

“UNION’S GOT TALENT” Auditions will be held on SATURDAY NOV. 23RD 10am-3pm The Theatre at UNION HIGH SCHOOL 2350 N. Third St., Union
 Interested participants can head over to www.uhspac.com for more information. (see page 2)

VOTE FOR THE RED CADILLAC TACOS & TEQUILA

The Union Township Chamber of Commerce held a business card exchange breakfast networking event on October 23, 2013. The event was hosted by Northfield Bank which is located at 1305 Morris Avenue.

At this breakfast gathering, a check, representing a portion of the proceeds from the Mayor's Day 5K, was presented to Operation Provide Comfort. This charity supports the community of Union Beach, NJ, which was devastated by Super Storm Sandy. The two major sponsors this year for the 5K were the YMCA of Eastern Union County and Club Metro USA. Other sponsors included Gold Sponsors: Northfield Bank, Bayada Home Health Care and Overlook Medical Center; Silver Sponsors: Deep Foods, Inc., Investors Bank, PSE&G, Sunburst Gymnastics, Unity Bank, Spencer Savings Bank, Dr. Jeannette Grauer, DDS and Union Municipal Drug Alliance; Bronze Sponsors: Paige Electric Hehl and Hehl, Qdoba Mexican Grill, Walgreens, Twin Boro Physical Therapy, Community First Bank and JAG Physical Therapy; Friends of the Chamber: Patel Printing Plus and Union Imaging Center and Supporting Sponsors: Cozy Corner Deli and Caterers , Road I.D and Sneaker Factory.



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(above) Angie Tsirkas, Gil Chapman and Robin Lefkowitz of Northfield Bank.

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Chapman, class of 1970, was an All-American running back, holding the state leading scorer record playing for Thomas Jefferson High School in Elizabeth. Parade Magazine picked him "Number 1 Player in America" in his snior year. He played for the University of Michigan and in 1975 went on to play professionally for the New Orleans Saints.

Gil Chapman sits on the Board of Directors of Northfield Bank which hosted nion Township Chamber of Commerce October networking event.

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“UNION’S GOT TALENT”

“Union’s Got Talent” presented by Union Center National Bank. A Township of Union Fundraising Event! Don’t miss your opportunity to SHOW US YOUR TALENT, win cash prizes and support three of Union’s Non-Profit Programs!!

In the first event of its kind in Union, “Union’s Got Talent” a Union Township-wide talent show, similar to those popular hit television programs, will showcase the talent of Union residents of ALL AGES! A Fundraising Event, produced by the Union High School Performing Arts Company, the Township of Union Education Foundation Inc., and the Douglas Michael Krueger Scholarship Fund Inc.; all proceeds will benefit these three non-profit programs that help directly support students of the town.

Cash prizes will also be awarded to the top three acts in the amounts of: 1st: \$1,000; 2nd \$500; 3rd: \$250.

Auditions will be held on Saturday, November 23rd, 2013 from 10am-3pm in the Theatre at Union High School (2350 North Third Street, Union). Interested participants can

head over to www.uhspac.com for more information, contest rules and a registration application. Acts may range from solo acts to groups providing at least one member of each group lives, works or went to school in Union Township. The following categories will be permitted for performance: singing, dancing, instrumentals, comedy, drama and novelty acts. All acts must be appropriate for a family audience. Contestants of all ages are eligible to audition, with parent/guardian present for any performers under the age of 18.

It’s Showtime! On Saturday, December 14th at 7pm in the Theatre at Union High School, show your support and check out those acts chosen as they compete for the cash prizes! Hosted by Union’s own Doc Burkhardt and featuring Celebrity Guest Judges, the stars will be shining bright in Union! A special appearance will also be made by the Papermill Playhouse Show Choir! You don’t want to miss this wonderful opportunity to check out some of Union’s greatest talents!

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recipes, and anecdotes shared by residents past and present.

The book has mass appeal to anyone interested in American history and how the rich Italian culture was weaved into it by those who arrived since the turn of the 20th century and their descendants. Every aspect of life is represented in its chapters, especially the dynamics of the family, social clubs and of the church. The book shows the contributions that were made to society in the arts and entertainment fields, sports, science, humanities and of course "the food." Over 200 recipes accompanied by background stories fill a hundred-page chapter.

People of all ethnicities can relate to universal themes addressed in the book highlighting the struggles and triumphs of families in search of the American dream, which was achieved through hard work, a strong family value system and dedication to the church.

This book is not only about the greatest generation but also of those who gave rise to them and the generations that followed. It is a nostalgic look at The Great Depression, WWII and Baby Boomers. It also serves as a guide to future generations who, sadly, will not experience the sense of community that was prevalent in these old-time neighborhoods. The Peterstown Book intends to preserve the great Italian-American culture of the past century.



(above) The Peterstown Book publishers Joe & Tina Renna.

