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UNION ELKS MOTORCYCLE CLUB LAUNCHES MONTHLY BIKE NIGHTS

On May 9th the Union Elks Lodge #1583 located at 281 Chestnut Street in Union held their first of four planned monthly Monday Bike Nights. The upcoming Bike Nights will be held on June 13, July 11 and August 8 from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. The Lodge is open to the public during these events, with or without motorcycles. This family friendly event features a D.J. Food and beverages are available.

The Union Elks Lodge club is one of 117 affiliated with the New Jersey State Elks Association. The purpose of the Elks, a nationwide organization, is to promote the spirit of Elkdom, which is to support local communities through charitable programs.

One state project is called Elks Camp Moore, this camp is for children with special needs. Youth programs include student scholarships, sports and drug awareness programs.

Troops and Veterans are supported through the Elks Army of Hope committees which assist families who have had immediate family members called to active duty with the military reserve or National Guard.

As motorcycle enthusiasts, the club promotes the enjoyment of owning and riding motorcycles for recreational and other purposes by the members. Members ride for charity and are neutral - they are not affiliated with any other motorcycle or riding club.

The Miracle Run is organized by the State Elks



Club members live by 'Elks care, Elks share' creed.

association and is a premier bike event in New Jersey. The 2011 run will be the 13th annual event and the total funds raised since its inception is on pace to reach a million dollars. The funds are dedicated to Elk programs benefitting children with special needs.

Through events like Monday Night Bike Nights, the Union Elks Motor Club is looking to reach out to the local community and promote the Elks Club overall and its mission. The club's goal is to also raise awareness of the causes they support in hopes that others will be moved to assist in helping children in need, our troops and veterans.

*(right, l-r)
Union Elks
Lodge 1583
Motorcycle
Committee
President
Donnie Reed
and Elks State
President
Rusty
Gerstenmier.*



*(above, l-r) Jennifer
Grote & Kimberly Deeb.*



*(above, l-r) Kitchen volunteers Monica, Exalted
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*like this month's Elk's Bike Night can be
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The website features up to date articles, a calendar of events, archives of Spirit of Union and photo albums of events, along with advertising opportunities.

Businesses and residents are encouraged to submit items for publication through the site.

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TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES & CONTACT INFO

Dates and times can be confirmed by visiting the meetings page at www.uniontownship.com

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE -

The Township Committee meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building except in August. The meetings can also be viewed on TV Channel 34 as well as on-line. The station maintains a page with links to meetings on the Township website.

BOARD OF EDUCATION -

Regular Sessions (with the exception of the August regular meeting) will be held in the Library at Union High School, North Third Street, Union, New Jersey. Formal action will be taken at these meetings and may be taken at any special meetings called by the Board of Education.

June 14th worksession

June 21st Regular meeting

ZONING BOARD -

The Zoning Board of Adjustment meets every Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. the Municipal Building.

PLANNING BOARD

The regular monthly meetings of the Planning Board are held on the fourth Thursday of each month (except where noted) at 7:00 P.M., in the Main Meeting Room of the Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey 07083.

MUNICIPAL DRUG ALLIANCE -

Meets every 4th Wednesday of the month (except June, July, and August) at 6:00 p.m. in the Bonnel Room of the Municipal Building.

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UNION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NETWORKING

The Union Chamber of Commerce has an evening networking event and a breakfast once a month. Visit unionchamber.com for info.



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NEXT NETWORKING BREAKFAST

Tuesday, June 14, 2011 - 8:30 am

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(Left, l-r) Attendees at the Chamber May 4th
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TRINITAS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER EVENTS

STROKE AWARENESS PROGRAM:

Learn how to "ACT FAST" for Stroke, Thurs., May 19, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. Speaker: Debbie Milkosky, RN, Stroke Program Coordinator. Presentation includes light lunch and Q and A Period. Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Physicians Conference Room. Lower Level, 210 Williamson Street, Elizabeth. Limited to 30 participants. Reservations required. (908) 994 – 8939.

ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP:

Round Trip bus to Harrah's Marina. Sat., May 21. Sponsored by the Auxiliary of Trinitas Regional Medical Center. Bus will leave Holy Spirit Church Parking Lot, Morris Ave., Union, 9:00 am sharp. \$25 per person. For reservations, call (908) 687 – 0781 or Auxiliary office, (908) 994 – 8988.

FREE JOB TRAINING

Project Ready will be accepting applications for its free six week job preparedness program on Tuesday, May 17 at 9:30 sharp. Applicants should be prepared to stay until 1:30PM. Basic computer skills will be taught including Microsoft Word, Excel and navigating the internet as well as resume writing and interview techniques. Project Ready is located within St. Joseph Social Service Center at 118 Division St. in Elizabeth. For more information please call (908) 353-1045 or visit www.stjosephelizabeta.org

CAR WASH TO BENEFIT FOOTBALL TEAM

Union High School Football Team 5th Quarter Club's Annual Car Wash will be held on Saturday, May 21, between the Board of Education Building and Union High School Football Snack Stand from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Cost \$5.00.

PARTY LIKE A WRECKSTAR

Come out and "Party like a Wreckstar" as Knights of Columbus Union Council #4504 present "The Wrecks" in concert on Friday June 3rd at the Council Grove. The concert starts at 8 pm. The cost is \$10 and includes 1 drink ticket. The back will be open only to those who buy a ticket for the show. The inside bar will be open to everyone. 50/50 tickets are for sale, only 100 tickets at \$10 each, the winner will receive \$500. For more information, or to purchase 50/50 tickets, call Rob Salvatore 908-499-0743.

FIRE MUSTER AND FAMILY DAY

The Liberty Hall Museum located at 1003 Morris Ave. in Union, is asking the community to help celebrate the arrival of their newly restored 1911 American La-France Metropolitan Steamer on Sunday, May 22 (Rain date: June 18) between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. The day includes an antique fire apparatus show, demonstrations by the Union and Elizabeth Fire Departments, interactive fire safety exhibits, children's games and activities, prizes and giveaways. Admission is free. For more information call 90-527-0400.

RT. 22 IMPROVEMENTS IN UNION TOWNSHIP

On or about May 20, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) will begin mainline construction operations shifting both Route 22 eastbound travel lanes to the left and closing the right shoulder for pavement widening operations. Work requiring single-lane closures will be performed at night in order to minimize traffic impacts to motorists. All travel lanes on Route 22 will be maintained during daytime hours, though occasional overnight ramp closures will be necessary. For more information visit their traffic information website at www.511nj.org.

UNION EDUCATION FOUNDATION SPONSORING RAFFLE

The Township of Union Education Foundation, a non-profit charitable organization whose purpose is to raise funds to sponsor innovative and educational programs in Union's public schools, is sponsoring a raffle.

The cost of tickets is \$5. First Prize is a Large Screen TV donated by Investors Savings Bank. Second Prize is Gift Baskets donated by White Realty. Third Prize is a Gift Basket and Gift Certificate donated by Whole Foods.

Tickets are available at Union Center National Bank, 2455 Morris Avenue, Barry's Auto Center, 39 Milltown Road, or by calling Barbara at 908-687-5743.

The drawing will be held at 8:00 PM on May 18, 2011 at Liberty Hall in Union at the annual Education Foundation reception. The winner need not be present.

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YMCA ANNOUNCES THE GRAND OPENING OF THE FIVE POINTS WELLNESS CENTER BRANCH

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The YMCA of Eastern Union County, Five Points Branch is pleased to announce the expansion of its services in 20,000 square feet of property in the former Union Hospital facility, located at 1000 Galloping Hill Road. The new YMCA of Eastern Union County Five Points Wellness Center Branch serves as a second convenient location in addition to the existing Five Points Branch, located at 201 Tucker Avenue. Membership will provide access to both locations.

The expanded Five Points Wellness Center allows the YMCA to provide comprehensive health, wellness, and other community service programs to area residents, still existing emergency room staff and fellow building tenants. The Five Points Wellness Center includes: 5,000 square foot Health & Wellness Center, featuring 30 of latest cardio machines, 21 strength and 10 circuit training machines, as well as an impressive free weight area.

