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# TOWNSHIP OF UNION SUMMER CONCERT SERIES JULY 18TH

Kenny Vance & The Planotones **JULY 25TH** The Infernos.

Concerts start 7:30PM

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### (above) The Devlin Family Jonathan Elizabeth, Matthew and Christina enjoy the concert before the fireworks.

# Green Hornet.

(above) Jordie dances with Chyle.

### **DERBY, CONCERT AND FIREWORKS CELEBRATES JULY 4TH**

The Township of Union's annual Independence Day celebration had perfect weather both day and evening. Union's 6th Annual "All American Soap Box Derby" went off at 10:00 a.m. and festivities continue at Biertuempfel Park at 7:30 pm featuring a concert by Emil Stucchio & the Classics, followed by the "2013 Fireworks Spectacular".

Families spread their blankets and unfolded lawn chairs to listen to music, dance and play in the field. Refreshments were available along with complimentary face painting and ballons supplied by Crossroads Christian Fellowship Church.

Congratulations to Kelvin Kam who won 1st place and Robert Gore, runner up of the 6th Annual All America Soapbox Derby. The Derby will be broadcasted on Union TV 34 every day through July 21st at 7pm and 12pm.



(above) Marina LaRosa guiding The Green Hornet.





(above) Paige Vincent sports a ballon hat.

(right) Johanny

getting her face

pained with



playing Frisbee.



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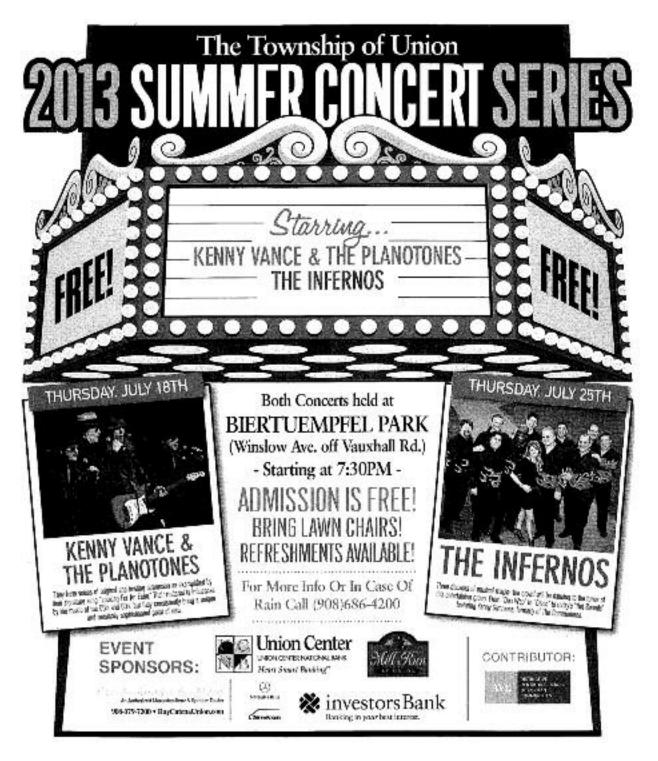


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The Township of Union Summer Concert Series continues on July 18th with Kenny Vance & the Planotones and July 25th with the Infernos.

The concerts start at 7:30 PM at Biertuempfel Park on Winslow Ave at Vauxhall Rd.

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy the shows!

Refreshments will be available for purchase. In the event of rain the concerts will be held indoors at Hannah Caldwell School Auditorium, 1120 Commerce Ave also at 7:30 PM.

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### PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN DAY

Kawameeh Middle School held there annual Proud To be an American Day. The event is organized by teacher Ed Graf to show the students that they should be patriotic and be proud of their country. This year's honorees were Wayne Russo, a 9/11 victim; Nilton Cacoilo of Union, a marine who passed away; and Fred Stockham, winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor from World War I who is buried in Hollywood Cemetery. Additionally, a wreath was presented honoring the fallen men form Union who were killed in the Vietnam War.

Kawameeh Middle School raised \$3,000 through soliciting donations, conducting bake sales and by hosting a charity dinner at Cafe Z Restaurant. The funds will benefit wounded veterans serviced by the Thomas Jerome House. In addition, \$3,000 was raised for Chris Bartosh, a graduate from Union High School who contracted cancer due to his service in the Marine Corps., just like his best friend, Nilton Cacoilo.

(below) Civil War cannon firing to honor the fallen men Wayne Russo, Nilton Cacoilo, and Fred Stocham. Photo by Ed Bitenas







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(above) Mr. Ed Graf greeting Mrs. Arlene Russo, Wayne's mom as she was dropped off by U.S. Army Humvees. Photo by Ed Bitenas



(above) Maria Cacoilo, Nilton's mom being honored by Mr. Ed Graf. Photo by Mr. Deveraux



(above) Mr. Graf presenting a plaque to Mr.

