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LOCAL RUTGERS GRAD ASSISTS ARTISTS WITH DISABILITIES

Submitted by Heather Williams

Sonya Kimble-Ellis, a resident of Union, New Jersey, received her BA in English at Rutgers' Douglass College, has written articles for such publications as Black Enterprise and the New York Daily News, and is the author of children's activity books.

Shannon Johnston, who lives in North Plainfield, New Jersey, has a Masters Degree in Dance Education and a BFA in Dance from Rutgers and runs a dance program for children with special needs at the Family YMCA in Wyckoff, New Jersey.

Kimble-Ellis and Johnston have also been trained to be facilitators for adults with disabilities who create fine art as part of the Matheny Medical and Educational Center's Arts Access Program, which empowers individuals with disabilities to create art without boundaries.

Matheny is a special hospital and educational facility here for children and adults with medically complex developmental disabilities. Arts Access was created in 1993 to answer the question: "Can people with disabilities create fine art?" The answer was a resounding "Yes!" and the program will be celebrating its 25th anniversary at Full Circle 2018: Then and Now on Saturday, November 3, 2018.

When Arts Access was created a quarter century ago, it was primarily a visual arts program. The facilitation process used for paintings was gradually adapted to other art forms, and now artists with disabilities can choreograph dances; write poetry, prose, and drama; and dance and act onstage.

Facilitators must be professional artists, and once they are hired by Matheny, they must complete a training program emphasizing that they maintain a sense of neutrality throughout the creative process. Being a facilitator is a challenging job, because it's so important that all decisions are the artists'. In some cases, this is particularly difficult because some artists are non-verbal. But they all have a way of indicating 'yes' or 'no.' It might be by looking up or down or shaking their heads in a certain direction.

The greatest challenge for Kimble-Ellis occurred during the early stages of working as a writing facilitator. "There were a few people who didn't think or feel they could write. But, once presented with a process that would enable them to write relatively easily, they were all in. What I like most about facilitating is seeing the excitement or joy once someone finished a piece of writing, hears their piece read at a reading, when it's included in Full Circle, or when it's part of a book compilation or a book of their own." Kimble-Ellis developed a system using action words and photos. "We started with picture graphs," she says, "and now it's all computerized."

"These artists," adds Kimble-Ellis, "amaze me all the time, with their dedication, consistency, and patience. Many of them know all the hard work it takes to complete a piece of writing or book."

People who attend the Full Circle celebration on November 3, says Johnston, will see how "the facilitators' skills bring these artists' work to



(above) Sonya Kimble Ellis.



(above) Sonya works with writer Charlie Fieramosca.

life. I recommend people come to see Full Circle for themselves; it is better than any explanation could possibly be."

"This program," adds Christie, "is a window into the lives of people who, though they are viewed as existing on the peripheries of society, have voices that are relatable, exciting, and profound."

To learn more about Arts Access and the 25th anniversary Full Circle program, log onto artsaccessprogram.org.

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UNION CHAMBER'S JUNE NETWORKING EVENT: THE 22ND ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

The Union Township Chamber of Commerce invites the business community to its 22nd Annual Legislative Breakfast for an opportunity to meet and hear from various elected officials. Held in partnership with the Greater Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce, the event will feature state, county, and local officials who will share issues and updates pertinent to business and industry.

The event will take place from 8-10 a.m. on Friday, June 29, 2018, at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Union County, 1050 Jeanette Avenue, Union. A light breakfast will also be served.

Admission is \$20 for Chamber members and \$30 for guests.

Pre-registration is required by contacting the Union Chamber of Commerce at 908-688-2777 or by emailing executivedirector@unionchamber.com.

"This is our 22nd year of conducting this very popular and well-attended event," said Chamber Executive James Masterson. "This program provides our members with the opportunity to meet with their elected officials and discuss specific items of interest with them."

The Union Township Chamber of Commerce is a professional association that is dedicated to strengthening, uniting, promoting representing member businesses located in Union and the surrounding area.

UNION POLICE DEPARTMENT PROJECT MEDICINE DROP BOX FOR SAFE DRUG DISPOSAL

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The Township of Union Recreation Department is proud to bring back their Movies Under the Stars for its fourth year. Held at Rabkin Park, Union, New Jersey, the Movies draw residents from the far reaches of town and provide a one of a kind source of family entertainment.

The first movie, "The Emoji Movie," will be held on Friday, June 15th at 8:45 p.m.

This animated comedy takes place in Textopolis, a world inside a smartphone that's inhabited by various emojis. An emoji named Gene, voiced by T.J. Miller, is ashamed that he has multiple facial expressions while his colleagues only have one each, and he embarks on a quest to be like everyone else. James Corden, Anna Faris, Jennifer Coolidge, Patrick Stewart, and Maya Rudolph also lend their voices to this film from Sony Pictures Animation.