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Mother Goose Time

for children 1 ½ - 2 ½ and their caregivers, will be held on Tuesday, May 31st at 10:30am.

Preschool Storytime

for children 3 ½ through Kindergarten will be held on Wednesdays, May 11th, 18th and 25th at 10:30am.

An "Old MacDonald Had a Farm"

Storytime and Craft Program will be held on Saturday, May 28th at 11:00am. Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited to attend.

The Saturday Storytime and Craft program

will be held on Saturday, June 11th at 11:00am.

Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited to attend

AT THE VAUXHALL BRANCH

Chess Program

Have you always wanted to learn how to play chess? Do you already know how to play but would like to improve your game? Then join us at our Chess Program on Tuesday May 24th from 3:00 – 4:00pm. Mrs. Render Cutts will teach children ages 8 and up about the game. Space is limited. Signup is required.

Preschool Storytime

Preschool Storytime for children, ages 4 – 5, and their caregivers will be held on Tuesday, May 17th at 11:00am. Space is limited. Signup is required.

"Sciencetelling: Dragons and Dreams"

Program with Andy on Wednesday, May 25th at 3:15pm. Children of all ages and their caregivers are welcome to attend. Space is limited. Signup is required.

No registration required for the following programs.

Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited.

After School Movie

Join us for our After School Movie showing of the film, "Scooby Doo: Curse of the Lake Monster" on Thursday, May 19th at 3:15pm. Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited to attend. No registration required.

A Father's Day Craft – Part I

program for children in grades 3 through 6 will be held on Thursday, June 9th at 2:30pm. Space is limited. Signup is required.

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UNION GARDEN CLUB

The Union Garden Club will meet Wednesday, June 1st at 7 p.m. in the Bonnel Room in Town Hall. The club will kick-off the "Curbside Appeal" contest and have their annual Rose Contest. Meetings of the Garden Club are opened to interested members of the public.

LIVINGTON SCHOOL 4TH GRADERS VISIT THE "GREENFEST" AT KEAN UNIVERSITY



The fourth graders from Livingston School recently visited The "Greenfest" at Kean University. They participated in hands on workshops that related to living in a "Green" world. Some of the workshops consisted of recycling, composting, conserving energy, and protecting wildlife.

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May 9th kicked off the season for the weekly Monday Night Cruise for a Cause which will run until Monday, October 24th (with the exception of 5/30, 7/4 and 9/5). The event is held at the Galloping Hill Inn located at 325 Chestnut St. at Five Points, Union from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Two large prizes will be awarded this year one at the July 11 luau and one at the Halloween finale. Those wishing to register their cars are urged to attend often to better their chance of winning. Every Monday there will be music, games, door prizes and great food. Trophies are given out each week at 8:30 p.m. Admission is free.

The New Jersey Institute for Disabilities will be the recipient of this years proceeds. The NJID is committed to enhancing the lives of persons with disabilities from 12 counties in New Jersey. They serve more than 1,000 infants, children and adults with disabilities in our state.

(above) Cruisers President Robert Barkoff (right) checks in 1928 Buick. For more information please visit ww.gallopinghillcruisers.com.

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(above, l-r) Laurie & Annamarie Magnifico collected money for the 2011 cause the NJ Institute for Disabilities.



(above) Glenn Doman with his sons Ayden age 4 and Chase age 2 in his vintage Fisher Price.



(above) Winner of the Fan Belt Toss Fran Frie from Linden, NJ.



(above) The show also features newer tricked out cars and Motorcycles.

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BLACK HISTORY MOMENTS

The Vauxhall Community Group will present "Black History Moments" on Saturday, May 28 from 12 p.m. – 3 p.m. at the Vauxhall Public Library located at 123 Hilton Ave., Vauxhall. The program will feature a discussion and reflection on Malcolm X and Paul Robeson. Light refreshments will be served.

Malcolm X was an African-American Muslim minister, public speaker and human rights activist. To his admirers, he was a courageous advocate for the rights of African Americans, a man who indicted white America in the harshest terms for its crimes against black Americans. His detractors accused him of preaching racism, black supremacy, anti-Semitism and violence. He has been called one of the greatest and most influential African Americans in history, and in 1998, Time named the Autobiography of Malcolm X one of the ten most influential nonfiction books of the 20th century.

