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FREE SUMMER CONCERTS IN THE PARK CONTINUE IN AUGUST

The 2018 Berkeley Heights Free Summer Concerts in the Park season will continue with 2 concerts scheduled for August.

Tuesday, August 7th will feature the band Beatlemania Again and will check for rain cancellation. coincide with National Night Out which is a nation-wide event and offers an opportunity for locals to meet and greet local police, fire and rescue personnel. There will be a bounce house, "celebrity" dunk tank, free refreshments, giveaways, and other attractions.

Wednesday, August 15th will feature the band Jersey Four. This concert was rescheduled in July due to inclement weather.

The Free summer concerts in the Park, which featured 4 concerts, are presented by Berkeley Heights Recreation Commission with major sponsorship from the local business community. Season sponsors for 2018 are: Berkeley Aquatic Club, Berkeley Heights Rotary Club, Grain & Cane/Embassy Suites Berkeley Heights, Smith Chiropractic Foundation, and Taylor Rental.

Dr. Patrick Smith who represents the local business community said, "Recreation Director Tom Barton and I are very excited to partner with Berkeley Heights Police Chief DiPasquale to present our first 'National Night Out free summer concert in the park festival,' featuring Beatlemania Again who will perform 2 sets in full costume. Come out and sing along to all the favorites while meeting our local heroes, while enjoying sponsored free activities, including a 'Celebrity Dunk Tank', food, cool gear and much more!"

The festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park, Plainfield Ave, Berkeley Heights, NJ.

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(above) The first concert held on July 18th featured The Infernos.

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KENILWORTH FIRE DEPARTMENT CARNIVAL AUGUST 13-18TH, 2018

The Kenilworth Volunteer Fire Department \$10,000 in past years. will continue its long running summertime tradition of hosting its annual fundraising carnival on August 13 - 18th, 2018.

Stop by St. Theresa's School for lots of rides (kiddie rides too), games, food, music and safe family-friendly fun. Pay-One-Price-Ride-All-Night wristband nights are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Visit the Beer Garden, enjoy a sausage sandwich or grab a bag of zeppoles and try your luck on the Money Wheel. There will be a Super 50/50 grand prize drawing on Saturday night, which has amounted to over

Proceeds benefit the Kenilworth Volunteer Fire/Rescue Support Organization. Kenilworth Fire Department thanks you for your continued support and hopes to see you and your family there. Like "Kenilworth, NJ Fire Rescue" Facebook updates. Visit Kenilworthfire.org.

Carnival hours are Monday thru Friday 6:30 -10:30 p.m., and Saturday 5:30 - 11 p.m. St. Theresa's School is located at 540 Washington Ave., Kenilworth, NJ. One block off of Kenilworth Blvd.





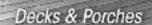




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THE CHILDREN OF ANDREW LITTELL OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS

Submitted by Grace Hagedorn of the Historical Society of Berkeley Heights

Around 1760 Andrew Littell (1718-1790), a farmer and weaver, and his wife Mary/Molly Stewart (1725-1805) settled a piece of land at what is now the corner of Mountain Avenue and Horseshoe Road in Berkeley Heights, and built a farmhouse. His family owned the property until 1817. In his will Andrew Littell named seven children. By the time baby Temperance was born, Mary/Polly was married and William was about to marry. This is the story of the children.

William Littell, born in 1745, was married twice, to Sarah Baker in July, 1869, and to Sarah Drake. He had at least five children. The oldest, Amos, born to Sarah Baker, is an ancestor the long time New Jersey State Senator Robert E. Littell of Sussex County. William Littell moved to Sussex and died there in 1805.

Sophia/Servia Littell was born on 1747. In 1775 she married Asa Frazee, son of Joseph Frazee of Union, then called Connecticut Farms because it was settled by people from Connecticut. Asa was not from the same line as Moses Frazee, who inherited the farmstead from his grandfather John Tilyou in 1840. Sophia and Asa lived on the north side of Sutton Hill, near the Framstead. They had three daughters and possibly other children.

Mary/Polly Littell was born in 1749. She married Zachariah Van Sickle in 1763. They were probably living in New Jersey in 1789 when their fifth child, Zachariah Jr. married Rosannah

Bowman. Before 1797 the entire family, except for daughter Huldah, moved to western Pennsylvania. and 1796, Ephraim paid New Jersey property taxes, probably on the farmstead. In 1789, in compensation for his war service, Ephraim was

Rachel Littell was born in 1851 and married Stephen Masters in 1772. He may have been the Stephen Masters born in 1754 who married Judith Sloat in 1783 in Sussex County and went to Ohio.

