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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS UNVEILS RENOVATED TEEN CENTER

Submitted by Lisa Sepetjian

Sleek, modern furniture, brand new technology, and bright fun colors... that sums up the newly renovated Teen Center at our Union Club! Thanks to everyone who joined us to witness the unveiling of this beautiful new space, as well as our new Video Game Room and rededication of our Digital Literacy Learning Center. The night was a huge success; we were so pleased to be surrounded by partners, supporters, and Board Members to unveil the new space.

Special thanks to Lowe's and their partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Renovation Across the Nation program, as well as Party City and The Westfield Foundation for making the transformation of our Teen Center possible. Additional thanks to Comcast for their sponsorship of our Digital Literacy Learning Center as well as The Rotary Club of Union and ConnectOne Bank for sponsoring our brand new Video Game Room. Our members are so excited to utilize these stylish new areas and equipment for new experiences to learn and prepare for their futures in the workforce.

"Thank you to Lowe's and our partners who made this incredible renovation possible", said Russell Triolo, Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County CEO. "We celebrated our teens, who will greatly benefit from this modern, fully-equipped space where they can learn and prepare for their futures".

The new Teen Center includes dedicated space with computers and printers for teens to research and apply for colleges/universities as well as jobs.

Teen programs are available at our Union, Plainfield and Elizabeth Clubs. Focus areas include: Leadership, Community Service, Civic Engagement, Career Preparation, STEM, and learning activities. Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County offers youth programs in 4 communities in Union County: Plainfield, Elizabeth, Union, and Roselle. Teen leadership programs for ages 14-18 are available in Union, Elizabeth and Plainfield.



(above) Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County's newly renovated teen center, where teens will be able to learn and prepare for their futures.

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Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County seek to inspire and enable young people, who need them most, to realize their full potential and have provided opportunity for youth since 1955. They are part of a national network of some 4,000 neighborhood-based facilities, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, which serves more than 4.6 million young people annually, in all 50 states and on U.S. military bases worldwide. Clubs provide guidance-oriented character development programs on a daily basis for children 6-18 years old, conducted by a full-time professional staff. Key Boys & Girls Club programs emphasize leadership development, education and career exploration, financial literacy, health and life skills, the arts, sports, fitness and recreation, and family outreach.

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UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY OFFERS FREE WI-FI AND CHROMEBOOKS FOR JOB SEEKERS THROUGH NJ CAREER CONNECTIONS GRANT

Union Public Library (UPL) patrons who would like a connection to the internet and are seeking employment and professional development opportunities can now take home Chromebooks and mobile hotspots through a new Connect2Success library initiative. Mobile hotspots tap into nearby Wifi networks enabling users to connect to the Internet for free, while Chromebooks allow patrons to access online resources.

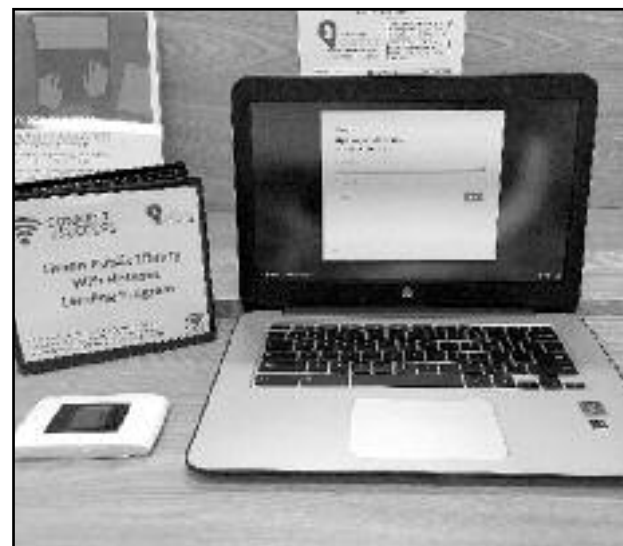
According to a Pew Research Center survey, "Among Americans who have looked for work in the last two years, 79% utilized online resources in their most recent job search."

"We are hoping this new initiative helps provide important access to online information for all of our library patrons, whenever and wherever they need it most," said John Daquino, Head of Adult Services at UPL.

