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VOTE FOR THE RED CADILLAC TACOS & TEQUILA

The Red Cadillac, located at 2258 Morris Avenue in Union, is in the running to win a professional produced TV commercial for their business that will be aired during this year's Super Bowl. The opportunity is offered by a 4-round contest sponsored by Intuit QuickBooks called "Intuit Small Business Big Game". The Red Cadillac is one of about 50,000 businesses that were selected to move into Round (2), out of over a half-million entries.

Round (1) of the contest consisted of the public voting on their favorite entry, and they need to public to continue to vote into Round (2) when the 50,000 businesses will be narrowed down to just 20! You can vote for The Red Cadillac by visiting their FaceBook page. Deadline is Oct. 13th.

The Red Cadillac is a family-owned and operated husband, wife and 3 kids team. The restaurant is an immersive experience with great food and drinks (they are famous for the tequila infusions), great music, great ambiance, and great service – all at a reasonable price. The restaurant was named and designed around Joe's 1968 Red Cadillac, which is parked on the sidewalk outside when the restaurant is opened for business.

The Red Cadillac is now hoping the public will vote and help them make it to Round (3) that process will involve Intuit employees picking the top 20 small businesses (out of 50,000!). Round (4) will be a national campaign, including a TV promotion, for American to pick the #1 Small Business in America.

The Red Cadillac's business advice includes "get involved in your community". The restaurant lists among their proudest moments "We sponsor little leagues and school functions. We make ourselves available and promote charity events. We feed and participate in food banks and soup kitchens. These events and many more like them, are rewarding and something we are proud of. Proudest moment in our young business would be Hurricane Sandy. Our Social Media and location became a "GO TO" center for the community."

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(above) Joe Montes is flanked by favorite regular patron Jets Coach Rex Ryan and Governor Chris Christie.



(above) The Montes family at your service.

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RUN AROUND THE WORLD COMPLETED

Submitted by: Tom Haggerty THS Multi Media, LLC Kenilworth, thsav.com

Tom Denniss began his run on December 31, 2011 in Sydney at the Opera House and headed in a predominantly easterly direction around the world until he arrived back in Sydney. He ran on every continent other than Antarctica, and crossed the Rockies and the Andes. He ran in latitudinal extremes, and crossed deserts.

Tom, who is the founder of Oceanlinx, a renewable energy company, said in a press release "My motivation to take on this challenge is two-fold. I want to raise money for a worthwhile charity, while also experiencing a once in a lifetime adventure," Tom said. "I chose Oxfam to support because, as I am running around the world, I wanted a charity that assisted, not just those in Australia, but people from all parts of the globe".

"Most people, when they travel, only see a very small part of the world around them. I'll be doing it all at a much slower pace, not just seeing the ever-changing countryside, but hearing and smelling it too."

Tom's wife, Carmel, acted as his support crew. She chronicled the journey through photographs, and updating social media. More info can be found at tomsnextstep.com.



(above) Australian Tom Denniss, shown here posing in front of Connecticut Farms Church on Stuyvesant Avenue in Union on his run around the world, recently completed the "Fastest Circumnavigation of the Earth on Foot" cruising into Sydney, Australia after running 16,299.8 miles in 622 days which is the equivalent of 622 marathons in as many days. The prior record was 662 days.







THIRTY SEVENTH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE AND COSTUME CONTEST SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH.

The parade will start at 1:30 PM from

Axton Avenue South on Stuyvesant to Roosevelt Avenue and Connecticut Farms School.

Judging will take place in the Connecticut Farms School Auditorium at 2:00 PM.

The costume contest will be

Toddler to age 3, Pre-School to Kindergarten, Grades 1 & 2, and Grades 3 & 4.

The event is open to Township of Union Residents Only, toddlers to 4th grade. Parents must register their child in person, Monday through Friday at the Union Recreation Department office, 1120 Commerce Ave., Union, located behind Hannah Caldwell School between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. An evening sign up will be held at the Recreation Department on Monday, October 21st from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Deadline date will be Wednesday, October 23rd at 1:00 PM.