Movies are open to the public and are free of charge to attend. Pre-movie entertainment begins at 7:30 p.m., and the movie begins at 8:45 p.m.; blankets and chairs are welcome. Free popcorn will be provided, and local food trucks will be presenting vending food and refreshments.

Stay tuned to the Township of Union on Facebook or on the web at uniontownship.com for information on the second movie, Disney's "Coco," to be shown during Mayor's weekend in September.

For more information on Movies Under the

of Union Recreation Stars contact the Department of Recreation at to bring back their Movies 908-686-4200 or contact Natalie Pineiro, Public Information Officer at 908-851-5096 or via email at npineiro@uniontownship.com.



(above) Committeeman Manuel Figuereido with movie-goers at the 2016 Movie in the Park, "The Jungle Book." This year's Movies in the Park series will commence on June 15th with "The Emoji Movie." (Photo Courtesy of the Township of Union).

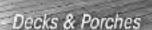




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The Union County Baseball Association invites young baseball players between the ages of 8 and 15 to register for its Summer Youth Baseball League.

All games are played in Warinanco Park, on the border of Elizabeth and Roselle, Monday through Friday between 9:00am and 3:00pm. The games are coached and supervised by Union

SEA SCOUTING OPEN HOUSE JUNE 9

Sea Scouting is a high-adventure branch of the Boy Scouts of America. We provide young adults with the opportunity to learn, develop new skills, and have fun while traveling aboard our 65' training vessel, the Sea Dart II. The Sea Dart II is also one of the largest Sea Scout vessels on the East Coast, which provides or program a valuable resource. The program is also an excellent path for career development, as we have had several of our members pursue successful careers in the maritime industry, US Navy, and US Coast Guard.

The Linden Sea Scouts will be hosting an open house for all prospective new members June 9, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Linden Sea Scout Base, 4400 Tremely Point Road, Linden, New Jersey. The Sea Scout program is open to male and female youth from 14- to 21-years-old. There will be free food and free boat rides for all.

Please contact Skipper James Zatwarnicki at jimmyzat@gmail.com or 551-580-0008 for more information.







will begin in late June and end the first week of be held on June 16th and June 23rd from 9:00 August.

Players are divided into three age groups: Boathouse. Minor League 8-10 year olds, Major League 11-12 year olds, and Teen League 13-15 year olds.

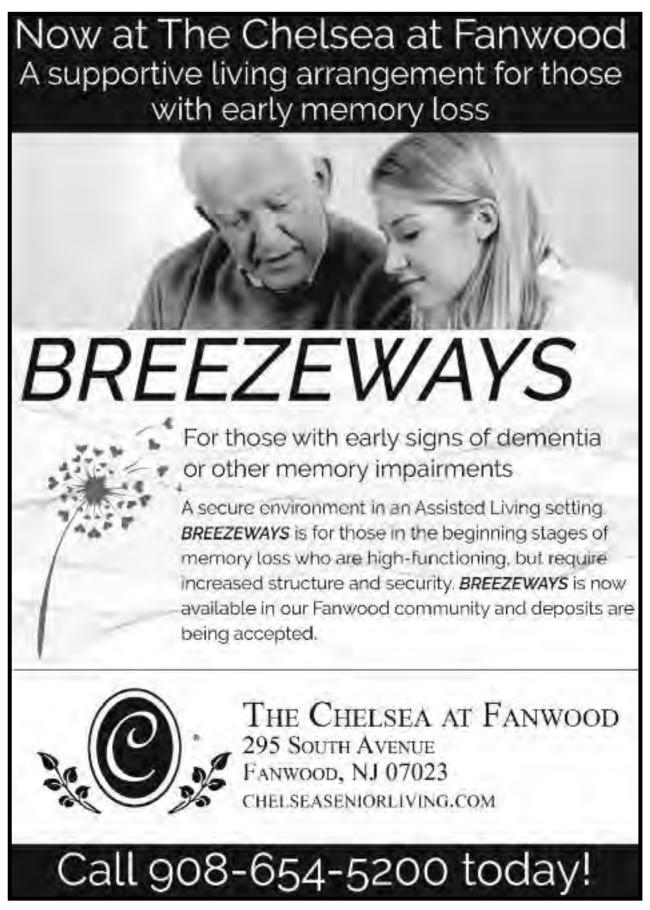
The Union County Baseball Association has program. UCBA staff and guest Union County of Parks and Recreation. coaches will utilize the new state-of-the-art Warinanco Park Skating Center, which is equipped with artificial turf and indoor batting formed in 1941 and runs a Summer Baseball cages, to provide players weekly clinics focused League for players 8-15 years old and a Fall on hitting, fielding, pitching, and catching. This Baseball League for high school aged players. added benefit is included with the player The league is based out of Warinanco Park, on registration fee.