Andrew and Mary Littell probably lost some children in the 1750s. Ephraim, the next child named in Andrew's will was born in December, 1760, almost certainly in the farmhouse. In May, 1778, Ephraim Littell left home to join the Continental Army. According to his enlistment records he was a farmer, 5 feet 9 inches tall, with light hair, gray eyes and dark complexion. He served in the Second Regiment of the Light Dragoons for at least two years. The regiment consisted mostly of mounted troops, with some foot soldier, from Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Jersey. Records show that Ephraim was briefly at Valley Forge and then in New Jersey, New York, and Connecticut.

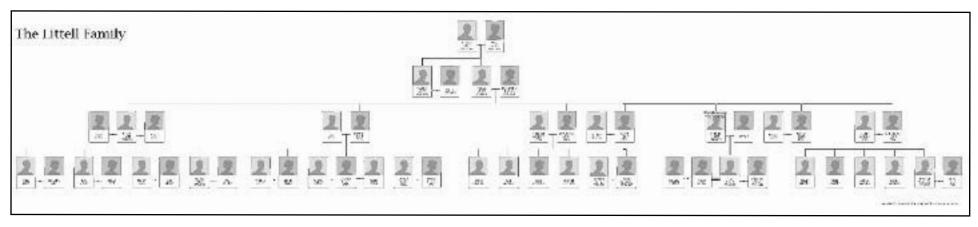
Ephraim married about 1781, perhaps in New England, perhaps in Pennsylvania. Of his seven known children, born between 1782 and 1801, a few were probably born in Pennsylvania, most in New Jersey. The children who spent most of their youth in Pennsylvania named either Pennsylvania or New Jersey as their birth states at various times. Records show that in 1789, 1793, 1795

and 1796, Ephraim paid New Jersey property taxes, probably on the farmstead. In 1789, in compensation for his war service, Ephraim was awarded a warrant for 100 acres of land in the military district of Ohio. There is some controversy over what happened with that warrant. Either Ephraim sold or traded it before his death in Ohio in 1805 or his widow Grissel/Griselda sold the warrant and, with an extra \$20, bought land someplace in New Jersey. Griselda died in the 1830s.

Hannah Littell, born in 1762 married Thomas Heddy/Hoddy in 1785.

Temperance Littell, the youngest, was born in 1769. In his 1790 will, her father left his loom and all related weaving equipment to Temperance, who had married Joseph Valentine in 1787. They moved to Sussex County about 1795. Joseph was a witness to his brother-in-law William Littell's will, and an executor of his Andrew Littell's estate, helping to sell the farmstead in 1817, two years after Mary/Molly's death in 1815. Later in 1817 the Valentines moved to Guernsey County, Ohio, where Joseph died in 1820 and Temperance died in 1839. They had eight children.

The Littell-Lord Farmstead is the oldest continuously occupied Farmstead in Union County. It is owned by the Township of Berkeley Heights and maintained as a museum by the Historical Society of Berkeley Heights.



(above) Family tree of Andrew Littell, first settler on what is now the Littell-Lord Farmstead in Berkeley Heights, NJ.

Provided by Grace Hagedorn of the Historical Society of Berkeley Heights











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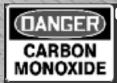
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THIN FILM PLASTICS BONANZA IN BERKELEY HEIGHTS CONTINUES

Submitted by Kim Diamond

they are "all in" when it comes to recycling thin film plastics. Only six weeks after beginning the Trex Thin Film Plastics Challenge on June 2, 2018, the Berkeley Heights community has amassed over 350 pounds of plastic grocery bags, cereal bags, Ziploc and similar sandwich bags, bubble wrap, dry cleaning wrap, and other thin film plastic items.

Trex, a Virginia-based company that builds outdoor furniture, decking, and other eco-friendly products, is sponsoring the Challenge, repurposing the thin film plastics collected and creating outdoor benches from them. For the Challenge, Trex will donate an outdoor bench to groups that collect 500 pounds or more of thin film plastics in a 6-month period. Berkeley Heights is well on its way to meeting this goal, several months ahead of schedule.

The Berkeley Heights Environmental Commission (BHEC), the group spearheading the Challenge in Berkeley Heights, encourages the entire Berkeley Heights community to participate in the Challenge and applauds its current participation level. They have placed collection bins for the Challenge (Trex Bins) in the following public venues around town:

Library – Location: Locust Avenue, next to Little Flower Church; bin is next to entrance

YMCA – Location: Springfield Avenue, next to the train station; bin is located just past and opposite the front desk;

Police Station – Location: Corner of Park Avenue and Plainfield Avenue; bin is next to doorway

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Columbia Middle School – Location: Berkeley Heights residents are proving that Plainfield Avenue; bin is in the vestibule by the main office

> Governor Livingston High School – Location: Watchung Boulevard; bin is in the vestibule by the main office

> Residents have been participating with vigor, often causing the more "popular" Trex Bins to overflow regularly. Currently, the library is the most popular drop off destination, with the YMCA running a close second.