UNION HS STUDENTS IN 2ND YEAR OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

The third community service event of this school year was to make football tags for the Pink Out game. The tags seem to be working. About 500 students attended the home opener with the tags and about 250 attended the Pink Out game. Our school district continues to be pleased with the success of this program and the reception from students and faculty alike!



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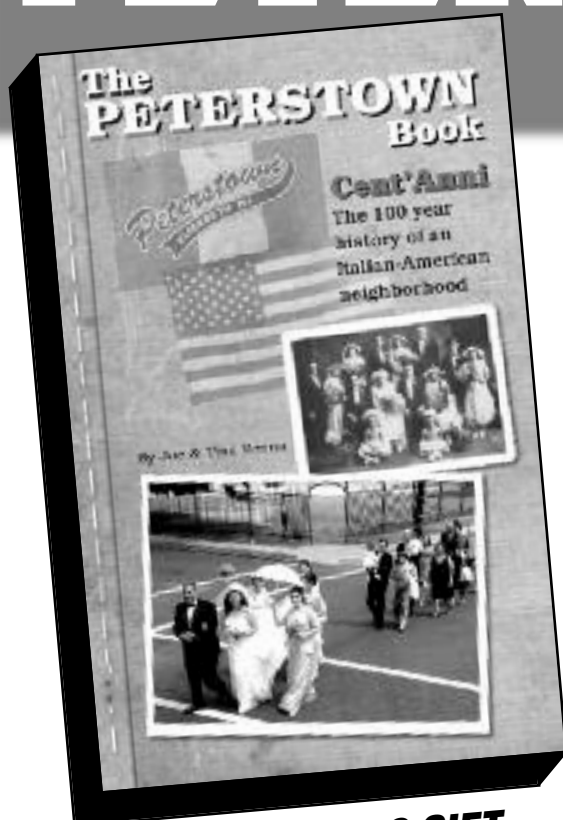
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HALLOWEEN PARADE AND COSTUME CONTEST

The 37th Annual Halloween Parade and Costume Contest was held on Sunday, October 27, 2013 at Connecticut Farms School. Over 155 children from toddlers to grade 4 participated. Costumes were judged according to the Cutest, Most Original, Cartoon/ Character and Scariest categories. All participants received trophies.



CUTEST

Toddler-Age 3

- 1st Place: Addison Christy
- 2nd Place: Sophie Reilly
- 3rd Place: Cassidy Sinnott

Pre-School - Kind.

- 1st Place: Kayla Ciaccio
- 2nd Place: Liana Forne
- 3rd Place: Jasmine Escobedo

1st & 2nd Grade

- 1st Place: Sarah Tahir
- 2nd Place: Cristina Terrezza
- 3rd Place: Mikayla Pires

3rd & 4th Grade

- 1st Place: Gianna Vaynberg
- 2nd Place: Melissa Alejos
- 3rd Place: Shanon Kennedy

MOST ORIGINAL

Toddler-Age 3

- 1st Place: Nathaniel Miolan
- 2nd Place: Grace Rivera

Pre-School-Kind.

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1st & 2nd Grade

- 1st Place: Jerome Fernandez
- 2nd Place: Tyla Smith
- 3rd Place: Jason Morales

3rd & 4th Grade

- 1st Place: Gabriella Scott
- 2nd Place: Jada Davis
- 3rd Place: Kayla Pierce

CHARACTER

Toddler -Age 3

- 1st Place: Ava Tolomanosi
- 2nd Place: Angelina Marichal
- 3rd Place: Raphael Dumaua

Pre-School-Kind

- 1st Place: Savannah CohenCelloway/Marielle Lazogue
- 2nd Place: Kyle Van Beek/Cristian Rodas, Jr.
- 3rd Place: Alkarj Agnis/Shawn Labady

1st & 2nd Grade

- 1st Place: Alexa Torres/Juliano Guimaraes
- 2nd Place: Alayana Agnis/Joey Bieber
- 3rd Place: Alexander Boukhadcha/Milena Moncada

3rd & 4th Grade

- 1st Place: Milan Clear/Caterina Guimaraes
- 2nd Place: Bianca Carvalho/Valerie Gonzales
- 3rd Place: Joey Riccio/Ailani Valencia

SCARIEST

Toddler-Age 3

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Pre-School-Kind

- 1st Place: Gabriella Collazo

1st & 2nd Grade

- 1st Place: Eric Favaro
- 2nd Place: Caliope Sutterlin
- 3rd Place: Makiya Thornton

3rd & 4th Grade

- 1st Place: Natalie Humiston
- 2nd Place: Amelia Barrera
- 3rd Place: Gracey Tolomanosi

