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We remind our readers to push their clocks forward one hour before retiring to bed on Saturday night.

Summit Church donates to RAIN Foundation

By Jennifer Rubino
Staff Writer

In just one month alone, The Unitarian Church in Summit raised more than \$6,900 for RAIN, Reaching Adolescence in Need, the first and only North Jersey homeless shelter for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth. The money was raised over the course of four services in two Sundays through their plate collections during worship services.

The mission of the Unitarian Church in Summit is to be a radically inclusive religious community that feeds the human spirit and heals the world. Rev. Emilie Boggis, minister of congregational life, said the action is "part of a history of efforts for this congregation and Unitarian Universalists to support, include and embrace LGBT people."

The Social Action Committee is dedicated to causes such as homelessness, and they have been advocates of affordable housing for a long time.

Supporting LGBT youth is an area of advocacy that is unique to the Unitarian church.

"As a congregation that advocates for LGBTQ rights, we discovered how few houses of worship were working at the intersection of homelessness and LGBTQ. We realized we could be a voice and a resource," Boggis said in an email.

They are dedicated to the needs of all its members, including the LGBT population. One member of the church is also a board member for RAIN.

RAIN opened its doors in November of 2014, in East Orange, to provide emergency shelter services to address the needs of the LGBT community. Of the millions of homeless youth in America, about 40 percent identify as LGBT.

The large population of homeless LGBT youth is due to numerous reasons, including abandonment, abuse and emotional and financial neglect. Many youth have faced rejection by their families when expressing their sexuality, as many parents blame their child's sexuality on poor lifestyle choices or acts of rebellion. They also experience negativity and exclusion from a predominately heterosexual society.

Brian Halpin, social action chair for the Unitarian congregation, noted that LGBT youth make up a disproportionate amount — 20 to 40 percent of youth and young adult homeless people. "Their needs are often not addressed in traditional homeless shelters and in fact, they often face bullying, discrimination and worse. RAIN's programs promote self-sufficiency and independence to enhance their residents' ability to function within their communities."

RAIN's founder Elaine Helms and Board president Tamara Fleming were honored at a luncheon on Jan. 17, at the Summit congregation. In a talk during worship services, congregation member Marty Rothfelder called the two his heroes. "They do this work without compensation to address this very real and unmet need."

There is a crucial need for shelters to promote a safe environment for homeless LGBT youth. In traditional shelters, transgender youth are often classified as a gender with which they don't identify. This often causes them to become a target of sexual, physical and emotional abuse. They have greater difficulty finding a shelter that will accept and respect them. In fact, some shelters will not permit transgender youth to reside there at all.

In addition to providing shelter, RAIN offers a variety of other services to the LGBT community. They have five primary objectives, which include assisting young people with building healthy relationships, supplying them with money management and budgeting skills, providing education and career opportunities, developing skills that will allow them to live independently and providing them with mental health, substance and medical services. By focusing on these core objectives, the program aims to help the youth live productive, meaningful lives.

The Essex County RAIN Foundation is currently accepting donations to provide food, shelter, and services. They have even created a wish list with amazon.com that includes things that would benefit them to keep supporting the community.

The Unitarian Church is also dedicated to continue helping the LGBT community.

"We are consistently serving LGBTQ families in our congregation as a welcoming community. We will also take a role in northern NJ's annual Pride Week," Boggis said.



Photo by Jim Lowney, Courtesy of Union County

CRANFORD FOOTBALL GOES UNDEFEATED — Union County Freeholder Chairman Bruce H. Bergen and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski present a resolution to the players and coaches of the Cranford High School Cougars football team congratulating them on completing a perfect 12-0 season and capturing the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 State Championship.

Cranford store offers prom experience on a budget

By Jennifer Rubino
Staff Writer

Prom season is an exhilarating time of year, especially for high school girls, as they search to find the perfect dress, shoes, and accessories to wear to this special event. Not all girls are privileged enough to afford these expensive items. There is no reason to miss one of the most memorable high school experiences with the Glass Slipper Boutique, a formal wear sale at the Jumble Store, a thrift store located in Cranford.

