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SUMMIT HIGH TO PRESENT 'PETER AND THE STARCATCHER'



(above) Cast of Peter and the Starcatcher: Mitchell Sink, Theo Eriig, Jake Model, Charlie Allan, Katie Evenson, Prashant Houst, Adrian Gomes, Liz Liss, Kayla Goldman, Harry Saroff, Christina Wilson, Iain Alvidrez, Owen McTernan, Anna Sullivan, Charlotte Wesson, Jayson Cahillane, Alexander Gallegos, Sean Shapiro, Grace Beardsley

Tickets are on sale for the Summit High School Theatre Department's fall play 'Peter and the Starcatcher.' Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 15 to 17, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Summit High School auditorium.

"Peter and the Starcatcher is a magical, swashbuckling adventure that upends the century-old story of how a miserable orphan comes to be Peter Pan, the boy who would not grow up," explains Summit High School Drama Director Anne Poyner. "Our troupe of hysterical storytellers transforms into marauding pirates and jungle tyrants, unwilling comrades and unlikely heroes who playfully explore the depths of greed and despair, and the bonds of friendship. Please join us with your friends and family for this wonderfully engaging production."

The story of Peter and the Starcatcher focuses on a young orphan and his mates who are shipped off from Victorian England to a distant island ruled by the evil King Zarboff. They know nothing of the mysterious trunk in the captain's cabin, which contains precious, otherworldly cargo. At sea, the boys are discovered by a precocious young girl named Molly, a Starcatcher-in-training who realizes that the trunk's precious cargo is starstuff, a celestial substance so powerful that it must never fall into the wrong hands. When the ship is taken over by pirates led by the fearsome Black Stache, a villain determined to claim the trunk and its treasure for his own, the journey quickly becomes a thrilling adventure.

Ticket prices are \$11 for students and seniors, and \$13 for adults. Purchase at showtix4u.com or at the door on the night of the performance.

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SUMMIT VOLUNTEER FIRST AID SQUAD AWARDED 10K GRANT FROM SUMMIT AREA PUBLIC FOUNDATION

The Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad has received a 10K grant from the Summit Area Public Foundation (SAPF) to purchase three-season, all-weather jackets for use by its 65 volunteer members.

The First Aid Squad applied to SAPF for a grant to purchase highly-reflective yellow jacket shells with zip-in liners that would be visible both day and night, and provide ample protection from the elements in rainy and cold weather.

“This generous grant from the Summit Area Public Foundation will keep our members warm and dry when responding during emergencies,” explains Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad President John Buscaino. “The bright yellow,

reflective color is highly visible and will enhance safety during calls. We thank SAPF for its dedication to the squad and support of our mission to provide the best possible emergency medical service.”

The Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad, Inc. is an independent non-profit corporation dedicated to providing emergency medical services (EMS), non-emergency ambulance transportation, and safety training to the Summit community. All services are provided free of charge and funded entirely through private donations.

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PATRIOTIC MURAL PROPOSED FOR DOWNTOWN SUMMIT

A group of local residents have approached Summit Police Chief Robert Weck for assistance in finding a location for a patriotic mural of an American flag in downtown Summit.

“For the past decade, volunteers have worked with the City of Summit to procure relevant and culturally interesting art installations to enhance the landscape of our community,” explains Chief Weck. “I appreciate that this group of residents came up with the mural idea and asked me to join them in this worthwhile project. I look forward to working with the committee and with others that may want to be involved. It is a great way to demonstrate our patriotic pride within the City of Summit.”

Murals are a recent manifestation of Summit’s commitment to public art with a mural depicting historic Summit funded by Summit Downtown

Inc. on a wall adjacent to Union Place off Summit Avenue. Members of the community, including local artists, businesses and students will be invited to provide input in the development of the new community asset.

For more information on the Summit Police

Department and its community initiatives, to get involved in the patriotic mural project as a member of the committee, or to offer available space on a building wall, please go to cityofsummit.org/police or email Chief Robert Weck at rweck@spdnj.org.



(above, l-r) Project team members Chief Robert Weck, Cristina Adragna, Erika Melchiorre, Vickie Freeman, Elizabeth Fagan, Delia Hamlet, Amy DiSibio, Helen Griffith, and Laura Buccola.

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The Santa Claus Shop will open its doors once again to area families, providing its 52nd consecutive year of complimentary holiday shopping. The shop serves more than 400 low-income families and senior citizens from Summit and other local communities, including New Providence and Berkeley Heights, who are referred by local social services agents.

