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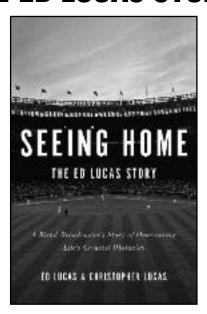
SEEING HOME: THE ED LUCAS STORY

Union local Ed Lucas celebrated the publishing of his book Seeing Home: The Ed Lucas Story at the Knights of Columbus on April 27th. Lucas is an Emmy award winning sports broadcaster. Most well known for his work with the New York Yankees, Lucas has spent over 60 years broadcasting in professional sports and writing the column "As I See It".

When an accident left Lucas blind at the age of 12, it did not deter him from pursuing his passion and love for baseball. A true All-American story, in his book Lucas reflects on how he overcame the obstacles in his life to reach the success he achieved and talks about the people and events that led him along the way.

Lucas is also a motivational speaker and advocate for the blind and disabled. He founded the Ed Lucas Foundation, which works to empower visually impaired people to be confidant, educated, and successful. Part of the proceeds of the book go to the Ed Lucas Foundation.

You can find out more about the book and author at www.SeeingHomeBook.com.





(above, l-r) Book cover for Seeing Home by Ed Lucas and Christopher Lucas with a collage of photos of Ed with dignitaries.

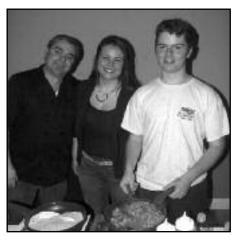
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its publications including Spirit of Union. The Facebook page compliments the company's website www.RennaMedia.com. The Spirit of Union Facebook page will feature photo albums that also appear on the website, and frequent blog posts.

Residents are encouraged to like the page to keep up with information. All past issues can also be found on the site.

Renna media has created a Facebook page for all twelve of the latest upcoming events. They can also "Like," "Tag," and "Share" the photos. The most recent album uploaded is of the Taste of Union held on April 16, 2015. Besides current albums, Renna Media will maintain a community calendar of events. Non-profits are encouraged to submit their



Red Cadillac Tacos & Tequilla: Joe Montes, Jolie Montes & JoJo Montes



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Café Z Restaurant & Lounge: Patricia Mangan Inghilleri, Peter Santos & Carol Ann Mangan

(left) Photos from the Taste of Union appear on this page and inside on pages 10, 11 & 12.

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The program will feature an interactive program, presented by Abby Kohut, an awardwinning human resources professional and president of Staffing Symphony, LLC. She has delivered more than 500 workshops across 33 states on a variety of job-related and social media topics. Kohut is well-known in the business world as "Absolutely Abby." Her website Abby was selected as one of the top 100 career websites, by Forbes in 2013, and as one of the "top 100 influential people online" by Fast Company Magazine.

"If thinking about attending a networking event makes you want to stay home, then you are not alone, said James Masterson, Chamber CEO. "But, to build your business or to advance your career, it's important to become more comfortable when meeting others at business events."

Masterson added that the program will address such issues as: identifying the best networking opportunities, why networking is fun when you do it correctly and how to differentiate yourself from others so that people will remember you.

Admission for the event is \$10 for members and \$15 for guests. Preregistration is required by contacting the Chamber by calling 908-688-2777. by emailing executivedirector@unionchamber.com.

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This dedicated troop of young ladies, Amy Jaglowski, Natalie Lizak and Faith Wright, are 9th grade honor roll students at Dunellen High School. Katie Pinckney, a 9th Grade honor roll

All the girls have been in scouting since their many events and programs which benefit kindergarten and are currently planning or in the progress of completing their Gold Award.

Between soccer, basketball, track, choir, and various other activities these students always find time to participate in our extremely active scouting year. As well as, volunteers for community service projects and events with their sponsor, Dunellen America Legion Post 119. The girls are proud to part of the Legion

Venturing Crew 119/Girl Scout Troop 65876 student, attends Union Catholic High School. Family, and are always on hand to help with our community, schools, veterans and military

> These young ladies will continue to host two drives a year, in September/October and April. "Look for flyers on your doorsteps!"

> They wish to thank all those whose donations made our Clothing Drive an incredibly successful event! Thank you for helping us to make someone's life better!