League is \$50 and players can register online at Association, please visit www.ucba-nj.org.

County Baseball Association staff. The season www.ucba-nj.org. In-person registration will also a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Warinanco Park

The UCBA Summer Baseball League is sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Union County Baseball added indoor clinics to the Summer League Association, and the Union County Department

About the Union County Baseball Association The Union County Baseball Association was the border of Elizabeth and Roselle. For more The registration fee for the Summer Baseball information about the Union County Baseball









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GIRL SCOUTS HELPED PREPARE FOR HANNAH CALDWELL DAY

The Girl Scout Troop recently helped the Union Township Historical Society prepare for an activity that will be part of the commemoration of Hannah Caldwell Day on Sunday, June 10, 2018 from 2 to 5 p.m. Under the direction of trustees, Lorraine Bartone and Joan Permison, the eighth-grade troop cut fabric for "church" dolls that can be put together by young (and young-at-heart) visitors to the Caldwell Parsonage on June 10 located at 909 Caldwell Avenue, Union, New Jersey.

COMMEMORATION OF HANNAH CALDWELL DAY

Hannah Caldwell Day will be commemorated at the Caldwell Parsonage, 909 Caldwell Avenue, Union, New Jersey, on Sunday, June 10, from 2 to 5 p.m. Members of the Union High School History Club, along with Union Township Historical Society members in colonial costume, will host an open house of the Parsonage, as well as tours of the Union Tool Museum in the adjacent carriage house (barn).

There will be photo ops for children with prop tricorn hats and colonial-style bonnets; and kids can make "church" dolls and play colonial games.

"Rev. James Caldwell," portrayed by Doc Burkhardt, will greet visitors and recall the heroism of his wife during the American Revolution, specifically the Battle of Connecticut Farms on that fateful day in 1780.

Collect Union County's Hannah Caldwell trading card. Get your National Park Service Passport and/or Union County Passport booklet stamped. The Parsonage is part of the Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area and an official cancellation location.

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(above) Girl Scout Troop 4002 of Union

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(above) Cadet Kiana McQuade (Scotch Plains) safety fire line duty.

Submitted by S.M Jose G. Vergara

During the weekend of May 5 and 6, 2018, students from around New Jersey, provided community service at the Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Open House and Air Show ("Power In The Pines"). The students are cadets in the Civil Air Patrol (CAP is the US Air Force Auxiliary). They provided guidance to the public and safety by keeping the air field's fire lines clear for emergency evacuation of thousands of air show spectators. In addition, the cadets interacted with military personnel to learn about military technology (Army, Marines, Navy and Air Force) and their operations. They also gained knowledge about different aircrafts on display and enjoyed watching the multiple flight demonstrations from of a variety of aircraft such as F22, F18, F5, and Mustang (WWII airplanes), parachute demonstrations, etc.

The CAP Cadet program offers opportunities to Middle and High School students to learn about Aerospace, Leadership, Character Development, Physical Training, STEM, Orientation Flights, and much more. In addition, the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program, provides the youth of ages 12 to 18 a strong list of credentials for their college applications and for highly competitive technical summer camps. Cadets with proper qualifications can attend Summer Camps at the Air Force McGuire Base, and national Cyber Security, Flight Training Camp,

For more information about CAP Youth Cadet Program, please contact jose.vergara@njwg.cap.gov or visit CAP's webpage: gocivilairpatrol.com/join/youth-in-cadet-program/



(above) Cadet Manali Shah and Niyati Shah (Scotch Plains) holding QuadCopters.





(above, left) P51 Mustang airplane from WWII. (above, roght) F22 Raptor.

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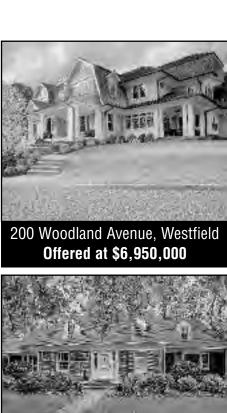
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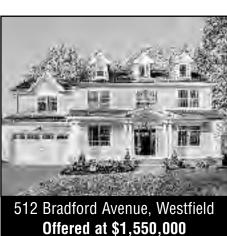
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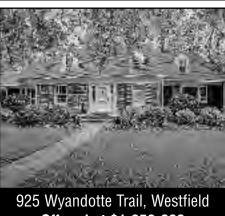








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BURNET MIDDLE SCHOOL COLLABORATES WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY TO HOST FIRST PARCC AND TEACHER APPRECIATION SPIRIT WEEK

Submitted by Akua Boakye and Jennifer Williams

The Positive Behavior Support in Schools (PBSIS) team of Burnet Middle School, Union, New Jersey, recently led by Student Assistance Counselor Tara Colandrea and under the leadership of school Principal Tommy Harrell, held a Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) and Academic Spirit Week in preparation of the New Jersey PARCC tests.