The Jumble Store is owned by the Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield. All income

is used to help families in crisis in Union County. The Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield is an all-women organization with a focus on promoting volunteerism, empowering women and improving communities. The store is run by volunteers. Donna Laterza is the president and Alison Lampert and Jane Jacobs are co-chairs.

"We are very excited about the upcoming Glass Slipper Boutique. It gives us a chance to play fairy godmother," said Laterza. "It's fun to watch the girls come in and try on the dresses. It also gives young

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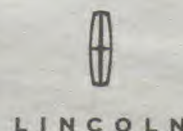
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UNION COUNTY'S NOTABLE PEOPLE

County Irishman of the Year awarded

By Jennifer Rubino
Staff Writer

Patrick Wildridge will be honored by the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Union County, on March 10, 2016, at the Annual Irish Heritage Dinner. He is this year's recipient of the Irishman of the Year, William A. Boyle Sr. Award for his philanthropic and service work. The event will take place at the Grand Summit Hotel in Summit, N.J.

Wildridge has traced his heritage back to County Dublin in the mid-1700s. He was born in Trenton. His father was a racehorse trainer, and he spent his summers in Long Branch. He studied finance at the University of South Florida in Tampa, Fla. He is now a proud father of his son Brian, a junior who plays lacrosse and football at St. Joseph High School in Metuchen.

In 2013, Wildridge received the Irish Business Association's Company of the Year award in New Jersey. In 2010, he received a distinguished service award from the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Union County. For many years, he's supported local hospitals, fire departments, and the New Jersey State Firefighters' Mutual Benevolent Association, along with a children's burn camp in Connecticut, Eden Autism Services, Autism Speaks, and Autism New Jersey.

He also donated labor and construction for helping to build the renowned "Sandy Ground Project," a playground project by the Where Angels Play Foundation, which was inspired by the school shootings in Newtown, Connecticut. The effort helped to restore the storm-ravaged east coast with living memorials to all children who were victims of violence, while creating safe, fun places for children to be children. Twenty-six, 100 percent handicap-accessible playgrounds were built along the New Jersey, New York and Connecticut coastal communities hit by Hurricane Sandy and each

one was named in memory of the 26 lives lost in Newtown, Conn.

Wildridge is the local franchise office owner of Paul Davis Restoration of Union and Essex counties, a leading provider of fire, water and mold damage restoration services for residential and commercial properties since 2002. His company's customer service scores are at the top of the measurement scale for work and service. Wildridge was also selected to serve as a general contractor for multiple television shows on Discovery Network.

"At first, I joined the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick because I knew a few friends that were involved, and I thought it would be a fun way to market my business," Wildridge said. "After just a few months, I realized I wanted to become more involved on a personal and charitable basis."

The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick originated in 1771 in Philadelphia. Some of its earliest members included men dedicated to the pursuit of liberty, including General George Washington. According to the Friendly Sons' history, George Washington stated, "I accept with singular pleasure, the ensign of so worthy a fraternity as that of the Sons of St. Patrick in this City," in 1782, seven years before he would go on to become president of the United States.

The Union County chapter was organized in 1962 and continues to provide scholarships to those of Irish descent and support worthy charitable causes such as the Children's Specialized Hospital. Their commitment to volunteerism is upheld by events and activities.

"This year wasn't all that different than previous years," Wildridge said. "I just remained committed to the causes of the organization."

The organization, now based in Cranford, meets monthly to share experiences and heritage.

NJLBC elects Green, Holley to serve

The New Jersey Legislative Black Caucus held its regular reorganization meeting Feb. 16, and selected its leadership team for the 2016-2017 legislative session.

The caucus re-elected Sen. Ronald L. Rice as chairperson. Assemblyman Jerry Green, a democrat who represents Union, Middlesex and Somerset, and Assemblywoman Shavonda Sumter, a democrat who represents Bergen and Passaic, were re-

elected as vice chairpersons.

