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MORE THAN 20 JUNIOR SQUAD MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN SIMULATED MASS CASUALTY EXERCISE

Recently junior members of the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad responded to a staged Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) at the squad building on 1000 Summit Ave. The planned drill was designed to challenge the proficiency achieved by the junior squad members during residency training.

Approximately 20 junior members responded in teams to a simulated explosion scene and encountered more than one dozen patients with injuries ranging from superficial to life-threatening. Adult squad members and parent volunteers participated as casualty victims and bystanders, following scripts to assist first responders in identifying injuries and obtaining information to guide treatment decisions. Juniors were expected to organize themselves at the scene and then assess, treat, and prepare patients for transport to the hospital.

“Although the exercise is only a drill, we try to accurately simulate the distractions, chaos, and difficult decisions that arise in large scale incidents,” explains Chief Kari Phair. “Our juniors engage in realistic scenarios with victims that have life-threatening injuries. We do not sugar coat it for them. Some of the victims do not survive if immediate assistance is not provided.”

The Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad boasts one of the longest running junior programs in the area. Each year, high school students who are at least 16 years old are eligible to join the squad and assist in emergency calls. Juniors are required to attend training sessions, participate in junior meetings and squad activities, and serve weekly on a regularly scheduled crew shift.

“During the drill, our junior members were tested on the skills they have been developing since joining the squad,” reports Junior Liaison Matt Raymond. “They were up to the challenge, calmly identifying the most critical patients, directing resources where they were needed, and performing life-saving maneuvers. Bandaging and splinting skills were employed. They made tough decisions and dealt with the consequences of their actions, both good and bad.”



Chief Phair continues: “The mock mass casualty incident is an extremely difficult exercise even for highly-trained responders. It requires cool thinking, focus, communication, and a reliance on learned skills in an environment where things can and do go wrong. Our juniors performed very well.”

For more information on the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad Junior Program, or to make a donation to support it, visit the SVFAS website.



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Shrewd Mechanicals, a tight-knit group of young actors, present a modern twist on some Shakespearean classics. Throw in a little night music and be prepared for the whole family to enjoy an evening of accessible culture that even the kids will enjoy!

The Summit Free Public Library, through the generosity of the Manley Winsor Foundation, has been bringing Shakespeare to the Village Green in Summit since 2013. This program is co-sponsored by the Summit Department of Community Programs. In the event of rain, the performance will be held at the Central Presbyterian Church at 70 Maple Street.



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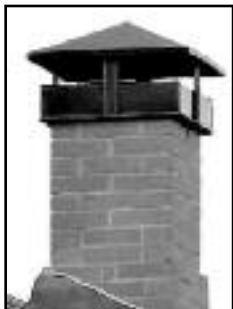


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JEAN HUGHES HONORED BY THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SUMMIT

Submitted by Dana Felmet

The Junior League of Summit (JLS) is thrilled to award Jean Hughes of Chatham with the JLS Sustainer of the Year Award. Jean has been a valuable member of the JLS for over 65 years, most notably through her service to the Junior League of Summit Thrift Shop. In addition to being named Sustainer of the Year, the JLS also named the sorting room in the Thrift Shop in Ms. Hughes's honor, which she advocated for and spearheaded. Ms. Hughes can still be found offering a friendly smile and assistance in the shop to this day. Ms. Hughes conveys the JLS mission to maintain a welcoming environment for our customers, creating a community, rather than a retail establishment. The JLS is appreciative of Ms. Hughes's commitment for over six decades and thanks her for her commitment. Ms. Hughes was presented with the award at the Junior League of Summit Annual Dinner on May 15, 2019.

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 community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. The Junior League of Summit Thrift Shop is located at 37 DeForest Avenue, providing affordable merchandise for those in need. Today,

it remains the oldest retail business in downtown Summit.

For more information about the Junior League of Summit or to inquire about becoming a member, please visit the website at jlsummit.org or contact the office at 908-273-7349. Those interested in donating to the League, please visit jlsummit.org/?nd=donate_summary.



(above, l-r) Shop Manager Marie Avagliano, Jean Hughes, and President Erika Melchiorre standing under the Back Room plaque in honor of Jean.