Trophies will be awarded to the winners of the following categories: Most Original, Cartoon Characters, Cutest, and Scariest.

Registration forms are available in all schools, or at the Union Recreation Department office.

Further information may be obtained by calling the Recreation Department at 686-4200.

In the event of rain, the Parade will be cancelled. However, the costumes will be judged in Connecticut Farms School at 2:00 PM.

"PROJECT READY" FREE JOB READINESS PROGRAM BEGINS OCTOBER 22ND IN ELIZABETH

Project Ready will be accepting applications on the first day of its six week job preparedness program on Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. Applicants should be prepared to stay until 12 pm. The program will run Tuesday through Friday from 10/22 - 12/5 (no class Thanksgiving week). The six week program is offered at no cost to people seeking to improve their skills as they search for employment. Students receive training in basic business and computer skills. Volunteer business and education professionals teach courses such as resume writing, job search techniques, interviewing, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, and use of the Internet. Class size is limited, so please call to reserve your spot. Project Ready is located within St. Joseph Social Service Center at 118 Division St. in Elizabeth.

For more information please call (908) 353-1045 x213, email projectreadysj@yahoo.com or visit www.stjosephelizabeth.org.





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FESTIVAL ON THE GREEN



(above, l-r) Women's Club of Union, Carol Leick, Diann Greco & Eleonore Culp, sold used books and other items.

Festival on the Green was held on Saturday, September 21st in front of the Municipal Building and in Friberger Park. The crowds were entertained by a live performance by The Nerds and music by De Jay Kava & DJ Milky. Over fifty arts and crafts vendors, merchants and community organizations had tables with information about their services and merchandise for sale. Food vendors and interactive workshops were available including several community mural paintings.

The event which was organized by Family Arts Movement, was part of a community-wide Mayor's Day, which featuring a 5K Run in the morning.



(above) Arianna Mendoza, age 7.



(above) Lore Ullrich knitted while manning the Historical Society table which featured informational handouts and book marks for sale.



(above) Paracord bracelets were for sale. They were made by sisters Jessica and Jacklyn Borensten who are pictured here with parents Lenny & Jodie, and grandparents Donna & Stu Kurtzer



(above) Taylor Bedlivy is pictured with her sweet sixteen birthday present, puppy Bailey.



(above) Stacey Dunteavy, of Anastasi, spun wool into yarn while selling her wares.

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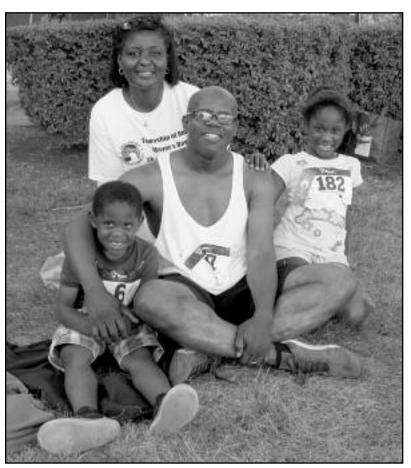
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(above) Jan Kelewae working on one of the several community mural paintings set up.



(above) Desmond and Valerie Johnson, along with their children Denae and David, pictured here relaxing while watching the live performance of The Nerds, enjoyed the entire day's festivities, starting with the morning races where Denae won a Bronze Medal in the 2nd grade race, and David won a medal of participation in the kindergarten race.



(above, l-r) Union Firefighters Chris Jimenez, Andrea Broughton & Joe Frain manned a table featuring giveaways for children, including coloring books, firefighter plastic hats.



(above, l-r) Chef Anissa Hopkins, Rachel Vaynberg & Janet Sangerkar. Anissa Hopkins is a personal chef for Tea Tyme, who specializes in preparing healthy meals, gave a demonstration at the Garden Club table showing how to cook garden vegetables in ginger ale.