Ms. Colandrea, along with the team, co-ran by English teacher Kimberly Villane, understood that it is a strenuous time of year and wanted to encourage all involved to be at their best. "Our goal is to have all students relaxed and confident heading into the test session," stated Colandrea. "We encourage every child and staff member to participate in these special days!"

The spirit week consisted of: daily prizes and affirmations, themed days, games, and prize drawings. Themes included "Knock it out of the PARCC," Sports Jersey Day and "It's just a walk in the PARCC" sweat pants day.

"Having the themes for the day lessened the stress of what I had to wear each day for testing and allowed me just to focus on PARCC," Jayleen Alvizures, eighth grader stated.

The week kicked off on May 4, 2018, with "May the Fourth be with you" on the PARCC and centered on a "Star Wars" themed day, which included an advisory period that gave a lesson with tips from Burnet teachers and PARCC quizzes on how to "Jedi" master the PARCC test the following week.

In order to make the week extra special, Ms. Colandrea reached out to the Union Community for help. "We could have never hoped to accomplish such a great event without the continued and loyal support of our extended family, the town of Union," said Colandrea. "Several local businesses generously donated and joined us in the remarkable celebration. Their bigheartedness made this event a more meaningful and successful experience for the school and was truly appreciated."

Some of the companies that donated were: Costco of Union, Stop and Shop of Union, Target of Union, Magic Fountain, The Perfect Bite Delights owned by Ivonne McPherson, Yo Addiction, Red Cadillac, Dairy Queen of Union, More Than a Gift Floral Shop, Smarties Factory, and Rita's of Union.

At the end of each day, students were given motivational prizes to encourage them to keep up the great work on PARCC. "It motivated us to try harder and when I saw the prize it made me feel like I accomplished something," said Giannell Calderon eighth grader at Burnet.

"It removed the stress of testing," added Gabriella Thomas, eighth grader.

The PBSIS team took place in cross-curricular work within the building to make the week a success. Mrs. Pielech's class assisted in all the weeks' activities by compiling and distributing

all the teacher and student prizes. In addition, Ms. Fenton, Art Teacher, designed the bulletin board "Knock it Out of the PARCC" that showcased the week in review at the front lobby of the school.

Some of the student motivators included: Free gift certificates to Rita's Ice and Hershey Kisses to help kiss the testing jitters goodbye. The testing week aligned with Teacher's Appreciation week and PBSIS did not let that go unnoticed. More Than a Gift, local flower shop, donated a rose for every staff member at Burnet. And Yo Addiction handed out free yogurts during lunches to name a few contributions.

"I have been looking to do a Teacher's Appreciation Week and PARCC Spirit Week for a while now and when they fell on the same days, I knew it was the year to get it off the ground," Ms. Colandrea stated. "I love being able to show the students that they matter and we are behind them in all of their endeavors and I know that their successes also have a lot to do with our teachers, so this was a great experience and I am really proud of the results."







(above) Burnet School is in great spirits during PARCC and Teacher Appreciation Spirit Week.



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GATEWAY FAMILY YMCA LAUNCHES 2018 ANNUAL SUPPORT CAMPAIGN

The Gateway Family YMCA has announced the launch of their 2018 Annual Support Campaign. Annual Campaign donations help to ensure that everyone in the community has access to vital community programs and resources that support youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. The 2018 campaign goal is to raise \$575,000 in donations to support those in need in the communities surrounding Elizabeth, Rahway, and Union.

The Gateway Family YMCA works to support the people and neighborhoods that need it most by addressing unique challenges within each community they serve. The Gateway Family YMCA uses financial gifts to help individuals and families in need participate in programs such as: Early Learning Readiness (school readiness), Diabetes Prevention Program (chronic disease prevention), teen leadership programs, supportive housing, and social services. In 2017, The Gateway Family YMCA provided over \$635,000 in financial assistance for membership, programs and services to the communities served in Northern Middlesex County and Eastern Union County.

"As a non-profit charitable organization, we believe all kids deserve the opportunity to discover who they are and what they can achieve, we help people and families build and maintain healthy habits for spirit, mind and body in their everyday lives and we take on the most urgent needs of our community, providing support to our neighbors," stated Joseph Venezia, Leadership Council Chairperson. The Gateway Family YMCA is a leading child care provider in the community, supporting nearly 400 children in traditional YMCA child care programs and 130 children and caregivers through Early Learning Readiness (ELR), a community program for preschool children.