This year's Santa Claus Shop will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 587 Springfield Avenue in Summit. Families will be offered shopping hours by invitation only on Wednesday, November 28, 2018. In addition, the Santa Claus Shop will be hosting a holiday gathering for senior citizens on Tuesday, November 27, 2018.

The Santa Claus Shop guests personally select a household item, new clothing for each member of their immediate family, a hat and mittens, a book, and a new toy for each child. Local volunteers are responsible for the shop setup, personal shopping services for each guest, gift-wrapping, and clean up.

The Santa Claus Shop is chaired by Summit residents Liz Febo, Kourtney Matter, Franny McBride and Shelley Sherman and co-chaired by

Michelle Frei, Kim McGovern, Megan Rende and Christine Semcer. The Santa Claus Shop exists solely on donations and volunteers. With the monetary donations from area residents, local organizations and businesses, the Santa Claus Shop can purchase the gifts that allow less fortunate neighbors to experience the joy of holiday giving without financial burden.

To keep the holiday spirit alive for local residents in need, the Santa Claus Shop

chairwomen ask for members of the community to consider giving. Checks can be made payable to SHIP, with Santa Claus Shop noted on the check's memo line, and mailed to the Santa Claus Shop, P.O. Box 119, Summit, NJ 07901. The ability to make an online donation is also available at summitsantaclausshop.com. If you would like to find out more information or get involved please visit our website or follow us on Facebook at Santa Claus Shop - Summit, NJ.



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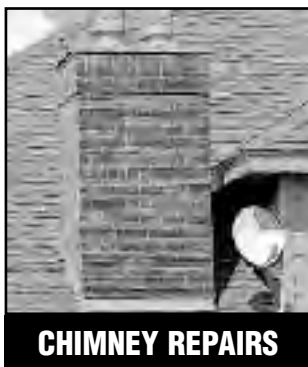
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OFFICER BRIAN WERTHMANN ASSIGNED TO SPD DETECTIVE BUREAU

The Summit Police Department is announcing that Officer Brian Werthmann has been assigned to its Detective Bureau.

“Detective Werthmann brings strong strategic

insight and a commitment to excellence to his work in the Detective Bureau,” explains Summit Police Chief Robert Weck. “He is a dedicated leader on the force and within the community, and will be a valued addition to our outstanding Detective Bureau team.”

Detective Werthmann joined the Summit Police Department in July 2000 and has been actively involved with the Patrol Bureau as a member of its bike team and as a field training officer and Officer-in-Charge. In addition to his work within the department, Detective

Werthmann has participated in the Police Unity Tour and the Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics.

After attending the Ocean County Police Academy and graduating at the top of his class for Firearms, Detective Werthmann was employed by the Belmar Police Department as both a Special I and Special II Officer and by the Brielle Police Department as a Special II Officer. He attended Ocean County College and Rutgers University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Criminal Justice degree.

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BREAST CENTER AT TRINITAS NAMED FOR SUMMIT RESIDENT CONNIE DWYER

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Connie Dwyer's story is certainly one of

survival. When the Summit resident was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1999 and had a double mastectomy, she became mindful of the fact that many women who are uninsured or underinsured and low-income often have limited or no access to critical care. She and a dedicated group of friends began a tireless grassroots effort to create awareness and raise funds. In December 2017, Dwyer was re-diagnosed at Trinitas with metastasized breast cancer, yet continues to work for the cause.

Dwyer expressed her enthusiasm for working

with Trinitas on the \$3.4 million project. "...Your presence validates your understanding of just how important this center is to women of the greater Elizabeth community," she said. "Thanks to the dedication of my board members and our donors, many of whom are with us here this evening, we embarked on the partnership with Trinitas to build a breast center that would provide access to the best science has to offer by way of breast cancer screening, diagnosis and treatment."

Dwyer added, "We are so delighted to join the Trinitas family led by Gary Horan and his exceptional leadership team including Nadine Brechner and Nancy DiLiegro. We knew from the start that our missions were so very similar: to serve the poor and vulnerable in a compassionate, healing environment. We have accomplished that. From the moment a woman enters our breast center she will encounter a totally different experience. Our aim is not only detection and healing, but the whole experience of caring for the patient. As we turn over this beautiful breast center to an exceptional, bilingual medical team, our mission carries on as we are laser focused on continuing our life-saving work to bring healing and hope to the women of Elizabeth and beyond."

Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths among women in the U.S., according to the American Cancer Society, and far too many women in the greater Elizabeth community go without prevention or proper care. The Breast Center, staffed with board-certified bilingual specialists, offers the most up-to-date equipment and services available, such as 3D imaging, which allows radiologists to view the breast tissue in several layers. This breakthrough technology can detect 41 percent more invasive breast cancers and can reduce false positive results by up to 40 percent.