LIVINGSTON SCHOOL HOSTS THE NEW JERSEY MOBILE HALL OF FAME

recently became the first school in the state to host the New Jersey Mobile Hall of Fame. The 53-foot mobile trailer museum was parked on the school playground on Thursday, September 19, 2013 for viewing by the school's second, third, and fourth graders.

The New Jersey Hall of Fame, the nation's first mobile Hall of Fame Museum, was publicly unveiled at a ceremony on June 24, 2013 at the Flag Plaza in Liberty State Park in Jersey City.

The New Jersey Hall of Fame was created to honor citizens of our state that have made invaluable contributions to society and the world beyond. It is designed to instill pride in our state while inspiring students to reach for their dreams. Through images, artifacts, video clips, and interactive activities, the students explored the ways that Hall of Fame inductees have changed the state and the world as innovators and leaders.

Since 2008, some 70 notable individuals from

Livingston Elementary School in Union 15 fields of human endeavor have been inducted into the New Jersey Hall of Fame. Inductees include: Bruce Springsteen, Jon Bon Jovi, Jack Nicholson, Walt Whitman, Martha Stewart, Susan Sarandon, Frankie Valli, Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Buzz Aldrin, General Norman Schwarzkopf, Carl Lewis, Judy Blume, Vince Lombardi, Yogi Berra, Thomas Edison, Supreme Court Justice William Brennan, Jerry Lewis, Bud Abbott and Lou Costello, Queen Latifah, etc.

> Mr. Steve Edwards, the President of the New Jersey Hall of Fame Foundation Board of Trustees and former member of the Union Township Board of Education, was responsible for selecting Livingston as the first school to host the NJHOF. Mr. Edwards, who attended Livingston School as a boy, indicated that he has always had fond memories of the school and wanted to give back to the Union community. In addition to selecting Livingston to be the first school to host the New Jersey Mobile Hall of

Fame, Mr. Edwards and his firm were responsible for subsidizing the cost of bringing the mobile trailer museum to the school. The New Jersey Mobile Hall of Fame is scheduled to visit Jefferson School in Union on October 10th.

"This was a highly educational and inspirational learning experience for our students," said Thomas Tsirikos, the school principal. "In addition to exposing the students to the accomplishments of the various inductees, the experience helped the students understand that they should shoot for excellence in whatever area(s) they choose."

The students and staff were delighted to be the first school selected to host this exciting "field trip on wheels." Tsirikos explained that follow-up classroom activities included discussions, independent research on individual inductees, and letter writing activities to one or more of the members of the Hall of Fame, congratulating them on their inclusion in the New Jersey Hall of Fame. "This was a wonderful experience for our entire school community and we are especially grateful to Mr. making this special event Edwards for possible."



(above) Naomi Salters, Jayden Reyes, Xavier Estrada, Joao Carlos Oliveira, Tyler Simpson, Angelica Monderin,, Alexa Amayo, Adriana Romano, Lilac Bancairen, along with teacher Mrs. Shirley Nichols.

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50 YRS OF DANCE MUSIC CELEBRATED AT ELKS

Submitted by: Charlie Oliva

The Union Elks played host to a most festive and fun "Dancing Through the Decades" Party (with slow and fast dance music favorites from the 1950s through the '90s) on September 27 at the Elks Lodge. The party was organized by the Elks Entertainment Committee and proceeds benefitted the various Elks charities.

The Lodge banquet room was decorated with artifacts from the past 50 years, including vinyl record albums, lava lamps, and facsimiles of 45-rpm records, boom-boxes and eight-track tape players. The room entrance was adorned with beads like those found in many young people's "pads" in the late '60s.

Guests boogied, waltzed, fox-trotted, lindy-hopped, hand-jived, twisted, strolled, hustled and electric slided the night away to music played by DJ Charlie "O". Specially-created trophies were awarded to those who wore the most festive and impressive attire from their favorite decade. There were also some door prize raffles.

