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HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND WINS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Led by Drum Major Patrick Phillips, the Union High School Marching Band won the USBands Group 3A New Jersey State Championship held at High Point Solutions Stadium at Rutgers University in New Brunswick on Saturday, October 18. They also won the caption award for Best Overall Effect.

"We're very proud of the hard work, dedication, and team work of our students. They should be very proud of themselves as well," said band director Laura Muller of the band's victory over competing bands from across the state. "Many of our band members graduated last year and the newer members were extremely diligent in learning the drill. Our experienced members mentored the younger students and finishing first in the state is a tremendous accomplishment for all of them."

The students began working on their colorful and exciting show entitled "Soaring" during the summer. The 65 member unit attended band camp in Pennsylvania in August and multiple rehearsals each week throughout the season to learn the intricate moves of the show. Band Director Laura Muller credited the dedicated team of instructors including Assistant Directors Carlos Esquivel and Michael Hamilton, who are integral in creating and implementing the design of the show, Color Guard Designer PJ Tankard, Percussion Caption Head Steve Myers and additional band staff members with helping the students polish their skills. Assistant Director Esquivel thanked the supportive parents of the UHSPAC for their fund raising efforts and thanked the teaching staff members who donated time to complete the props that are needed for a visually successful show.

The band is looking forward to competing in the 2014 USBands National Championship competition on Nov. 8 in Allentown, Pennsylvania. In addition to competitions the band performs at school football games and municipal and county parades.

The staff thanks the Supervisor of Music, Ron Rago, the administration, the Board of Education, the community and parents for their support of the arts through the years. For more information on Union High School please visit http://uhs.twpunionschools.org



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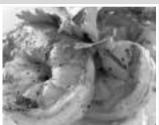
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(above) Desi Garcia, a 9th grader at St. Mary's High School, paints a scene from the animated movie The Book of Life.



(above) Signed CB 8th Grade, Kawameeh Middle School.

HALLOWEEN WINDOW PAINTING CONTEST

The Union Recreation Department will sponsor a Halloween Window Painting Contest on Thursday, October 9, 2014. This Contest is



(above) Joanna N., 12th Grade, UCVTS

3rd Place Rita Maria Confort

may be obtained through the homeroom teacher of the school the child attends. Forms are also available at the Union Recreation Department office, 1120 Commerce Avenue and on our website www.uniontownship.com. These forms must be returned to the Recreation Department, NOT TO THE SCHOOLS.

Windows are limited and will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. Youngsters who participate may come to The Recreation Department on Thursday, October 9th between the hours of 4:30 PM TO 8:00 PM. At this time window assignments will be issued, rules discussed and paint issued. Contestants must supply their own brushes, cans, rags, paper and a container of water.

Alyssa Rivera

1st Place	5th Grade Gianna Alyse Vaynberg	6th Grade Nelson Andino	7th Grade Marina LaRosa	8th Grade Ashleigh Simpson Gabriella Valente	9th -12th Grade Harold Taylor
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On October 14, 2014, Dr. John Bunnell was presented with the Mayors Award at the Township Committee Meeting. This award is in recognition of Dr. Bunnell's 25 years of dedicated service as the Union Municipal Band Director.

Dr. John Bunnell started his career as the Band Director on October 2, 1989. After serving at a young age with the United States Merchant Marine and US Army Dr. Bunnell went back to school. He attended New York University and earned his Bachelors Degree, Rutgers University for his Masters Degree and the University of Indiana to obtain his Doctorate.

Dr. Bunnell has been married to his lovely wife Virginia for 63 years. They are the proud parents of three children, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Dr. John Bunnell has provided the residents of Union with many years of musical enjoyment



(above) Dr. John Bunnell

while presiding over more than 300 concerts as Director. The Township of Union gratefully acknowledges and thanks Dr. Bunnell for his 25 years of dedicated service.

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Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County received an award from Northfield Bank Foundation of \$10,000 to support their expanded Career Launch initiative. Diane Senerchia, Executive Director of Northfield Bank Foundation, visited the Union Club to meet with teens and present

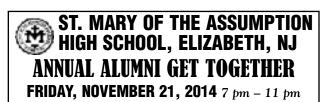
the award. Support from Northfield Bank Foundation will allow Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County to offer teens additional services and support as they prepare for their future in the workforce.

"We are thrilled to have Northfield Bank

Foundation as a partner and supporter of this important initiative," stated Russell Triolo, Chief Executive Officer. "Our expanded Career Launch program will provide our teens with resources and access to tools that will give them an advantage as they enter college and ultimately, the workforce."

Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County offers Career Launch as part of teen programs. Our goal is to provide teens with a resource center where they can 'drop in' to prepare resumes, college entrance applications, essays, search for work as well as information on colleges and universities and work with career mentors. Northfield Bank Foundation supports non-profit organizations operating in communities where Northfield Bank does business. The Foundation focuses its efforts on projects to support education, health and human services, youth programs, and civic minded projects.