In addition to the top three leadership positions, Assemblyman Jamel Holley, a Union democrat, was elected to serve as secretary; Assemblyman Herb Conaway, a Burlington democrat, was re-elected to serve as treasurer, and Assemblyman Gordon Johnson, a democrat representing Bergen, was re-elected to serve as sergeant-at-arms.

Events to be held by the NJLBC will

include its annual legislative and lobbying day at the Statehouse, a two-day event held in April during which the caucus subcommittees hear from organizations and constituents about issues affecting the community. The NJLBC will also present budget priorities to the leadership in each house during the budget season and participate in the New Jersey Black Issues Convention in November.

BGCUC board member 50 best in Business

Wendy Cama, a member of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Union County Board of Directors, was recently named to the Class of 2016 New Jersey's Best 50 Women in Business. The winners are recognized for their professional success, community involvement and advocacy for women and were chosen by an independent panel of judges.

"We are so proud that Wendy is being rec-

ognized for this award. She works tirelessly to support our organization and our children," said CEO Russell Triolo. "It is wonderful to see her achievements being acknowledged, she is most deserving of this award."

Cama has been a member of BGCUC Board of Directors for five years and currently serves as vice president of finance.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County

offers youth programs in five communities in Union County: Plainfield, Elizabeth, Union, Hillside and Roselle. Teen leadership programs are available in Union, Elizabeth and Plainfield. Members participate in character development programs throughout the year. Aquatics instruction is available at the Union Club. For more information, visit www.bgcuc.org or call 908-687-2697.

Finalists in Shout Down Drugs competition

Union County musicians have been named finalists in the Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey's "Shout Down Drugs competition."

Kalib K. Adams, Brianna Hatch, Olivia McKeon, Matthew Milligan and Jada Peterson are among 30 students who were selected as finalists in the statewide New Jersey Shout Down Drugs music competition, an initiative that challenges high school students to create original

music with lyrics that contain powerful peer-to-peer substance abuse prevention messages.

The finalists, selected through an online vote and judging panel, represent 14 New Jersey counties and will compete for \$10,000 in music contracts.

The public can vote on www.shoutdowndrugs.com. This site features profiles of this year's finalists and allows the public to cast votes for their favorite songs. These

results will be factored into the finalists' scores on the night of the concert.

Adams, Hatch, McKeon, Milligan and Peterson will perform at the 12th annual New Jersey Shout Down Drugs music concert presented by the New Jersey Broadcaster's Association on May 25, at the Rutgers University Nicholas Music Center in New Brunswick. Tickets are free but must be reserved at www.ShoutDownDrugs.com or by calling 973-467-2100, ext. 19.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call for volunteers at Union County Teen Arts Festival

Volunteers are needed Wednesday and Thursday, March 23 and 24, to assist artists with workshops, manage performance sites and staff information stations at the Union County Teen Arts Festival. This two-day celebration of the arts is held annually at Union County College in Cranford, sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders through the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs in the Department of Parks and Recreation. The event is open to all students from public, charter, private and parochial middle and high schools in Union County.

Interested volunteers should contact the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 908-558-2550 or send an email to culturalinfo@ucnj.org.

Local photographer exhibit open Pearl Street Gallery

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders presents "Lost Highway, a photographic hymn to New Jersey," an exhibit of photographs by Michael Endy, in the gallery space at the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, located inside the St. John's Parsonage, 633 Pearl St. in Elizabeth through March 25. Regular gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays.

Endy, who holds a BFA, worked in New York design agencies for more than 20 years before launching his own design consultancy in 2010. He has had recent international exhibits in such venues as MoNA, the Museum of New Art, in Detroit; Arterie Fine Arts in Chicago; and the Center for Contemporary Art in Bedminster, NJ. He has won more than 30 international design awards and is published in many graphic design books. Endy and his family live in Westfield, where he is president of the Westfield Art Association. He also is on the exhibition committee of the New Jersey Photography Forum, the publicity committee of the Contemporary Art Group, and a member of the Jersey Art Registry and Pro Arts Jersey City.