Malanda honoring Fred Stockham.

Photo by Mr. Deveraux







### HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY WINS BIG AT RISING STAR AWARDS

The 2013 Paper Mill Rising Star Awards were held in June, and the Union High School Performing Arts Company is at the top of the pack with their production of Cats tying with Summit High School for the most awards received by a school. The Rising Star Awards recognize excellence in high school theatre around the state of New Jersey with 91 schools participating. The UHSPAC has been recognized as one of the top training programs in the state for the last six years, having been nominated for Outstanding Overall Musical consecutively since Director James Mosser came to the program in 2008.

### **AWARDS INCLUDE:**

- Outstanding Performance by a Chorus
- Outstanding Performance by an Orchestra
- Outstanding Performance in a Featured Role: Sadesia Wray as "Demeter"
- Outstanding Achievement in Choreographer and Staging:
- James Mosser and Jennifer Williams
- Outstanding Lighting Achievement: Justin Morris





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In addition, Jessica Braham a member of the cast of Cats, was awarded the Douglas Michael Kruger Memorial Scholarship

"It is an honor to be recognized by such a respected company as Paper Mill Playhouse. Our students look forward to this each year, pushing themselves to be competitive. It is a wonderful opportunity for them to meet other students from across the state and share their work." – James Mosser

"The biggest accomplishment going into the awards night is being nominated and getting the chance to perform and show people what you show was all about, winning awards is the icing on the cake. The experience is what counts and just like every other year they were nominated for 14 awards and why they continue to be at the top, It's a great night to celebrate the arts." – Jennifer Williams.



### THE MICHAEL A. KELLY POST 2433 INSTALLS OFFICERS

Submitted by: Robert J. Knecht

The Michael A. Kelly Post 2433 Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary held an installation ceremony for the officers elected to the 2013/14 Program Year.

Installing Officer for the Auxiliary, Past President and District 5 official Paula Wojtczak, called on the inductees to maintain the high standards of performance and activity which have been the hallmark of the this organization. Noting that this was her first year in office, Alma

Lauer pledged to devote as much personal effort as possible to making it a success and asked for continued participation by all members.

Dennis Clark, acting as Installing Officer for the Post, cited the many years that the Kelly Post has been a leader in the area. Commander Leo Graf, who is beginning his 14th year in that office, called on his officers and members to continue that record, and promised on-going cooperative programming with the Auxiliary, a key to the Post's continued success.



(above, l-r) 2013/14 Kelly Post officers: Commander, Leo Graf; Quartermaster, Bob Johnsen; Senior Vice Commander/Adjutant, Dennis Clark; Chaplain/Service Officer, Ed. McElroy; Guard/Surgeon, Dan Sickles; Trustee, Joe Lauer; Trustee, Le Roy Johnson; Officer of the Day, Joe Barbella; Junior Vice Commander, Phil Bozolus. Not shown, Judge Advocate, Bud Norton.



(above, l-r) 2013/14 Auxiliary officers: Trustee, Eleanor Ehrl; Patriotic Instructor, Selma Fein; Secretary, Jane Graf; Legislator, Amelia Roden; Conductress, Pat Young; Treasurer, Betty Bober; Trustee, Roz Herman; President, Alma Lauer; Chaplain, Fran Donnelly; Senior Vice President, Marion Bozolus; Guard, Dolly Kizima. Not shown, Junior Vice President, Gussie Mahon.





# AFFORDABLE CARE ACT TOPIC OF NETWORKING EVENT

Navigating through the maze of provisions related to the Affordable Care Act will be the topic of the Union Township Chamber of Commerce's July Networking Event.

Scheduled for Tuesday, July 23, 2013, the event will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Liberty Hall Museum complex, specifically the "Wagon Shed" building, located at 1003 Morris Avenue, Union. A light dinner and refreshments will be served, sponsored by Chamber member Legal Shield, Inc.

"The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is a complex and challenging piece of legislation," said Chamber Executive James Masterson. "As this Act continues to evolve, we want to provide our members with clear and accurate information so that each business owner knows what to do to be in compliance."

Masterson added that the program will be conducted by Greg Roth of the Roth Agency, a Livingston, NJ firm specializing in employee benefits, retirement planning and all types of insurance.

The cost for the event is \$10 for members and \$15 for guests. Registration is required and may be made by calling the Chamber at 908-688-2777.

