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UNION MEMORIAL DAY PARADE SET FOR MONDAY MAY 29TH

The Township of Union Veteran's Alliance Memorial Day Parade will kick off at 10:00 am on Monday, May 29th on High St and travel along Stuvvesant Ave as a tribute those who have died in service of the United States of America.

"Not only is this an exciting and fun event for the entire family, but a way for us- as a community- to come together to remember those who gave their lives in honor of our freedom," said Mayor Suzette Cavadas.

This year's Grand Marshal of the parade is Mike Yesenko. Yesenko is a World War II veteran, where he served as a combat infantryman. A man who dedicated his life to helping others and the community, he was a teacher in Union for many years, and has been a dedicated member of the Township of Union History society.

Featuring music by the Uptown String Band, floats, show cars, Clydesdale horses, military units and vehicles, and a historic was reenactment, the parade features something for people of all ages. For best viewing, watch the parade from Pearl Harbor Square on Stuyvesant Ave.

The closing ceremony at Veteran's Honor Roll and Memorial Park, will also present the opportunity for spectators to witness a Revolutionary War Battle reenactment at 11:30am as well as live cannon fire.

Residents are also encouraged to stop by Friberger Park, behind Town Hall, on May 28th



(above) War reenactors travel along the Township of Union Memorial Day Parade route. This year's parade will take place on Monday, May 29th at 10:00 a.m., departing from High St. and traveling along Stuyvesant Ave. in Union. Photo courtesy of the Township of Union

from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to experience the Pre-Memorial Day Revolutionary War Encampment, featuring American and British Crown Forces and historical demonstrations.

New this year, you can easily register your non-profit organization to march in the parade by visiting uniontownship.com and filling out the online form.

For additional information please contact Natalie Pineiro, Public Information Officer, Township of Union, 908-851-5096 or via email at npineiro@uniontownship.com.

EDUCATION FOUNDATION SPRING RECEPTION MAY 18TH

the Union school district for the 2017-2018 year. The teachers Avenue in Union.

Ticket donation for the reception is \$30.00 and checks may be made payable to "Township of Union Education Foundation" and mailed to Susan Lipstein, 2569 Jackson Avenue, Union, NJ, 07083.

macro grants to teachers in Washington School, Hannah Caldwell, Connecticut Farms, Battle Hill and Livingston in the public schools of the Township of Union.

The Township of Union Education Foundation proudly Schools. The micro grants include the purchase of 3-C portable announces seven grants that will be awarded to teachers in line scanner pens, the purchase of a 3-D printer and a subscription to Flocabulary-an online reading and vocabulary will be honored at the annual spring reception to be held on program. The macro grants include purchasing a greenhouse May 18 from 5-8 at the Knights of Columbus, 1034 Jeannette and ancillary equipment, supplying Fire Kids Edition Tablets for a school-wide project, sponsoring a trip to a Monarch butterfly farm for three classes and purchasing Chromebooks and Engineering texts for fourth graders.

The Township of Union Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization whose mission is The Foundation awarded three micro grants and four to raise funds for grants awarded competitively to teachers for creative and innovative educational programs for the children

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KELLY POST VFW CELEBRATES 85TH YEAR

Foreign Wars of Union, recently celebrated its 85th anniversary on Sunday, April 2, 2017, with a luncheon at the Suburban Golf Club. Joining with the Post in the celebration was its Auxiliary whose 85th anniversary will occur in September.

Members and friends of the Post were greeted by Commander Leo Graf and Auxiliary President Alma Lauer. Also on hand for the festivities were Barbara and Ken Hagemann, State VFW Judge Advocate, and State Judge Adjutant respectively, and VFW District 5 Commander Bobby Jeans and his wife Lenore, as well as Past Commanders and current officers of the Kelly Post and Auxiliary.

Founded in April 1932, the Kelly Post is dedicated to the memory of Pvt. Michael A. Kelly who lost his life in the final days of World War I in the battle of the Argonne Forest. The plans for

The Michael A. Kelly Post 2433, Veterans of the Post home on High Street were developed during World War II and, after several years of community meetings and fund raising events, the project was completed and dedicated in 1948. During its 85-year history the organization has provided fellowship, supported hospitalized and needy veterans, sponsored community activities, and kept the public aware of the service our vets gave and continue to give to our country. It has consistently strived to follow its motto: "Honor the Dead by Helping the Living."

