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Submitted by Margaret Keegan

The Long Hill Girl Scout service unit returned again to Camp Riverbend in Warren on Saturday, May 21st for their Campout. After taking a two year break due to the Covid pandemic it was nice to see tents being pitched on the property in anticipation of a busy activity-filled weekend for the scouts. Approximately 116 Long Hill Daisy to Senior level girl scouts and parents attended.

On Saturday afternoon scouts participated in six rotating stations of canoeing, fire building, song station, outdoor first aid and a sensory trail. Dinner in the evening was prepared at the firepit with various troops coordinating meals cooking together over the open flame. The busy day culminated at dusk with smores and songs around the firepit. Campers retired to their tent areas for the night chatting and sharing stories about all the day's events.

The following morning campers enjoyed a bagel breakfast and presentation by Long Hill Troop 6291 on their silver award event which was environmentally focused on the preservation and conservation of trees.

Long Hill Girl Scouts thanked the Breene Family, owners of Camp Riverbend for use of the property with a beautiful planter and a monetary donation to the Hannah Breene Foundation. They also appreciated the Riverbend canoe staff for being on hand to allow use of the canoes for the campers to enjoy.

It was a memorable weekend partaking in the beautiful grounds of Camp Riverbend.

Courtesy photos

















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GIRL SCOUTS ACHIEVE BRONZE AWARD

donated teddy bears to the Long Hill First Aid Squad on Sunday, May 22, 2022. The fifth grade troop collected brand new teddy bears from the community for their Bronze Award Project. The

Long Hill Girl Scout Junior Troop 96834 First Aid Squad was delighted to receive these bears as they will be given to children while they ride in the back of the ambulance during their emergency to help comfort them.



(above) Pictured with the President of the Long Hill First Aid Squad from the left are Girl Scouts Chloe Lapetina, Marley Jablonski, Sahana Bhat, Grace McCormick, Scott Orshan, Suzie Rossi, Tessa Veracco, Charlee Johnstone, Kyleigh Briggs and Kelly Zilkowski. Scouts who also participated but not in the picture are Sophia Viegas, Eliza LaPointe and Lena Stohrer.

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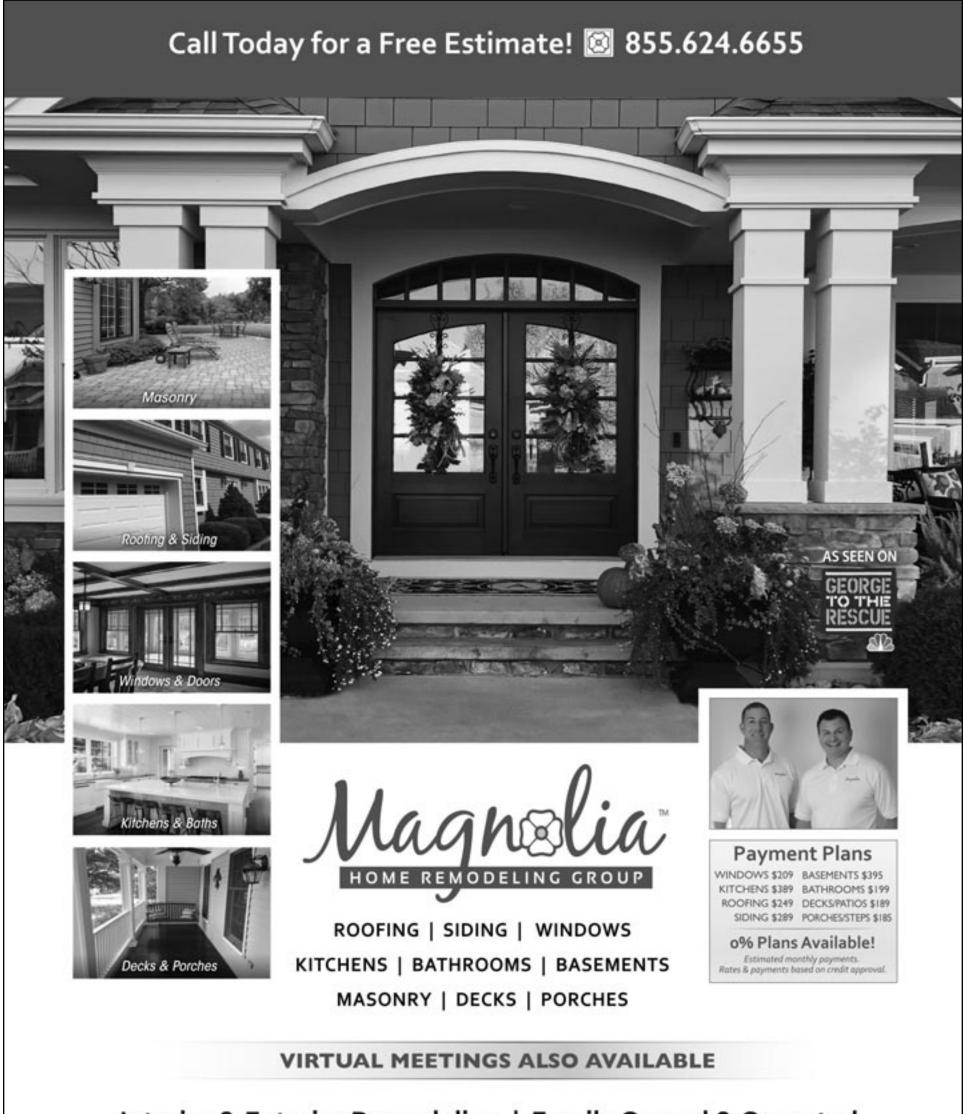


