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Washington Elementary observed Childhood Cancer Awareness Month by joining the Whip Pediatric Cancer's "Heart of Gold" campaign. This campaign was started over a year ago to help raise awareness and funds for pediatric cancer research at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City.

Close to 16,000 children under the age of 21 are diagnosed with cancer each year. The objective of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month is to put a spotlight on the types of cancer that largely affect children, survivor-ship issues, and - most importantly - to help raise funds for research and family support.

The event was organized by school counselor Kim Marano and secretary Mrs. Laura Finnerty with the assistance of AAP teachers Mrs. Dimakos and Ms. Mason. This event is the school's first "Youth in Philanthropy" cause for the 2016 - 2017 school year. The school participated in this event from Thursday, September 22nd to Thursday, September 29th. Students received gold paper hearts to decorate which were displayed on the walls of the school's auditorium. Students and staff were asked to donate and together they met their goal and raised \$1,000! They are planning to donate \$750 to the Whip Pediatric Cancer Campaign which benefits the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (pediatric division). In addition, they are sending \$250 to the Team Campbell

Foundation which is named after a brave warrior named Campbell Grace Hoyt. Campbell passed away two years ago at the age of 8, after a 5-year battle with Ependymoma. She is the niece of Mark Hoyt, current principal at Battle Hill Elementary, who remains a special part of the Washington School Family.

On Thursday, September 29th the "Heart of Gold" campaign was concluded with an assembly celebrating the schools participation in making a difference.

Staff and students gathered outside excitedly to release blue and gold balloons (gold is the color for pediatric cancer awareness month and blue represents the school) in honor of the cause. Before releasing the balloons, Principal Thomas Matthews spoke to students about the importance of being charitable and helping those in need, he also restated the cause of the campaign to the students and stated how proud he is of them for taking part.

Students listened attentively, but the excitement for the balloon release was apparent. Students cheered and danced as the balloons were released and the "Whip and Nae Nae" song played on the loud speakers!

To learn more about the Whip Pediatric Cancer Campaign, please visit <http://whippediaticcancer.org/>. To learn more about Team Campbell Foundation please visit <http://www.teamcampbellfoundation.org/>.



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The Township of Union would like to announce that the Union Police Department will now be providing identification cards for special needs children and adults.

"We are truly vested in the wellbeing of each and every resident of the Township of Union," said Mayor Manuel Figueiredo. "It gives me a great sense of pride to know that, together with the parents of our special needs children, we came up with something so important and meaningful."

The ID's are easily obtained by filling out a form on either the Township of Union's website uniontownship.com, or via the Township of Union mobile app- where, from your smartphone you can, not only fill out the form but upload a photo of your child right from your camera roll.

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"The Union Police Department shares a great concern for the safety of our residents," said Police Director Daniel Zieser. "Having all pertinent and vital information in the face of an emergency makes all the difference when it comes to saving lives."

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The fourth annual Township of Union Talent Show Union's Got Talent was held on Saturday, September 24, 2016 to an enthusiastic audience. Presented by Investors Bank the event raised money for two non-profit organizations; Union High School Performing Arts Company, and Douglas Michael Krueger Scholarship Fund Inc; all money raised helps to directly benefit the students of Union Township through grants, scholarships and arts education.

Winners included:

1st Place: Jonathan Hyerr

- Union Resident

2nd Place: Christopher Erdman

- 11th Grader,

Union High School People's Choice Award

Winner: Kimberly Moreira

- Kawameeh Middle School

Youth Award Winner: Dance Impressions

- Union Residents

Cash prizes were awarded for the top two winners in the amounts of \$1,000 for first place, \$500 for second place and \$250 was awarded to the People's Choice Winner.

Hosted by Doc Burkhardt and featuring a guest appearance by last year's winner Alyssa Muniz, who treated the audience to their rendition of "Time of Your Life" from Dirty Dancing, with a special appearance from the Maplewood Glee

Club. The evening was filled with great entertainment and laughs provided by Burkhardt. Judges included Township of Union Mayor and musician Manny Figueiredo, Director of Education at the Paper Mill Playhouse Lisa Cooney, Choreographer Lindsay Moore Burkhardt, Theatrical Producer Robert Lukasik and Investors Branch Manager Regina Nicholls. UHSPAC Choreographer Jennifer Williams shared "It's always an amazing experience when you can bring the community together."

