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PIKTORS METAMORPHOSIS AT THE SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ

The Salem Roadhouse Café presents the ABOUT SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ Piktors Metamorphosis, Saturday, May 20, 2023. The doors open at 7:15 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. Admission is \$20 and includes show, snacks, nonalcoholic beverages, and dessert. The venue is located in the basement of Townley Presbyterian Church, 829 Salem Rd, Union, NJ. The Roadhouse operates as a non-profit that raises funds for several carefully chosen local charities.

Piktor's Metamorphosis takes you on a journey back to the incendiary sounds of the Jazz/Rock fusion era injecting their improvisational craft. The Jazz/Rock/Fusion heyday of experimental creativity has inspired it's fans and other great musicians alike to push music further to its limits. This exciting music is challenging to execute, understandably a reason why many have not approached it. That is until now. Whether it's exciting tributes or their ambitious original pieces this ensemble delivers with passion and warmth.

Piktors overall sound departs from just another stage show to a level of cerebral and tonal excitement that comes with Fusion rock/jazz. They are masters at what they do, and they continue the traditions of modern fusion started by the likes of Mile Davis, Weather Report and Pat Methany, just to name a few.

As always, the Salem Roadhouse Café is live, intimate, up front, and personal. All ages are welcome.

It's not "church music." It's music music. Folks who've come to the Salem Roadhouse Café know that it's a clean, safe place for people who enjoy listening to live music — in a world otherwise filled with clubs and bars. The Roadhouse has always offered its stage to local and independent mainstream musicians. Jazz, rock, folk, and other groups have performed. What's the common thread? They're all great musicians playing the kind of music people like to hear. There's no message, just music.

The Roadhouse started in 2008 by members of Townley Presbyterian Church with a grant from the Presbytery of Elizabeth. Hey — that's why we're located where we are, 829 Salem Rd, Union, NJ. The Roadhouse operates as a non-profit that raises funds for several carefully chosen local charities. That's its social mission.

But the many musicians who've played the Salem Roadhouse Café see it as a solid performance venue. They love it because of its special intimacy and great audiences. They say people here "really listen." Ask any of the musicians you meet here — they love to play the Roadhouse, and they want to come back often.

The Salem Roadhouse Café has raised funds for many carefully chosen charities. They include: The Presbytery of Elizabeth E-port Center, Center For Hope Hospice, Community Food Bank, Monarch Housing, Angel Paws Animal Rescue, National MS Society, Haiti Disaster Relief, Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief, The Union County YWCA Domestic Violence Program, Making It Possible To End Homelessness, Camp Johnsonburg, The Music Institute, and others. Thousands of dollars have been raised for these deserving charities.

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MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & ENCAMPMENT

Memorial Day Parade is back! Join us on Monday, May 29, 2023 at 10 a.m. (from the VFW on High St.) as we march in honor of our veterans.

For best viewing, watch the parade from Pearl Harbor Square on Stuyvesant Ave.

WHAT YOU'LL SEE AT THE PARADE

Featuring music by the Uptown String Band, floats, show cars, military units and vehicles, Clydesdale horses, civic and youth organizations, and a historic war reenactment, the parade features something for people of all ages. There

The Township of Union Veterans' Alliance will also be a Revolutionary War Battle reenactment at 11:30 a.m. at Veterans Honor Roll & Memorial Park, followed by a formal program at 12 p.m.

If you are interested in marching in the parade email kcaulfield@uniontownship.com.

PRE-MEMORIAL DAY ENCAMPMENT

Residents are also encouraged to stop by Friberger Park, behind Town Hall, on Sunday, May 28th from 1-4 p.m. to experience the Pre-Memorial Day Revolutionary War Encampment, featuring American and British Crown Forces and historical demonstrations.



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SOS ~ SAVE OUR SEAL! A MESSAGE FROM THE U.C. HISTORICAL SOCIETY

War is hell. Unfortunately, that powerful expression is just as accurate today in Ukraine, for example, as it was in Elizabethtown in 1780. In both cases, civilians suffered, and are suffering, along with soldiers.

Heroic sculptures and statues of beribboned generals on horseback are noble and inspiring, to be sure. On the other hand, however, there is the World War II Katyn Memorial in Jersey City, showing the horror of war as it depicts the brutal massacre Russians committed on Polish soldiers graphically showing a bound and gagged Polish soldier impaled through his back by a bayonetted rifle. At its base, a Polish woman cradles a starving child, representing the Polish citizens who were deported to Siberia. Are we to take down such monuments because the horror they depict offends us, or should they remain, conveying their timeless message to us: "Never forget, and Never again!"

Yes, war is hell. And it was so in 1780 as local patriots fought for independence against the often cruel and brutal British and Hessian troops.