The mission of the Connie Dwyer Breast Center is to bring a highly empathic approach to screening, diagnosis, treatment, and community outreach and education to all women, regardless of financial status, in a brand new facility that evokes comfort and a sense of well-being.

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(above) Connie Dwyer of Summit, Gary S. Horan, President and CEO, and Nadine Brechner, Vice President of the Trinitas Health Foundation enjoy a moment at the opening reception of the Connie Dwyer Breast Center.

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO HOST ANNUAL HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

To get a head start on your holiday shopping, this year's Summit Historical Society's annual Holiday Boutique will take place before Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 16th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursday evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. for our popular "Carter House by Candlelight" Sip and Shop. This year's Boutique will feature many new vendors, in addition to our best-selling previous vendors who will be selling a wide variety of items suitable for Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, and Christmas Holiday shoppers.

The Holiday Boutique will take place at The Carter House, home of the Summit Historical Society, at 90 Butler Parkway, in Summit. Admission is free and all are welcome. Please drop by and enjoy the Boutique. It will be a delightful way to enjoy shopping for Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, and Christmas.

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DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP CELEBRATES ITS 2ND YEAR ANNIVERSARY

The New Jersey Divorce Support and Education Group will be celebrating its two year anniversary on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 in Summit, NJ. The support group was founded two years ago by Suzanne Wardrop and Wim Sweldens and is unique in that it provides both emotional support as well as education for people affected by divorce. In addition, the group recently surpassed the 400 member milestone on the meetup.com website. Suzanne and Wim both went through emotionally wrenching divorces, and they decided to found the group when they realized no such organization existed in the area.

The group meets every first and third Tuesday of the month from 7:30 - 9 p.m. at the Beacon congregation in Summit. The group is not formally affiliated with the congregation and just uses their space. The mission of the group is to provide members with a caring, thoughtful, and informative place to discuss issues they are facing in their divorce. The group provides a safe and


confidential place to meet with others, share experiences, find support, and learn about the financial, legal, emotional, and logistical aspects of divorce.

Group meetings are 90 minutes and consists of two parts. In the first part members share their personal stories, and seek or provide support. In the second part an information topic such as how to find a good lawyer, how to deal with alimony or a marital residence is presented and discussed. On occasion the group invites divorce professionals such as lawyers, judges, or counselors to share with the group.

Everyone affected by their personal divorce, past, present, or future is welcome. However, divorce professionals should contact the organizers before attending.

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Submitted by Melissa Biggar

It starts with a square.

Garden State Quilters, a New Jersey group that has been in existence for nearly 40 years, meets monthly to - you guessed it - make quilts. At the beginning of the year, members receive a starter kit that contains one square of fabric from which to begin a quilt of their own design.

Kris Dale, who oversees the philanthropic arm of the club known as the Sunshine Group, says, "Quilts are usually made to be given away. We make quilts for charities and nonprofits like hospitals and veterans' organizations."

And now, Family Promise.

Last week, Family Promise-Union County guests and graduates were the recipients of these handmade treasures. Executive Director Geleen Donovan says families were thrilled to receive such beautiful and personal gifts.

"A handmade quilt is a wonderful way for families in our emergency shelter program to take something familiar from one host site to the next," she explains. "And families already in housing were thrilled to receive such a beautiful, unique, and useful household item."

Quilts are among the many items Family Promise-Union County supporters provide for families in need. Clothing, school supplies, toys, household goods, even automobiles - the list is endless, and such donations make a significant difference in the lives of families struggling to regain independence.

Donovan credits volunteers and supporters as the backbone of Family Promise.

"Their selfless dedication opens the door to lasting transformation. They often become an extended family to the parents and children we serve. A lovely yet practical keepsake like these quilts is a way for families to hold Family Promise in their hearts even after they've moved on," she adds.

Quilters often tell a story through their meticulous handiwork, which can be months in the making. Other times a quilt's motif is color combinations or geometric patterns. Regardless, each one is a unique and functional piece of art.

Says Donovan, "For our families, these quilts may come to represent their own stories - stories of challenges, determination, and ultimately, success. That's a meaningful gift to offer someone."

Founded in Summit, New Jersey, in 1988, Family Promise is the leading national nonprofit addressing the issue of family homelessness. Comprised of more than 200 affiliates in 43 states, Family Promise engages 200,000 volunteers who want to make a difference in the lives of families in need. Its innovative approach keeps families together and gives them the skills and tools for lasting independence. The organization serves more than 90,000 individuals each year. Family Promise-Union County in Elizabeth, NJ, serves families in Union County. For more information about Family Promise, go to familypromise.org.