> From an educational perspective, Trex Bins are both raising awareness of the thin film plastics recycling issue, as well as increasing summer book readership. According to Library Director Stephanie Bakos, there has been a surge in the number of people calling the library to get directions to and visit its new location as a result of the library's Trex Bin. When asked about the Trex Bin overflow the library regularly experiences, Bakos stated, "We're pleased to help - bring it on!"

> The timing for the Trex Challenge is ideal, given the new changes Union County has recently implemented that no longer allows for plastic bags or other thin film plastics to be placed in residents' curbside recycling containers.

> Local businesses are also supporting the Berkeley Heights community during the Challenge. Lifetime Fitness and Stop and Shop are each collecting and contributing their thin film plastics to the cause.

> Since June 2, 2018, BHEC members and volunteers from the community have played an instrumental role in the thin film plastics supply

chain to Trex. After gathering the thin film plastics from the Trex Bins, BHEC members weigh each bin's contents, catalogue their findings, and shuttle these plastics to the ACME grocery store in New Providence. From there, the thin film plastics are shipped to ACME's distribution center, where they are assembled in bales. The bales are then loaded on a tractor trailer and driven to Trex.

The Challenge plays an important role in environmental stewardship and preservation. According to the Ocean Conservancy, approximately 275 million metric tons of plastic waste is currently in our oceans, with 8 million metric tons of plastic waste being added to the oceans annually - the equivalent of having a garbage truck filled entirely with plastics dump its contents into the ocean every minute, every day for one full year. Often, animals, such as turtles, mistake plastics for food, eat the plastics, and suffer life-threatening consequences as a result.

Waste management and collection strategies that promote a circular economy through re-use and re-manufacturing of plastics can help to reduce this rate of ocean pollution and promote safer environments for wildlife in our streams, rivers, and oceans. Residents' participation in the Trex Challenge is helping to make this a reality.

For an update regarding the current number of pounds collected in the Trex Challenge, as well as other info, please visit the Facebook page: BerkeleyHeightsEnvironmentalCommission

For more info about the Trex Challenge, please visit: trex.com/recycling/recycling-programs





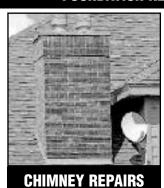






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UNIQUE TROUPE OF ACTORS THRILLED HUNDREDS WITH "ANNIE, JR."

Nearly 1,000 showgoers were thrilled with a education, advocacy and recreation. very special production of "Annie, Jr." staged by the Community Access Unlimited (CAU) Community Players, a troupe of actors both with and without developmental disabilities. The musical was performed at the Rahway High School Center for Performing Arts from June 29-July 1, 2018.

Formed in 2012, the CAU Community Players empowers members with disabilities to perform alongside people from the wider community and to be seen for their talents rather than their disabilities.

The troupe is sponsored by Community Access Unlimited, a statewide nonprofit providing support programs and services to individuals with disabilities as well as youth served under the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to empower them to live independently in the community. CAU provides support in areas including housing, life-skills training, vocational skills, money management, health maintenance,



"Annie, Jr." was the CAU Community Players' seventh annual production. Each year the troupe selects a play that represents CAU's message of inclusion, acceptance and self-advocacy. With an emphasis on each individual's value regardless of ability, the plays allow for a large cast so no one is denied an opportunity to participate.

"Annie, Jr," is based on the Little Orphan Annie comic strip and adapted from the Tony Award-winning musical. With equal measures of pluck and positivity, Little Orphan Annie charms everyone's hearts despite a next-to-nothing start in 1930's New York City.

Marguerite Modero, the troupe's director, said she sees Annie's positivity and resolution in the CAU members and the entire cast.

"This was our best production ever," she said after the production. "We have gone so far and come to such a high level of performance. Our members understand stage left, stage right. They critique their performance. We are raising their level of cognitive recognition of complex things. They feel they are ready for Broadway right now, and that's great."

Meela Sashi, 10, of Elizabeth, NJ played Annie in the 100-member cast, about two thirds of which were members of CAU while the remaining cast hailed from communities both within and beyond Union County.

Andrew Barry, a CAU member, played a Hooverville resident and carpenter. He said he enjoyed being part of a cast with others from outside the agency.