The Elks Entertainment Committee is planning a number of social events for the near future, including a Halloween Family Party on November 2. For more information on upcoming events, call Carol Gedman at 908-347-8687 or email: barattucci@verizon.net.

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GHOSTS, GOBLINS AND GREAT FUN AT ELKS HALLOWEEN PARTY!

Submitted by: Charlie Oliva

The Union Elks Entertainment Committee is presenting a Halloween Family Party on Saturday, November 2, from 6 to 10PM at the Elks Lodge on 281 Chestnut Street.

Dress to impress in your favorite costume – there will be fun for all ages: food, music, games, prizes and a walk through the Elks Haunted House (if you can handle it!).

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. All net proceeds will benefit the various Elks charities. Tickets are available at the lodge, or by calling Carol Gedman at (908) 347-8687 or by e-mail: barattucci@verizon.net.

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THE GARDEN CLUB OF UNION WILL MEET WED, NOV 6, 7 PM IN THE BONNEL ROOM OF TOWN HALL.

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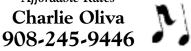
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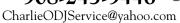
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AP COORDINATOR LINDA DEGEORGE AND CLASS OF 2014

earned AP Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP Exams.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program (AP) provides motivated and academically prepared students with the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school and earn college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP exams.

At Union High School twelve students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken and scores of at least

(right, seated l-r) Adrianna Gomez, Alysa Catalano, Kajal Patel, Adedola Adefowoju; (row 2) Brianna Ricardo, Linda DeGeorge, Jennifer Benedict, Hamza Ashraf, Justin Bejar, Nicole Supino, Gabriella Mendoza; (row 3) Lawrence Cajuste, Jennifer Edobi; (Row 4) Isiah Sabalvaro, Trevor Johnson; (row 5) Rebecca Munoz, Blessing Ajayi; (row 6) Anuoluwapo Adedeji, Joyce Tumfour. Missing: Nazifa Hamidullah

THE WOMAN'S CLUB **OF UNION**

The Woman's Club of Union recently sponsored Gabrielle Zurka a senior at Union High School to take part in a four-day Girl's Career Institute program held on Douglass-Residential College campus at Rutgers University.

Students attending the program were endorsed by their individual schools on the basis of service, ability and participation in school activities

The Woman's Club of Union along with other woman's clubs throughout the state of New Jersey sponsor students each year to attend this event.

This year 166 girls were given the opportunity to experience college life and attend workshops and lectures which detailed career opportunities for women.

Gabrielle spoke at the Woman's Club of Union's opening meeting on September 3rd and said that she was very grateful to the Woman's Club for giving her the opportunity to attend the program.



(above, l-r) Diann Greco Co-President, Gabrielle Zurka, Maryann Higgins Education Committee.

Fifty students at Union High School have 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. The students are: Anthony Ali, Celina Baquiran, Zimei Bian, Hakeem Bisiolu, Michelle Chang, Andrew Correia, Amanda Cuesta, Kimberly Gomes, Joseph Lebers, Emily Ng, Tatiana Oliveira, and Christopher Roberts.

> Ten students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken and scores of at least 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. The students are: Anuoluwapo Adedeji, Jennifer Benedict, Michael Bevan, Danasia Greaves, Trevor Johnson, Kenneth Kabigting, Priya Patel, Mohammad Syed, Joyce Tumfour, and Anjelika

Vayas.

Twenty-eight students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by receiving scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams. These students are: Adedola Adefowoju, Blessing Ajayi, Hamza Ashraf, Justin Bejar, Lawrence Cajuste, Alysa Catalano, Janica Dabu, Jeny Eapen, Jennifer Edobi, Adrianna Gomez, Nazifa Hamidullah, Brittany Martins, Gabrielle Mendoza, Brian Mourato, Rebecca Munoz, Abisola Oyeniran, Ajay Pasricha, Harshil Patel, Kajal Patel, Pooja Patel, Mark Pierre, Kathleen-Mae Ramas, David Reves, Brianna Ricardo, Isiah Sabalyaro, Nicole Supino, Kimberly Tan, and Jennifer Tran.