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The Summit Gift Card will be accepted at participating businesses throughout the city of Summit and can be purchased Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the SDI office, 18 Bank St., Suite 108; or online at summitdowntown.org. SDI is also making plans to sell the Summit Gift Card at its events and at the Farmers Market. SDI is still actively adding businesses to the program, and right now there are over 100 businesses who are set up to accept the Summit Gift Card; participating businesses are listed on the website and can also be identified by a sticker in the businesses' storefronts. Any Summit business interested in accepting the Summit Gift Card should call the SDI office (908-277-6100) for more information and to be added.

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MONUMENT FOR TWO SUMMIT MEDAL OF HONOR HEROES APPROVED

On October 16, 2018, the Summit Common Council, approved installation of a monument to the two soldiers from Summit who were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest award for Valor the United States confers. The monument will be erected in the memorial section of the Summit Village Green. It will be funded through public, tax-deductible contributions.

The monument is a project of Summit's American Legion Post. Henry Bassman, Post Commander said, "When I first learned that two men from Summit were awarded the Medal of Honor, I began asking about them, but very few people even knew about the award. I felt it was important that these two men and their bravery be remembered, so our Post took on this project to insure the heroes from Summit will never be forgotten. But we can't do it alone; we need help from the community to fund the project." Contributions will be used to fund the Medal of Honor monument and to maintain other veteran monuments in Summit. The Other Fellows First Foundation has already pledged to match donations up to \$3,500. Contributions can be sent to:

The American Legion Post 322
P.O. Box 757, Summit, NJ 07901-0757

The Medal of Honor was awarded to Sergeant Alan Eggers and Corporal Thomas O'Shea from Summit and Sergeant John Latham of Rutherford, NJ for their action during the Battle of San Quentin Canal on September 29, 1918. This pivotal battle was the first assault on the Hindenburg line, which was the heavily fortified border between Belgium and Germany. Breaking through this line hastened the Armistice, ending World War 1 just 43 days later.

The Battle of San Quentin Canal was fierce. The Americans were the first to go over the top. They were to advance 5,000 yards against the most heavily defended area of the German line. The 107th Regiment, in which the men served, suffered the most casualties sustained in a single day by any U.S. regiment during the war.

When the first-day's assault failed, Sergeant

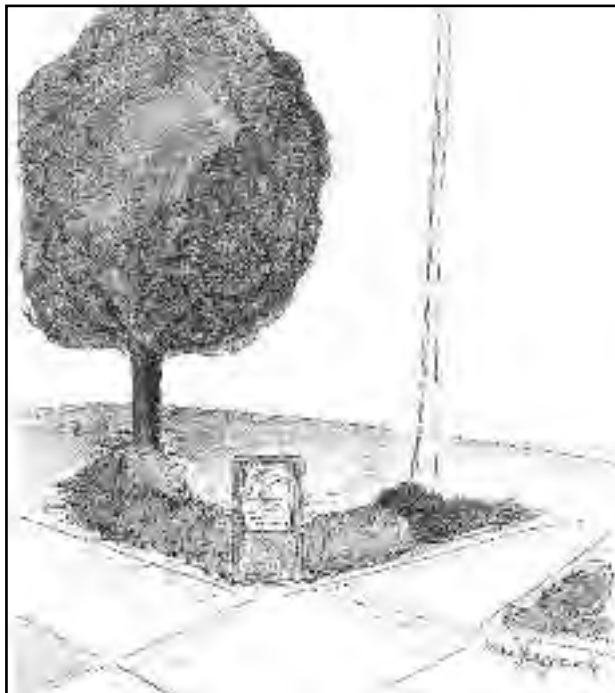
Eggers, Corporal O'Shea and Sergeant Latham were stranded in front of the American lines. Hearing cries for help from a disabled tank, the three men crawled to the tank under heavy enemy fire. Corporal O'Shea was immediately killed, but the two surviving men rescued an officer and two wounded men and brought them back to a bend in a nearby trench. They then

returned to the tank through heavy rifle and mortar fire, dismounted a Hotchkiss machine gun, returned again to their trench and held off the Germans until nightfall, when they made their way back to friendly lines.

For further information contact: Henry Bassman, (908) 522-9212 or (908) 693-9999 -- hbassman@comcast.net.



(above, left) Sgt. Alan Eggers
(above, right) Cpl. Thomas O'Shea



(above) A drawing created by Summit High School student Elise Yeager of what the monument will look like when installed.



(above) The proposed plaque for the monument.