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The Union Township Historical Society, which maintains the Caldwell Parsonage Museum at 909 Caldwell Avenue, coordinated the reenactment with the Brigade of the American Revolution. David Arminio, President of the UTHS, would like to extend his organization's gratitude to Pastor Roberta Farms Church, the Elizabethtown 350 Committee, the Township Committee, the Union Police and Fire Departments, the Department of Public Works, the Union Township Chamber of Commerce, and the Board of Education for their contributions in making for a memorable day.

As Mark Hurwitz, the Brigade Commander, commented in his narration of the Battle, "The citizens of Union should remember that 'HISTORY HAPPENED HERE!' You don't have to travel to Yorktown, Gettysburg, or even Ground Zero, for the blood of our patriot forefathers and mothers have made the ground you walk on sacred."









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(above, bottom, l-r) Dylan, Ellie, Lailah; (top, l-r) Taylor, Eric, Kailyn, Jason, Ryan

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CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT THE MAIN LIBRARY

No registration required.

Come in your pajamas

for songs, stories and games at our Bedtime Storytime to be held on Mondays November 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th at 7:00pm. Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited to attend. No registration required Preschool Storytime for children 3 ½ through Kindergarten will be held on Thursdays, November 6th, 13th, and 20th at 10:30am.

Color and Shape Bingo

for preschoolers and their caregivers, will be held on Fridays, November 7th and 28th at 11:00am.

Book Bingo

or children who can read well, will be held on Fridays, November 7th and 28th at 2:00pm.

Our Thanksgiving Storytime and Craft Program

will be held on Saturday, November 8th at 11:00am. Children of all ages and their caregivers are welcome to attend.

Mother Goose Time

for children 1 ½ - 2 ½ and their caregivers, will be held on Tuesdays, November 18th and 25th at 10:30am.

Library Lego

The Union Public Library has started a Library Lego Club for children ages 5 through 12. The library will provide the Legos. All materials must stay at the library so bring your camera to document your creations. This month's meeting will be held on Thursday, November 20th from 3:30pm to 5:00pm. Caregivers are asked to stay in the library and are welcome to assist. We are also looking for donations of gently used or new Legos for this program. Please call or email Mary Pritting, Head of Children's Services, at mpritting@uplnj.org or 908.851.5450 x3 for further information.

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CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT VAUXHALL BRANCH

"Who Am I?, A Teen Brunch 'n Series"

presented by Someone's Daughter Inc. on Saturday, November 1st at 11:00am. This series will focus on selfesteem and confidence building for girls between the ages of 10 and 17. Space is limited. Signup is required.

Bedtime Storytime

for children of all ages and their caregivers will be held on Monday, November 3rd at 7:00pm. .

A "Thankful Pie" Storytime and Craft Program

for children, ages 3-5, and their caregivers, will be held on Tuesday, November 4th at 11:00am. Space is limited. Signup is required.

Let's play chess at the Vauxhall Branch Library.

Learn to play or improve your game with instructors, Mr. Perry and Mr. Outlaw, on Tuesdays, November 4th, 18th and 25th at 3:00pm. Children, ages 8 through 16, are invited to attend. Space imited. Signup is required.

Game Day for children

in grades 1 and up, and their caregivers will be held on Thursday, November 6th at 2:00pm. Space is limited.

Signup is required.

"Make a Turkey" School-Age Craft Program

to be held on Thursday, November 13th at 3:30pm. This program is for children, grades 1 and up, and their caregivers. Space is limited. Signup is required.

Game Day

for children ages 3 – 5 and their caregivers will be held on Tuesday, November 18th at 11:00am. Space is limited. Signup is required.

Our After School Movie Presentation

of, "Mr. Peabody and Sherman Sherman", will be held on Thursday, November 20th at 3:30pm. Children of all ages are welcome to attend.





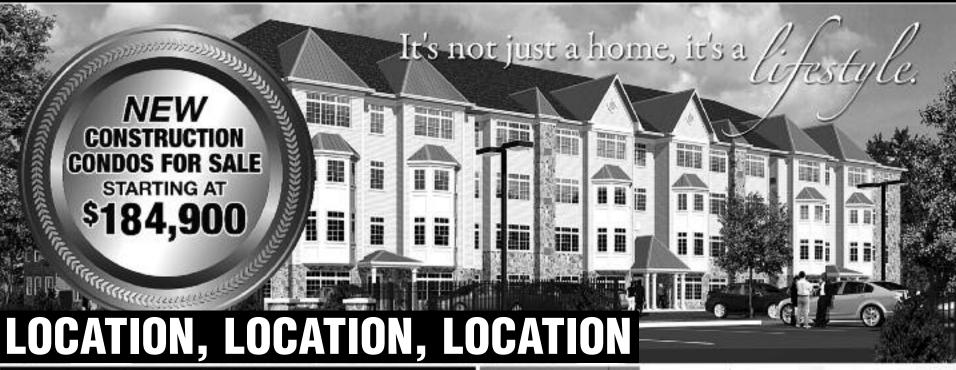




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