The Post was subsequently honored by the Union Township Committee at its regular meeting on April 11, 2017 with a Proclamation commending its officers and members for their dedication and on-going support of veterans and the community at large. The Mayor and Committee members all joined in congratulating the organization for its 85 years of service.



(above) Joining in the celebration of the Kelly Post's 85th Anniversary are Ed McElroy, Chaplain, Leo Graf, Commander, Jack Finnegan, Past Post Commander, Bob Johnsen, Past Post Commander and current Quartermaster, Dan Sickels, Trustee, and Joe Lauer, Sr. Vice Commander.



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UNION CHAMBER APPOINTS OFFICERS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

The Chamber installed its slate of officers for 2017-2018 at its 62nd Annual Gala, held on April 7 at Galloping Hill Caterers. Members of the Board of Directors are a group of dedicated volunteers, representing a cross-section of local industries, who help the Chamber in its mission of serving as the voice of Union Township's business community.

Elected each year, officers have ultimate responsibility for chamber operations, set policy, and guide direction. They also oversee and support proposed activities, events and projects that best serve the interests of members. The Chamber organizes monthly events, featuring well-known speakers, and networking opportunities, aimed at helping businesses grow, innovate, and achieve their potential.



The incoming Executive Board consists of:

• President: Angel Cartagena, Batteries Plus Bulbs

- Senior Vice President and Vice President, Finance: Eugene Mitchell, Investors Bank
- Vice President, Programming and Special
- Events: Sharon Patel, Patel Printing PlusVice President, Community and Government
- Relation: Julie D'Aloia, ConnectOne BankVice President, Membership: Joseph
- Stampone, Major Printing
- Vice President, Economic Development: David Arminio, Union Township Historical Society
- Immediate Past President: Cecil Cates, CMIT Solutions

The Chamber Board welcomed new directors:

Susan Saraiva, Coldwell Banker; Marie Maguire, BCB Bank; Fran Ryan, Unity Bank

Also renewed for three-year terms were:

Laura Bretzger, City Fire Equipment Company; Peter Celia, Cozy Corner Deli & Catering; John Ferraz, Walgreen's; James Strole, Chick-fil-A

"The Chamber's Board of Directors is composed of 27 dedicated individuals who represent the interests and needs of all of our member businesses," said James Masterson, Chamber CEO.

"We are grateful for generously giving of their time and talents for the betterment of all."

The Union Township Chamber of Commerce is a professional association dedicated to strengthening, uniting, promoting and representing member businesses located in Union and the surrounding area. For more information please call 908-688-2777 or visit www.unionchamber.com.



(above l-r) Taking the oath of office are Angel Cartagena, Eugene Mitchell, Cecil Cates, Sharon Patel, Joseph Stampone, Julie D'Aloia, David Arminio, Laura Bretzger, Peter Celia and Susan Saraiva. Photo by Allan Reider 908-688-8808



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Public Library, Tom Beisler and Tom Haggerty, trustees of the Union Township Historical Society, will present "The Self Master Colony: One Man's Solution to Homelessness."

The Self Master Colony, also known as Floyd's Self Master Village, was a residence for men in need of help. It existed from 1908 to 1938, and was founded by Andress and Lillian Floyd and financed by Charles H. Ingersoll--famous for his Ingersoll Watch Company and his cement houses designed by Thomas Edison on Ingersoll Terrace in Union.

The colony consisted of about 50 acres on Morris Avenue, the present site of the Township

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> Andress Floyd is remembered for developing homes near Kawameeh Park in Union and giving some streets significant names: Andress Terrace and Floyd Terrace (for himself), Lillian Terrace

(for his wife), Olive Terrace (for his estranged daughter), Crawford Terrace (for his business partner) and Self Master Parkway (for the colony). He allegedly named other streets after his favorite authors--Thoreau, Homer, and Carlyle.

Admission is free. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please call 908-851-5450.



(above) Residents of the Self Master Colony in the early part of the 20th century learned trades, such as rug-weaving shown here, to become self-sufficient members of society.







