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FESTIVAL ON THE GREEN RETURNS WITH MUCH FANFARE

Festival on the Green had a long time tradition in Union Township and has returned this year bringing arts and entertainment to grounds around city hall. The fair featured handmade crafts, art exhibitions, live music, interactive creative workshops, and fun for the entire family. Union restaurants also participated.

The event organized by Family Arts Movement was hosted by the Union Center Special Improvement District and Township of Union Chamber of Commerce.





(above, l-r) Fair organizer Michelle Dibella with son Jacy in front of the Family Arts Movement tent. Jacy also worked as guest DJ.

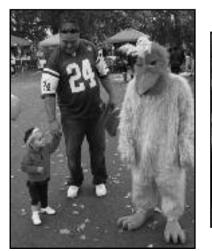


(above, l-r) 12-year-old Dee Jay Kava took control of the music for one hour from DJ Darez.

Photo album can be found on website and facebook page of spiritofunion.com

(above, l-r) Kimber Jennings, Tylor Whitaker, Makayla Brooks and Joelle John admire their work on "Live Art Wall" which was painted by fair attendees.







(above) Face painter transforms Nicholas Dapnte into Spiderman.



Hands-on arts included sculpting with clay.







(above, l-r) Local band West The Defender were one of several bands performing live. Members are Kyle Matthews, Kris Brandyberry, Ryan Klimchock, Pete Mitchell, Nick Netta, Justin Posyton.

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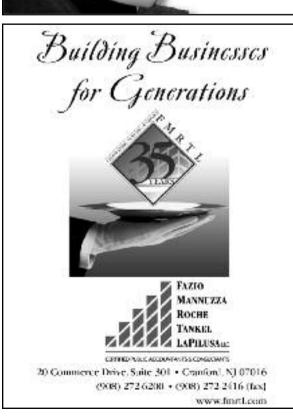
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STUDENTS HOLD FUNERAL FOR DEAD VERBS

Seventh grade students, teachers, and administrators at Kawameeh Middle School gathered together for a unique "funeral" on Friday, October 14th. As part of a language arts lesson on verbs, students were given a list of twenty-four words that they could no longer use in formal writing. These words were dubbed "dead verbs," and in an official ceremony, students literally buried them under a tree behind the school. With KMS band members playing violins, trumpets, and flutes to set the solemn mood, Language Arts/Social Studies Supervisor K-7, Bob Ghiretti, read an enthusiastic eulogy commemorating the loss of the "dead verbs" and encouraging the use of their "strong, vivid relatives." Many students,

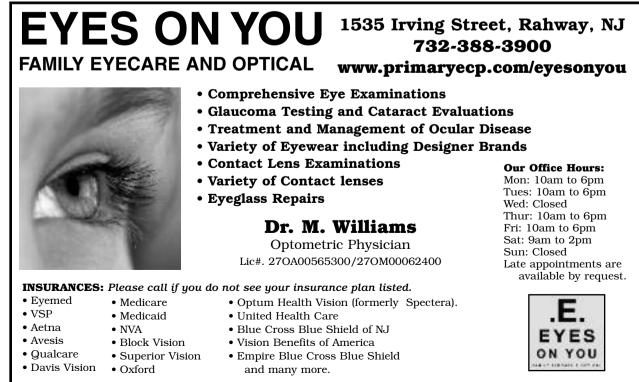
who were also asked to write brief, rhyming eulogies, and recited their work to the crowd. KMS seventh graders, Mr. Ghiretti, and Language Arts teachers including Rich Brown, Jacquie Fernandez, Deana Rittenhouse and Nikki Toccaceli were recognized for the efforts during the October 18th BOE meeting.

In her book, Blowing Away the State Writing Assessment Test: Four Steps to Better Writing, Jane Bell Kiester writes: "The key is that in good literature and well-liked books, "dead" verbs are used fairly sparingly. Instead, strong, vivid, active, "showing" verbs abound in descriptions, action, and dialogue.

The use of strong vivid verbs

= better writing = higher scores..."





UNION MUNICIPAL BAND PLAYS FALL CONCERT

The Union Municipal Band played their Fall selections including classical selections, marchs, Concert at Hannah Caldwell School on October 24, 2011. The concert, directed by John H. Bunnell was dedicated to Donald Livingston, a loyal member and friend of the 54 member band.

The concert consisted of eleven eclectic

and broadway tunes.