Connect2Success is funded through a partnership grant from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development's Career Connections program and the New Jersey State Library. Through the Career Connections program, a career coach is available to UPL library patrons seeking one-on-one personalized career coaching. There are also

monthly workshops on interviewing skills, networking, and a variety of other topics held at UPL.

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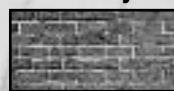
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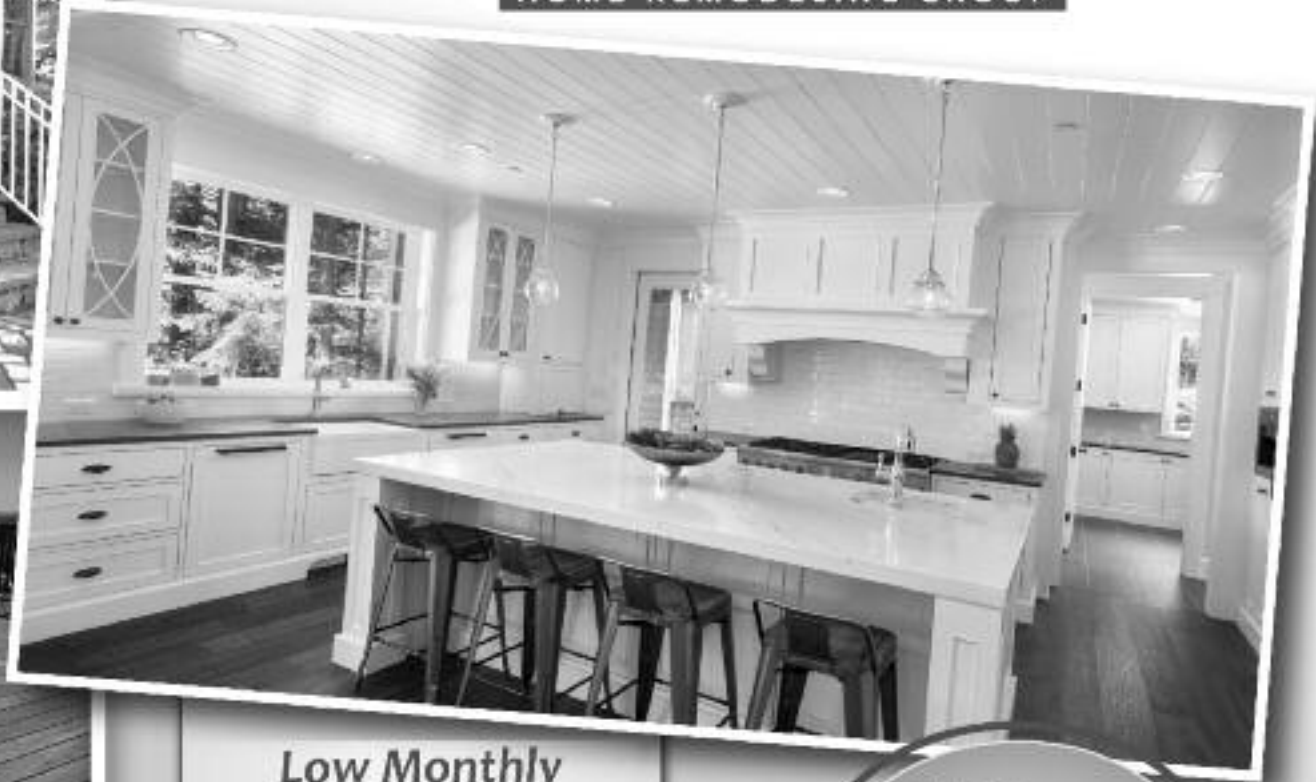


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YMCA ANNOUNCES 24-HOUR HOMELESS EMERGENCY HOTLINE

The Gateway Family YMCA, in collaboration with the County of Union, announced a 24-Hour Homeless Emergency Response Hotline for those in need of emergency housing and vital services. This hotline is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to assist Union County individuals and families seeking emergency shelter and other vital services at 908-249-4815.

The hotline provides a link for those at risk of homelessness to the services they need 24-hours a day and is staffed by The Gateway Family YMCA.

