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WHITE CASTLE HOSTS BOY SCOUT CHESS TOURNAMENTS

The Scotch Plains Baptist Church was the site for the latest Boy Scouts Chess Tournament sponsored by White Castle. The tournament was open to all registered Boy Scouts, Venturers and Explorers. This was the second annual tournament for the Watchung Mountain District.

Robert Mehorter of Scotch Plains won third place honors. Second place was won by Harrison Hahne-Lum of of Springfield and first place went to Kevin Cavicchia of Summit, who won all four of his games.

White Castle purchased 20 sets, boards and clocks for the Boy Scouts and will continue to sponsor tournaments in all seven Boy Scout Districts in New Jersey.

The company covered expenses for running the tournament including trophies for the top three winners and ribbons for participants. They also supplied lunch for all players and spectators. White Castle will continue to support the Boy Scouts and the Chess program. The Program is coordinated by Joe Renna of Renna Media, a Chess Merit Badge Counselor.

Boys and girls who are Boy Scouts, Venturers and Explorers are invited to play in all districts. The next scheduled tournament will be in Cranford on Saturday, Febuary 27, 2016.



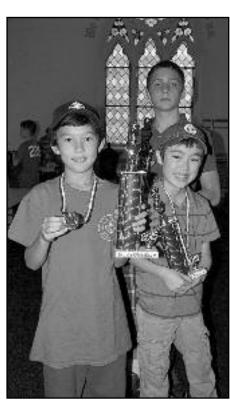
(above, l-r) Charlean Mahon, first place winner Kevin Cavicchia and Jasmin Arroyo, General Manager of the Green Brook White Castle.



(left, l-r) Joe Renna of Renna Media and Jasmin Arroyo, General Manager of the Green Brook White Castle with tournament players and Charlean Mahon, Boy Scouts of America District Executive.



(above) Union Scout Logan Sutterlin.



(above, l-r) First, second and third place finishers Kevin Cavicchia, Harrison Hahne-Lum, and Robert Mehorter.





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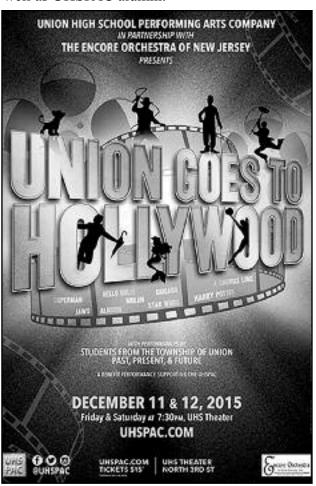
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UNION POLICE GIVE BACK TO THE KIDS OF DERON SCHOOL

On November 20, 2015, the Union police officers under the direction of Sergeant Michael Boll, arrived as Super Heroes to Deron School in Union. Deron School is a special education elementary school that offers programs to children with special needs. It is a well-rounded program to learning disabled students, ages 5-14, which promotes academic achievement, interpersonal skills and social development. The super heroes program was developed by the Police department to show kids that the police care and help make kids feel a part of their community. Sergeant Boll, dressed as Batman, began by telling the kids that they went to the best school in the state and that the police were very proud of them. Kids love super heroes which was evident by the loud noises the kids made to invite the super heroes into the classroom. Kids had a chance to meet and greet all the super heroes who

came. The connection made the kids feel happy and proud. Like Sergeant Michael Boll said, "We are there for the kids and we want them to be happy for a long time. We want kids to know that the police are there for them." For those children who are troubled or unable to attend school due to illness, the police made special home visits to bring joy to those children. It was a dream of those housebound children to be able to see live super heroes which is how the program originally came to be. Imagine how happy a child would be to see a super hero at their doorstep. Lori Alter, Director of Deron School said, "It was a great experience for the children and it made them feel self-confident". The results proved to be super successful and will continue in future years. The Union Police department deserve to be commended for this worthwhile endeavor.









BIKE SALE AT BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF UNION COUNTY PLAINFIELD CLUB

The smell of pumpkins and spice is in the airthe holidays are just around the corner. Do you know someone who needs a bike? This is a great time to take advantage of a Super Sale on bikes at our Plainfield Bike Exchange. Select bikes are up to 50% off! Visit the Bike Exchange at the Plainfield Club: 530 West 7th Street, Plainfield. Hours are 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM Monday through Friday, and Saturday 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM now through December 23 at 6:00 PM.



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The Plainfield Club Bike Exchange features both youth and adult bikes, new and gently used, at greatly reduced prices. There is a full inventory of bikes for all ages – stop by and try one. We have a team of ace volunteer bike mechanics who lovingly restore and repair bikes. If you are interested in becoming a mechanic, have bikes to donate or would like more information on our Bike Exchange please contact our Plainfield Club directly at 908-822-8672 x 101.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County is celebrating 60 years of changing lives in Union County! Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County offers youth programs in 5 communities in Union County: Plainfield, Elizabeth, Union, Hillside and Roselle. 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 year. Aquatics is available at our Union Club. For information on our clubs and programs, please visit our website www.bgcuc.org or contact us 908-687-2697.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF UNION COUNTY

Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County seek to inspire and enable young people, who need them most, to realize their full potential and have provided opportunity for youth since 1955. They are part of a national network of some 4,000 neighborhood-based facilities, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, which serves more than 4.6 million young people annually, in all 50 states and on U.S. military bases worldwide. Clubs provide guidance-oriented character development programs on a daily basis for children 6-18 years old, conducted by a full-time professional staff. Key Boys & Girls Club programs emphasize leadership development, education and career exploration, financial literacy, health and life skills, the arts, sports, fitness and recreation, and family outreach.

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS RECEIVE GRANT FROM ELIZABETHTOWN GAS

Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County recently received a \$5,000 grant award from Elizabethtown Gas Private Foundation (AGL Resources) to support the Project Learn Program. Project Learn: The Education Enhancement Program features five major components: Homework help and tutoring, High-yield Learning, Adult Involvement, Collaboration with Schools, and Incentives. Brian MacLean, President of Elizabethtown Gas and BGCUC Board Member, presented the check to Russell Triolo, CEO at the recent BGCUC Annual Meeting.

"Elizabethtown Gas has been a long-time partner and we look forward to expanding our existing programs with their support," said Russell Triolo, Chief Executive Officer. "Project Learn is a core program in the Boys & Girls Clubs movement and is a great benefit to the youth we serve."

Elizabethtown Gas, a subsidiary of AGL Resources, has been a partner of Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County for many years. This collaboration has provided resources for enhanced and new programs, reaching thousands of youth ages 5-18 in Union County. Elizabethtown Gas has also supported our 60th Anniversary Gala Celebration and annual Youth of the Year Awards Dinner.

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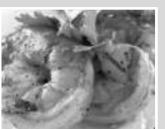
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