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'TIS THE SEASON! JUNIOR LEAGUE THRIFT SHOP'S HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

The Junior League of Summit Thrift Shop is excited to announce its annual Holiday Boutique. The highly anticipated event features a wide selection of brand new toys, as well as new and gently used men's, women's, and children's holiday items and seasonal decorations. The event will be held at Parish Hall, Calvary Church (next to the Thrift Shop, 37 Deforest Ave., Summit) on Thursday, November 29, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Friday, November 30 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Saturday, December 1 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Thrift Shop will also remain open during regular business hours throughout the event.

"The Holiday Boutique is a well awaited annual event within our community. This year especially, we have a large selection of toys, gifts, holiday decorations, clothing and other gift ware items. This year features a large selection of new, unused items in addition to our carefully selected gently used inventory. The boutique is a festive way to start out the holiday shopping season and a great way to help give back to the community! So mark your calendars, it's a must attend event!" says Thrift Shop Manager Marie Avagliano.

As with all Shop sales, all proceeds from the Holiday Boutique will directly fund the League's programming, community grants, and projects. "The Junior League of Summit truly enjoys this annual event as a way to connect with our community and spread some holiday spirit. We thank our customers and the community for your ongoing support," said Junior League of Summit President Erika Melchiorre.


The Junior League of Summit Thrift Shop in Summit was established in 1934 and offers new and gently used clothing and shoes for men, women and children, toys, decorative items for the home, housewares, and furniture that is deeply discounted. It is the primary fundraiser

for the Junior League of Summit and has provided the resources for the League's many grants, projects, programs, and scholarships over the years. Since its inception, the Shop has raised over \$3,000,000 to benefit Summit and surrounding communities.

The Junior League of Summit is a nonprofit, charitable and educational organization of women who are committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. For more information about the Junior League of Summit, please visit the website at jls Summit.org or contact the office at 908-273-7349.



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The Pipes of Christmas will celebrate its twentieth anniversary season with performances in New York and New Jersey this December. The holiday favorite opens on Saturday, December 15 at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, located at 921 Madison Avenue (at 73rd Street) for a 2PM performance. The concert moves across the Hudson River on Sunday, December 16 to Central Presbyterian Church located at 70 Maple Street in Summit, NJ with performances at 2 and 7PM.

For those weary of the ceaseless stream of secular seasonal music from department stores to TV, the Pipes of Christmas offers a spiritual and traditional take on the season that connects concertgoers to the holiday in a fresh, meaningful way. The show features tunes such as O Come, O Come Emmanuel, Joy to the World, and Amazing Grace, all performed live on pipes and drums, harp and fiddle, and organ and brass. Not only does the performance define Christmas cheer, but also it inspires those of Celtic descent to retrace and reconnect to their ancestry.

The concert presents the music of Christmas accompanied by readings taken from the Celtic literature of Scotland, Ireland, and Wales. Featured performers include James Robinson and Andrew Weir from the film "Braveheart," Gaelic Mod champion harpist Jennifer Port of Golspie, Scotland, guitarist Steve Gibb from Inverness, Scotland, Glenfiddich Scottish Fiddle Champion, Calum Pasqua, piper Ben Power from Broadway's "Come From Away," and the Pipe Major Kevin Ray Blandford Memorial Pipe Band from Redlands, CA.

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Proceeds from the concert support an extensive music scholarship program, which includes annual gifts to the National Piping Centre and the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland (both located in Glasgow, Scotland) the Gaelic College of Nova Scotia and Summit High

School in New Jersey.

Proceeds also support the Society's sponsorship of the US National Scottish Harp Championship, the Gaelic Literature Competition at the Royal National Mod and an annual academic research prize at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, Scotland's Gaelic college on the Isle of Skye.

Named one of New York City's "Top Ten" holiday events, the concert is made possible by a generous gift from the Grand Summit Hotel in Summit, NJ.

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW

Tickets may be purchased online exclusively through SmartTix at www.smarttix.com or by phone at (212) 868-4444. Reserved patron seats are available at both venues.

The concert is also producing a special commemorative program book capturing this special anniversary. Information on salute ads can be found on the concert website.

For additional information, visit www.pipesofchristmas.com. Regular updates will also be posted on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ThePipesofChristmas and Twitter at @PipesofXmas.

ABOUT "THE PIPES OF CHRISTMAS"

Since making its debut in 1999, The Pipes of Christmas has played to standing room only audiences. Now a cherished holiday event, the concert provides audiences with a stirring and reverent celebration of the Christmas season and the Celtic spirit. Audience-goers return year after year to experience the program, many reporting that the Pipes of Christmas has become part of their family's annual Christmas tradition.