One of the most infamous events of that struggle was the horrible murder of Mrs. Hannah Caldwell, the wife of the famous Rev. James Caldwell ("the fighting Parson"), on June 7, 1780 in Connecticut Farms, now Union. It seems that ongoing discussions concerning the changing of the County Seal depicting Mrs. Caldwell's murder by a British soldier apparently have finally come to light recently.

This tragic event has been depicted on our County Seal for over 100 years. In 1923, the Union County Historical Society proposed and supported the official adoption of the Seal, which had previously been used unofficially for decades. It was formally ratified by the Board of Freeholders at that time. The Society has been proud of its role in the adoption of the Seal a hundred years ago, and strongly opposes current efforts to change it.

Some now object to the Seal's depiction of a violent and senseless act against a woman and mother of nine young children. But it really happened! Are we to ignore it? Those were dangerous times in this area and few were spared from the death, destruction, and suffering that occurred.

Indeed, Hannah Caldwell's death became a rallying cry to the despondent, tired, and outnumbered American troops who were inspired to fight on at the Battle of Springfield, the turning point of the Revolution in the North, just two weeks after her death.

Whether she was inside the house or outside when she was murdered is immaterial to the Seal's message. Showing her outside the house simply makes the event more visible. Similar artistic license is often employed in depicting important events in history. For example, the iconic and dramatic 1851 Emanuel Leutz painting of Washington's 1776 Christmas night crossing of the Delaware near Trenton is inaccurate in every way except one: its heroic portrayal of a courageous and brilliant military operation, which led to an important turning point

in the war.

History is not always convenient; it has more than its share of suffering and evil, as the Union County Seal demonstrates. And isn't that in fact the meaning and message of the Seal, that democracy and freedom often demand sacrifice. It is a reminder of the terrible price paid by the brave men and women during those difficult times. Any redesign of our iconic and unique Seal would dishonor and diminish the memory of Hannah Caldwell and so many others who sacrificed all in the long and difficult struggle for independence.

Indeed, after the war, Washington acknowledged that no place had suffered greater deprivation and destruction than Elizabethtown and its environs. Our Seal reminds us of that. Let it be.

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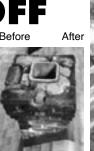




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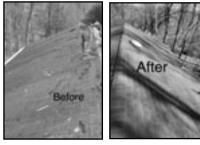






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SHINING STARS TO PERFORM ON MAY 13TH

The Shining Stars, now in their 11th year, will take the main stage at the Union County Performing Arts Center for their "World Tour" on Saturday May 13th for a 7 p.m. show.

The talented cast of special needs performers will highlight the hits from groups and artists from all around the globe, including The Beatles and One Direction (England), Bruce Springsteen (USA), Abba (Sweden), Irish dancing, and so much more. The show will feature 30 special needs individuals and their "buddies" from local high schools, who serve as mentors during rehearsals.

"Our cast has been working hard for their 2023 debut," noted Shining Stars Network Cofounder and Show Director Sally Curci. "The acts are going to be amazing and we invite everyone to join us for another exciting and fun night."

Tickets are now on sale at UCPAC.org. Also, on Saturday, August 5th, history will be

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made when the Shining Stars make their Paper Mill Playhouse main stage debut. Tickets for "The Greatest Show" — which will feature songs from Broadway and movies — are on sale now at PaperMill.org.

The Camp Shine Summer Workshop will take place from August 14th-25th (go to ShiningStarsNetwork.org to register) and they will cap off the year with their annual "Christmas Spectacular" in December.

"Shining Stars is all about being inclusive and giving our performers a chance to shine on stage while creating lasting memories," said Sally Curci. "These opportunities build all-important selfesteem and self-confidence. Along the way our cast members and their high school buddies create bonds and friendships that they'll always remember."

For more information on the organization or upcoming events, please visit ShiningStarsNetwork.org.

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This event will feature quality exhibitors, a special crafter's section, lots of great food, kiddie rides, a kids area, live music and performances, and local merchants and civic organizations.





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LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Whether on stage or under our music tents, you will enjoy the sounds of some very talented cover bands, soloists, dancers, demonstrations from the local karate and dance studios and more. It's also a chance to kick back, take a break in the music section that will be filled with tables and chairs for your use.

KIDS ZONE

The children will enjoy this section filled with kiddie bounce rides, slides, and interactive blow-ups, face painters, sand art and kids games, temporary tattoos, and face painting, just to name a few things.

