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HAMILTON SCHOOL HOLDS 5TH ANNUAL CAREER DAY

The 5th annual school-wide Career Day event was held in Hamilton School's gymnasium on Friday, March 8 from 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Career Day included ten professionals from the community with varied professions. These presentations afford the 5th grade students of Hamilton the opportunity to learn about interesting and exciting careers they can pursue in their future. The event was coordinated by Special Education Teacher Gillian Pilone.

Professionals who attended included an F.B.I. Agent, Union Fire Department, Union Police Department, United States Coast Guard, Nurse, Make-up Artist/Hair Stylist, Mechanic from Lincoln Technical Institute, Physical Therapist, Pilot, Municipal Court Judge.

(right) Career Day Coordinators, Fifth Grade teacher Deanna Kovacs and Special Education Teacher Gillian Pilon, are flanked by members of the United States Coast Guard and Union Fire Department.



UNION HIGH SCHOOL PROUDLY PRESENTS CATS

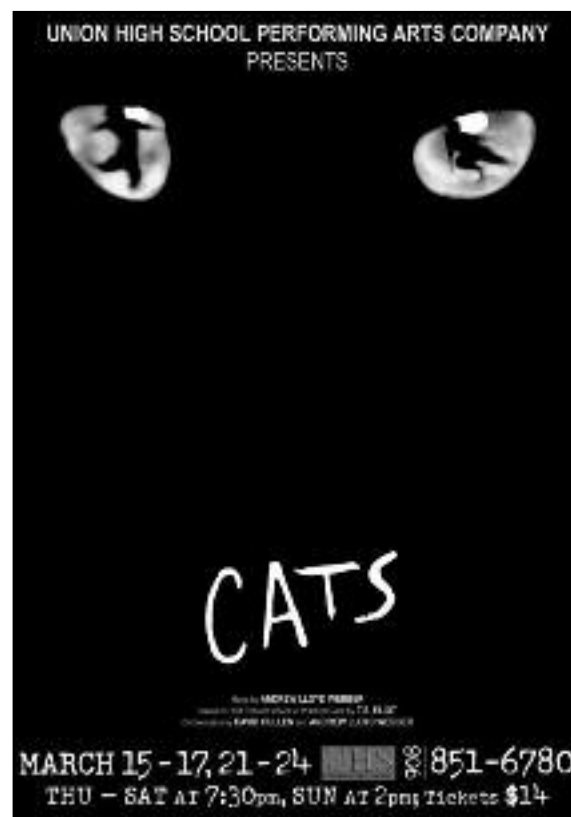
By Viktoria Morozovska

Union High School's PAC produces two shows each year, and this spring they have chosen to do "Cats". Director James Mosser and choreographer Jen Williams commented that they chose this show because they want to provide the students with a variety of work so if they pursue theater as a career, they feel prepared; it was only natural to do a show that focused on dancing and the ensemble as that hadn't been done for four years.

Cast members Tina Santocildes, Kathleen-Mae Ramas, Calvin Orallo and Student Stage Manager Jennifer Michelle Motta provided some insight into the behind the scenes of the production. A significant misconception is that the PAC is just handed things, but they practically self-funded this production through ticket sales from the fall show and other fundraising.

The first thing the audience needs to know is the sheer amount of work that has gone into this; the cast and crew have been working since January usually from 3pm to 9 pm, 5 days of the week and four hours on Saturday. But the group is very much a family and Mosser and Williams try to be straightforward with the performers. Motta mentioned, "It's all worth it in the end, and so you understand when the adults get angry or irritated, because they're working hard for us. When you finally see it on stage, it's just so worth it. Mosser explains that a well-managed schedule keeps them all from getting overwhelmed.

The show will run March 15-17 and March 21-24, and we can see why it's all worth it. For tickets call 908-851-6780.



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BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

By Viktoria Morozovska



Typically animal rescue and cancer awareness campaigns do not collaborate.

But on Sunday March 3rd, Cause 4 Paws, an organization that saves animals at risk of euthanasia, and GRACEful Hope, a group raising awareness of ovarian cancer, combined

(left, l-r) Debbie and Cathy.

their fundraising efforts to great success through their "Breakfast With the Easter Bunny" at Applebee's on Route 22. A mini basket raffle and 50/50 drawing were held while the bunny handed out treats and took pictures with the children.

Cause 4 Paws began in 1999 when President Diane met fellow member Christine while walking their dogs near the Union Animal Shelter. It is still a small group with eight core members and several volunteers, many of whom provide foster care for the animals. The organization fundraises to support veterinary costs, but the foster families tend to cover day-to-day costs. The group takes in strays and pets from municipal shelters, among other sources. Cause 4 Paws participates in adoption events every Saturday, usually at the Madison Pet Shop and on the second Saturday of every month at the Petco in East Hanover. If potential adopters cannot come to these events, foster parents welcome them to visit the animals at home. They see that once people hold these animals, it is hard to let go.

Friends and family of Grace and Erika Rocha, both of whom died of ovarian cancer, founded GRACEful Hope more recently. The group participated in Revlon's Run/Walk for Women prior to this, but began heavily fundraising in 2009. Member Stephanie advised women that the illness is hard to detect, and if something feels wrong, it is better just to go to the doctor.