"The Y is a positive force in this community. Together, we take on the challenges that shape our community's future. From tackling the achievement gap to teaching healthy habits for a lifetime or giving people the chance to strengthen our community through volunteering, everything

the Y does is in service of building a better us," stated Krystal R. Canady, CEO. "Every day, our community faces new challenges that create a greater need for the work we do. YMCA donors, volunteers, members, and partners make the difference in the communities we serve."

Dedicated to building a healthy community, The Gateway Family YMCA provides free Diabetes screening programs, a Diabetes Prevention Program and LIVESTRONG at the YMCA, and a free program for cancer survivors. In 2017, charitable gifts from YMCA donors helped to make it possible for 1300 children to have a safe place to learn and build confidence after school; 1000 children to experience lasting memories and friendship in summer camp, 2600 to learn safety and confidence in swim lessons, for 23,600 members to reconnect and grow together as a family, for over 700 people in need to gain a support system and a place to live; and countless others to access education and training to reach their full potential.

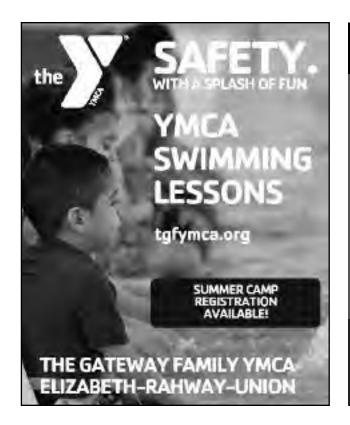
"We rely on the support of our neighbors in the local community to partner with us to continue to provide the programs and services our

community so greatly needs, including housing and social services, child care and summer camp, water safety and older adult services," stated Melynda A. Mileski, EVP/COO. "With our doors open to all, the Y brings together people of all backgrounds and supports those who need us most. Our donors, members, volunteers, supporters and staff demonstrate the power of what we can achieve, working together to build a better us."

The Gateway Family YMCA, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, health and community service organization of caring staff and volunteers dedicated to strengthening the foundations of community and stands For Youth Development, For Healthy Living and For Social Responsibility. The Gateway Family YMCA impacts the community by providing quality services to people of all ages, races, faith, or incomes. All donations to the Annual Campaign are tax-deductible.

To learn more about supporting the Y's cause, please contact The Gateway Family YMCA Association Office at 908.249.4800 or visit tgfymca.org.





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AUDITIONS FOR HISPANIC THEATRE FESTIVAL

Submitted by Joel Redmount

Spanish-language theatre is alive and well in New Jersey. For the second straight year, the CDC Theatre will feature its Hispanic Theatre Festival (or, as it prefers to be known, its Festival de Teatro Hispanico) for four performances July 26 to 28, 2018.

Despite a large and vibrant Hispanic population of 1.2 million in the state, the creators of this event recognized that there are no Spanishlanguage plays being performed on an ongoing basis that cater to that community in central New Jersey. As far as the Theatre world is concerned, the beauty of the language and the richness of the Hispanic heritage is simply being ignored. Families that want to attend live theatre, do so exclusively in English. Children grow up never hearing Spanish on the stage.

Last summer, the CDC Theatre, the longest continuously-running Community theatre in New Jersey, bridged that gap by mounting the premiere Hispanic Theatre Festival. It featured two one-act plays: "Ana y las langostas (Ana and the Locusts)" by Argentine playwright Alicia Dolinsky and "Bony y Kin (Bony & Kim)" by Puerto Rican Carlos Canales. The casts were filled with local Spanish-speaking actors from Plainfield, Cranford, Union, Edison, and Linden, as well as more distant communities such as Jersey City, Perth Amboy and Fords. They represented various places of national heritage from Mexico, Cuba, Peru, Puerto Rico and Honduras.

The play being showcased this season is "Bar Manolo," a full-length comedy by European playwright Jean-Pierre Martinez.

Auditions for the nine adult roles will be held at the CDC Theatre, 78 Winans Avenue, Cranford from 8 to 10 p.m. on Sunday, June 10, and Monday, June 11. The production is looking for men and women of various ages. Spanish fluency is not necessary, but comfort in the language is a must. Bar Manolo will be directed by Joel Redmount of Scotch Plains, who founded and continues to produce the Hispanic Theatre Festival.

Performances will take place at the CDC Theatre on Thursday July 26, Friday July 27 and



(above, l-r) Milagros Cortes of Linden and Merari Cortes of Edison as the Narrators, with Sheldon Gochiz of Jersey City and Yarleen Hernandez of West New York as the title characters in "Bony y Kin" by Puerto Rican playwright Carlos Canales in last summer's Hispanic Theatre Festival at the CDC Theatre in Cranford.

