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## UNION HIGH LEADS THE WAY WITH 16 NOMINATIONS FOR 2015 PAPER MILL RISING STAR AWARDS

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Five years ago, they were bestowed the honor of winning Outstanding Overall Production for 2010's *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Director James Mosser shared "It is exciting for the students to be recognized by Paper Mill.

The company of this show has embodied this material, and I couldn't be prouder of them. The Paper Mill is a leader in the theatrical community, our students attend many of their programs and also enjoys seeing all of the new and upcoming Broadway shows in their backyard, so coming from them it means a lot."

The awards ceremony will be held at the Paper Mill Playhouse on Tuesday, June 2nd, 2015 where the students of the UHSPAC will be performing a number from the show. Lead Actor Nominees, Bernice Onanuga, James Frazier and Jonathan Duvelson will also perform in a medley during the ceremony.

"Our students have been on an amazing journey. 90% of them walked into this process never having stepped into a dance studio in their life, and now they are being recognized with 16 nominations for this larger than life dance musical. It's an honor being their teacher. Every one of our students from the cast, to the crew, to our incredible big band poured their hearts and souls into this show, and their hard work paid off. No matter what happens, they will always have this experience to take with them..."  
Choreographer Jennifer Williams

Final Nominations Include:

Outstanding Overall Production of a Musical

Outstanding Performance by:

Actress in a Leading Role - Bernice Onanuga

Actor in a Leading Role - James Frazier

Actor in a Leading Role - Jonathan Duvelson

Actor in a Supporting Role - Javon King

Actor in a Featured Role - Kristian Adap

Ensemble Group

- The Sophisticated Gentlemen

Orchestra

Outstanding Achievement by:

Teacher or Outside Director - James Mosser

Musical Director

- James Mosser & Laura Muller

Choreography/Musical Staging

- Jennifer Williams & James Mosser

Outstanding Scenic Achievement

- Eric Marchetta

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The Summer Camp is for girls and boys entering 3rd, 4th or 5th grade in September 2015. The Tennis Clinic is for boys and girls ages 6 to 14.

The deadline to register is June 5, 2015 before a late fee is charged. Call 908-686-4200 for more info or visit our website at [www.uniontownship.com/147/recreation](http://www.uniontownship.com/147/recreation)

## RE-ENCAMPMENT STAGED FOR MEMORIAL DAY



(above, l-r) Joseph Malit portraying a Hessians Private along with Jeff Tew in the role of British Commander Sir John Johnson, set up camp in Frieberger Park, behind town hall on May 25th, 2015, as part of the Memorial Day activities. They stand with Ed Graf who arranged the event, assisted by Fabiola Chavez. Graf coordinated the student and military involvement in the Memorial Day parade.



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Held in partnership with the Greater Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce, the event is scheduled for Friday, June 26, 2015, at 8:00 a.m., at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Union County, 1050 Jeanette Ave., Union. A light breakfast will be served. Preregistration is required and the cost is \$20 for chamber members/\$30 for guests.

"We always enjoy a large turnout for this important event," said Chamber Executive James Masterson. "This program provides our members with the chance to meet with their elected officials and discuss specific items of interest to them."

The Union Township Chamber of Commerce is a professional association organized to unite, strengthen, represent and promote the growth and success of its member businesses. For more information please contact 908-688-2777.

## STUDENTS CELEBRATE CINCO DE MAYO

To celebrate Cinco De Mayo, Mrs. Crane's second grade class at Washington Elementary School made fresh salsa. The children read a book about tomatoes and there were several recipes within the text, so the class decided to actually make one of the recipes. Students learned how to read a recipe, double the recipe and measure the ingredients. Each child had a

turn to cut up the tomatoes or onions with a plastic knife. Once all the ingredients were mixed together, the class discussed the smell and what they thought of the whole experience. A graph was constructed after taste testing the fresh and canned salsa to determine which the children enjoyed more. The children also wore sombreros and played maracas.