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On Friday, March 31st, after school, the PBSIS Team of Burnet Middle School held its 6th annual March Madness 3 on 3 student basketball tournament. The PBSIS Team created the tournament in order to reduce discipline referrals for the longest month of the school year. Students created teams in the beginning of March and in order for their team to make it to the tournament; they had to be discipline-free for the entire month. Students motivated each other to be on their best behavior. Each team that signed up received an exclusive SWAG bag filled with prizes as an incentive. This year was our biggest turnout yet! 30 teams competed in front of 200 student and staff spectators. The day of the tournament consisted of intense 4 minute games culminating in a full court 8 minute

championship game. The Burnet Select Chorus sang the national anthem to kick off the games and half time festivities included prizes, a snack stand, half-court shot contest for the student spectators, and music. The championship team won gift cards, exclusive March Madness t-shirts, and medals. In conjunction with the 3 on 3 student tournament, homerooms also competed against each other in a "Homeroom Madness" contest. The contest was based on the lowest percentage of discipline referrals and lates for each homeroom. Every homeroom was represented by a national college mascot and as results were calculated, the school was able to watch from a life-size bracket displayed in the front of the school! The winning homeroom was discipline free for the entire month!





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UNION'S RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT ON JUNE 3RD

On June 3rd from 11 a.m.- 11 p.m. Union residents, along with friends and family, will join together at the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Union at Union High School to raise funds and awareness in an effort to help create a world without cancer.

Founded by Dr. Gordy Klatt in Washington in 1985, the Relay For Life movement is the world's largest fundraising event to save lives from cancer.

Uniting communities across the globe, we celebrate people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and take action for lifesaving change. During Relay For Life events, members of each team take turns walking or running around the track or path. Teams participate in fundraising in the months leading up to the event.

Funds raised help the American Cancer Society provide free information and support for people facing the disease today, and fund cancer research that will help protect future generations. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the Society has invested more than \$4.5 billion in research since 1946, and have funded more than 20,000 scientists at more than 1,000 institutions nationwide.

In addition to the support of the community, Relay For Life is also supported by many local businesses and organizations.

Take action this year and help make cancer a priority by participating or donating to the Relay For Life of Union.

Visit RelayForLife.org or to learn more about the event, or contact Natalie Margolin, natalie.margolin@cancer.org, 973-232-2571.

UNION TV 34 SEEKS MOTHER'S DAY GREETINGS FOR ANNUAL PROGRAMMING

It is with great pleasure that Union TV34 announces its annual "Mother's Day Greetings" to be aired on Comcast Channel 34 and Verizon FIOS Channel 34 beginning at 6:00PM on Saturday, May 13th and will run until Sunday, May 14th 10:00PM.

Each year principals from each of Union's elementary schools select students from their school to send a special message to their moms to be aired on the station.

This year, Livingston School, Franklin School, Hannah Caldwell School, Connecticut Farms Elementary, Battle Hill School and Washington School were all represented in the Mother's Day Greetings program

The Mother's Day Special will be played on a loop, so if you missed your child's greetings, stay tuned and you'll be sure to see them!









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THE UNIVERSE VISITS BATTLE HILL ELEMENTARY

"night sky" experience when Matthew Mever visited the school with his Starlab Portable Planetarium System. He brought the universe to the students with an onsite fieldtrip, courtesy of the Battle Hill PTA. Meyer, a Union resident and former educator, visits schools in New Jersey, parts of New York, Connecticut and Pennsylvania to share his passion of astronomy and space with his company "What's Out There...LLC.". The Starlab Portable Planetarium System is also ideal for after school programs and camp settings.

According to Alison Brehm, fourth-grade teacher at Battle Hill, students and teachers alike were mesmerized at the giant planetarium they saw as they entered the auditorium. It immediately grabbed their attention and the excitement in the room began to buzz. "What's Out There...LLC" has three distinct phases of their program, Brehm explained.

During Phase One, Meyer provided power point presentations for the teachers, each developed for the different grade levels which would be attending the presentation. These pre lessons were provided with talking points to give the students prior knowledge before visiting the planetarium. For Phase Two, Meyer brought the giant dome to Battle Hill. The presentation was interactive and the students had the opportunity to assist Meyer. Phase 3 provided culminating activities that further enhanced the planetarium experience. The activities were fun and educational.