Saturday July 28, all at 8 p.m., with a matinee performance on Saturday July 28 at 2 p.m. Knowing it wouldn't truly be a Festival without appropriate music and food, the Producers of the event are looking to provide complementary refreshments on Opening Night, in the spirit of the evening.

And while the CDC Theatre is looking to tap into the underserved Spanish-speaking audience throughout our geographic region, they extend an invitation also to those non-Spanish speakers who may be intrigued by the multicultural nature of this Theatre Festival. The CDC looks forward to exploring the richness of la cultura Latina, as reflected in plays that mirror the pride, the drama and comedy of the human experience, as showcased through a Spanish language lens.

Tickets will be available for purchase in July through the website cdctheatre.org or available at the box office prior to each performance. Further information will also be provided on the website.

MEMORIAL DAY GRAND MARSHAL LEO GRAF

Leo Graf served as the Grand Marshal of Union's 2018 Memorial Day Parade.

Graf was born in 1944 in Germany. He came to the United States in 1960 at the age of 16 at which time he worked as a baker. In 1965 he joined the U.S. Army and completed his basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey. In 1966 he was deployed to Vietnam with the 196th Infantry Brigade. Upon his return in 1967 he married a wonderful women named Jane, and spent his last 12 months of service at Fort Devens in Massachusetts.

Graf has been a member of the VFW for over 20 years and has served as Commander of the Union VFW Michael A. Kelly Post 14 times over 17 years.



(above) Leo Graf



YOUTH PROGRAMS AT UNION PUBLIC MAIN LIBRARY

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WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Mondays: Construction Zone

at 3:30 p.m.

All ages. No registration required. Learn, play, and build with us every Monday using Legos, K'Nex, and more!

Wednesdays: Babies in the Library

at 10:30 a.m.

Birth to 18 months. No registration required. Spend this special time with baby singing songs and rhymes, listening to stories, followed by free play and socialization.

Thursdays: Preschool Storytime

at 4 p.m.

for children 3 years to 6 years. No registration required. Jump into reading with UPL! We explore phonics, letter recognition, and numbers all while reading fun stories and making new friends!

Fridays: Toddler Time

at 10:30 a.m.

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ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

Read to Waldi

Monday June 18 at 4:15 p.m.

Ages 5 and up. Registration required. Bring along a book or two and practice reading aloud to Waldi, our visiting therapy dog!

Bedtime Storytime

Tuesday June 12 at 7 p.m.

All ages. Registration required. Join us for a special bedtime story time to celebrate Father's Day! Don't forget to wear your coziest PJs.

ShopRite Kids Cuisine

Wednesday June 13 at 4 p.m.

Ages 6 to 12. Registration required. Learn about healthy eating and try some yummy new foods, following a different theme each month!

Teen Game On!

Thursday June 15 at 3:30 p.m.

Ages 14 and up. Registration required. We're breaking out the WiiU and the boardgames! Come join us for some games and friendly competition!

Summer Reading Program 2018 Kickoff

Saturday June 16 starting at 10:30 a.m.

All ages. Registration required for Outragehisss...Pets. We're kicking off SRP 2018 in style! We'll be making suncatchers from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m, followed by a special appearance by Outragehisss...Pets at noon! At 1:30 p.m., we'll have face painting and games to enjoy! You may register for the SRP anytime throughout the day!

Let's Create

Monday June 25 at 1 p.m.

Ages 6 to 12. Registration required. Ever wanted a pet rock? Now's your chance to make one! We'll be creating rock art today in a variety of designs. All materials will be provided.

Monday June 25: Science Rocks!

Monday June 25 at 1 p.m.

Ages 9 to 12. Registration required. Explore the science of sound with some fun experiments and activities! All materials will be provided.

Boredom Busters

Thursday June 28 at 1 p.m.

Ages 6 to 12. Registration required. Explore the Japanese paper folding art of origami! Try your hand at a variety of shapes and structures. All materials will be provided. Please note: this is a self-directed activity.

Lunch and a Movie. Family Movie

Friday June 29 at noon.

All ages. Registration required. Join us for a showing of "The Son of Bigfoot" (2017)! Rated PG. Bring along your lunch, and we'll supply popcorn and a beverage.

Teen Plant Afternoon

Friday June 29 at 2:30 p.m.

Ages 14 and up. Registration required. Develop your green thumb at our Teen Plant Afternoon! Decorate your flowerpot and take home your new plant friend!

ADULT PROGRAMS AT MAIN LIBRARY

The Main Library is located at 1980 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey. For additional information call 908-851-5450, or find us on the web at utlni.org

Tuesdays @ 2 Movies

June 5, 12, 19, and 26, from 2 to 4 p.m. Join us at the library for free movies. Doors open at 1:50 p.m. and elevator access is available. Please call the Library for specific titles and more

information at 908-851-5450. Chair Yoga

Wednesdays in June from 10:15 to 11 a.m. Gentle and relaxing. No experience necessary.