The concert has been lavished with critical acclaim. In his review for Classical New Jersey Magazine, Paul Somers wrote, "The whole evening was constructed to introduce gem after gem and still have a finale which raised the roof.

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SHINING STARS PRESENTS FIRST EVER CHRISTMAS SHOW SPECIAL NEEDS TALENT TO TAKE THE STAGE ON NOV. 30TH

By popular demand, the Shining Stars cast will take their amazing talents to the stage for their first ever holiday show. The "Shining Stars Christmas Spectacular" will feature special needs individuals and their high school "buddies" from around Union County in a fun night of singing and dancing to the greatest songs of the season.

The show is set for Friday, November 30, 2018 at the theatre at Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains. All tickets are \$10 for general admission in advance - \$15 at the door, and are available at ShiningStars.booktix.com.

"We are extremely excited to present our first-ever Christmas show," said Shining Stars Network's Founder and the show's Co-Director Sally Curci. "We've been thinking about doing this for several years, and adding this event to our very successful "Evening of Shining Stars" talent show will give our expanding cast another chance to shine on stage. It will be a great way to start the holiday season."

"We are incredibly grateful and excited that we

are able to have a Christmas show this year," added Co-Director Nicole Greene. "All of the performers cannot wait to perform once again. We really are a family, and we can't wait to start the holiday season with our show."

In their 7th year, Shining Stars Network (SSN) has produced a yearly spring talent show called "An Evening of Shining Stars" which has grown into one of the area's must-see events. This past May, over 1,000 audience members watched the "stars" light up the stage at the historic Union County Performing Arts Center in Rahway. The Shining Stars are set to return to UCPAC for their 8th annual show on Friday, May 3, 2019.

"As excited as we are about our upcoming holiday show and our new relationship with Union Catholic, we are also thrilled that we will be back at the Union County Performing Arts Center for our "Evening of Shining Stars" extravaganza," noted Shining Stars Network President Mike Curci. "That was a night we will never forget and our talented cast and incredible

volunteers are looking forward to creating more great memories for everyone in our next two shows."

The shows are produced and presented by Shining Stars Network, a registered 501(c)3 non profit organization that shines the light on the special needs community through the performing arts.

Also, make plans to join the Shining Stars cast members for a pancake breakfast on Saturday, November 10th at the Clark Recreation Center, 430 Westfield Ave., Clark, N.J. from 8:00 a.m. until 11 a.m. Pancakes, sausage, coffee, tea, orange juice and hot chocolate will be served, and the cast will be performing songs throughout the morning. Get autographs and have your photo taken with the stars. Tickets are just \$8 per person and \$25 for a family of four.

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Any questions concerning the performances can be directed to our email at celebrationsingersnewjersey@gmail.com or to

our landline at 908-552-4656.

The Celebration Singers are multi-generational ambassadors of song drawing music from a breadth of genres and cultures. The Choir's commitment to artistic excellence and its engaging and dynamic style provide its diverse singers and audiences with a compelling musical experience. The Choir lends support through music and participates in the cultural life of the community.

Funding for the Celebration Singers is made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council for the Arts, Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

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The Summit Public Library is located at 75 Maple St, Summit, NJ. Register online at www.summitlibrary.org, go to the Event Calendar tab

The Summit Free Public Library has an eclectic array of programs and activities lined up for Summit residents this November, with something that will appeal to everyone in the family!

Shop 'til You Drop on November 3rd and 4th!

The Friends of the Summit Free Public Library's GIANT Jewelry Sale takes place on Saturday November 3 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sunday November 4 from 1 - 4 p.m. Get an early start to your holiday shopping, shop for a special occasion, or get a birthday gift for someone special (or yourself!). This popular event will not disappoint!

MUSIC TO YOUR EARS!

Join us on Sunday, November 4 from 2 - 3 p.m. for a performance by the renowned Radiance Chamber Ensemble. Featuring Lea Karpman, Michael Schneider and Peggy Reynolds on violin, Oliver Shapiro on cello, and Joan Baldwin on keyboard, this performance is sure to delight attendees looking for a respite before the busy holiday season gets into full swing! Funding for this program is made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts through a grant from the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage affairs.

On Sunday, November 11 from 2 - 3 p.m., come to a workshop and concert featuring the Tunes of Old East Galway with Lesl Harker & Jerry O'Sullivan. Lesl will play the Irish flute, while Jerry entertains on the Uilleann pipes. Bring your instrument for the workshop portion, where you can learn a melody on your instrument or how to lilt with your voice. Funding for this program is made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts through a grant from the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage affairs.

