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JUNIOR AMBASSADORS EMBARK ON DOG RESCUE MISSION

Three New Jersey teenagers will join Home for Good Dog Rescue on July 13 to pull dogs from high-kill shelters throughout South Carolina and Georgia as part of the organization's Junior Ambassador Program.

For ten days, the team will collect dogs, oversee their medical care, place them in southern foster homes, and arrange for their eventual transport to New Jersey. The Junior Ambassadors will then foster the dogs in their own homes and help adopt them into permanent families.

"During the summertime, the shelters tend to become more crowded, and you see a lot more flies, fleas, and ticks," Junior Ambassador Nora Brindle, an incoming freshman at Westfield High School, said. "I hope to save as many as we can so these dogs can get out of the shelters and start the journey to finding their forever home in New Jersey."

Brindle has been volunteering with Home for Good Dog Rescue for three years. She and her family have fostered nearly 100 dogs and puppies with the organization, and she hopes to eventually start an international dog rescue of her own.

This will be her second time accompanying Home for Good to Aiken, South Carolina, which will one day be the site of Home for Good's ALMOST HOME Wellness Center, a specialized facility preparing southern dogs for their journey north.

Brindle is joined by Rachel Lehner and Anna Newmark, Warren, New Jersey natives and students at Watchung Hills Regional High School. Together, the girls have conducted car washes and bake sales to raise nearly \$6,500 for their trip.

The Junior Ambassador Program is a selection-based opportunity reserved for Home for Good's most dedicated young volunteers. Its 2013 trip resulted in the rescue of nearly 100 puppies from euthanasia.

Home for Good Dog Rescue is a foster-based non-profit rescue organization dedicated to rescuing dogs from high-kill shelters in South Carolina and Georgia. As it approaches its fifth year of its mission, it has placed over 3,600 dogs in loving homes.

For more information on the organization or to become a volunteer, visit www.HomeforGoodDogs.org



(above) Rachel Lehner, from Warren, is a sophomore at Watchung Hills Regional High School. She began volunteering with Home for Good in 2014 and has fostered nearly 50 dogs.



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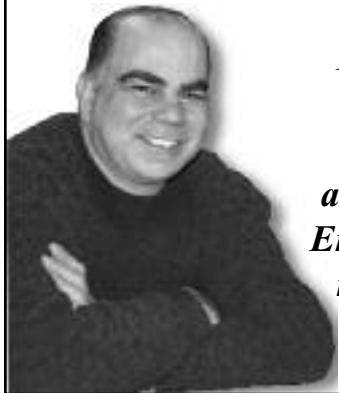
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HILLS COMMUNITY INVITED TO JOIN STUDENTS IN SUMMER READING SELECTION

By Denis J. Kelly

Students and teachers are inviting the general public to join them in reading one of the summer reading assignments for rising seniors at Watchung Hills Regional High School, "Tales from the Bed: A Memoir," by the late Jenifer Estess, as told to her sister, Valerie Estess. Tales from the bed is about the author's battle with A.L.S. (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis).

In addition to increasing the students' awareness about A.L.S., the initiative will try to engage the community at large in reading the book. Then the community will be invited to join with student, parent and community groups during the 2015-2016 School Year at community fundraising events and at a community "book group night," according to Watchung Hills

English teacher Laura Goodson said.

The student government at Watchung Hills, including both the All-Student Council (ASC) and the Grade-Level Councils (GLC), plan to make support of Project A.L.S., and A.L.S. research in general, the focus of their fundraising efforts during the 2015-2016 School Year. Watchung Hills students are hoping to hold a year-long series of events to support research efforts and to raise awareness, among students and among the broader community. Student government advisor Maureen Kelly is joining Goodson in coordinating this initiative.

The late author, Jenifer Estess, succumbed to A.L.S., known more broadly as Lou Gehrig's Disease, in 2003. The memoir was first published in 2005.



(above) Meredith Estess, third left, her sister, Valerie Estess, fourth left, sisters of the late Jenifer Estess, author of "Tales From The Bed: A Memoir," and Erin Fleming, right, associate director of Project A.L.S., are welcomed to Watchung Hills Regional High School by: From left, Principal George Alexis, English Teacher Laura Goodson, Special Services teacher and student government advisor Maureen Kelly, and Superintendent Elizabeth Jewett. The representatives from Project A.L.S. were meeting with teachers and school officials about a planned multi-discipline project about A.L.S., which began at Watchung Hills this summer with "Tales from the Bed" included among the summer reading assignments for seniors. The book, which is a vivid first-hand account of the experience of battling A.L.S. (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) will be the jumping off point for this multi-discipline exploration of A.L.S.