Union County artists interested in exhibiting in the gallery space are welcome to apply. For more information about the Pearl Street Gallery or other programs, contact the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 908-558-2550 or send an email to culturalinfo@ucnj.org.

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Photos by David VanDeventer

Various Union County fire departments participated in the Cooked and Uncorked Food and Wine Festival on Feb. 29, to support the New Jersey State Firefighter's Mutual Benevolent Association and the Burn Center at St. Barnabas. Above are several culinary-gifted members of the Hillside Fire Department Local 35 and Rahway Fire Department Local 33.



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UC Historical Society Spring Dinner reservations are open

The Union County Historical Society's annual spring dinner will be held Sunday, April 10, at 2 p.m. at the Garden Restaurant, 943 Magie Ave., Union. Dr. Walter E. Boright, area author and historian, will be the featured speaker.

According to UCHS President Charles Shallcross, "Dr. Boright's topic is 'Reign of Terror — the Union County Bandits.' His PowerPoint presentation will address the gang of three bandits who lived in Roselle Park and Kenilworth. The trio caused a reign of terror throughout Union County from December 1920 to February 1921. The threesome committed a total of 21 holdups of trolleys, automobiles, and business offices before captured following a bloody shoot-out on Morris Ave. Dr. Boright has gone through considerable research to carefully document those events of 95 years ago."

The program is open to UCHS members and the general public. Advanced reservations are encouraged; tickets are \$32 per person, and checks payable to UCHS should be sent to William Frolich, 116 East 4th Ave., Roselle, NJ 07203. A choice of entrée should be indicated: salmon, pasta or chicken. Tickets will not be sold at the door."

UCPAC's Vanessa Williams concert tickets are available

Vanessa Williams performs Nov. 25, at 8 p.m., on the Mainstage of the Union County Performing Arts Center. Her albums "The Right Stuff," "The Comfort Zone" and "The Sweetest Days" earned multiple Grammy nominations. Her critically acclaimed work in film, television, recordings and the Broadway stage have been recognized by 4 Emmy nominations, 17 Grammy nominations, a Tony nomination, three SAG Award nominations, seven NAACP Image Awards, three Satellite Awards, a Golden Globe, a Grammy and an Oscar.

Tickets can be purchased by calling the UCPAC box office at 732-499-8226 or visiting www.ucpac.org. The Mainstage of the Union County Performing Arts Center is located at 1601 Irving St. in Rahway.

CALENDAR

Information sessions for Kean camp to be held March 10

Liberty Hall Museum at Kean University, 1000 Morris Ave. in Union, is getting ready for spring with several special events during the month of March. Reservations are required for all events and tickets may be purchased online. For more information, visit <http://www.kean.edu/libertyhall/>.

Looking ahead to warmer weather, Liberty Hall Museum will welcome back Oasis Day camp for the 2016 summer. Oasis features the modern NCAA athletic facilities and state-of-the-art theatres at Kean University, and rustic, old-world charm at Liberty Hall Museum and grounds. Information sessions will be held at Liberty Hall on Thursday, March 10, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Representatives from the camp will be on hand to answer all questions. For more information, visit www.oasischildren.com and click the "Union" tab.

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MARCH FOR MEALS — From left, Meals on Wheels volunteers John Catalo and Cocoa Catalo of Springfield, and Springfield Deputy Mayor Ziad Andrew Shehady deliver meals to older adults in Springfield on Wednesday, March 2 as part of the organization's 'March For Meals' campaign, coordinated by SAGE Eldercare in Summit. SAGE volunteers daily deliver meals and check in on approximately 120 older residents in parts of Union, Essex, and Morris counties. For more information on the program, call 908-273-5554 or visit www.sageeldercare.org.

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Union native releases romance novel

By Peter Fiorilla
Staff Writer

A Union native drew upon her time at Union High School in the 1980s, and regular trips to the Jersey Shore, for inspiration when writing a recently released romance novel in which the lead character is a teenage protagonist “finding herself” during a turbulent time in her life.