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On Thursday, November 8, come hear Liverpool native Paul Groom give a talk about the Beatles "Beginnings". Have you ever wondered who the Beatles were before they became the 'Fab Four'? Speaker Paul Groom, now a Scotch Plains resident, presents the story of their rise from obscurity to international stardom from his unique perspective. Groom attended the same high school as Paul McCartney and George Harrison, the same Sunday school as John Lennon, the youth club where John met Paul, and lived in the same village as George and John! This entertaining and interactive talk runs from 7 - 8:30 p.m. No reservation necessary.

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Wendy Mass, NYT Bestselling Author of twenty-four books and novels for children and young adults visits the library on Monday, November 5 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.! Bring the kids and teens to meet Wendy Mass, author of such books as A Mango-shaped Space, 11 Birthdays, and 13 Gifts. She'll be visiting the Summit Free Public Library to discuss her books and the craft of writing. This program is sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

AN EVENING WITH AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR

JIMMY SANTIAGO BACA

New Mexican poet Jimmy Santiago Baca will speak and read from his work, followed by a Q&A on Wednesday, November 14 from 7 - 8:30 pm. Jimmy Santiago Baca was born in New Mexico of Indio-Mexican descent and spent his early years in an orphanage before he was sentenced to five years in a maximum security prison where he turned his life around through education and poetry. He is the winner of the Pushcart Prize, the American Book Award, and the International Hispanic Heritage Award. For his 2001 memoir, A Place to Stand, Baca received the prestigious International Award. In 2006 he won the Cornelius P. Turner Award and has devoted his post-prison life to writing and teaching others who are overcoming hardship. Open to all. Copies of Mr. Baca's book will be available for sale and signing.



(above) NYT bestselling author Wendy Mass visits the Summit Library on November 4 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

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SALSA CONTEST AT SUMMIT FARMERS MARKET A GREAT SUCCESS

Submitted by Marin Mixon

The Summit Farmers Market hosted its Annual Salsa Contest on Sunday, September 30, 2018. Nine delicious and different types of salsas were



(above) First place winner Grant Powell, who won with his Tomato Salsa.



(above) Judges of the salsa contest were Brad Finkel, Sean Ritz, and Steve Bowman.



(above) Sean Ritz, Marketing Manager of Tito's Burritos and Wings, provided the tortilla chips for the judges and offered free bags of chips to the public.

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entered, and Grant Powell won First Prize for his Tomato Salsa.

Judges Brad Finkel, Sean Ritz, and Steve Bowman were tasked with rating each of the entrant's salsa on flavor, texture and appearance. Brad Finkel is the owner of Hoboken Farms and has been participating at the market since its inception. Sean Ritz, Marketing Manager of Tito's Burritos and Wings, provided the tortilla chips for the judges and offered free bags of chips to the public. Steve Bowman is a Councilman for the City of Summit as well as a Summit Downtown, Inc. Trustee. Many thanks to all three for their expertise and time.

After tasting and deliberating, the judges awarded Grant Powell the first prize for his original Tomato Salsa. Grant is a Summit resident and an avid gardener; most of the ingredients came from his own home garden! Doug Jackson's Burnt Habanero Crema Salsa won

second prize, and Doug said that this particular salsa recipe is requested more than any of his recipes. Craig Bass, owner of Bagel Café in New Providence, won third prize for his Mango Black Bean Salsa. Recipes for all three winners can be found on www.summitdowntown.org/events/farmers-market/.

The market is run by Summit Downtown, Inc. and is located in Park & Shop Lot No. 2, at the corner of DeForest Avenue and Maple Street. The market is open from 8 a.m.- 1 p.m. every Sunday through November 18.

For more information on the Summit Farmers Market and other Sunday Funday Activities, please visit summitfarmersmarket.com or contact Summit Downtown, Inc. at 908-277-6100.