Meditation

Thursdays in June from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Relax and unwind in our ever-popular meditation class.

Friends of the Union Public Library Meeting

Thursday, June 7 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monthly meeting of the Friends of the Library. New members always welcome.

Connect Explore & Discover Digital Resources

Saturday, June 9 from 11 a.m. to noon; and Monday, June 18 from 7 to 8 p.m.

Learn how to download e-books, e-audiobooks, digital magazines, language learning programs, and more using just your library card.

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Summer Kick-Off

Saturday, June 16 from 9 a.m. to 5:00. p.m. Join us for family events, summer book talks, prizes, and a giant Friends of the Library book sale.

Library Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 19 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Please note this is a rescheduled June date.

Qello Filmed Music Concert

Wednesday, June 20 at 1 p.m.

Off the Shelf Book Discussion Group

Thursday, June 21 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This month the group will be reading Dorothy Parker

Drank Here by Ellen Meister. New members always welcome. Please contact the library to receive a copy of the book.

Rock Painting for Adults with Adrienne from the Union Community Garden

Monday, June 25 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Relax and create. Sign up with a friend for more fun. Space is limited, registration is required.

Mobile Aging Kiosk

Tuesday, June 26 from noon to 2 p.m.

Union County's mobile Aging Service Kiosk (ASK) is designed to provide residents with a convenient, friendly way to find out about services for the aging, and for their families and caregivers. ASK is staffed by professionals with the Division on Aging and Disability Resource Connection of the

Union County Department of Human Services.

The History of Union's Route 22

Tuesday, June 26 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

A ride down memory lane and back to the future will be conducted via a presentation by Tom Beisler and Tom Haggerty, trustees of the Union Township Historical Society.

International Film

Thursday, June 28 from 2 to 4 p.m.

This film from Spain, about a transgender woman, won the 2018 Academy Award for Best Foreign Film. Please call the library for the exact title.

Jersey Job Club presents: Top Notch Resumes II

Thursday, June 28 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Join our Career Coach, Deb Warner to make the most out of your resume and jump start your job search. Les Malamut Art Gallery. Join us in June for an exhibit

of Teen Art of Union County.

YOUTH PROGRAMS AT VAUXHALL BRANCH

The Vauxhall Branch is located at 123 Hilton Avenue, Vauxhall, New Jersey. For more information or to register for a program, call 908-851-5451.

Visit us on the web at: uniontownship.com/379/Union-Public-Library

Club Teen: Game Time

Wednesday June 6 at 6 p.m.

Ages 14 and up. Registration required. Enjoy video games, card games, and board games with your friends in a fun and relaxed environment.

Tween "Make It at Your Library"

Thursday June 7 at 3 p.m.

Ages 9 to 13. Registration required. With Father's Day just a few days away, make him a Father's Day craft that he's sure to love!

Lunch and a Movie. Family Movie

Saturday June 9 at 1:30 p.m.

All Ages. Registration required. Join us for a showing of "Ferdinand" (2017)! Rated PG. Bring along your lunch, and we'll supply popcorn and a beverage.

Donuts with Your Dude

Monday June 11 at 6 p.m.

Ages 6 and up. Registration required. We'll start with donuts and juice, and then try some fun building and design challenges to give kids access to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) learning, all while spending quality time with the special dudes in their lives. Kids of all ages are welcome to bring along their favorite dude (Dad, Grandpa, Uncle, Big Brother) and let their imaginations soar!

Pre-K Interactive Learning Time

Tuesday June 12 at 11 a.m.

Ages 3 to 5. Registration required. Enjoy puzzles, coloring, memory games, and other fun activities with your preschooler!

Homeschool Hangout

Thursday June 14 at 3 p.m.

Ages 10 and up. Registration required. Meet, learn, and engage with other local homeschooling families through a variety of fun activities! Participation by children ages 10 and up is encouraged!

Tween Game Time

Thursday June 14 at 3 p.m.

Ages 9 to 13. Registration required. Come in after school and play games with friends!

Summer Reading Program 2018 Kickoff

Saturday June 16, Starting at noon.

All Ages. Registration required for Outragehisss...Pets. We're kicking off SRP 2018 in style! Join us for face painting from noon to 1 p.m., a craft from noon to 1:30 p.m., followed by a special appearance by Outragehisss...Pets at 2 p.m.! You may register for the SRP anytime throughout the day!

Music & Movement

Tuesday June 19 at 11 a.m.

Toddlers and Pre-K. Registration required. Get movin' and groovin' with your little one! Interactive playtime with a focus on music and movement.