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the parade, they received much applause and remembering those who gave their all to defend thanks as they paraded along Main St. to the our way of life.

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ROBOWARRIORS RETURN HOME TRIUMPHANT

Submitted by Leanna Wellerding

41-RoboWarriors, representing Team 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



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

Livestream screenshot by Leanna Wellerding



(above) Team mechanics handle repairs between matches





(above) RoboWarrior bot climbs in play Photo by Joanna Chan

with other teams, while also fundraising to meet safely to Houston and back. 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

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 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.

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(above) Team members and advisors in attendance at Worlds



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Long Hill Township Public Schools

Millington School 3rd grade students enjoyed "traveling" around the world at International day on Friday, May 20th. Students rotated in small groups with their passports visiting the booths of Canada, Italy, Portugal, Ukraine, Germany, Serbia, China, Albania, Tanzania and Ellis Island.

Students learned about each country through presentations, demonstrations, crafts, games and some souvenir snacks. This successful event was possible with the help of 35 parents/family members acting as tour guides and booth presenters and the school custodial staff for arranging the vast set up for this outdoor event.





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by Madison resident Melissa Lead Baumgartner, 4-Footed Leaders is one of the many 4-H clubs that provides kids with learning opportunities to develop skills needed to create positive change in their lives and communities. The 4-H Fair is the biggest showcase of members' talents and interests, in addition to being the biggest fundraiser needed to run the programs they provide to our youth. The 4-H Fair relies solely upon volunteers from community members like yourself.

There are many great opportunities for over 100 years.

Do you know what the 4 H's represent in The students to earn volunteer hours, for individuals, groups, or companies to have a fun and Heads, Hearts, Hands, and Helpers...which is meaningful team activity and give your gift of time to the community. The volunteer opportunities are for both youth (ages 9 years +) and adults, ranging from food sales, set up/take down of exhibits, hay rides or even running a children's fun station. After volunteering for a shift, you can enjoy the vast array of animal shows, family activities, art/craft exhibits, amusement rides, and even fireworks and hot balloon rides!

> The link provides detailed descriptions of the volunteers needed on particular dates and times. morris4h.org/4-h-fair/volunteer-at-the-4-hfair.

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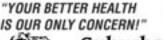
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DR. SARA WEBB HONORED FOR DREW FOREST RESTORATION

Borough of Madison

The Drew University Forest Preserve, 53 intact acres with some of the oldest trees in Morris County, owes its great biodiversity to 14 years of volunteer work—and the dedication of Dr. Sara Webb, who was recently awarded the Morris Park Alliance's Individual Environment/Conservation Award.