"We are honored to be able to provide this essential resource to Union County. Our goal is to be able to assist individuals and families in need and connect them to vital resources before they become homeless," stated Krystal R. Canady, CEO, The Gateway Family YMCA. "The Gateway Family YMCA has served our local community since 1900. We understand the vital need for homeless services in Union County and are ready to assist at all hours."

"Homelessness and emergencies do not only occur during working hours," stated Melynda A.

Mileski, EVP/COO, The Gateway Family YMCA. "It's important that there is someone available to those who reach out in their greatest time of need. Our housing and social services programs provide shelter for over 300 members of our local community each evening, but there are so many others out there in need. If we can help connect them to these types of services, we are continuing to make a difference throughout Union County."

The Gateway Family YMCA provides residential housing programs to support individuals, families and seniors in need of shelter and a safe environment, together with social service programs to assist with opportunities to restructure their lives. In addition to YMCA services, the Union County 24-Hour Homeless Emergency Response Hotline enables The Gateway Family YMCA to assist residents throughout Union County with referrals to local

services.

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 Y impacts the community by providing quality services to people of all ages, races, faiths or incomes. The Y is a powerful association of men, women and children of all ages and from all walks of life joined together by a shared passion: to strengthen the foundations of community.

To contact the Union County 24-Hour Homeless Emergency Response Hotline, call 908-249-4815.

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KEAN STUDENTS STUDY BRAIN REACTIONS TO IMPROVE CYBERSECURITY

Three Kean computer science students are studying the brains of high schoolers to determine the best way to teach cybersecurity awareness.

Using Brain-Computer Interface (BCI) technology, Isabel Morais of Union and Manuel Condado and Kingberli Capellan, both of Perth Amboy, will record the brain activity of high school students as they answer questions such as, “Do you think you are safe on the web?” and, “What are the risks associated with using public Wi-Fi?”

“We noticed that big-tech companies like Facebook and Instagram were being hacked, so we targeted the demographics of high school students because they need to learn cybersecurity awareness,” Condado said.

The ninth and 10th graders participating through Kean’s Project Adelante, a pre-college program for Latino high school students, will wear special noninvasive headgear as they respond to the confidential questions about internet use, cyber threats and personal practices. Information is transmitted to a computer, where their brain activity is then categorized.

“There are a lot of interesting things that go along with using BCI,” Morais said. “When the user is categorized as stressed or focused, we can see that, and we can figure out how we can use that information to help them better understand the concepts being taught.”

The students received a \$10,500 grant from the highly selective Computing Research Association Collaborative Research Experience for Undergraduates (CRA-CREU) program to conduct the research. They are working with Patricia Morreale, Ph.D., executive director of the Kean University School of Computer Science.

“We have always taught students about stranger danger, but we are going to see a lot more cybersecurity awareness in the curriculum,” Morreale said. “We want them to know how easy it is to be phished, hacked or be vulnerable. By having lessons that they are interested in, we hope to increase the overall cybersecurity awareness of young students.”

The students will collect data over 10 weeks this semester and start analyzing the data in the Spring 2019 semester.

“I think this research is a great start for grad school because I want to go into the field of cybersecurity,” said Capellan, who is applying now for master’s programs in computer science.

They will publish and share their findings at conferences and Kean’s Research Days.



(above, l-r) Isabel Morais, Manuel Condado, and Kingberli Capellan with their faculty mentor Patricia Morreale, Ph.D., executive director of the Kean University School of Computer Science.



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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.

For more information on the shows or to learn more about Shining Stars Network, log on to shiningstarsnetwork.org.



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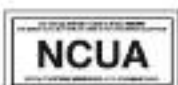


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Keyboard and Mouse Basics Lecture

Thursday, November 1 from 10-11 a.m.

Discover the basics of computer use by learning how to use a keyboard and mouse. Advance registration required, please call 908-851-5450 x2 to sign up.

Dinner and a Movie Night for Adults

Monday, November 5 from 6:30-8:15 p.m.

Join us for this comedy about a heist at a fundraising gala. Bring your dinner and we will supply the popcorn! Please call the library for the exact title.

Computer Operating System Basics

Thursday, November 8 from 10-11 a.m.