OCT EVENTS AT THE CALDWELL PARSONAGE

On Saturday, October 20 (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and Sunday, October 21 (noon to 5 p.m.), the Caldwell Parsonage, 909 Caldwell Avenue, Union, will serve as one of the historic sites participating in Union County's annual Four Centuries in a Weekend. The museum is maintained by the Union Township Historical Society, a non-profit organization, and is a part of the Crossroads of the Revolution National Heritage Area. Docents will offer on-going tours of the 18th century house and barn, including new exhibits in both buildings; souvenirs and refreshments will be available. Admission is free. Donations are tax deductible. For more information, please call Barbara La Mort at 908-687-0048.

On Saturday, October 20 from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. and, again, from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., NJ Paranormal will present the results of its investigation that was conducted in the Parsonage and barn on July 13, 2012. To purchase tickets at \$10 each, please call 908-591-9161. Leave a message—including your phone number—and your call will be returned promptly.

Each session the NJ Paranormal staff will:

- explain how a paranormal investigation is conducted,
- demonstrate some of the equipment used during an investigation,
- show video evidence from the Parsonage and barn investigation and their other investigations,
- lead a tour through the buildings, during which visitors will be allowed to take pictures with their own digital cameras or cell phones to potentially capture any orbs,
- conduct mock evp (electronic voice phenomena) sessions, during which visitors may use their own recording devices or record the sessions on their phones.

To learn more about NJ Paranormal, please visit the website newjerseyparanormal.com or search them on Facebook (New Jersey Paranormal).

For additional information about the Parsonage, the history of Union, or the UTHS, go to www.unionhistory.org and www.uniontwphistoricalsociety.webs.com

UNION HIGH SCHOOL FIELD HOCKEY TEAM HELPS BATTLE HILL SCHOOL'S OPEN HOUSE

attended this year thanks, in part, to the assistance provided by the Union High School Field Hockey Team. Miss Alison Brehm, a fourth grade teacher at Battle Hill and a Field Hockey coach, organized their participation. The team's attendance not only benefited the parents' of Battle Hill students but helped the Field Hockey team members fulfill their Community Service requirement.

Many parents have been unable to attend the Open House because of the challenges they face

Battle Hill's Back to School night was well with their children. While parents attended the information sessions conducted by the Battle Hill teaching staff, the Field Hockey team occupied the students and their siblings with various activities.

> Adriane Damiano, Head Field Hockey Coach, along with the Academic Achievement Program Teachers, Child Study Team Members and Speech Department staff assisted. The Battle Hill PTA generously donated pizza, munchkins, and drinks to the Field Hockey team as a small token of appreciation for their help.

ENGINEERING SUCCESS AT UNION HIGH SCHOOL

Union High School is now offering a new set of engineering courses to its students. Following the S.T.E.M. (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) initiative, students of any grade level can enroll in courses that will prepare them for a career in engineering. Using industry-standard methods and technologies, students are taught to think, act, and solve problems just like an engineer. This set of courses extends all four years of high school, but students may enter in any grade.



(above, back row, l-r) Coach Alison Brehm, Head Coach Adriane Damiano, Salena King; (Middle Row) Brenda Guerrier, Wendy Berry, Samantha Desronvil, Njaia Dorvil, Ionna Sellers, Alyssa Catalano, Lorissa Stone, Melanie Krupa, Leslie Ramierez, Nicole Jorge, Damilola Jinadu, Becca Lynn McRobbie, Christina Carter, Ashley Rodriguez, Kaitlyn McTernan, Kayla Ryals, Melanie Velez, Jojo Morinvil; (Bottom Row) Helen Jean Jullen, Kelsey Krupa, Elise Columbie, Tierrah Boykins, Jahari Langely, Janine Miles, Alicia Rodriquez, Princess Lao,

We also clean leather!



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