is the most ever.

The group welcomes donations of yarn and knitting and crocheting supplies. Donations can be dropped off at the Long Hill Township Library any day during business hours.

On Saturday, June 11th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Gates Avenue Knitters will be outside the Long Hill Township Library (weather permitting, inside if it rains), celebrating the annual Worldwide Knit in Public Day. They hope to see you there!







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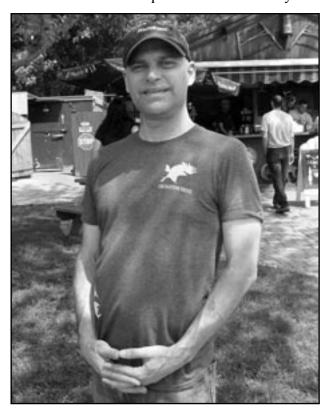
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We're excited to welcome friends, visitors, and supporters for a day that honors the important lives of our feathered friends. we'll have raptor demonstrations, tours, a scavenger hunt, a food truck, raffle, silent auction, and more! All proceeds will support our spring and summer efforts to help birds of New Jersey



(above) Christopher Soucy, Executive Director of The Raptor Trust.







(above, l-r) Penny, a 9-year-old blind Eastern Screech Owl and Zizi, a female American Kestrel.

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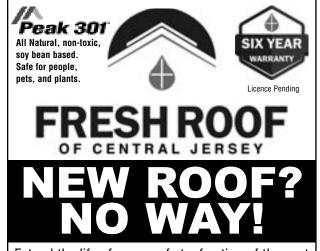
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This online prevention education portal addresses topics including preventing underage drinking, drug use, and teen dating violence through eight short, engaging videos developed by the Safe Communities Coalition and other community partners such as Safe+Sound Somerset and Community in Crisis. The videos feature professional and personal testimonials, facts and dramatizations to increase knowledge and enhance skills for staying safe and making good choices. Viewers can test their knowledge by taking a short quiz associated with each video and can then download or print a certificate of completion once all of the quiz questions are answered correctly. The online prevention education portal was developed with funding from the New Jersey Department of Health and the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

SoberTruth4Youth.com videos include Fentanyl Factor, His, Hers, the Truth: Marijuana's Overlooked Consequences, Pills 2 Heroin, In a Split Second and the follow up Rebirth all developed by the Safe Communities Coalition. Real life interviews explore the progression of prescription drug abuse to heroin, the devastating effects of using drugs and alcohol, and what can be done to help prevent future tragedies.

Other featured videos developed by partner organizations include Why Many Teens are Ditching their Vapes from Community in Crisis; Everything You Wanted To Know About Teen

Nonprofit organization EmPoWER Somerset Dating Violence and Healthy Relationships from Safe + Sound Somerset; and Don't Be a Friend, Be a Parent, a dramatization exploring what can go wrong when parents host underage drinking parties, originally developed by a prevention coalition in Maryland and adapted for New Jersey. Spanish versions of two of the videos, In a Split Second and Fentanyl Factor are also included, with voiceover dubbing and translated text and quiz questions.

> "The power of this website, SoberTruth4Youth.org is that it delivers education on a variety of prevention topics in one convenient location," said Schiro. "The content will continue to grow as more of the videos are translated into Spanish, and as additional videos are added on topics such as preventing teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections."

> "Safe+Sound Somerset is proud to partner with Empower Somerset by sharing our Teen Dating Violence video and quiz," said Jessica Skultety, Safe+Sound Somerset Outreach and Prevention Manager. "When one in three teens experience dating violence before high school graduation, we need to talk about it. Teen dating violence is caused by one teen purposefully gaining and keeping power and control over another teen. Using substances can make violence worse."

ABOUT EMPOWER SOMERSET

Empower Somerset works to empower individuals and families to make positive lifestyle choices by promoting healthy communities through education, collaboration, connections to resources. For more information Somerset about **Empower**

SoberTruth4Youth.org, contact Kristen Schiro at Kristen@empowersomerset.com, 908-722-4900 ext. 103 or visit empowersomerset.com.

ABOUT THE SAFE COMMUNITIES COALITION

The Safe Communities Coalition of Somerset County meets every third Tuesday from 9:30 to 10:45. Anyone interested in helping to reduce and prevent substance abuse in Somerset County is welcomed to attend. The goal of the Safe Communities Coalition is to foster a safe and healthy community by eliminating drug use, underage drinking and prescription drug misuse. Anyone wishing to join should contact Jerri Collevechio at (908)782-3909 jcollevechio@njprevent.com. For more information, visit www.safecoalition.org.



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To join a virtual program by phone, dial (646) 876-9923. After dialing, you will be prompted to enter a meeting ID, which is unique for every event. The meeting ID is the series of numbers at the end of the Zoom link posted for each event.

Stress Reactivity. Mindfulness - and MBSR (Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction)

June 1, 7-8:30 p.m.

https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6251254

Acing the Interview

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

https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6145260

Wall Street and the Price of Food

June 6, 7-8 p.m.

https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6097891

All the Buzz

June 7, 7-8 p.m.

https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6092361

The Art of Effective Communication

June 8, 10 a.m. - noon

Presented by Greater Raritan One-Stop

Career Center https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6173011

Betsy Ross - The Flag Unfurled

June 9, 7-8 p.m.

https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6162010

When The Cavalry Came to Call - Juneteenth

June 13, 7-8 p.m.

https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6125584

Virtual Book Discussion Salons: Mid-Year Book Share

June 14, 10-11 a.m.

https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6244578

"The Guest List" by Lucy Foley

July 13, 2-3:15 p.m.

https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6244991

"The Birthday of the World and Other Stories" by Le Guin

August 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6197692

Judy Garland - The One, the Only

June 14, 7-8 p.m.

https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6156744

Recipe Club: Meal Planning and Prep

June 15, 6-7 p.m.

https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6284220

Grilled or Chilled

July 20, 6-7 p.m.

https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6284248

Packing a Picnic

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You Are Here - A New Jersey Travel Guide

June 15, 7-8 p.m.

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Study for Success

June 16, 2-3 p.m

Presented by The Greater Raritan Workforce **Development Board**

https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6180007

Meet the Author: Mike Scardino - "Bad Call: A Summer Job on A New York Ambulance"

June 16, 7-8 p.m.

https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6194283

The Ever Changing Lower East Side

June 20, 7-8 p.m.

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When Watergate Changed the World

June 21, 7-8 p.m.

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George Eliot's "Middlemarch" -**One Hundred and Fifty Years Later**

June 22, 7-8 p.m.

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Relaxed Summer Dining - Delicious Bites, Charcuterie Boards, and Seasonal Snacks

June 23, 7-8 p.m.

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Keyhole Gardening and Other Ways to Garden Smarter

June 29, 7-8 p.m.

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Liberty - Don Troiani's Paintings of the Revolutionary War

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