Christine Lourenco, a member of the Union High School Class of 1988, works at a firm in New York from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For a six month period last year, though, Lourenco spent the hours before her morning commute writing “For the Love of the Ocean,” a novel that follows a 16-year-old girl named Summer Wright. The book was released on Sunday, Jan. 3, and can be purchased on Amazon in Kindle and physical form.

“It definitely would appeal to young adults, because it follows the character through high school and college. But I don’t think it matters. It probably appeals more to women than men — it follows a female character — but Summer is someone who loses her parents at 16 and is an only child, so she has to lean on others and it shares the journey of her finding herself and her love for her best friend, Chase,” said Lourenco. “It really talks about passion for the ocean, marine life, and about giving back, there’s an environmental theme to it as well.”

Since childhood, Lourenco has been a regular at New Jersey beaches, where she’s done everything from collect sand dollars to surfing in the twilight — much like Summer Wright in “For the Love of the Ocean.”

Lourenco has also enjoyed writing from an early age, which is how she wound up in human resources. “For the Love of the Ocean” is the first novel she’s written, though, and it took a little bit of extra belief to make the leap from someone who likes writing — and the beach — to becoming a published author, who has a book on her greatest passion to show for it.

That kind of belief, says Lourenco, stems from her time at Union High School and the Future Business Leaders of America Club, which instilled the idea of “going for your dreams.”

“I’ve always liked to write, but you never really envision what it’s going to lead to,” said Lourenco. Finding a publisher before writing the book ended up being impossible, so Lourenco wound up writing the



Photos Courtesy of Christine Lourenco
Christine Lourenco, a Union native and writer of ‘For the Love of the Ocean,’ has been visiting the shore since childhood.

book and then shopping it around. “I started to put out query letters, and tried to get picked up by literary agents or book publishers, but it’s almost like you have to be someone like Snooki for someone to notice you. So after not getting anywhere with it, I said, ‘this is just something I have a passion for, so I’m going to do it.’”

And, several years after she first thought of the plot of the novel, Lourenco got to work and wrote it. That’s how Lourenco reached a deal with Archway Publishing, a subsidiary of Simon & Schuster, for a physical release of “For the Love of the Ocean,” which takes place in ritzy Avon-by-the-Sea.

“My great grandfather had a place in Mantoloking, so we grew up going down there and staying at his shore house all the time. We went to Island Beach State Park,

Avon-by-the-Sea and all of these different little towns, and then I got really into shelling — I had a sand dollar collection. I found a lot of them in Avon-by-the-Sea,” said Lourenco. “That town is actually what inspired the book in terms of where it’s located.”

While the mainstream view of the Jersey Shore has been distorted and polluted by pop culture, says Lourenco, “For the Love of the Ocean” is a love letter to the “real Jersey Shore.” There’s no Snooki and no spray tans, but anyone who’s gone night surfing will be able to relate to the adventures of Summer Wright and her friend Chase.

“It’s something my family does,” said Lourenco. “Surfing, and giving back to the ocean. There’s a big thing, in the book, about volunteering and fundraising for the



Surf boards lined up at the Jersey Shore.

ocean. It’s about the real Jersey Shore. You see those shows about the Jersey Shore, whether it’s ‘Real Housewives’ or the old MTV show. I think this is the real Jersey Shore, people who really do care about the beaches and the oceans and the way of living near the beach.”

The reception received by the novel since it was first released last month has indicated to Lourenco that “it’s doing quite well,” although it’s too early to say if she’ll be quitting her day job anytime soon.

In the meantime, the Union native is already working on her next novel, with a concept that anyone can relate to: the pains of commuting.

“I’m working on another one, it’s called ‘Commuter Bob,’” said Lourenco. “It’s a guy named Bob who’s a pessimistic complainer, and he writes this blog called ‘Commuter Bob.’ It’s the most-popular blog in New York, and it talks about the pains of commuting to New York. It also lets him do what he likes, which is complain. It’s more comedic, and I think it will appeal to both men and women.”

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The Glass Slipper thrift boutique opens for prom

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women a chance to purchase formal wear at an affordable price.”