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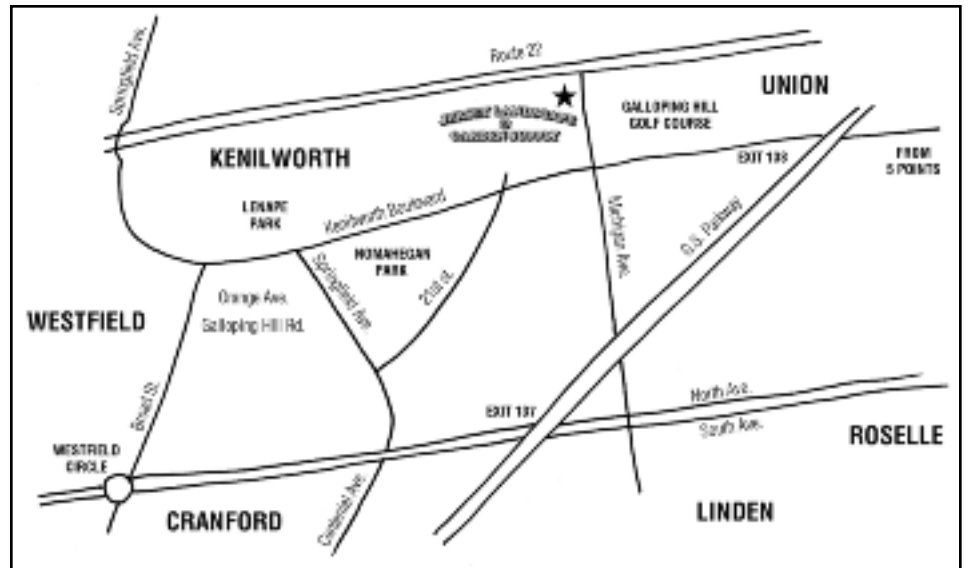
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(above, l-r) Union High School JROTC Seargent Priscilla Ouellette is assisted by Staff Seargent Nicholas Goley in laying wreaths at Pearl Harbor Square at the Memorial Day ceremony following the annual parade.

## “REV. JAMES CALDWELL” MARKS ANNIVERSARY OF HANNAH’S DEATH

*Hannah Caldwell Day 2015  
will be commemorated by  
the Union Township Historical Society  
with an open house at  
the Caldwell Parsonage Museum  
909 Caldwell Avenue, Union  
from 2 to 5 pm on Sunday, June 7.*

Visitors will be greeted by Hannah’s husband, the Reverend James Caldwell, portrayed by reenactor Doc Burkhardt, who will tell the story of his wife’s untimely passing and his involvement in the American Revolution as “the Fighting Parson.”

On that date in 1780, following the Battle of Connecticut Farms (most of which was fought in front of the Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church, 888 Stuyvesant Avenue, Union), Mrs. Caldwell—the mother of their nine children—was killed inside their home by a retreating British soldier.

Rev. Caldwell used her death as a rallying cry for the Patriot cause and, in doing so, helped recruit additional members for the New Jersey militia and George Washington’s Continental Army. Just over two weeks later—on June 23, 1780—the British and Hessian forces were turned back yet again, this time at the Battle of Springfield, and thereby prevented from reaching George Washington and his troops in Morristown. That was the last major battle of the war in the North.

Admission to the event is free.

For more information, call Barbara La Mort at 908-687-0048.



(above) Reverend James Caldwell, portrayed by reenactor Doc Burkhardt



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## UNION HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY WINS BIG AT FESTIVAL DISNEY IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA

The Union High School Performing Arts Company hit the road in May to participate in Festival Disney; a national competition hosted by the Walt Disney Corporation. The UHSPAC traveled to Orlando, Florida with over 80 students who participated in various ensembles including instrumental, color guard and show choir. Participating in these activities helps enrich the lives of students through music and performance. Festival Disney is the perfect avenue for students to perform in some of the nation's most prestigious venues as well as working with professionals in various performing fields, with the ability to be recognized for their countless hours of hard work.

This year the groups featured were the UHS Jazz Ensemble and UHS Symphonic Band under the direction of Laura Muller; the UHS Indoor Color Guard under the direction of PJ Tankard; and the UHS Show Choir under the direction of Melissa Abbate, James Moser and Choreographer Jennifer Williams.

The UHSPAC walked away with superior ratings in several categories as well as Overall Silver for the UHS Jazz Ensemble and Overall Gold for the UHS Show Choir. UHS Sophomore, TJ Fuller was recognized for his work on the drums in the Jazz Ensemble.