Club Teen: Reflections

Wednesday June 20 at 6 p.m.

Ages 14 and up. Registration required. Join us to celebrate the end of the school year and the beginning of summer vacation!

Tween STEM Builders Club

Thursday June 21 at 3 p.m.

Ages 9 to 13. Registration required. Play around with Legos and 3-D magnetic tiles to create amazing shapes and structures!

Family Drop-In Craft

Friday June 22 at noon.

All Ages. No registration required. Stop by the library anytime between noon and 2 p.m. for some crafty fun!

Pre-K STEM Story & Craft

Tuesday June 26 at 11 a.m.

Ages 3 to 5. Registration required. We'll be reading, singing, and learning about boats! All materials will be provided.

Tween DIY

Thursday June 28 at 3 p.m.

Ages 9 to 13. Registration required. Make a snazzy Rock Star 4th of July craft! All materials will be provided.

Wii and Board Game Friday

Friday June 29 at noon.

Grades 1 to 12. No registration required. School-aged children, tweens, and teens can drop in from noon to 2 p.m. to play card games, board games, and video games in a fun and relaxed environment.

ADULT PROGRAMS AT VAUXHALL BRANCH

The Vauxhall Branch Library is located at 123 Hilton Avenue, Vauxhall, New Jersey. For additional information please call the library at 908-851-5451, or find us on the web at uplnj.org.

Tai Chi Free Exercise Program

Tuesdays in June; 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. For mature adults. Wear sneakers and comfortable clothing. Sign up required.

Homeschooling Meetup

Thursday, June 14 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Summer Kickoff

Saturday, June 16 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Join us for family events, summer book talks, prizes, and a giant Friends of the Library book sale.

Adult Coloring

Monday, June 18 from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. Relax and unwind at the library. We provide pages, colored pencils, and music.

Hilton Readers Book Group

Monday, June 25 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Summer closing meeting. Bring your own dinner and discuss our last book before our summer break.

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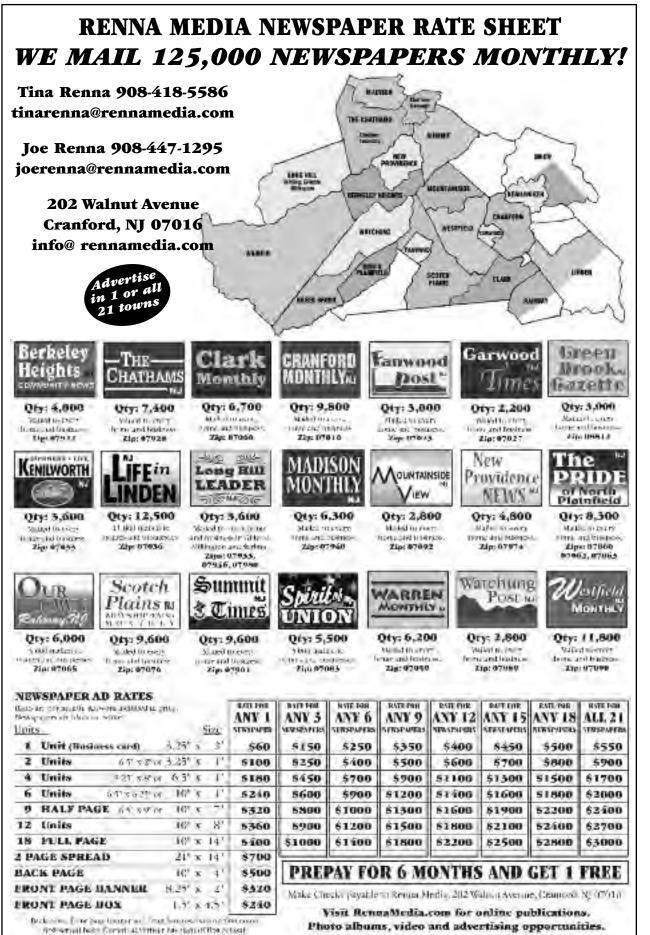
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Patricia Barksdale of Union, a '95 alumni, will be honored. Barksdale is a vice president and wealth management advisor in the Jersey City office of Merrill Lynch. She was most recently honored with the 2017 David Brady Award in recognition of her outstanding philanthropy, client focus and overall commitment to her company and community. The 2014 Kean University Distinguished Alumni Award recipient, Barksdale has been a staunch promoter of women throughout her career. She chairs the Foundation's Board Development Committee and serves on the Kean University College of Business and Public Management Board of Advisors.

Guests at the event will enjoy dinner, live music, dancing, and the shared mission of helping students achieve the education they deserve. To purchase tickets and for more details, please contact the Kean University Foundation at 908-737-3340 or kuf@kean.edu.





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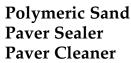


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