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WATCHUNG HILLS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL'S 58TH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

Some 555 students from Warren Township, Watchung, Long Hill Township and Green Brook Township received diplomas on Wednesday morning, June 24, at the 58th Annual Commencement at Watchung Hills Regional High School.

Under bright sunny skies, and with temperatures in the high 80s, family and friends filled the stands of Tozier Stadium to witness the graduates, with the girls dressed in white gowns and boys in gold, process in under a canopy of brown and gold balloons, the school's colors, to occupy seats on the football field. They walked behind school administrators, board of education members and faculty members, many of who wore gowns bearing academic colors earned from their own college and post-graduate graduations.

The school's Concert Band, under the direction of Music teacher David Udell, who, himself, is retiring this year, played "Pomp & Circumstance." The Senior Choral Group, under the direction of Music teacher Angela DiIorio Bird, herself a graduate of Watchung Hills, sang the National Anthem.

Four students made remarks at the

commencement, all fondly remembering their time at Watchung Hills, and encouraging their fellow graduates to seek and conquer new challenges, be leaders, and never forget their home, Watchung Hills. The student speakers were: Joseph Pecoraro, the president of the All Student Council, who also led the Salute to the Flag; Katherine Schechter, president of the Class of 2015; Joseph Da, who presented the Salutatory address; and Christina Liao, who presented the Valedictory address.

Also speaking at the graduation were: Principal George Alexis; Superintendent Elizabeth Jewett; and Watchung Hills Regional High School Vice President Dr. Gregory Przybylski. They echoed the sentiments of the student speakers.

"Dream big and aim to do good," said Alexis. "Examine the world with a critical eye and ask the right questions. Be brave and creative, empathetic and kind, authentic and resilient. As you become our newest alumni, the world and your place in it changes inevitably. The river continues to flow, but one constant remains: This is your school and you have a home at Watchung Hills."

Jewett reminded all who gathered on graduation day that the day also belongs to the parents, family and teachers who have contributed to the individual and collective successes of the Class of 2015.

Przybylski recalled how at the very start of school, students learn the basic building blocks, the "ABCs." At their graduation from high school, and now as young adults, he urged the members of the Class of 2015 to still remember their ABCs, which he suggested stand for the building blocks for success: "Advocacy," "Bravery," and "Compassion."

After the official ceremonies, graduates, families, faculty and school officials lingered on the field and later, met up back in school, to take photos, sign yearbooks, say goodbyes, and head out to family parties.

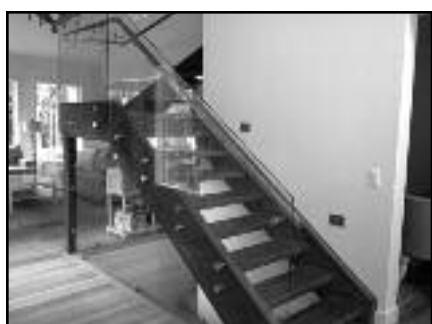
Later, many of the graduates attended the annual Project Graduation party at the FunPlex in Mount Laurel, organized by the 2015 Project Graduation Committee. The commencement booklets included the names of some 176 families and nearly 70 businesses and community organizations who had supported the Project Graduation effort.



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(above, l-r) Jennifer, Sarah and Mitch Kweit of Warren Township celebrate Sarah's graduation on Wednesday, June 24, from Watchung Hills Regional High School immediately following the ceremony. Sarah plans to attend George Washington University, Washington, D.C.



(above, r-l) Watchung Hills Regional High School Vice President Dr. Gregory Przybylski of Warren Township congratulates his daughter, Claudia, as he presents her with her diploma at the graduation at Watchung Hills Regional.



(above) Graduates at Watchung Hills Regional High School toss their hats in the air at the conclusion of the graduation on Wednesday, June 24

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ages 5-7

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ages 2-5

Hero Week:

August 8, 10-11:30 am.