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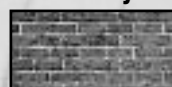
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LIZANNE CECONI AND ALMA DEMETROPOLIS HONORED BY CASA

Submitted by Gretchen Boger-O'Bryan

In celebration of Women's History Month, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Union County recently hosted its first-ever Women's Leadership Luncheon, highlighting three Union County women whose contributions have impacted the community: attorney Lizanne Ceconi, a principal and managing partner at her Summit firm; Alma DeMetropolis, president of the New Jersey Market Leadership Team and

Market Manager for J.P. Morgan Private Bank's New Jersey Market, also in Summit; and Jane Hoffman of Westfield, founder of the nonprofit, A Birthday Wish, which grants birthday wishes to children in foster care.

Summit Mayor Nora Radest welcomed the crowd of more than 160 that included freeholders, mayors, and myriad women in business, law, philanthropic and other fields. Susan P. Ascher of The Ascher Group, provided

the keynote. CASA of New Jersey Associate Director Liza Kirschenbaum served as master of ceremonies.

CASA of Union County Executive Director Marla Higginbotham described Ceconi as a trailblazer; DeMetropolis as a believer, citing the businesswoman's notion that the word hope is an acronym for "help one person every day"; and Hoffman as a visionary. Higginbotham presented each with an award inscribed with a sentiment from Girl Scouts' Founder Juliette Gordon Low: "The work of today is the history of tomorrow, and we are its makers."

CASA of Union County recruits, trains, supervises and supports community volunteers to advocate for abused, neglected and abandoned children placed in foster homes or residential facilities. There are approximately 500 Union County youth, from birth to age 21, in foster care, and the nonprofit advocates for just over half. Volunteers have court-ordered access to a child and all parties in their life, then report findings to the judge in order to ensure best interests remain a priority, their needs are met, and their trauma is not exacerbated while in care.

To learn more about CASA of Union County and how to get involved - from training as an advocate, becoming a donor or attending events throughout the year, contact Courtney

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(above) Lizanne Ceconi



(above) Alma DeMetropolis

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11TH ANNUAL RESTAURANT WEEK SCHEDULED FOR JULY 18 THROUGH 28

Summit Downtown, Inc. will host Summit's 11th Annual Restaurant Week from Thursday, July 18 through Sunday, July 28, 2019. Restaurants and food shops throughout Summit will offer prix fixe menus and specials. A list of participating establishments and their menus/specials will be available on summitdowntown.org. Restaurant Week is the perfect time to visit a restaurant you've been wanting to try!

Summit Street Sounds, will return on Thursday, July 18 to kick off Restaurant Week. There will be live music throughout downtown from 5-8 p.m. Enjoy summer evenings in downtown Summit! Many restaurants offer outdoor seating.

Summit Downtown, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the on-going development and promotion of the business community in downtown Summit, NJ.



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Summit Street Sounds returns July 18
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THE 32ND ANNUAL "TASTE OF SUMMIT"

Submitted by Lori Dahl

Twenty-three of Summit's finest restaurants and food shops served "tastes" to well over 200 guests at the 32nd Annual "Taste of Summit" hosted by The Summit Historical Society at the beautiful Grand Summit Hotel in April. What could be better than a night out at a beautiful and historic location where you can sample the best epicurean tastes Summit has to offer that also happens to be for great cause? Not many things, that's for sure!

Each year is a gourmet extravaganza, but this year surpassed everyone's anticipations. Each restaurant served delicious bites showcasing their special dishes, desert and chocolatier shops served outstanding baked morsels and chocolates and to complete the gastric evening, Etheopian and Columbian roasted coffee was served.

While all indulge in their favorite foods conversing with friends and neighbors, music from Summit's favorite Paul Fessock's World of Rock Trio crooned and entertained all.

A raffle drawing was held throughout the evening and three lucky winners will be enjoying an overnight stay with dinner and breakfast for 2 at The Grand Summit Hotel,

brunch for 2 at Winberies, and lunch for 2 at Summit House. Congratulations to the winners and to our incredibly gracious donors making this possible.