This class is intended for those who are new to computing or want to brush up on their basic skills. Learn basic computer terminology and receive a general introduction to the basics of the Windows operating system. Advance registration required, please call 908-851-5450 x2 to sign up.

Connect, Explore and Discover

Saturday, November 10 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Join us for Tech Instruction and learn how to download e-books and e-audiobooks from our digital resources using your Union Public Library card.

Women Entrepreneurial Information Session:

Government Contracts

Wednesday, November 14 from 1-2:30 p.m.

Presented by Women's Center for Entrepreneurship Corporation, this session includes a discussion of what it takes to be an entrepreneur, what resources are available, what Government Contracting is, what the basic requirements and types of contracts are, and why government contracts are a tremendous financial opportunity for small businesses. Advance registration required, please call 908-851-5451 to sign up.

Friends of the Union Public Library Meeting

Wednesday, November 14 from 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Monthly meeting of the Friends of the Library. New members always welcome.

Internet Basics

Thursday, November 15 from 10-11 a.m.

If you are new to the web or are looking to improve your Internet skills, this Internet Basics class has you covered! Become Internet savvy on how to intelligently browse, maintain your safety, and network socially while online.

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Social Media Marketing Workshop

Monday, November 19 from 1-4 p.m.

Presented by Kean University Small Business Development Center, this workshop is for small business owners in Union County who are actively or want to be more active in marketing their business on Facebook and Instagram. This is a 3 hour intensive workshop, please bring your laptop and be ready to start creating an ad.

Hilton Readers Book Club

Monday, November 26 at 6 p.m.

This month members will be discussing "Homecoming" by Wes Moore. New members always welcome. Please contact the library to receive a copy of the book.

Library Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 27 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Business Registration and Reporting Business Income

Wednesday, November 28 from 1-5 p.m.

Looking to start a business in NJ or have questions about your existing business? The NJ Division of Taxation will be onsite to answer all of your questions and review topics such as different business structures, registering a business in New Jersey, how to report your New Jersey business income, taxable products and services, collecting and filing sales tax, and shipping products. Advance registration required, please call 908-851-5450 to sign up.

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Friends of the Union Public Library Movie Showing:

American Carny

Thursday, November 1 from 7-8:30 p.m.

The Friends of the Union Public Library and the Rotary Club of Union are hosting a showing of the film American Carny: True Tales from the Circus Sideshow. The film is a documentary of the world of circus freaks, fire eaters, magicians, contortionists, professional lunatics, and much, much more. The film will be followed by complimentary refreshments at the Dava Latin Fusion Restaurant at 1020 Stuyvesant Avenue in Union, where attendees can enjoy conversation with Nick Basile, the film's director and producer, who is originally from Union.

Reservations for the event are required by October 25th and will be limited to 50 people, 21 and older.

Please call (908)-377-7949 to sign up.

Florian Schantz Jazz Combo

Saturday, November 3 from 3-4 p.m.

In honor of the 100th anniversary of the WWI armistice, the Florian Schantz Jazz Combo will present popular music from between 1914 and 1918.

New Adult Board Game Night

Monday, November 5 from 7-8 p.m.

An entertaining evening is practically guaranteed with games like Harry Potter Hogwarts Battle and Kickstarter success Exploding Kittens! Bring a friend for more fun.

Writer's Support Group

Thursday, November 8 from 7-8 p.m.

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Saving for College

Tuesday, November 13 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Presented by Foresters Financial Services, this seminar will discuss topics such as estimating college expenses, five ways to pay for college, tax-deferred college investing, and investing approaches such as how to avoid the "kiddie tax."

Off the Shelf Book Discussion Group

Thursday, November 15 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

This month members will be discussing "Before We Were Yours" by Lisa Wingate.

New members always welcome. Please contact the library to receive a copy of the book.

Leave 'Em in Stitches!

Tuesday, November 20 from 7-8 p.m.

Bring your own project(s) and get ready to knit/crochet!

UPL Library Resources for Small Business Owners

Saturday, November 24 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Discover about all the wonderful resources Union Public Library has for local small business owners! Learn about databases such as Reference USA, Small Business Reference Center and Lynda.com, in addition to the library's print holdings. Advance registration required, please call 908-851-5450 to sign up.