The band invites musicians from Union and the surrounding communities to join the group. If interested, call Band Director, Dr. John H. Bunnell at 973-377-8058.

(right, l-r) Trumpeter Joe Azzarello with Director John Bunnell.





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HALLOWEEN WINDOW PAINTING CONTEST WINNERS

Last month the Township of Union's Recreation Department had their Annual Halloween Window Painting Contest with 70 students participating. Their paintings can still be seen on selected store windows around Union Center. Here are the winners:

| • In 5th gradaulat Dlaga Camaran Drita |
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| • In 5th grade:1st Place – Cameron Brito |
| 2nd Place – Gabriella Valente |
| 3rd Place – Abby Hagen |
| • In 6th grade: 1st Place – Kayleen Panlilio |
| 2nd Place – Desi Garcia |
| 3rd Place – Harold Taylor |
| • In 7th grade: 1st Place – Candace Kharitonov |
| 2nd Place – Gianna DiGiorgio |
| 3rd Place – Sean Bartley |
| • In 8th grade: 1st Place – William Sabogal |
| 2nd Place – Krista Florian |
| 3rd Place – Juliana Rodrigues |
| • In High school: |
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"This is a great addition to our portfolio of loan products" says Ellen McHenry, senior director of financial programs. "The steamlined application process makes it easier than ever for busy business owners."

While the program is open to all small businesses, regardless of their location, UCEDC is committed to fulfilling the Community

The UCEDC, a non-profit economic Advantage mission. "We want to reach small businesses that might otherwise fall through the financing cracks - those that are located in low to moderate income areas, for example, or startups with less than two years of operational history," says McHenry. 7(a) loans can fund your small business plans.

- Other program priorities include:
- Businesses located in HUB Zones, **Empowerment Zones and Enterprise** Communities
- Veteran-owned businesses
- Businesses in which more than 50% of the full-time work force is low income or lives in low-moderate income census tracts

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furniture/fixtures, machinery and equipment; land acquisition, construction and renovation; business acquisition; and refinancing for compelling reasons. Interest rates are set at Prime + 4% - 6% based on operational history and for terms that depend on the use of the funds.

In addition to the 7(a) program, UCEDC continues to offer microloans and business growth fund loans. "Applicants shouldn't worry about deciding which program to apply for we'll find the right for their business needs." says McHenry.

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FANS RULE AT ELKS CLUB PRO WRESTING EVENT

National Pro Wrestling Superstars returned to Union Elks Lodge on October 14th in a fundraiser for the Elks Charities.

The next event will be held in Kenilworth at the VFW Hall on December 2 at 7:45pm to benefit the Kenilworth Vietnam Vets. Tickets are only \$19 for adults and \$17 for kids and seniors, and are available by calling the NWS box office at (732) 888-1704. All major charge cards are accepted, and group rates are available for groups of ten or more.

Visit www.facebook.com/NWSWrestling.



BATTERIES PLUS HOSTS CHAMBER RECEPTION

Batteries Plus recently hosted a Wine and Cheese reception under the aegis of the Union Township Chamber of Commerce. The 25 people who attended enjoyed touring the recently-expanded premises and all received a free gift of a light bulb and a bottle of wine, with a private label of Batteries Plus.



(above) Angel Cartegena, 2nd from left, with Batteries Plus staff.





PROGRAM ON STRESS MANAGEMENT AND RELAXATION TECHNIQUES

Emily Adams, a licensed esthetician, trained in skincare and relaxation massage, will discuss and demonstrate the effects of stress on the body and the benefits of stress management at the Union Public Library on Wednesday, November 30th at 7 PM.

Ms. Adams is a Kean University graduate with a BA in psychology. She is currently working on a Master's degree in psychology with a specialization in health and wellness at the University of the Rockies.

The presentation will include relaxation techniques featuring diaphragmatic breathing, simple relaxation, guided meditation, and visualization.

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LIBRARY TO OFFER FREE CAREGIVER WORKSHOP

For many caregivers, taking care of an elderly or chronically ill loved one is a job for which they feel unprepared. It is a task that often requires physical, emotional and spiritual strength along with patience and stamina.

Barnabas Health Hospice and Palliative Care Center will host a free workshop titled, A Time for You: Caring for the Caregiver, on Tuesday, November 29, from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Union Public Library located at 1980 Morris Avenue in Union. Registration is not required.