(above, l-r) Natalie Lizak, Faith Wright, Katie Pinckney, Amy Jaglowski

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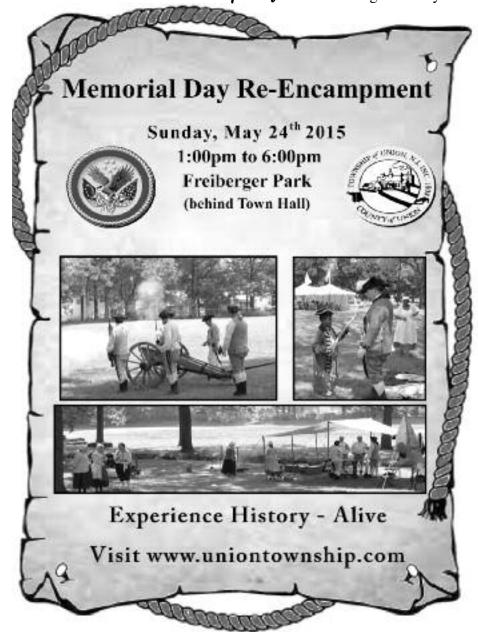
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WORLD AUTISM DAY

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BATTLE HILL SCHOOL "GIVES BACK TO THE EARTH"

Battle Hill Elementary School in Union, NJ celebrated Earth Day on Wednesday, April 22nd by planting a beautiful Japanese maple tree in front of the school. Earth Day is an annual event, in which events worldwide are held to demonstrate support for environmental protection.

The tree was donated by the Battle Hill Student Council and local landscaper Ryan Zinkowicz assisted with planting the tree. The tree was planted in honor of the Battle Hill Class of 2015. The event was organized by 4th grade teachers and Student Council Advisers Alison Brehm and John Bogner.



(above) Miss Brehm's 4th grade class and landscaper, Ryan Zinkowicz.

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YOUNG ARTISTS DISPLAY THEIR WORK AT BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF UNION COUNTY

Members of Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County's Buddie After-School Program took part in the 2nd Annual Fine Art Festival at the Union Club in April. Approximately 25 club members in Kindergarten through 5th Grade created and displayed their artwork at a Festival, which was attended by members, parents, family friends, the Board of Directors, Corporate Advisory Board and supporters. Art was judged in three categories: creativity, originality and neatness by a group of 4 judges, Frank Lawrence, Board of Directors, Yvette Bonk, Corporate Advisory Board, Sharon Patel of Patel Printing Plus and Laura Bretzger of City Fire. Members were awarded first, second and third place certificates in each grade. Miss Amanda Kucsera, Director of Education at BGCUC, congratulated everyone who participated in creating work for the exhibit. All of the submissions were fantastic and judges had a difficult time scoring.

"This event is so much fun for everyone," said Russell Triolo, CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County. "The children do an outstanding job of creating artwork and take such pride in their accomplishments."

Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County is celebrating 60 years of changing lives in Union



County! Summer Program registration is now open at our Union, Plainfield and Elizabeth Clubs. Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County offers youth programs in 6 communities in Union County: Plainfield, Elizabeth, Union, Hillside, Roselle and Linden. Teen leadership programs for ages 14-18 are available in Union, Elizabeth and Plainfield. Members participate in character, leadership, career preparation and community service activities throughout the For information on our clubs and please visit our website programs, www.bgcuc.org or contact us 908-687-2697.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Take an hour on Memorial Day to give thanks to our veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Join us by Pearl Harbor Square at 10am May 25th to honor those that protect us and those we have lost.

This year, the Memorial Day Parade Committee has planned a bigger and better tribute. On May 25th, 2015 beginning at 10am, fill the sidewalks of Stuyvesant Ave to see floats, cars, motorcycles, Clydesdales horses, bands, including the Denville String Band and many organizations as they march for our military. This year's Grand Marshal is Committeeman Clifton People Jr, a Vietnam Veteran.

Don't forget to stop by Frieberger Park, located behind Town Hall on Morris Ave at Sunday, May 24th at 1pm to see various reenactment groups camped out with live demonstrations bringing history to life!

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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.

BASKETBALL TEAM GOES UNDEFEATED



(above) The Union Middle School Basketball Team has an undefeated 15-0 season. The exciting season was led by coach Steven Dering and assistant Corey Baker.







UNION FARMERS SOCCER TEAM KICK OFF THEIR SEASON BY REMEMBERING TEAMMATE

The Union Farmers U17 Boys travel team kicked off their spring soccer season in Union. The team first lined up with only 10 players on the field since their missing midfield player Jason Lopes was looking down on them from heaven.

On January 3, 2015, the team lost one of their Midfielders, Jason Lopes, that was a Junior and played in the Union Travel and High School Varsity Teams. "He's one of those kids that you go looking for, the kind of kids you want to coach," said his travel Coach Manny. "He was one of those kinds of kids. He shows up, works hard, has a great attitude. So, I was really impressed. I always thought his family did a great job of raising him because when you meet young men like that, you think somebody is

doing something right because he was a great kid."

Before the game, the Union Farmers team placed a banner with his jersey with the number 7 on it, which was Jason's number. There was also a big show of support in the stands. Family, friends, classmates and many other members of the Union community that was at the game, many of them wearing maroon and white shirts with his number 7.