First Aid for Kids & Ambulance Fun Day

ages 9-11

Tulip Fields by Claude Monet

August 11, 4-5 pm.

ages 8-12

Teddy Bear Sleepover & Puppet Show

August 11, 7-8 pm.

ages 3-10

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Yoga for Teens

grades 6-12

Teen Puppet Group Practice

August 6, 7-8 pm.

grades 8-12

Ice Cream Sundae Party

August 17, 3:30-4:30 pm.

grades 6-12

ADULTS

Bridge Players' Group:

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Mah Jongg Players Afternoon:

August 4, 11 & 18, 1-4 pm.

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August 5, 7:15-8:45 pm.

Some Luck by Jane Smiley:

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August 13, 1:30-3:15 pm.

Rocket Boys by Homer Hickam

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Warrenbrook Book Club

Tuesday, August 4 – 1:30-3:00 pm

“The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time,” - Join the Warrenbrook Book Club to discuss The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon. Christopher John Francis Boone knows all the countries of the world and their capitals and every prime number up to 7,057. He relates well to animals but has no understanding of human emotions. He cannot stand to be touched. And he detests the color yellow. This improbable story of Christopher’s quest to investigate the suspicious death of a neighborhood dog makes for one of the most captivating, unusual, and widely heralded novels in recent years.

Nutrition Bingo

Friday, August 7 – 10:30 am

Join Surbhi Girdhar, from Somerset Valley Rehabilitation Center for a nutritionally educational game of Bingo.

Lunch & a Movie:

Monday, August 10 – 10:30 am

“The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel,” Maggie Smith continues her serial scene-stealing in this strident, over-plotty sequel to the 2012 hit about a group of aging British ex-pats who move into a charming Jaipur inn to reinvent their golden years. The “Second Best” installment finds Smith’s character, Mrs. Donnelly, and her Marigold co-manager Sonny Kapoor (Dev Patel), on a quest to find corporate underwriting for their next adventure in elder-hostelry. Will Magda (Celia Imrie) finally settle down with one of her two affluent,

affectionate suitors? Will Norman and Carol (Ronald Pickup and Diana Hardcastle) finally get the hang of monogamy? Will Doug (Bill Nighly) and Evelyn (Judi Dench) stop hemming and hawing and hook up already? This fine ensemble of actors enlivens even those low stakes with honesty, vulnerability and welcome doses of sex appeal- which also goes for newcomer Richard Gere, who exudes easy, spontaneous warmth as a last-minute Marigold guest.

FREE Bone Density Health Screenings

Wednesday, August 12 – 10:15 am

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“From Shakespeare to Sunset Boulevard: History of Broadway Musical”

Monday, August 17 – 10:30 am

by Dr. Robert Butts, Montclair State University, Baroque Orchestra of New Jersey, - While history books date the beginning of the Broadway musical sometime around 1900, the roots of musical theatre can be traced to Shakespearean times through ballad operas, musical plays and the operettas of Gilbert & Sullivan. New York in the early 20th century became the center for American Musical Theatre with the work of George M. Cohan, Florenz Ziegfeld, Irving Berlin and the legendary stars of the stage. The early musical was a mix of story, character, dance, comedy and some with some landmarks shows that pointed the way to the contemporary style- realized in full by Rodgers and Hammerstein with Oklahoma, a show that launched what is called the Golden Age of the Musical. Following the turbulent times of the 1960’s, the musical went into a period of decline, but was quickly brought back to life with the work of Stephen Sondheim and Andrew Lloyd Weber and has remained one of the major forms of creative entertainment.

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Art 4 All Workshop:

Friday, August 21 - 10:30 am

Creating an Amphora Vase with Mixed Media by Barbara Gerson, Art 4 All,- Today we will take a special trip to the Senior Wellness Center for an exciting Art 4 All Program. Using elliptical perspective, we will create an amphora vase (one with two handles and a band of decorative design or story) using both pastels and markers. To complete, we will create painted 3D flowers to fill our vase with color and dimension. Seating is limited. Reservations are required by August 14.

“Medicare and Medications Made Affordable”

Monday, August 24 – 10:30 am

by Laurie Roome, Eldercare Educator, Somerset County Office on Aging & Disability Services. Are you finding it difficult to pay for your prescriptions, healthcare insurance premiums and co-pays? If so, this program is for you! Learn the basics of Medicare and how you can get the most out of your Medicare dollars. Discover the best options for you and cost-saving programs for which you may be eligible.