For us, we want to continue to raise money to support our students and support our town, and to me there is no better way of doing that with a stage and great entertainment."

The Douglas Michael Krueger Scholarship Fund will host a Dinning to Donate/Tricky Tray event Sunday, October 23rd at Tiffs on Vauxhall Road in Union. Prizes include over 50 gift baskets, no pre sold tickets are necessary to attend the event, just stop by and enjoy a great meal. Tricky tray tickets will be available between the hours of 12pm and 4pm for purchase. Winners do not need to be present for drawings.

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TOWNSHIP OF UNION TO HOST 1ST HISPANIC HERITAGE CELEBRATION

The Mayor and Committee of the Township of Union would like to invite residents to its 1st Annual Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration on Wednesday, October 12, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in front of Town Hall located at 1976 Morris Ave.

"This year we are highlighting Hispanic and Latino Arts and Culture," said Mayor Manuel Figueiredo. "We are excited to be able to showcase such colorful, fun, and moving performances this year."

The event will feature a spoken program and the presentation of the Hispano of the Year Award to Angel Cartagena of Batteries Plus Bulbs, and the recognition of Hispanics Organized for People's Empowerment (H.O.P.E) a burgeoning hispanic organization in the Township of Union.

The event will also feature music, arts and crafts and face painting, and the following cultural performances:

- Legacy Women- an all-women drum, song

and dance troupe that plays the fire-igniting sounds Afro-Caribbean Bomba music

- Salsa Fever On2 Dance Academy- performing a salsa routine, a free 30-minute lesson/Social Salsa
- World Champion Peruvian dancers, Alizon and Lucero Lopez performing Huayno and Danza de la Selva respectively, as well as David Lopez and Aricxy Maldonado who will perform Marinera de la Costa
- Capoeira demonstration by the Brazilian Cultural Center of Newark

From 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. the celebration will feature a visit from the famed Empanada Guy, as well as other local Latin food vendors arriving at 6:00 p.m.

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(above) The Legacy Women, an all-women drum, song and dance troupe that plays the fire-igniting sounds Afro-Caribbean Bomba music who will be performing at the Township of Union's Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration on October 12th. Courtesy photo.

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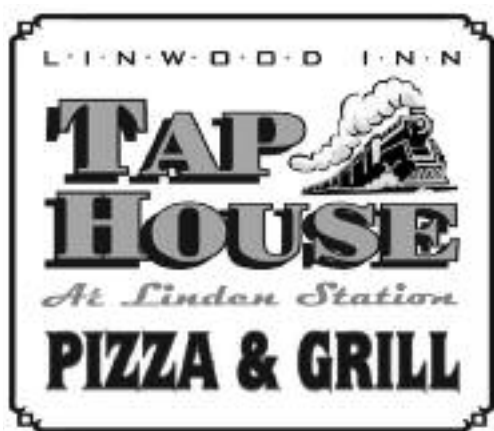
tenure with the Fire Department, he has received multiple accolades for his public service, earning commendations and awards for his actions in the line of duty including two Meritorious Awards, one Commendation Award and one Unit Award. He became Lieutenant in January 2004, Captain

in October 2008, and Provisional Battalion Chief in March 2013. Upon demonstrating the necessary fortitude, skills and strengths required of the position, he was assigned permanent appointment of Administrative Fire Battalion Chief in September 2013.



(above Michael Scanio and his family surrounded by the Mayor and members of the Township Committee.

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On Sunday, September 18, 2016, there was much to celebrate as Union High School Senior Joseph Laurino Jr. took home the NJACT Perry Award for Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Musical for his role as Patsy in Chatham Community Players Production of Spamalot. Union High School Performing Arts Company Director James Mosser and Choreographer Jennifer Williams were also nominated for their work on the show.

The NJACT (New Jersey Association of Community Theaters) Perry Awards celebrate excellence in community theaters across the state. NJACT Reviewers attend each production, evaluate all on-stage aspects of the performance, and provide separate numerical scores for over 50 different criteria across 10 different review categories. More than 200 shows produced by theater companies around the state are submitted each year. NJACT bestows Perry Awards in 33 performance and technical categories based on NJACT reviewer scores. Candidates with the top seven scores in each category are considered nominees. The nominee with the highest score in each category receives the Perry Award.