This was the first joint event for Cause 4 Paws and collectively over \$1,800 was raised.



(above, l-r)
Joann and Anna.
(left) Joann
and her students.



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(above) Nurse-Ms. Michelle Velasquez, Overlook Hospital.



(above) United States Coast Guard: SN Kris Young, MEI Doug Birnbaum, and LTJG Victor Sanchez.



(above) Mechanic-Lou Allen, Lincoln Technical Institute.



(above) Make-up artist Dina Cirelli.



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TOM MAHONEY HONORED

Submitted by: Robert J. Knecht



At a recent meeting of the Union Township Committee, Pearly Harbor survivor Tom Mahoney was awarded the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal. This is one of the most prestigious awards given by the state. Presentation was made by U.S. Navy and Coast Guard officials including Captain Fuzz Harrison, Lt. Commander J.J. Dunne, Captain Gordon Loeb, Senior Chief Reed, Public Affairs Officer Michael Brady and Paul Kane, Militia of New Jersey.

Capt. Harrison spoke of Mahoney's war record which included serving during every day of World War II, from the Pearl Harbor attack in December 1941 through the Japanese surrender in August 1945. After his ship was lost at Pearl, Tom was assigned to the destroyer U.S.S. O'Bannon, and after 15 battles finally escorted the Missouri in Tokyo Bay for the Japanese surrender.

The citation accompanying the medal reads: The New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal is awarded to Electrician Mate 1st Class Thomas F. Mahoney by the Governor of the State Chris

Christie under the authority of 38 Alfa 15 Tack2 for Meritorious Service in Sea Operations in the Asiatic Pacific Theatre of operations during World War II. It is signed by Governor Christie.

Surrounded by his wife Clara, Township and Navy officials, fellow veterans from the American Legion and VFW Posts in Union and friends, Tom gave an emotional thank you to all, saying this was the finest recognition he ever received. Although he has been a spokesman for keeping the memories of Pearl Harbor alive for many years and is no stranger to receiving awards and recognitions, he was clearly moved as he thanked the Governor, Union Township officials and naval personnel. He congratulated the people of Union for their patriotism and support of veterans while calling our servicemen and women the greatest in the world and urged total support for them.

In a final tribute, Mayor People announced that the new veteran's park being built in Union will be named the Thomas F. Mahoney Military Park, and presented Tom with a large picture of what it will look like when it is completed.



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The Garden Club of Union will have its next meeting on Wed, April 3, 7 PM, in the Bonnel Room of Town Hall, Morris Avenue. Visitors are welcome to join us as we discuss our new project, a community garden for Union Township residents to enjoy. We will also be discussing the planting of the Municipal Gardens and our Cookbook fundraiser, which will include member's recipes from their gardens. Refreshments are served at meetings.

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Mr. Glazer, a member of New Jersey's Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee and the Cranford Historical Society, is the author of Discover Your Community's Civil War Heritage. He's identified numerous men from Union who served in the Union and Confederate armies and presented an illustrated program of some of their stories. In addition to answering questions regarding Civil War research, Mr. Glazer had copies of his books available for purchase at the meeting.

Refreshments will be served at Historical Society meetings and admission is free for, but donations are gratefully accepted.

The Society is located at Caldwell Parsonage, 909 Caldwell Avenue Union, NJ 07083. Information about the Historical Society and upcoming events can be found on their website uniontwphistoricalsociety.webs.com

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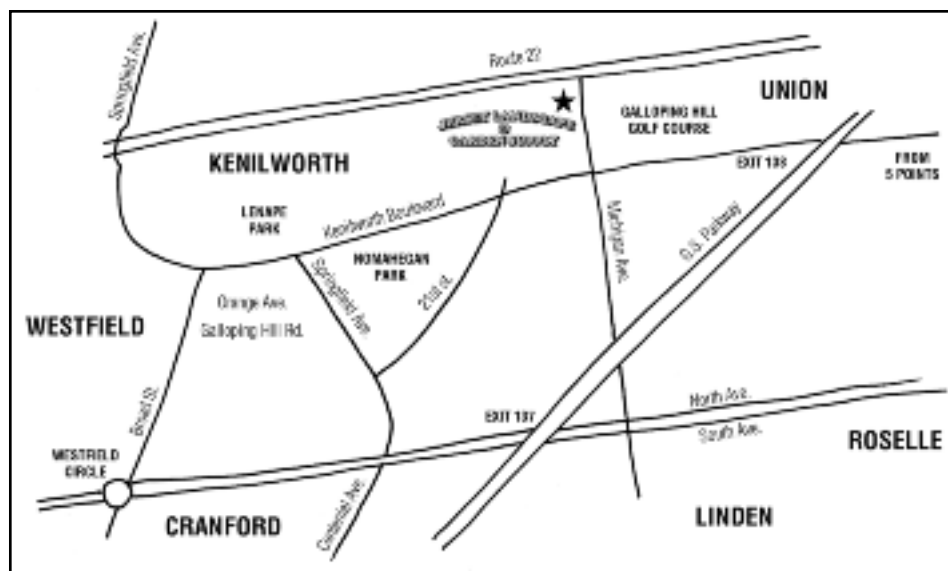
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