Medicare & Enrollment Event

Friday, August 28 – 10:00 am

with Laurie Roome, Eldercare Educator, Somerset County Office on Aging & Disability Services. Laurie will be available to answer any of your questions and assist you in filling out applications for the programs for which you may qualify. Call (908) 753-9440 to schedule your personal appointment.

“That Sousa Sound”Monday,

August 31 – 10:30 am

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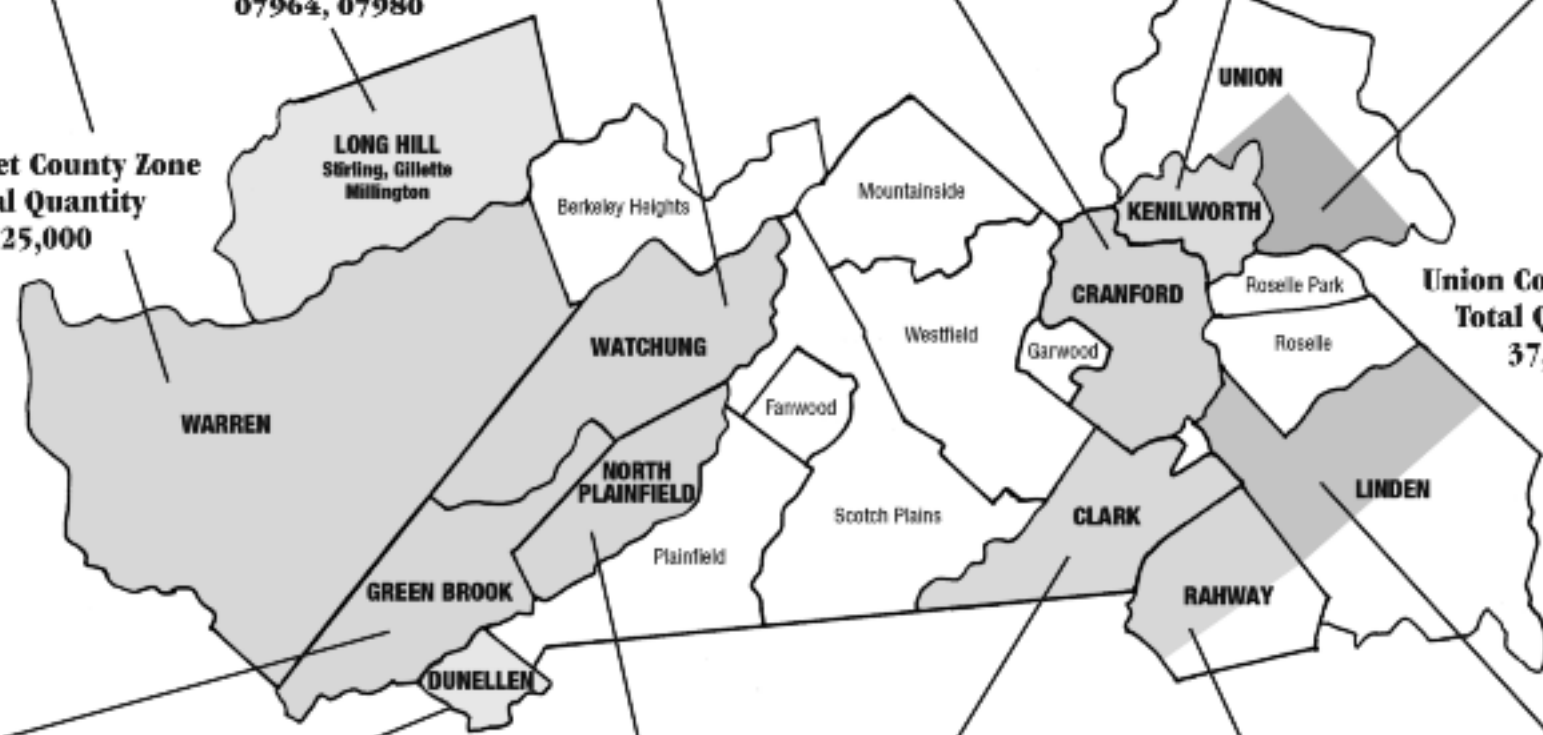


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