This year there were nine Corporate Sponsors and a large number of Platinum, Gold and Silver Level Donors. The "Taste of Summit" is the key fundraiser for the Summit Historical Society and without everyone's support, this event would not be such a huge success.

The Summit Historical Society is an all-volunteer, not-for-profit organization dedicated to preserving and promoting the history of Summit through The Carter House Museum and its archives which is located at 90 Butler Parkway in Summit. All of the funds raised will help the Society continue its mission of safeguarding records, documents, maps, books and artifacts as well as antique furnishings and clothes connected to the history of Summit and making them available to the public at The Carter House, which is the oldest house in Summit.

For more information regarding The Summit Historical Society, please visit their website, www.summithistoricalsociety.org or their Facebook page, @SummitHistoricalSociety.

THE PEOPLE HAVE VOTED, AND RESULTS ARE IN! BILLY JOEL COVER BAND TO HEADLINE ARTS + CARS

Summit Downtown, Inc. (SDI) is excited to announce that Regal Bank will once again be sponsoring a headlining musical act for Arts + Cars! In April, SDI polled the public to see which cover band they would like to headline Arts + Cars. Choices included Tom Petty, Bon Jovi, Beatlemania, Frankie Valli, Billy Joel, and Jimmy Buffet. The winning option was Billy Joel!

52nd Street, a premier Billy Joe Cover Band, will headline Arts + Cars on Sunday, Sept. 15, 2019. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

with 52nd Street performing from 4 – 6 p.m.

Arts + Cars will once again combine the PAL Classic Car show, the Downtown Art Show (co-sponsored by the Visual Arts Center of NJ), activities for children, live music all day, and, new this year, a beer garden! It's not too late to apply to be an artist vendor! Visit <http://bit.ly/artscars> to download the application.

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Santiago Daniel Abut (Santi) was an eight-grade student at Summit Middle School, when he unexpectedly passed away in 2008 from a misdiagnosed health condition. Now in its eighth consecutive year, the Santiago Daniel Abut Memorial Scholarship is awarded every year to a Summit High School graduating senior who demonstrates academic merit, and character/citizenship. The launching of this scholarship in 2012, which would have been Santi's senior year at Summit High School, adds special meaning to it, as Santi did not get the chance to go to college, but his family would like to think that he attends college, every year, through the students that this scholarship contributes to finance.



(above l-r) Daniel A. Abut - TSAF's Trustee, Caroline S. Abut - TSAF's Trustee, Maria Jose (MJ) Arias - 2019 Santiago Daniel Abut Memorial Scholarship recipient, and Sonia M. Abut - TSAF's Trustee.

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The City of Summit's 72nd Annual Fourth of July Celebration will take place on Thursday, July 4, 2019 at Soldiers Memorial Field, located at 5 Myrtle Avenue in Summit.

The day will begin with a flag raising ceremony at 9:45 a.m., followed by a decorated bicycle parade for children at 10 a.m. Rides, amusements, and entertainment will continue until 1 p.m..

The evening festivities will begin at 6 p.m. and includes rides, entertainment, and a food truck festival. Circus Spectacular will perform circus acts at 6:15 p.m., followed by Daddy Pop in concert at 7:30 p.m. The night will close with a grand fireworks display, beginning at 9:15 p.m.

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- 10:00 - Rides and Amusements Open
- 10:45 - DJ and Dance Party
- 11:30 - The Kootz in Concert
- 12:00 - City Services Softball Game

evening festivities.

- 6:00 - Food Trucks Open
- 6:00 - Rides and Amusements Open
- 6:15 - Circus Spectacular
- 7:30 - Daddy Pop in Concert
- 9:00 - Retire the Colors
- 9:15 - Grand Fireworks Display

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SUMMIT HIGH SCHOOL RECEIVES 5 AWARDS FOR PIPPIN

At the Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Awards Ceremony held on June 4, 2019, Summit High School walked away with 5 Final Awards! Congratulations to the following:

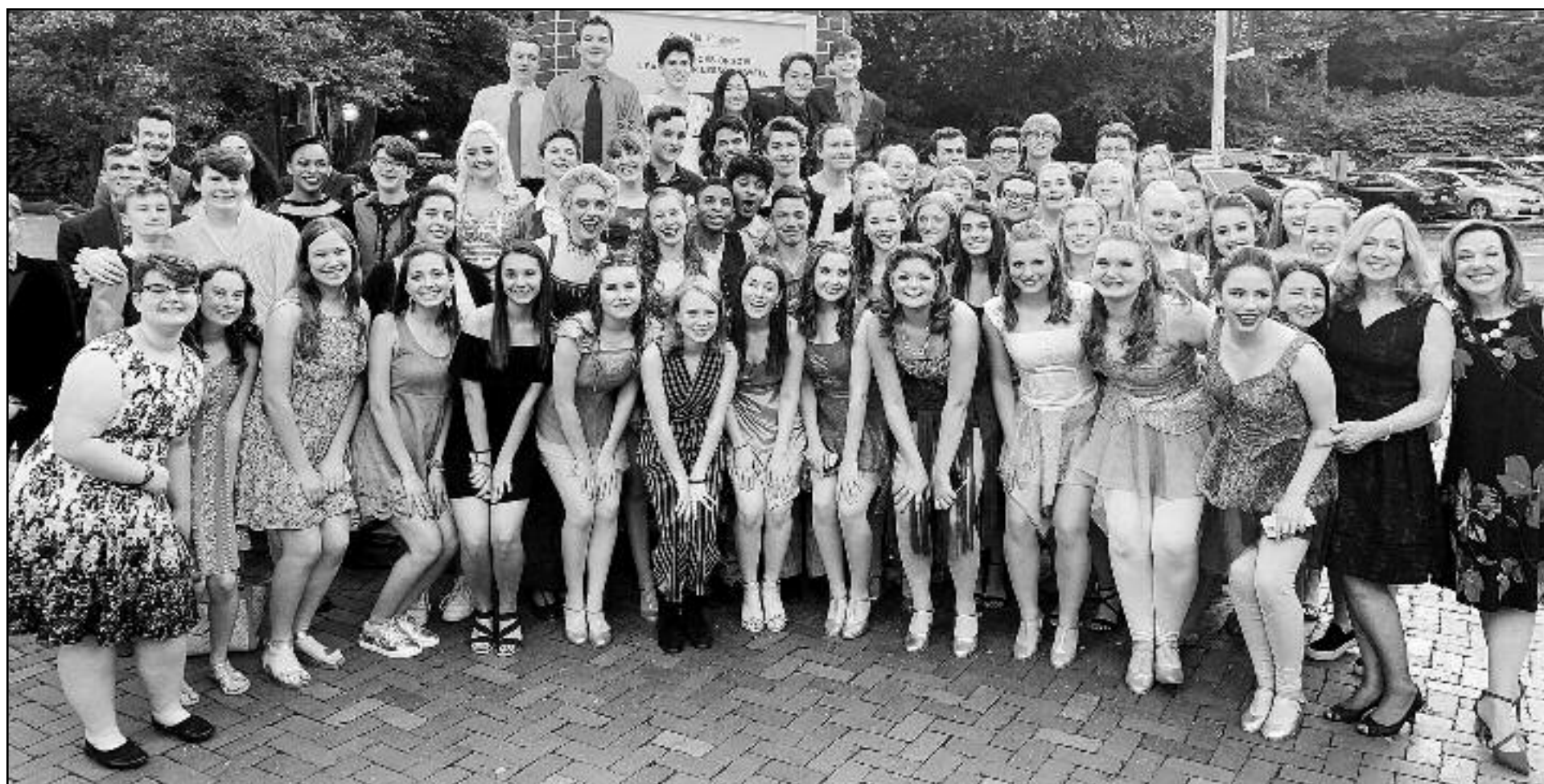
Choreography and Staging • Kelly Mott-Sacks
Outstanding Music Direction • Daniel King
& Steve Rapp

Outstanding Orchestra • Steve Rapp

Outstanding Chorus • Daniel King

Student Achievement (Stage Manager) • Sophie Li

(right) Summit High School musical creative team: Costume Designer, Katherine Winter; Choreographer, Kelly Mott-Sacks; Director, Anne Poyner; Orchestra Director, Steve Rapp; Vocal Director, Dan King; Technical Director, Stephanie Gallegos; Set Designer, David Robertson and (not pictured) Lighting Designer, Leo Hildago.