Dr. Webb, Professor Emerita of Biology and Environmental Studies at Drew University, is a forest ecologist who is active in research and forest conservation across the state. For many years, she has rallied hundreds of students and community volunteers to help restore diversity, young trees, and pollinators to the Drew Forest. That has meant pulling out invasive plants like tree-choking Chinese wisteria, as well as seeking grants to fund deer fencing and plant native wildflowers and native trees.

"I am honored to receive this award," said Dr. Webb. "But truly it goes to the hundreds of students who've studied with me in the Forest and all who have volunteered to make it what it is today."

"The Borough was proud to nominate Dr. Webb for this prestigious and well deserved recognition," said Mayor Robert H. Conley. "Her continuous effort to go above and beyond to preserve the Hepburn Woods and the Zuck Arboretum within the Drew Forest, as well as laying out the environmental benefits of the forest and its Buried Valley Aquifer to Madison and surrounding communities deserved this recognition," continued Conley.

Assemblywoman Aura K. Dunn presented Dr. Webb with an additional award from the New Jersey State Legislature. Dunn praised Webb and the Morris Parks Alliance, saying, "It is a privilege and honor to represent Morris County in the New Jersey Legislature. The beautiful and variegated natural resources that make up its environment and our strong tradition in ecological conservation, makes us the garden of the Garden State. Over three million people visit Morris County parks and trails, which is New



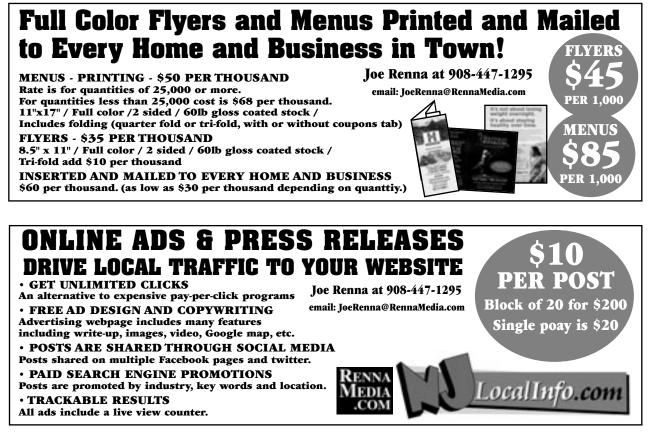
(above) Dr. Webb, Professor Emerita of Biology and Environmental Studies at Drew University. Courtesy Photo

Jersey's largest park system."

The Drew Forest Preserve is a regionally important element. Open to the public, it provides walking trails and a thriving, intact ecosystem. "It offers a rare glimpse of what New Jersey's forests used to be like before deer depleted all undergrowth except for invasive species," said Joe Basralian, a board member of the Morris Parks Alliance, who introduced Dr. Sara Webb at the awards ceremony.

Basralian went on to detail the Forest's significance to North Jersey. "With its glacial ponds and deep dells, the Forest is a primary aquifer recharge area for the Buried Valley Aquifer," he noted. "Thirty towns get their drinking water from this same Aquifer." Wildlife depend on the Forest as a corridor-connecting habitat in nearby public parks: Giralda Farms Preserve, Loantaka Brook Reservation and the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge.

The Morris Park Alliance's mission is to provide vital support to the Morris County park system ensuring residents have continued access to green open spaces, enrichment programs, and educational resources that foster personal and community wellness, environmental sustainability, and economic growth. For more information visit www.morrisparks.net.



"FLAGS FOR HEROES"

The Stirling Elks Lodge 2392 displayed Flags For Heroes to remember our nation's fallen soldiers over Memorial Day Weekend. Flags were displayed at the Stirling Elks beginning the week of Memorial Day, from May 28 through June 4, 2022.

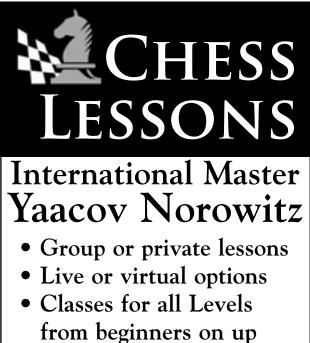
Each flag on display was adorned with a medallion stating the soldier or veteran's name and branch of service. Medallions were then given to the sponsors after June 5th.

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