Here is a full list of their accomplishments:

UHS Symphonic Band – Good Rating

UHS Indoor Guard – Superior Rating

UHS Jazz Band – Superior Rating – Silver (Overall HS Jazz Band)

UHS Show Choir – Superior Rating – Gold (Overall HSSpecialty Choir)

Soloist Award – TJ Fuller (Jazz Band Drummer)

The UHS Music Department continues to prove why they are listed as one of the top 100 Music Education (as voted by the NAMM Foundation) programs in the nation. Their Choirs, Instrumental Ensembles, and Color Guard continue to gain national recognition and are at the forefront of arts education.



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The concert, entitled "Spring Is Here", will feature music from well-known composers as well as the Broadway Stage. Some of the selections are; "God Bless America", "El

Capitan", "Zampa", "Over the Waves", "The Entertainer", "The New Colonial", Toccata for Band, "Blue Tango", "Gallito", "Invercagill", and selections from The Music Man and Oklahoma.

The band would like to invite musicians from Union and the surrounding communities to join the group. If you are interested please call the band director, Dr. John H. Bunnell, at 973-377-8058. For directions or questions, please call the Recreation Department at 908-686-4200.



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# EVENT RAISES \$4,000 TO SUPPORT LOVE 146

Submitted by Jill Hall, M.A., L.P.C., Student Assistance Counselor

Students at Kawameeh Middle School in Union celebrated March Madness throughout the months of March, April and even into May with a variety of activities in support of the charity Love 146 whose goal it is to eliminate child trafficking.

Rob Morris, the CEO of Love 146 came to KMS as part of our kickoff in February. Students rallied behind Mr. Morris and voiced their commitment to the cause. Our first efforts were a Penny Way, and several bake sales. We designed and created Love 146 tee shirts which were sold to our students and staff. Teachers had a variety of incentives in their classrooms to promote awareness and raise funds, and the

seventh grade class earned a Field Day for meeting their goal of raising \$750 or more.

Our culminating events were Dancing With The Staff, and the Water Balloon Challenge. On Friday night, May 1st, over 400 people came to watch our students and staff dance together to raise money.

The following Tuesday, Mr. Malanda and Mr. Shaw, our Principal and Vice Principal agreed to stand in a 4-foot square and have students throw water balloons at them at a cost of \$1 per balloon. Over \$600 was raised selling the water balloons. All told, we will be making a donation of over \$4,000 to Love 146 as a result of our March Madness events!





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## ANNUAL SPRING FLEA MARKET SATURDAY, JUNE 6

8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

outside on the church grounds.

The rain date is Saturday, June 13.

Vendor spaces are \$25. Reservation forms for spaces may be picked up at the church, one can be mailed or e-mailed to you or they are downloadable from the church's website – [www.gracelutherannj.org](http://www.gracelutherannj.org). Call the church office at (908) 686-3965 or e-mail the church office at [gracelu4u@yahoo.com](mailto:gracelu4u@yahoo.com)

In addition to individual spaces, the congregation will have its own sale tables inside its fellowship hall, along with a bake sale. Refreshments will also be available.

## STUDENTS KEEPING EARTH CLEAN ON EARTH DAY

During the month of April, the children were asked to collect 6-pack soda rings and twist ties. If these materials are not disposed of correctly wild life can get injured or even die. The students recycled the materials in a fun and creative way!

One of the teachers, Ms. Mason, connected

over 450 six-pack soda rings and over 600 twist ties to create a volleyball net. Then on Wednesday, April 22nd all the students assembled out on the playground to watch the teachers play a friendly game of volleyball. The students learned a great lesson about recycling, keeping the Earth clean, and team work.



(above) Washington Elementary School celebrated Earth Day with school and Earth spirit.

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## UGONNA OBI WINS 5TH GRADE SPELLING BEE

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The First Place Winner was Ugonna Obi and

the Runner Up was Joanne Ero.

A proclamation will be read honoring their accomplishments at the June 9th Township Committee Meeting. Congratulations to all the 5th Grade participants.



(above, l-r) John Moretti, Asst. Director of Recreation, Ogunna Obi, 1st Place Winner, Joanne Ero, First Runner Up and Mayor Manuel Figueiredo.

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