Research Done Write! Effective Ways to Conduct Research for Your Writing

Saturday, November 24 from 2-3 p.m.

This class will focus on how to conduct research for your novel like a pro. Topics include searching online library databases and open-source collections for primary and secondary sources. Advance registration required, please call 908-851-5450 to sign up.

Tuesdays @ 2 Movies

November 6, 13, 20, and 27 from 2- 4 p.m.

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Connect Explore & Discover Digital Resources

Friday, November 2 from 2-3 p.m.

Wednesday, November 14 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Monday, November 26 from 7-8 p.m.

Learn how to download e-books, e-audiobooks, digital magazines, language learning programs, and more using just your Union Public Library card. Please bring your library card and mobile device.

Mobile Aging Kiosk

Tuesday, November 27 from 11:30-1:30 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.

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UPL ANNOUNCES SMALL BUSINESS BOOT CAMP

Union Public Library (UPL) invites you to attend Small Business Boot Camp, a series of informative events in November to help you expand and grow your small business. Below is the upcoming schedule of events:

Women's Entrepreneurial Information Session, Government Contracts

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Presented by the Women's Center for Entrepreneurship Corporation. Government contracts are a tremendous financial opportunity for small businesses and the U.S. government is the largest customer in the world. It buys all types of products and services in both large and small quantities, and it's required by law to consider small businesses. This session will teach you what it takes to be an entrepreneur and some available resources for you.

It also includes the basic requirements and types of government contracting. Class will be held at the Vauxhall Branch of the library at 123 Hilton Avenue in Vauxhall.

Social Media Marketing Workshop

Monday, November 19, 2018 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Presented by Kean University Small Business Development Center. This workshop is for small business owners in Union County who are actively or want to be more active in marketing their business on Facebook and Instagram. This is a three-hour intensive workshop. Bring your laptop and be ready to start creating an ad. Class will be held at the Vauxhall Branch of the library at 123 Hilton Avenue in Vauxhall.

UPL Library Resources for Small Business Owners

Saturday, November 24, 2018

from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Come learn about all the wonderful resources Union Public Library has for our local small business owners! John Daquino, Head of Adult Services, will go over databases such as Reference USA, Small Business Reference Center and Lynda.com, in addition to the library's print holdings. Registration required; please contact the Adult Services department at the main library to sign up: 908-851-5450 x2. Class will be held at the Main Library at 1980 Morris Avenue, Union, NJ.

Business Registration & Reporting Business Income / New Jersey Sales Tax & Online Businesses

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Presented by NJ Division of Taxation. Looking to start a business in NJ or have questions about your existing business? NJ Division of Taxation will be onsite to answer all your questions and go over the following topics: different business structures, registering a business in New Jersey, how to report your New Jersey business income, taxable products and services, collecting and filing sales tax, and shipping products. Registration required; please contact the Adult Services department at the main library to sign up: 908-851-5450 x2. Class will be held at the Vauxhall Branch of the library at 123 Hilton Avenue in Vauxhall.

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On Tuesday, November 27, 2018 from 7:30 – 9 p.m., Dr. James McCreath, Vice President of Behavioral Health and Psychiatry at Trinitas Regional Medical Center will speak at the NAMI Union County, an affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, November Public Meeting. Some of the subjects that Dr. McCreath will report on will focus on new behavioral health initiatives both locally and statewide as well as new trends in medication. Bring your questions and concerns and join the discussion.

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CAU HELPS STUDENTS AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES PREPARE FOR EMPLOYMENT

Despite possessing work habits that make them excellent candidates, people with disabilities experience increased rates of discrimination and difficulty finding employment, according to local nonprofit Community Access Unlimited (CAU).

There are nearly 40 million Americans with disabilities, according to the Pew Research Center. In 2017, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that the unemployment rate for this sector was 9.2 percent, more than double the 4.2 percent rate for people without disabilities.

CAU, which supports people with disabilities, has long worked to address this problem by preparing its members for employment. In October 2017, the Kessler Foundation awarded CAU its \$35,000 Community Employment Grant to assist the nonprofit in its efforts.