Players include: Adeoluwa Adesanya, Alex Brito, Alexis Florez, Angel Castillo, Angel Guerra, Darryl Martin, David Sobrosa, Izzy Maldonado, Jaime Ferreira, Jason Sobrosa, Joey Novoa, John Bautista, Nick Minio, Nicolas Fernandes, Oscar Lazo, Phillip Lopes, Steven Monteiro and JASON LOPES.





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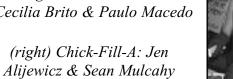


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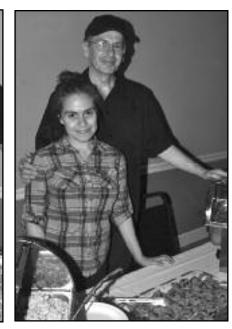




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BATTLE HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - BUBBLES 4 AUTISM



(above) Battle Hill Student Council and Advisors, Alison Brehm and John Bogner.

April is designated as National Autism Awareness Month. Battle Hill Elementary School in Union Township, recognized the event on April 28th. The occasion was highlighted when all of the Battle Hill students and staff gathered in the playground and blew bubbles at 10:00 am. The purpose of Bubble Day is to help children with Autism Spectrum Conditions (ASC), burst out of their bubble of isolation and raise awareness and understanding of autism in the community. Details about the event are available on their website www.faces4autism.org.

The event was coordinated by Alison Brehm and John Bogner, 4th grade teachers and Student Council Advisors along with Lisa Cassano and Jennifer Duggan, Pre-School Special Education Teachers. Prior to and during the event staff and Student Council assisted in collecting donations. A total of \$630 was collected and donated to the Face4Autism organization.



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CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT THE MAIN LIBRARY

No registration required. **Preschool Storytime**

May 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 10:30am-11:00am. for children 3 ½ through Kindergarten

Bedtime Storytime

May 4, 11, and 18 at 7:00pm-7:30pm Come in your pajamas for songs, stories and games. Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited.

LEGO CLUB

May 21 at 3:30pm-4:30pm Children of all ages and their families, friends welcome.

SATURDAY STORYTIME AND CRAFT

May 9 and May 23 at 11:00am-12:00pm. Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited

"Cats" Storytime and Craft Program

Thursday, April 9th at 11:00am Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited

ADULT PROGRAMS

Tuesdays at Two Movies Series Continues

Tuesdays, May 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th. Join us every Tuesday at 2:00 PM in the second floor Activities Room for screenings of new movies released in 2014. May's film selections include roles by this year's Academy Award-winning actor, nominated supporting actress and nominated actress in films you won't want to miss.

The Off the Shelf Book Discussion Group Thursday, May 21 at 7:00 PM

This discussion groupmeets on the third Thursday of each month in the second floor Activities Room at 7:00 PM. This month's selection is White Teeth by Zadie Smith. All who have read the selection are welcome. Visit the Reference Desk for help in obtaining a copy of the book. Light refreshments are served.

SENIOR RESIDENTS PROGRAM REMINDER

The Township of Union's Senior Center wants to remind you about its "TELEPHONE REASSURANCE PROGRAM". As advertised in the activities bulletin, the Senior Center will provide a daily "check-up" service via telephone call to any homebound person upon request. If interested in receiving a phone call once daily to make sure you are feeling well, simply sign up to be on the calling list. Please call (908) 851-5290 or if in residence, stop by the health desk at the senior center and ask for an application.

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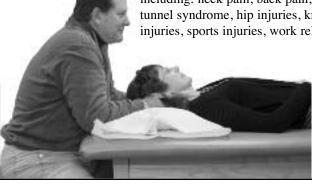
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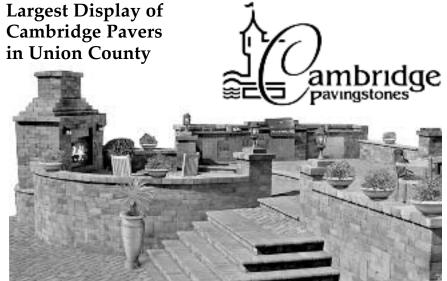
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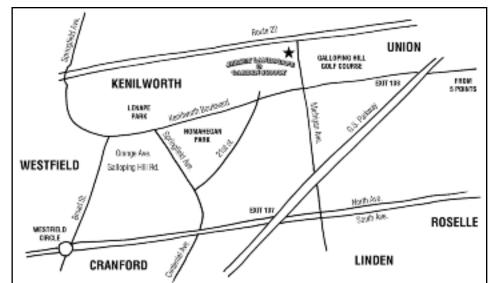
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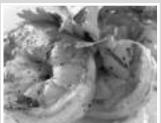
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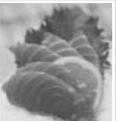
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