Organized in 1956, the Union Township Chamber of Commerce is a professional association whose mission is to unite, strengthen, represent and promote the success of its member businesses.





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The Union Garden Club has offered a sneak peek into their soon to be released cookbook:

### **SWEET POTATO WAFFLES**

Submitted by: Bob Fluche

2½ cups flour

1/3 cup sugar

1 tablespoon baking powder

2 teaspoons ginger

½ teaspoon baking soda

½ teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon allspice

1 ½ cups milk

1 cup mashed sweet potatoes

4 large eggs

34 teaspoon vanilla

½ stick butter (melted)

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### **GARDEN CLUB CELEBRATES THIRTY-THIRD YEAR**

The Union Township Garden Club is now in its thirty-third year. The Club launched their fourth annual Curb Appeal Contest at the July 3rd meeting and encourages new members to join in the fun. The rules are simple and any residence within Union is eligible as long as the nominees have been nominated by a Garden Club member, planted their gardens without the help of a professional landscaper, and signed the photo waiver. The Club also hosts an annual Rose Contest, which member Ann Manhardt won for the sixth time this past June.

Furthermore, the Garden Club Cookbook is in progress and the members hope to release it for sale during the Festival on the Green in September. Their fundraising efforts thus far were realized when they awarded the Garden

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The club typically maintains the Municipal Gardens year round, and has done so beautifully. But, they have an ambitious Community Garden project in the works as well. It is still in the planning stages, but already sounds like an excellent addition to the town.

The Union Township Garden Club meets the first Wednesday of the month at the Bonnel Room in Union Town Hall at 7:00 pm. Refreshments are served and interested guests are encouraged to visit. Enter from the far right door at the back of Town Hall.



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# JULY CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS VAUXHALL BRANCH JULY

No registration required unless indicated.

### **The Preschool Storytime and Craft**

Mondays, 15th, 22nd and 29th at 11:00am. for preschoolers and their caregivers

Come in your pajamas for songs, stories and games

### **Bedtime Storytime**

Mondays, 15th, 22nd and 29th at 7:00pm. Children of all ages and their caregivers.

### "Dig into Reading" Film Festival

Fridays, 19th and 26th.

All films will be shown at 11:00am.

"The Aristocats" on July 19th

"The Rescuers" on July 26th

Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited.

### Lego Club

for children, ages 5 through 12, Thursdays, 18th and 25th at 3:30pm.

This is an opportunity for kids to get creative and build anything they choose. The library will provide the Legos, while the kids provide the imagination! All materials must stay at the library so bring your camera to document your creations. Caregivers are asked to stay in the library and are welcome to assist.

### Do you like Magic?

Tuesday, July 16th at 11:00am

Magician Brian Richards astounds us with his magic.

Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited.

### Make a "Flying Fish Game" School-Age Craft

Wednesday, July 17th at 11:00am
This program is for children in grades 1 through 6.

### **Butterfly Party and Craft Program**

Thursday, July 18th at 11:00am Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited.

### **Fun on a String Variety Puppet Show**

Tuesday, July 23rd at 11:00am
Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited.

### Make a "Pterodactyl" at our School-Age Craft program

Wednesday, July 24th at 11:00am

This program is for children in grades 1 through 6.

### **T-Shirt Decorating Workshop**

Thursday, July 25th at 11:00am CHILDREN MUST BRING THEIR OWN T-SHIRTS. Program is for children of all ages and their caregivers.

### **Sidewalk Chalk Drawing Program**

Tuesday, July 30th at 11:00am

Program is for children of all ages and their caregivers.

### Make a "Dragon Mask" School-Age Craft program

Wednesday, July 31st at 11:00am

This program is for children in grades 1 through 6.

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No registration required unless indicated.

### Dig into Reading with Magic Jim and his trusty sidekick, Mortimer as he performs his magic show

Tuesday, July 16th at 10:45am
This program is for children of all ages and their caregivers. Space is limited. Signup is required.

### **Summer Vacation Afternoon Movie Matinee**

Thursday, July 18th at 2:00pm
The film will be, "Rise of the Guardians"
Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited.

### "Puzzle Me Friday: Fun and Games"

Friday, July 19th at 2:00pm for school-age children and their caregivers Space is limited. Signup is required.

### "Just Dig It Games" Program

Tuesday, July 23rd at 11:00am. for preschool children, ages 3 - 5, and their caregivers Space is limited. Signup is required.

### **Garden Bingo Program**

Thursday, July 25th at 2:00pm

This program is for school-age children and their caregivers. Space is limited. Signup is required.

### **Movie Matinee**

### "Land Before Time: Invasion of the Tinysauruses"

Tuesday, July 30th at 10:45am.

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