Paul Robeson, an African-American concert singer, recording artist, athlete and actor who became noted for his political radicalism and activism in the civil rights movement. The son of an escaped slave, Robeson was the first major concert star to popularize the performance of Negro spirituals and was the first black actor of the 20th century to portray Shakespeare's Othello in a production with an all white cast.

For further information about the Vauxhall Community Group and their events please contact (908) 578-5920.

CELEBRATE HANNAH CALDWELL "WEEKEND" AT THE PARSONAGE EXTENDED TO 2 DAYS

For the first time, the celebration of Hannah Caldwell Day will extend over two days--the weekend of June 4th (10 am to 5 pm) and 5th (12 noon to 5 pm). The actual date, June 7th, marks the anniversary of Mrs. Caldwell's death in her home at the hands of a British soldier during the Battle of Connecticut Farms in 1780. The festivities, sponsored by the Union Township Historical Society, will take place in and on the grounds of the Caldwell Parsonage, 909 Caldwell Avenue, Union. Admission is free, and all are welcome!

Highlights of the event include the continual presence of two professional Revolutionary Era reenactors on both days--Alan Cross as a colonial tinker and Jeffrey Tew as a British officer. Cross will set up an authentic colonial tinker's shop and offer classes on his trade. Tew, star of HBO's miniseries, John Adams, will provide demonstrations about the British army and discuss its role in the war in our area.

Stan Gurski, a member of the New Jersey Arms Collectors' Society, will be in period dress and will display arms from the American

Revolution the entire weekend. Jack Soroka will portray George Washington on Saturday only.

Members of the township's Society will conduct tours of the museum portion of the Parsonage, including the adjoining barn--which houses a collection of historic farm implements and household tools.

For more information, please call the Society at 908-687-7977.



(above) Tinker Allen Cross uses common objects to explain daily life in early America.



(left, l-r) Revolutionary Era reenactors Allen Cross as a colonial tinker and Jeffrey Tew as a British officer.

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On Sunday, May 15, Richard T. Koles, President of the Union County Historical Society, discussed the legendary contributions of his late co-author and historian, Jean-Rae Turner, at the Caldwell Parsonage, 909 Caldwell Avenue, Union. The program was hosted by the Union Township Historical Society.

Ms. Turner's early career included teaching at Hillside High School. However, from 1945—a time when women reporters were few and far between—until 1989, she was a general assignment reporter for the Elizabeth Daily Journal, New Jersey's oldest newspaper, dating back to 1779. Some of Ms. Turner's assignments included crime scene reporting and photography and New Jersey travel columns. She was the first woman at the paper to work nights. The New Jersey Press Women selected Ms. Turner as the state's most outstanding newspaper reporter in 1988.

The following year, the Journal dismissed her and 98 others for participating in a Newspaper Guild strike. Ms. Turner was later hired by the photo department of

the Star-Ledger. After her retirement in 1996, she focused on writing and lecturing on history. Among Ms. Turner's published works are: *Along the Upper Road: The History of Hillside, New Jersey* and, with Charles Cummings, *Newark: The Golden Age*.

As part of the Union Township Historical Society's expanded program, open houses will be held at the Caldwell Parsonage on Sunday, May 29, and Sunday, June 26, from 2 to 5 pm. Free guided tours will be conducted by Lore Ullrich, dressed in authentic colonial attire.

CECIL CULBREATH TO SPEAK AT CALVARY ASSEMBLY ON MAY 22nd

At both Morning Services on May 22nd, Calvary Assembly, Union, NJ will have as Guest Speaker Cecil Culbreath. He is the newly elected District Secretary and Missions Director for the Arkansas Assemblies of God. Previously, he served as U.S. Missionary to facilitate the distribution of scripture evangelism materials. He has preached around the nation doing missions conventions and Speed the Light and Light for the Lost tours. He is a certified church consultant and a member of the Society for Church Consulting. You will want to hear what the Lord has given him to say. Come, bring a friend. You will be blessed.

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