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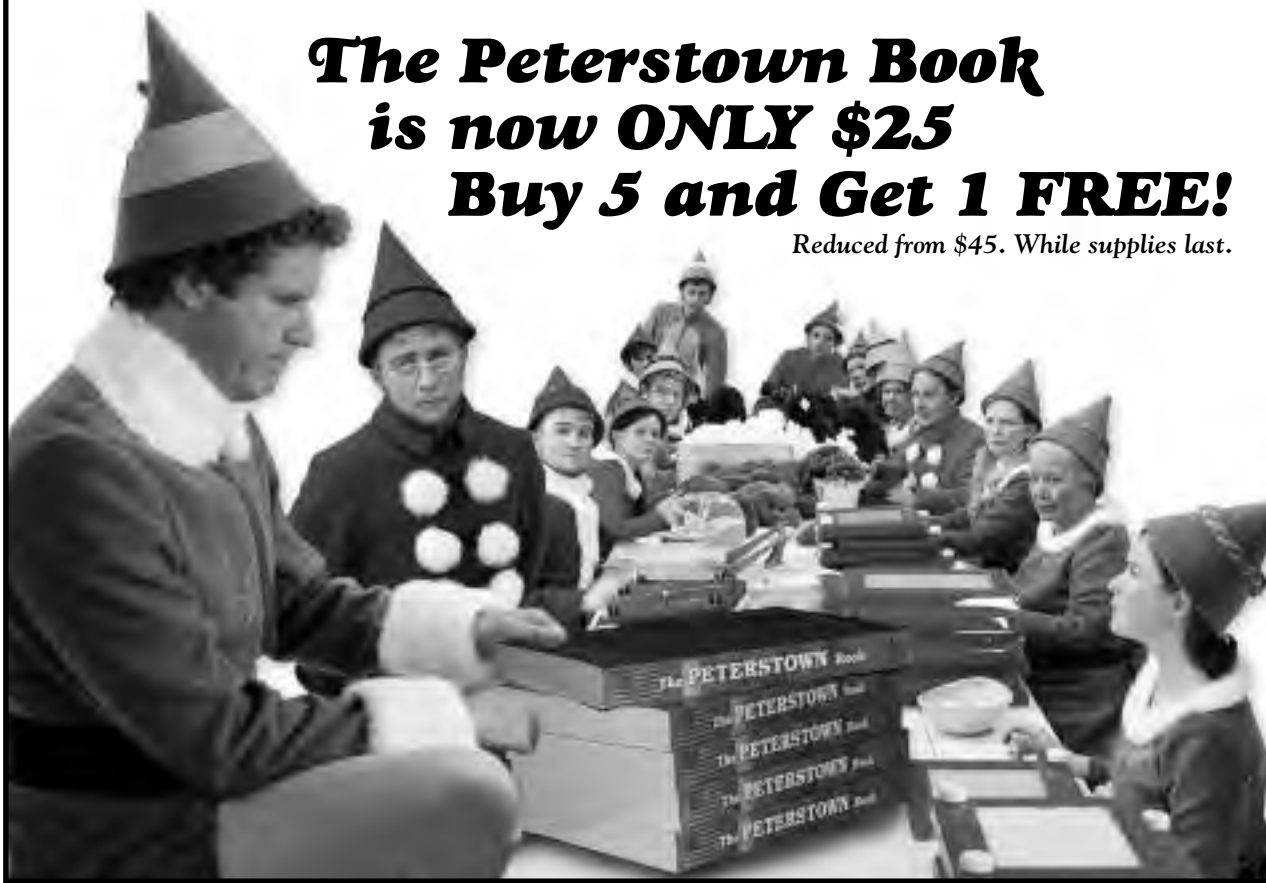
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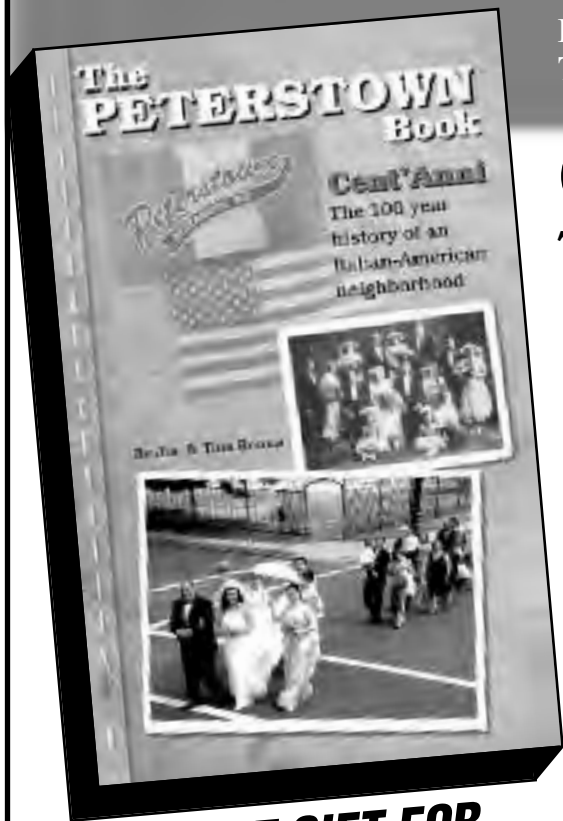
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