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 3rd place: Samantha Perez;
 Honorable Mention: Nick Borg, Brian Silva,
 Andrew Neves, Christopher Diogo Nogueira
 6th grade, 1st place: Angela Nadine Gurango;
 2nd place: Paige Scheidemann;
 3rd place: Marina LaRosa;
 Honorable Mention: Meghan Geleius,
 Liam Grahl, Kobe McGainey, Lares Monge,
 Julia Moreira, Juleysa Pinto, Gabriela
 Quintero, Sophia Santos, Kiara Watkins
 7th grade, 1st place: Gabriella Valente;
 2nd place: Austin Brito;
 3rd place: Ashleigh Simpson;
 Honorable Mention: Cameron Brito,
 Trinity Brito, Jennifer Chuck Hughes
 8th grade 1st place: Desi Garcia,
 Kayleen Panlilio;
 2nd place: Harold Taylor;
 3rd place: Alyssa DePaola;
 Honorable Mention: Daniel Esteva,
 Matthew Grahl, Anthony Orna, Asia Suggs,
 Jasmine Thornten
 High School 1st place: Alyssa Rivera,
 William Sabogal;
 2nd place: Rebecca Esteva;
 3rd Place: Amanda Rivera;
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(above) Desi Garcia's painting in the storefront of Gaiser's Pork Store at 2091 Morris Avenue.



(above) Sam Moorman winner of scarecrow contest.
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VAUXHALL LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Space is limited. Sign Up Required for most programs.

Bedtime Storytime

Monday, December 2nd at 7:00pm.

for children of all ages and their caregivers

A "Turkey Centerpiece" Storytime and Craft Program

Tuesday, November 19th at 11:00am.

for children, ages 3-5, and their caregivers

Family Movie Matinee showing of the film,

"Sofia the First: Once upon a Princess"

Tuesday, November 26th at 11:00am.

Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited.

A "Winter Stocking" Storytime and Craft Program

Tuesday, December 3rd at 11:00am.

for children, ages 3-5, and their caregivers

Let's play chess at the Vauxhall Branch Library.

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Children, ages 8 through 16, are invited to attend.

After School Game Day

Thursday, December 5th at 3:30pm.

for children in grades 1 through 6 and their caregivers

Game Day

for children ages 3 – 5 and their caregivers

Tuesday, December 10th at 11:00am.

"Create Your Own Ornament" School-Age Craft Program

Thursday, December 12th at 3:30pm.

for children, grades 1 and up, and their caregivers.

Disney Movie Matinee showing

Tuesday, December 17th at 10:45am.

The film to be shown is, "Mickey's Magical Christmas".

Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited.

No registration required.

Our After School Movie, "Arthur's Christmas"

Thursday, December 19th at 3:00pm.

Children of all ages are welcome to attend.

No signup required.

Our Vacation Movie Presentation of, "EPIC",

Thursday, December 26th at 2:00pm.

Children of all ages are welcome to attend.

No signup required.

Annual Community Kwanzaa Ceremony and Celebration

Saturday, December 28th at 12:00 noon.

Please register by calling, 908.851.5451.

Our Vacation Movie Presentation of, "Smurfs 2",

Thursday, December 30th at 2:00pm.

Children of all ages are welcome to attend.

MAIN LIBRARY PROGRAMS

No registration required.

Bedtime Storytime

November 18th, 25th,

December 2nd and 9th at 7:00pm.

Come in your pajamas for songs, stories and games at our Bedtime Storytime to be held on Mondays, Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited.

Mother Goose Time

Tuesdays, November 19th, 26th

and December 3rd, 10th and 17th at 10:30am.

for children 1 ½ - 2 ½ and their caregivers

Toddler Time

Wednesdays, November 20th and 27th,

December 4th, 11th and 18th at 10:30am.

for children 2 ½ - 3 ½ and their caregivers

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, November 21st

and December 5th and 12th at 10:30am.

for children 3 ½ through Kindergarten

Color and Shape Bingo

Fridays, November 8th and 29th at 11:00am.

for preschoolers and their caregivers

Book Bingo

Fridays, November 8th and 29th at 2:00pm.

for children who can read well

Saturday Storytime and Craft Program

Saturdays, November 23rd

and December 7th and 21st at 11:00am.

Children of all ages and their caregivers are welcome.

Homeschooling Group

Mondays, November 18th

and December 16th at 10:30am.

This is a place to meet and share information and ideas with other homeschoolers and also become familiar with the Library and the resources we have to offer. Families are encouraged to bring their own board games to the meetings. Please call or email Mary Pritting at mpritting@uplnj.org or 908.851.5450 x3 for more info.

The Union Public Library Lego Club

Thursdays, November 21st

and December 19th at 3:30pm.

for children, ages 5 through 12. The library will provide the Legos, while the kids provide the imagination! Caregivers are asked to stay in the library and are welcome to assist.

The children's film, "Monsters University"

Thursday, December 26th at 11:00am.

Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited.

Color and Shape Bingo

Friday, December 27th at 11:00am.

for preschoolers and their caregivers

Book Bingo

Friday, December 27th at 2:00pm.

for children who can read well

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Fifty students at Union High School have 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 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: Anuluwapo 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 Reyes, Brianna Ricardo, Isiah Sabalvaro, Nicole Supino, Kimberly Tan, and Jennifer Tran.



(above) AP Coordinator Linda DeGeorge and members of the Class of 2014.

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