The grant is subsidizing a job-readiness program aimed at high school students with disabilities to empower them to transition into employment upon graduation, as well as adults with disabilities who would like to enter the workforce. Funds were used to create and implement a curriculum and develop partnerships with local high schools supporting students with disabilities, including introduction of the program at Roselle Park High School this fall.

Recently, six CAU members reaped the rewards of the Kessler Foundation's assistance when they received certificates following completion of one phase of the program, preparing them for employment. Classes focused on resume building, applying for a job, interviewing skills and professional dress and behavior. The classes also allowed for an assessment of participants' skills and interests to help CAU custom-design a plan for each member that ultimately will lead to employment.

"The program includes all the basic steps to have a successful employment search, even how to shake hands," said Onieka Grier, director of employment services at CAU. "The assessment allows us to help them focus on a career path."

Roselle residents Joshua Alves, 27, and Alphonse Cervone, 37, and 22-year-old Marcus

Barnesof Elizabeth were among the six CAU members who earned certificates.

Alves is adept at computers, even helping staff with problems, according to Grier, and wants to pursue a career in information technology.

"I never had a real job before," he said. "I'm looking forward to it. I like to help people."

Cervone previously worked in a senior living center helping to prepare and serve meals and looks forward to working again in a similar environment.

"You have to know what people want," he said. "So I want to get a job cooking."

Barnes also worked in the past, including at a café, but said he thinks retail is a better fit for him.

"I want a job that will help me stay focused, maybe at Marshall's," he said. "I'd like to learn how to display the clothes."

CAU is well-positioned to implement the goals of the Kessler Foundation grant. The agency has a robust employment services department, including job skills training, adaptive equipment/assistive technology and a broad array of partnerships with businesses. More than 50 CAU members are employed at more than 30 local businesses through CAU, according to Fredia McKinnie, assistant executive director of employment and day habilitation services.

ABOUT COMMUNITY ACCESS UNLIMITED

Community Access Unlimited (CAU), celebrating its 39th year in 2018, supports people with special needs in achieving real lives in the community. CAU gives a voice to adults and youth who traditionally have little power in society, assisting its members with housing, life skills, employment, money management, socialization and civic activities. CAU also supports opportunities for advocacy through training in assertiveness, decision-making and civil rights. Currently serving more than 5,000 individuals and families, CAU continues to grow each year. For more information about CAU and its services, contact us by phone at 908-354-3040, info@caunj.org or by mail at 80 West Grand Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07202.