FOOD TRUCKS

As you stroll along the Blvd stop to have a bite to eat and sit at tables in our live music area. Come hungry and enjoy eating carnival food favorites like a sausage & pepper sandwich, cheesesteaks, kettle corn, chicken fingers, ice cream, zeppole, shish kabobs, gyros, fresh-cut fries, fresh-squeezed lemonade, Italian ice, and the many other great gourmet foods from the food trucks.

CAR SHOW

This year's event will again feature a car show of Custom...Classic...Street Rod...Muscle Cars in front of Harding School (Enter from Boulevard & North 14th St./use 426 Boulevard in your GPS). Set up starts after 10 am. Registration - Day of Show. Cars must be registered by 1:00 p.m. to be judged. Trophies for Winners! All Proceeds go to Pride in Kenilworth Committee.

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The spotted lanternfly is native to China, India, and Vietnam. It was first sighted in the United States in Pennsylvania, and has since spread to surrounding states, including New Jersey. The spotted lanternfly was first discovered in Somerset County in 2019. While not harmful to humans or animals, this invasive insect feeds on the sap of many different hardwood trees, scrubs, ornamental plants, and has the potential to impact agricultural crops of economic importance such as grape vines, hops, and apple orchards. Feeding damage caused by the spotted lanternfly significantly stresses the affected plants which can lead to decreased health and potential crop loss.

Residents and visitors are advised to keep an eye out for spotted lanternflies and their egg masses and kill them on sight. Destroying spotted lanternfly egg masses before they hatch is the best way to limit their spread. Eggs can be laid on any flat hard surface including metal, wood, and plastic. Egg masses are commonly found on fence posts, telephone poles, lawn furniture, and the underside of tree branches. Egg laying begins in September and continues through November or until the first freeze.

While adult spotted lanternflies do not survive the cold winters, their egg masses do. Beginning in May through June, the eggs will start to hatch and mature through their life stages into adulthood. Join the battle to beat the bug and help us Stomp Them Out!

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The Union Municipal Band, under the direction of Howard Toplansky will present a free concert on Monday evening, May 22, 2023. The concert will be held at the Township of Union Senior Center, 652 Rahway Avenue, Union, NJ at 7:30 p.m.

benefit concert for the VFW and Veterans Alliance, supporting the Memorial Day Parade. Parking will be available behind the Senior Center, at Union Collision and on Rahway Ave. Admission is free although donations will be graciously accepted.

This concert will feature music from Broadway, traditional band music, marches, waltzes and a variety of concert classics. The concert will include the following selections: "Light Cavalry Overture", "Jamaican Rumba", "Armed Forces Medley", "George M. Cohen The public is cordially invited to attend this Patriotic Fantasy", selections from George Gershwin and other favorites.

> The band would like to invite musicians, including High School students, from Union and the surrounding communities to join the group. If you are interested please call the Recreation Department at 908-686-4200.

FAMILY FUN FITNESS EVENT - MAY 13

with the Township of Union and the Board of Education, is hosting a Family Fun Fitness event on May 13 at the Union High School football field from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Bring your children or grandchildren. Events include activities for children, food trucks, a DJ and fitness classes. Take one class or all the classes or just watch, enjoy the music and food.

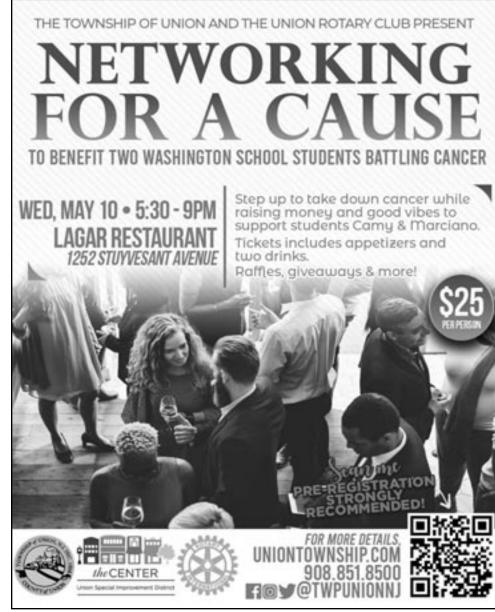
The event will benefit two elementary school students from our town.

Camy Dudek is a 2nd grader at Washington School. She was diagnosed with brain cancer when she was in kindergarten. Camy will need further treatment, which will require her parents to be away from her three other siblings. Her mother, Robynn said, "We just need to get an

The Rotary Club of Union, in conjunction EKG and echocardiogram and we will be able to start chemo. We will still need to go for extensive testing of the heart, eyes, kidneys, brain and spine every month to make sure all stays stable. We will also need to do bi-weekly blood work."

> Marciano Rosa is a 3rd grader at Washington School. He was recently diagnosed with T-cell leukemia and began his 2-3 year long chemotherapy journey this past November. His mother says, "Marciano is a sweet, kind-hearted, smart and funny boy who has a smile that can light up any room."