Last May, Laurino, Mosser and Williams were lucky enough to join the Chatham team for their first foray into the world of community theater. The Chatham Community Players started entertaining audiences dating back to 1922. The mission of the Chatham Community Players is to produce high quality theater for a diverse audience, while elevating our standard of excellence and providing a creative outlet with educational opportunities and outreach programs.

For Mosser and Williams the jump to Chatham seemed like the perfect fit. Mosser stated "It's great for our students to get the opportunity to work on material in new environments outside of school; where they are able to perform alongside seasoned adult performers. Getting to help students like Joe make that transition is a lot of fun. To see him be so successful that he is recognized by the state wide theater community

is wonderful." Laurino was just sixteen years old at the time of the performance, and was nominated in the Supporting Category in which he was the only teenager up for the award! Laurino had this to share about his experience "I am grateful to the NJACT for choosing me to receive this award. I really enjoyed playing Patsy because it was different from anything else I've ever done, and it was a positive learning experience as well. The role itself was fun to play because the character himself keeps the audience laughing. I was truly honored to be chosen and it was surreal to see my hard work pay off. This is

a piece of Spamalot that I will always have with me."

Look for Joe and the rest of the UHSPAC this December in their production of Footloose, December 8,9,10 at 7:30pm; December 11th at 2pm; and don't miss them this spring in Rodger and Hammerstein's Cinderella! Please visit their website at www.uhspac.com; or on Facebook/Twitter/Instagram—@UHSPAC for more information.

For more information about the Chatham Players, visit their website www.chathamplayers.org.



(above) Joseph Laurino



(above l-r) Mark Smith as King Arthur, Joseph Laurino as Patsy



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The Union Township Chamber of Commerce will host an eight day excursion to Northern California in October 2017, in partnership with AAA Northeast – Union. The public is invited to join Chamber members on the trip, slated for October 18-26 of next year.

The itinerary will allow travelers to discover the captivating urban culture of San Francisco, to sample the freshest produce in the fertile Central Valley, and to wonder at the spectacular wilderness at Yosemite National Park. It also takes in the intriguing Gold Rush-era sites of historic Sacramento, the serene natural beauty of Lake Tahoe, and of course, the stunning vistas and mouthwatering flavors of Wine Country.

“We are thrilled to partner with AAA in

arranging what is sure to be a fun and memorable adventure for everyone,” says James Masterson, the Chamber’s executive director. “Our group trip is a golden opportunity to share new experiences with your Chamber friends in one of the most breathtaking settings in the Golden State, and in our country. It is open to all – not just Chamber members!”

Tour details and reservations are available by contacting Jonathan Rod at AAA Northeast-Union, by phone, 908-557-5222, ext. 4095, or via email, jrod@aanortheast.com.

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A group of about 30 teenagers from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County (BGCUC) had a great opportunity to see first-hand the many career opportunities at Comcast, during a visit to Comcast's Union, NJ, facility on Friday, August 12th. The visit was part of a Career Day event that included speakers, presentations and hands-on experiences.

Members of the BGCUC met with Comcast representatives from technical operations, marketing, human resources/recruiting and video production. They learned about the jobs of communications technicians and the complex technology employed at Comcast, saw a demonstration of Comcast's Olympics experience on X1, learned about job interview etiquette and visited the set of Comcast Newsmakers, where the students took turns interviewing each other and getting a behind-the-

scenes look in the production booth.

"Bringing a group of students from BGCUC to our local Comcast office was a great way to expose them to the wide range of job functions available within a single company and beyond. Our employees were excited to share their professional journeys, educational backgrounds and top tips with the kids – so they can see there are many different paths to success, and career opportunities for all interests," said Kimberly Smith, Director, Government & Community Affairs, Comcast.

"We cannot thank Comcast and Board Member Kim Smith enough for organizing this day for our teens," said Russell Triolo, CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County. "This is a special opportunity for Club members to get a behind-the-scenes glance at Comcast and the various careers."



(above) Production



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