"It's a lot of fun," said Andrew. "We sometimes go out together or have a party in the cafeteria. They're really nice to me. This is my first time

performing with people who are not (from) CAU."

Kim Rosato, another CAU member who played a Hooverville resident, was a little nervous before the first show but quickly overcame her anxiety. She said she really enjoys performing.

"I become myself," she said. "It makes me feel good and gives me confidence in myself."

Ryan Durkan is a non-CAU member of the troupe who has performed in every CAU Community Players production. He played multiple roles in "Annie, Jr."

"I like the moments that not many people see," he said. "At the end of each performance we close the curtains and the audience doesn't see the smiles and emotion of the performers. It's a very emotional few seconds, very heartwarming, because we all did this work together and finished it together."

About Community Access Unlimited:

Community Access Unlimited (CAU), celebrating its 39th year in 2019, supports people with special needs in achieving real lives in the community. CAU provides support and gives voice to adults and youth who traditionally have little support and no voice in society, assisting its members with housing, life skills, employment, money management, socialization and civic activities. Serving more than 5,000 individuals and families, CAU also supports opportunities for advocacy through training in assertiveness, decision-making and civil rights. For more information about CAU and its services, contact us by phone at 908-354-3040, online at www.caunj.org or by mail at 80 West Grand Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07202.

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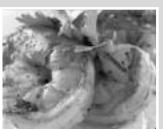
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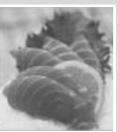
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component of Young Life. We will be meeting at 6 p.m. at Memorial Park before each BH Summer Concert Series for ice-breaker games and ice pops. We then stay and enjoy the concert. Come see what we are all about! Visit our Facebook page "Young Life of Berkeley Heights/Mountainside" to see updates and events or contact Christina Knuth for more info christina@BH.younglife.org.



(above, l-r) Jackie Harris, Avery Saturnia, Julie Piazza, Rebekah Knuth, Morgan Cottam, Erin Purcell.

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"SHINING STARS" MAKES TRIUMPHANT DEBUT ON UCPAC STAGE

Special needs talent show draws 1,000 for 7th annual event It was truly their night to shine!

With a crowd of over 1,000 packed into the historic Union County Arts Center, the Shining Stars cast put on a spectacular performance, singing and dancing their way through "Music From the Decades" — which featured songs from the 20's to today while totally engaging the audience at every turn.

The show, which starred 30 special needs individuals from around Union County, took the stage with their high school volunteer buddies and rocked the house from start to finish. The well-conceived concept kept everyone engaged throughout the show, topped off by the finale, which featured Gloria Estefan hits Get On Your Feet, Conga and Turn the Beat Around, where the cast joined the audience for the exciting finish.

U.C.P.A.C. Executive Director Brian Remo could not have been more impressed with the cast performances.

"This event and these amazing young artists have inspired not only the surrounding community, but each other, in what was truly one of the most memorable nights this stage has ever seen."

Each decade was represented by several songs, where the entire cast took part in a big dance ensemble. The show was highlighted by solo acts from each member of the special needs cast who performed an array of hits, from the Beatles "All You Need Is Love" to Frank Sinatra's "My Way" to Bobby Darin's "Mack the Knife," which garnered one of many standing ovations throughout the evening.

The 7th annual "Evening of Shining Stars" was an idea conceived and developed by Cranford resident Sally Curci, who back in 2012 had the idea of giving local special needs children the opportunity to shine on stage through the performing arts by putting on a full show. Since then, the show has become a must-see event, leading to their recent record-breaking show.

"While all of our previous shows have been wonderful, we wanted our cast to have the chance to perform on a professional stage and the Union County Performing Arts Center was the perfect venue," said Sally Curci. "I'm so proud of every one of our stars. It was like being on Broadway. The crowd was amazing and the performances were wonderful. It was a perfect night."

Master of Ceremonies Ryan Fay was masterful again, entertaining the audience in between acts while making sure the show moved smoothly. Ryan has been the emcee from the beginning, and his wit and humor continues to charm the audience. His brother, Sean Fay, had everyone singing to Sweet Caroline in another great moment.

Along with Director Sally Curci, the show was guided by Co-Director Nicole Greene, Sally's daughter, and Assistant Director Angie Sandoukas, who was a former volunteer "buddy" who returned to join the Shining Stars staff. All three are special needs teachers.

"This was an incredible night," noted Nicole Greene. "For many of us, it's our favorite time of the year. The performers put their hearts and souls into rehearsals for months, and to see them shine on stage even brighter every year is absolutely incredible. It is amazing to see how passionate the audience is, and how proud the performers are of themselves. I feel so lucky just to be a part of this experience."