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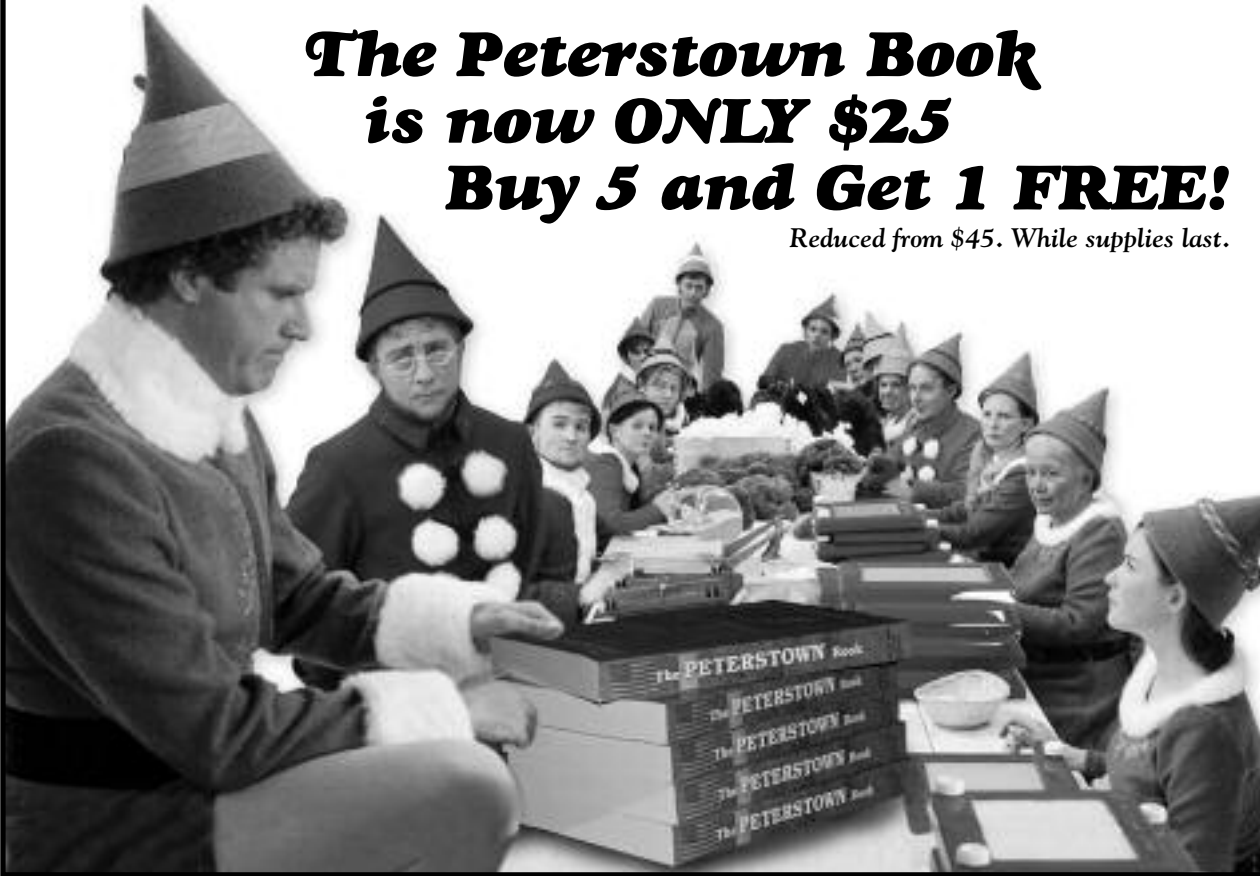
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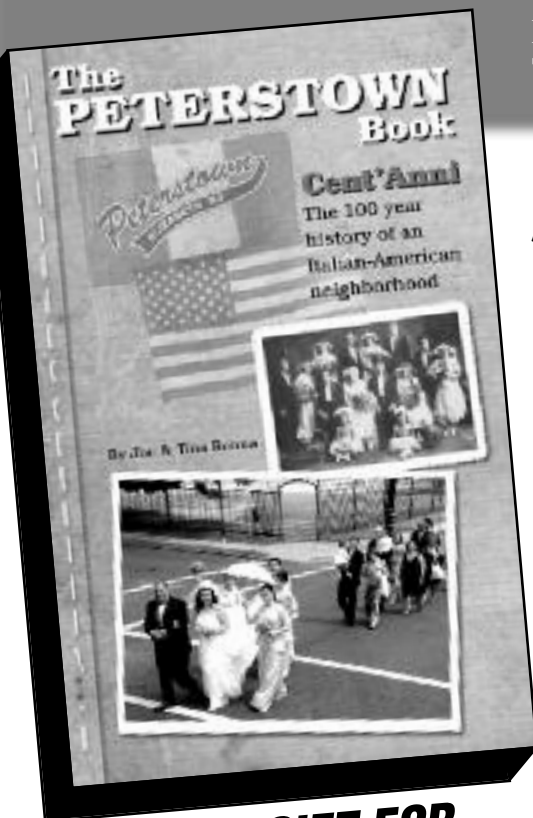
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Patriots' Path Council of the Boy Scouts of America has partnered with the Union County Educational Services Commission for over 5 years to provide Scouting programs to special needs youth in Union County at The Crossroads School (Pack 45) and The Westlake School (Troop 1571), both in Westfield. The Westfield United Fund sponsors the program and pays for the students' registration and material costs.

Pack 45 at Crossroads school is led by school social worker Ms. Elaine Liggeri, who enjoys using Scouting to give her students enrichment activities that they may not be able to participate in outside of a school setting. The pack will have its annual Pinewood Derby next winter.

For more information about Special Needs Scouting in Munsee, Raritan Valley, or Watchung Mountain, please contact Program Executive Will Adams at will.adams@scouting.org or 973-765-9322 x234; for Black River, Fishawak, and Sussex, please contact Program Executive Michael Loughman at michael.loughman@scouting.org or 973-765-9322 x 226.

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