"Caregivers frequently report feelings of isolation, loneliness and uncertainty," says Mary Murray, RN, Barnabas Health Hospice and Palliative Care Center. "Giving caregivers a place to share concerns and questions is the focus of the workshop. Topics will range from practical concerns, such as how to bathe someone, to emotional issues such as sadness

INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL FALL 2011

To be screened at the Union Pubic Library Beginning November 8th

The Union Public Library hosts its fall International Film Festival with six selections beginning Tuesday, November 8th and continuing through December 9. Films from England, Canada, and Norway are represented.

The films will be screened twice, with show times beginning at 2:00 P.M. and at 6:30 P.M. Admission to the screenings is free.

The following feature films comprise the series: "Beneath Hill 60," "Passchendaelle," "Made in Dagenham," "In a Better World," Tamara Drewe," and "O'Horten." All non-English language films are subtitled in English. and anxiety."

For more information about A Time for You: Caring for the Caregiver, please call Susan Engel, MSW, Barnabas Health Hospice and Palliative Care Center, at 973-322-4810.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the nationally-renowned Saint Barnabas Hospice and Palliative Care Center. Since its inception in 1981, its staff of trained professionals has provided comprehensive physical, emotional and spiritual care to more than 30,000 patients with advanced illness and their families. The program, which serves infants, children, adults and the elderly, honors the unique choices and values of patients and their families while offering full access to the broad array of services provided by the Saint Barnabas Health Care System. For more information, please visit www.sbhcshospice.com

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WEST THE DEFENDER TO DROP FIRST ALBUM

Release Party November 25, 2011 at 10th Street Live in Kenilworth, NJ.

West The Defender is a six piece pop-rock band hailing from Union, New Jersey. Amidst a generation of music where the difference between good music and filler is becoming harder and harder to define, WTD brings a "back

to basics" approach to the table; drawing pop sensibility and timeless song writing from great artists such as The Beatles, Incubus, Weezer, and The Eagles. West The Defender presents a vibrant energy to both live performance and

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studio sessions that today's music industry is in dire need of.

Currently the band is promoting their first full-length record, "Don't Tell My Girlfriend," produced, recorded, and mixed by Tom Stratton of Socratic at Soundwaves Studios in Union, NJ.



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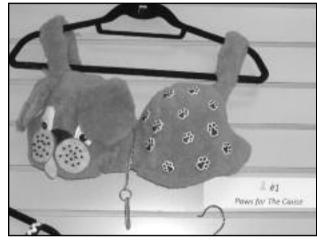
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"SHOW-YOUR-SUPPORT" BRA CONTEST

"Show-Your-Support" Bra Contest and Fundraiser at Adrienne's Flower Garden in Union. Residents were asked to decorate a bra in a theme with all surfaces covered. The decorated bras were put on display at Adrienne's Flower Garden from Sept. 15th through Oct. 27th. Customers, friends, and family were asked to vote for their favorite bra and also donate \$1 to the North Jersey Affiliate of Susan G Komen. Votes were counted in the categories





Winners were announced for the 3rd Annual of: Theme Appropriate, Overall Design, Workmanship, and Originality and creative use of materials. This year there was also a Facebook category where friends could see pictures of each entry and "vote" by "liking" the photo of their favorite. The winners are: Dawn Booker for her "Paws for the Cause" bra entry in the Theme Appropriate category. Victoria Davis for her "Viva La Ta-Tas" bra entry in the Overall Design category. Tanya Kramer for her "Shake 'Em up for the cure" bra entry in the Workmanship category. Isabella Cruz for her "Crafting for a cure" bra entry in the Originality and creative use of materials category. The Facebook vote went to Joan Nadel for her "Hope Shines with early detection" bra entry. Each bra artist won a dozen roses. The Grand Prize went to Women's Healthcare Imaging for their "More Mammograms, More Celebrations" bra entry which was made with cake icing! This contest raised \$596.00 which was donated to the North Jersey Affiliate of Susan G Komen of Summit, NJ. Congratulations to all!





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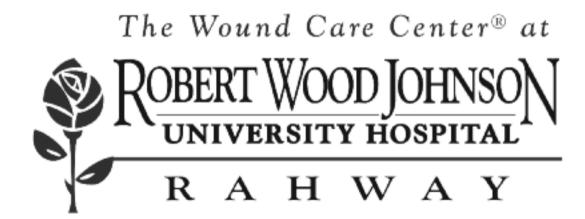
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