Inside the planetarium, students were shown the planets, moons, constellations, and other celestial objects as they appear in the evening sky. Meyer pointed out Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. He taught them how to use the Big Dipper to find the North Star. For the older students he spoke about Greek Mythology and the different animals you can locate in the night sky. The students were captivated at the images projected in the planetarium.

"The presentation was very interesting," said fourth grader Sophia Weiss. "The constellations were the most interesting part. It was really cool the stars are so many different colors based on their age."

"What's Out There...LLC" presentations also include Native American Mythology and African Mythology. Native American Mythology explains how they perceived the origins of the Earth and Sky. While the African Mythology focuses on the difference in the sky seen in the Northern Hemisphere. Meyer selects his presentations for each venue based on grade level, curriculum support needs and student interest.

Meyer began this company because of the inspiration provided by his father. He's always had an enthusiasm for learning from a young age. With his presentations, he hopes to stimulate a

Battle Hill students in Union were treated to a that they form so many different animals and that love of learning, for all subject matter, but especially astronomy. Knowing students go home and are excited to share their day with their family is one of the most rewarding parts of his job. His hope is to inspire future astronomers and inspire an appreciation of astronomy and a genuine curiosity about the world around them.

"I learned so much about the solar system," said fourth grade student Samantha Dos Santos. "I didn't know that Jupiter was a gas planet."

The students and staff were grateful that the PTA provided such a wonderful experience for the Battle Hill Community. They look forward to his visits for years to come!

Visit www.starstogo.net for additional information or contact Matthew Meyer via email at WhatsOutThereLLC@gmail.com.



(above) Matthew Meyer with students Caroline Laverty, Joshua and Elena Jensen, Julia Laverty, Lola Parades, Sofia Carreto, Gabriela Caixhina, Leila Parades, Alexandra Caixhina and Patrick Laverty.



DOWNED LIGHT POST, CAR BUMPER FOUND IN UNION WATERWAY

The Township of Union held their first annual Photographed is Mayor Suzette Cavadas with Earth Day celebration. As a part of the event they held a waterway cleanup, a seedling giveaway and tree planting demonstration, tours of the community garden and a screening of the environmental documentary, "The 11th Hour."

According to Mayor Suzette Cavadas, volunteers pulled some incredible items out of the waterways including a downed light post, shopping carts, old tires, and even a car bumper.

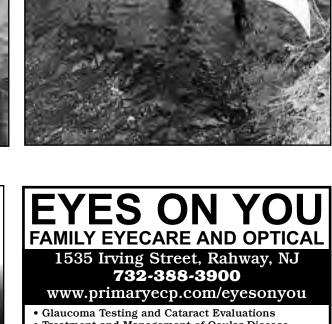




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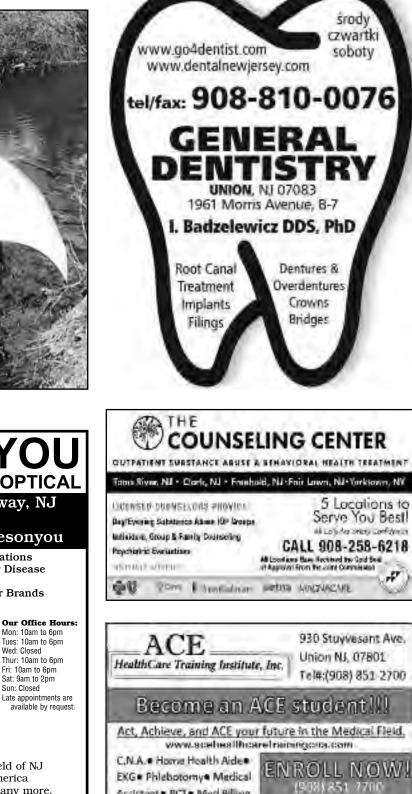


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The proceeds of this event provide the necessary funds send underprivileged youth to four of our camps in New Jersey and New York State. Over 4,000 youth are served in this program, and a total of 16,000 youth served in traditional Scouting in our area. Most recently the BSA has enhanced STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) content in every facet of Scouting, from summer camp to the Pinewood Derby, by developing programs that explore the STEM principles behind familiar Scouting activities. The STEM Program is another beneficiary of this event.

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