The show's Executive Producer and Shining Stars CEO, Mike Curci, is a television broadcaster and producer who also runs the day-to-day operations of Shining Stars Network, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization which shines the light on the special needs community through the performing arts and various events throughout the year. The annual show is the biggest highlight.

"I am so proud of every one of our cast members and the entire Shining Stars team of volunteers," said Curci. "Each and every one of them shares in the success of this show. They truly inspire us every day. It was an emotional night watching them perform in front of a big crowd at an iconic venue. They proved they belonged there."

Shining Stars would like to thank the U.C.P.A.C. staff, who helped them through the

process of putting on a show of this magnitude.

"It was incredible to see this show come to life after four months of rehearsals," continued Mike Curci. "Everyone worked extremely hard. I was especially moved by the audience response. They were wonderful. We're honored that so many people came to see our stars. And of course, this couldn't have been done without the generosity of our sponsors and boosters who helped make this happen and our dedicated parents who helped in so many ways. It was a night we'll always remember."

Members of the cast include: Joe Bacque, Gina Berry, Alexis Cassino, Alejandro Colon, Brian Curci, Courtney Curci, Aidan Dolan, Andrew Downey, Ryan Fay, Sean Fay, Adam Fleissner, Bret Fleming, Aidan Flynn, Jessie Gaeta, Elizabeth Garcia, Meghan Lamar, Caitlin Madden, Brian McAuliffe, Dan Montealegre, Josh Moreines, Simone Palermo, Melissa Pearl, Gerard Russomanno, Alyssa Santos, Andrew Seiler, Nicole Serkin, Garrett Smith, Dominick Vito, and Mark Zulauf.

This year's volunteer high school "buddies" were Johnny Bush, Diego Colon, Tim Eimer, McKenna Flynn, Abby Heller, Kayla Hooey, Judith Kikikis, Mark Lynch, Kelly McAulliffe, Izzy Pinto, Peter Roefaro, Kelly Ryan, Hannah Scepkowski, Leah Scepkowski, and Sarah Scepkowski,

Special thanks to Jamie Greene, Beth Wolfe, Jim & Kathy Parlapiano, Amy Downey, Johanna Hathaway, Christina Smith, Maria Palermo, Joe Silano, Derek Thorn, Andrew Iocavano, Megan Convery, Megan Santarelli and all the parents who contributed their time and efforts, and thank you to Lori Fleissner for her outstanding photography.

Shining Stars Network is also excited to announce the return of Camp Shine, a two-week performing arts camp for special needs individuals ages 10 and up. The camp will take place at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church from August 21-30. Please email ShiningStarsNetwork@gmail.com. for more information.





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Berkeley Heights News • Page 14 • August 2018 SAGE HOLDS EIGHTH ANNUAL SENIOR PROM



(above) June 13, 2018 was Senior Prom at SAGE Eldercare. Participants from SAGE's Spend-A-Day Adult Day Health Care Program enjoyed singing and dancing to songs performed by vocalist Rhonda Denet.

June 13, 2018 was the eighth annual Senior Prom at SAGE Eldercare for participants of SAGE's Spend-A-Day Adult Day Health Care Program. The event, which had an Under-the-Sea theme, was filled with dancing, singing, laughter and treats. The main attraction was vocalist Rhonda Denet, who sang classic oldies. Everyone was either on the dance floor or singing and swaying along in their seats.

A special thank you to the community support received from Lois Shanker of Right at Home in Chatham and Laurie Gaulke of Mary Kay who volunteered to do nails and makeup and Hall's Garden Center in Berkeley Heights who donated flowers for the event.

"The prom is always a special day at SAGE," said Susan Wirth, SAGE's Manager of Recreation and Volunteer Outreach. "The staff works very hard to pull everything together from the invitations and flowers to the food and decorations. It's a wonderful team effort and a great day for our Spend-A-Day participants."

SAGE's Spend-A-Day Adult Day Health Center provides older adults with structured social, physical and cognitive activities, meals planned by a registered dietician, and support for participants and families from a geriatric social worker. Spend-A-Day is licensed by the Department of Health and Senior Services as an adult day medical program and is staffed with a full-time nurse to medically supervise the participants. Additional support is provided by physical, occupational and speech therapists. Since 1975, SAGE's Spend-A-Day Adult Day Health Center has been providing much-needed respite for family and caregivers and a "home away from home" for the participants, in a safe and secure environment.

SAGE Eldercare offers the following events for August 2018. SAGE Eldercare is located at 290 Broad Street, Summit. To register or for more information, please call 908.598.5548 or email education@sageeldercare.org.

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