> All proceeds will be donated to the two families to help offset some of their medical bills as they travel with their child on the road to wellness.





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Celebrate Cinco de Mayo (Virtual on Zoom) Tues., 5/2 @ 7:00 pm

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Neighborhood Conversations with Elsa Nazario (In-person at Vauxhall Branch)

Wed., 5/3 @ 6:15 pm

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Union County Department of Aging (Table event in-person at Main Library)

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Chair Yoga (In-person at Main Library)

Thurs., 5/4 @ 10:30 am

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Registration is limited.

Discover India! (Stuyvesant Ave. AAPI Festival) Asian American Pacific Island Celebration

Sat., 5/6 @ 2:00 pm

Enjoy dance, music, and entertainment from India to celebrate AAPI Heritage Month.

American Jewish Humor with Author Jenny Caplan (Virtual on Zoom) Jewish Heritage Celebration

Mon., 5/8 @ 7:00 pm

This program will offer a short reading from her new book Funny You Don't Look Funny:
Judaism and Humor from the Silent Generation to Millennials and a discussion of the changes in American Jewish humor over the 20th and 21st centuries from Philip Roth to TikTok.

Local Author Book Fair (In-person at Main Library)

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Immigration and Citizenship Workshop (In-person at Main Library)

Tues. 5/16 @ 6:30 pm

The free workshop provides information on becoming a US citizen, including eligibility requirements, application review, fee waiver guidance, and interview preparation. Handouts will include the application for citizenship and fee waiver and interview preparation materials. By Jewish Family Service of Middlesex.

Movie of the Month (In-person at Vauxhall Branch)

Tues., May 16 @at 12:00 pm

Based on a true story, this tale of an abandoned dog and the man who takes him in will make you laugh and cry.

Witnessing History: The Surrender of Nazi Germany (In- person at Vauxhall Branch) Memorial Day Commemoration

Wed., 5/17 @ 6:00pm

Please join us as author, professor, and military historian Mr. Paul Zigo leads attendees in discussing "Victory in Europe Day." This presentation details the circumstances leading up to the signing of the unconditional surrender.

Off the Shelf Book Club (Virtual on Zoom)

Thurs., 5/18 @ 7:00 pm

New members are always welcome. This month's title is Kaikeyi by Vaishnavi Patel.

Vivid Stage Concert at Senior Center Celebrating Older Americans

Wed. 5/24 @ noon at the

Senior Center (525 Rahway Ave. in Union) VIVID CABARET entertains with live piano highlighting the tunes of the Great American Songbook. Sing along or enjoy.

Hilton Readers Book Club (In-person at Vauxhall Branch)

Wed. 5/24 @ 6:00 pm

New members welcome. This month's title is Sister Mother Warrior by Vanessa Riley.

Backyard BBQ Cooking Demonstration

(In-person at Vauxhall Branch)

Celebrating National Barbecue Month

Wed., 5/31 @ 6:00 pm

Join Newark native Chef Jesse Jones for a tasty demonstration of his backyard BBQ sauce from his recent cookbook, POW! My Life in 40 Feasts. He will also discuss how he cleans up his ribs for competition as attendees taste his award-winning ribs and cheddar cheese biscuits.

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The YWCA of Union County

The YWCA of Union County will host its annual TWIN event on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Berkely Heights, NJ from 8 am to 9:30 am.

Debbie-Ann Anderson, Union County Director of Human Services will serve as the Keynote Speaker at the event and will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award for her dedication to improving the lives of those in need. Anderson has an extensive background in programs serving families, as well as vast experience with corporate, non-profit and community affairs organizations.

YWCA Executive Director Karen Geer stated, "We are very excited to honor Debbie-Ann with this award. She has been a champion for the YWCA and its mission. Her support and commitment to our programs has enabled us to deliver more vital services to those in need."

Anderson began her professional fundraising career in 2004 at the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) in Towson, Maryland. She joined the United Way of Greater Union County in 2008 and served as its Executive Vice President. Anderson also served as Executive Director of HomeFirst Interfaith Housing Services and was appointed Union County Director of Human Services in 2017.

Five additional honorees will be presented awards for Racial Justice, Community Service, Young Professional, YWCA Ally, and Business & Industry Leadership. Nominations will be submitted by sponsors of the event by visiting www.ywcaunioncounty.org/twinawards2023.

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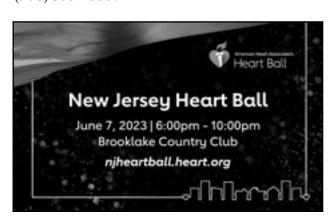
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