(above) Cast of Pippin

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(above) Members of the Peter and the Starcatcher ensemble perform one of the funniest numbers in the show, "Made a Mermaid Outta Me."



(above) "When I was a boy, I wished I could fly!" The Peter and the Starcatcher Theatre Collective.

Lawton C. Johnson Summit Middle School and Summit High School theatre programs received final nominations from the Montclair Theatre Night Awards recognizing excellence in fall plays. The Awards Ceremony was held at Montclair State University on May 20, 2019.

LCJSMS WAS NOMINATED FOR

- Outstanding Production of a Middle School Play
- Excellence in Educational Impact and Community Outreach-Ashley Raven
- The Jo Anne Fox Award

SUMMIT HIGH SCHOOL WAS NOMINATED FOR

- Outstanding Overall Production of a High School Play
- Outstanding Production of Comedic Stage Adaptation
- Outstanding Ensemble in Comedic Stage Adaptation
- Lead Actor in Comedic Stage Adaptation: Iain Alvidrez and Mitchell Sink
- Lead Actress in Comedic Stage Adaptation: Katie Evenson
- Supporting Actor in a Comedy: Owen McTernan
- Outstanding Costumes: Katherine Winter
- Outstanding Direction: Anne Poyner



(above, l-r) Best actor nominees, Mitchell Sink (Peter) and Iain Alvidrez (Black Stache). Iain took home the award for Best Actor in a Comedy Adaptation.

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"AFTER THE FIRE" ASSEMBLY DETAILS SETON HALL TRAGEDY

On Thursday, May 24, 2019 the Summit Fire Department partnered with Summit High School and Shaping Summit Together to bring the assembly, After the Fire to the senior class.

After the Fire details the early morning hours of January 19, 2000, when the lives of thousands were changed as a result of a great tragedy. On the campus of Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey, while most of the more than 600 freshman slept, an arson fire was started in the 3rd floor lounge of the 6-story freshmen residence hall, Boland Hall. As the fire alarms wailed, most students thought it was just another false fire alarm, like the 30 or more false alarms that sounded the semester before. No one had any idea that there was a real fire, let alone where the fire was or how to get out of harm's way.

Alvaro Llanos and Shawn Simons, 18 year old roommates at the time, shared their story of survival, perseverance, inspiration, hope, courage and friendship. They inspire to motivate students and professionals that life will give you many obstacles. "It's how you overcome those obstacles by drawing strength, knowledge and motivation from those around you."

In addition, Summit Fire Department was on hand with Deputy Chief, Donald Nelson, addressing the seniors with a fire safety talk as they head off to college and need to be mindful of living in the dorms, attending concerts, and visiting unfamiliar places. Chief Evers developed a Campus Safety flyer including fire safety tips for the seniors which was sent to all parents.

The program was funded by Shaping Summit Together.



(above) Members of the Summit Fire Department joined Alvaro Llanos and Shawn Simons for their assembly at Summit High School, "After the Fire."

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HAWK RISE GOES BATTY!

Join the naturalists of Hawk Rise Sanctuary on July 12, 2019 from 8 – 9:30 p.m. for a special evening program and learn all about bats and their many important roles in nature. We will bust some common myths about these fascinating but misunderstood animals and discuss some of the ways we can help to protect them. As the sun goes down, we will head out on the trail and try to pick up their echolocation calls with our bat detector. There is nothing quite like a nature walk at night, so come get batty with us! This program is open to all. Please wear sturdy shoes and bring a flashlight if desired. Cost: Free. No registration required.

About Hawk Rise Sanctuary

Hawk Rise, in Linden, was opened in 2012 and is maintained by the NJ Audubon. The flat trails inside are about 1.5 miles long, and the sanctuary spans 95 acres. Open daily from sunrise to sunset. At the start of the sanctuary you have options on which way to go, and throughout the park there are other forks in the trails – choose wisely but be sure to go back and see what you missed. Events are held throughout the year visit njudubon.org/centers/hawk-rise-sanctuary.

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