When spring cleaning this year, going through semi-new formal wear might free up some closet space and make a valuable donation to the Glass Slipper Boutique. The store welcomes lightly worn, cleaned and laundered dresses. They are also accepting shoes, jewelry and handbags. The store is encouraging donations for

prom wear now until March 21. There will be tax deductions for the street value of any dresses donated.

Prom gowns are sold at a serious discount, making it possible for girls throughout Union County to find affordable dresses. These gowns can also be worn as bridesmaid dresses, or to other formal events such as weddings and bar and bat mitzvahs. In addition to the dresses, there is also a large selection of shoes, jewelry, and

accessories. The store's hours of operation are Wednesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The boutique has been very successful for the past few years, with many girls coming in for prom shopping.

“We've had girls from all over Union County come to the Jumble Store for their prom dresses during the past few years,” said Laterza.

The Glass Slipper Boutique's preview night will take place this year on Friday, April 1, from 7 to 9 p.m., and all day Saturday, April 2, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The boutique will remain open until June 1.

The Jumble Store is the main fundraiser for the Junior League, and they are proud of the store's Facebook page, which highlights some of the store's events and inventory. The Glass Slipper Boutique is just one of the many fundraisers that support the association.

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Play festival finalists featured starting March 10

Premiere Stages, the professional theatre company in residence at Kean University, has announced its four finalists for the 2016 Premiere Stages Play Festival, and will offer free public readings of the plays by professional actors during its 12th annual Spring Readings Series.

The readings will take place Thursday, March 10, through Saturday, March 12, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 13, at 3 p.m. in the Murphy Dunn Theatre, located in Vaughn Eames Hall on Kean's central campus, 1000 Morris Ave., Union.

The schedule for the March events is as follows: Thursday, March 10, at 7 p.m.: "The Blameless"; Friday, March 11, at 7 p.m.: "What I Tell You in the Dark"; Saturday, March 12, at 7 p.m.: "Las Cruces"; and Sunday, March 13, at 3 p.m.: "Three Rules for the Dragon." The public is encouraged to actively participate in the new play development process through post-reading dialogues with the writers. Patrons may also provide written evaluations.

The plays were selected from more than 400 submissions, given professional readings and considered for expanded development as part of Premiere Stages' 2016 season.

One of the four plays will be selected for an Actors' Equity Association staged reading in June, and the most promising play will be awarded a fully produced AEA production in

September. All finalists also receive cash awards.

'Bring It On: The Musical' to begin on March 11

Union Catholic Performing Arts Company, 1600 Martine Ave, Scotch Plains, presents "Bring It On: The Musical" on March 11, 12, 18 and 19 at 7 p.m. and March 13, at 3 p.m. in the auditorium. For tickets, call 908-889-1600 or visit www.showtix4u.com or the box office before all performances.

Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade is March 12

The 20th annual Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade steps off Saturday, March 12, at 1 p.m. at Commerce and Morris avenues, proceeding east on Morris Avenue to Union Center and south onto Stuyvesant Avenue, ending at Roosevelt Avenue.

Grand Marshal Frank McGovern of Cranford will lead the march of bagpipe and high school bands, local police and fire department units, veterans groups and other organizations through the center of Union. This year's parade is dedicated to the children of Irish heritage.

McGovern has been involved with the Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade for more than 17 years, serving as the parade's 2005 general chairman. He has also served the parade as chairman of the Investiture

Mass and Parade Day Mass, financial secretary, chairman of the St. Patrick's Honor Guard, parade announcer and chairman of the board of trustees.

According to Parade Adjutant Jessica Cunningham, who also coordinates parade logistics with the township of Union, the 2016 Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade will feature high school marching bands from the Township of Union and Roselle Park and many bagpipe bands including the Union County Police & Fire Pipes & Drums and the St. Columcille United Gaelic Pipe Band. Also marching will be Fourth Degree color guards from the Knights of Columbus, non-profit units, local police and fire departments and the Garden State Ceili Club float.

A Mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in Elizabeth at 9 a.m. to begin the day followed by a welcoming reception in the church hall. St. Patrick's Church is located at 215 Court Street in Elizabeth, NJ 07206.

The family-friendly festivities kick off at noon at the reviewing stand located at the corner of Morris and Stuyvesant avenues in Union Center with a welcome from parade officials, traditional Irish music and Irish step-dancing. The parade has grown from drawing 10,000 spectators during its inaugural run in 1997 to more than 40,000 in recent years.

The New Jersey Hall of Fame Mobile Museum will once again be on hand to give visitors the chance to learn more about the

influential New Jersey men and women who made invaluable contributions to the state and the world in arts, business, sports, science and business.

The parade will also feature a Kids Zone presented by the Union Special Improvement District. The Kids Zone will feature inflatable rides, walk-around entertainers and activities for the whole family on Stuyvesant and Morris avenues.

For additional information about the Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade, visit www.unioncountystpatricksdaysparade.com.

'Tribute' play in Westfield beginning March 12

This month the Westfield Community Players present "Tribute," a dramatic-comedy by Bernard Slade that has received both a Tony and Drama Desk Award.

Performances are March 12, 18 and 19 at 8 p.m., and March 13, at 2 p.m. at 1000 North Avenue West in Westfield.

Tickets may be reserved at the box office by calling 908-232-1221 or online at http://www.westfieldcommunityplayers.org/WCP_Tribute_tickets.html

UCPAC welcomes Americana artist March 12

Americana artist Rod Picott will perform March 12, at 8 p.m., in The Loft at Union County Performing Arts Center as

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part the Split Level Concert Series. Upcoming Split Level Concerts include Sarah Borges at The Loft at UCPAC on April 16, and Jeanne Jolly at Hamilton Stage on May 7. For a full listing of shows, visit www.splitlevelconcerts.com and the Union County Performing Arts Center website at www.ucpac.org.

Tickets can be purchased by calling the UCPAC box office at 732-499-8226 or visiting www.ucpac.org. The Loft at the Union County Performing Arts Center is located at 1601 Irving St. in Rahway.

UCPAC hosts celebration of Irish culture March 13

The Union County Performing Arts Center will present "Celtic Pride," a celebration of Irish culture told through stories, dance and song, on March 13 at 2 p.m. at the UCPAC Mainstage.

The show features a troupe of dancers from the Curran School of Irish Dance; song, stories, poetry and music by storyteller Frank Curran; a quartet under the leadership of violinist Alyson Whelan-Rios; and singers Drew Cyburt, Howard Whitmore, Suzanne Ramsey-Restivo, Alicia Cordero and Ben Simons.

For tickets and information, call the UCPAC box office at 732-499-8226 or visit www.ucpac.org. UCPAC's Mainstage is located at 1601 Irving Street in the heart of Rahway's Arts District.

Local bar to host New Jersey artists March 13

On Sunday, March 13 at 6 p.m., Crossroads, located at 78 North Ave. in Garwood, presents a benefit for NJArts.net, featuring artists from the website's "350 Jersey Songs" list, including Pat DiNizio of The Smithereens and Richard Barone of The Bongos.

The "350 Jersey Songs" posts were written daily by Jay Lustig, from September 2014 to September 2015; all the songs are about some aspect of the Garden State, or by a Garden State artist, or recorded in the state. At the March 13 show, the artists will perform their song from the list, plus a cover of another artist on the list.

The event's lineup, subject to change, is: Richard Barone of The Bongos; Matt Davis of The Thousand Pities; Jason Didner; Pat DiNizio of The Smithereens; Joe D'Urso; Jon Fried and Deena Shoshkes of The Cucumbers; The Grip; Weeds; Loretta Hagen; Chris Kennedy and Mike Lustig of Ruth Ruth; with Johnny Powers; Dave Kleiner and Liz Pagan; Tris McCall; Scott E. Moore; The Porchistas; Speed the Plough, and Jim Testa.

More information is available at xxroads.com. Tickets can be ordered at www.ticketfly.com.

NJArts.net covers all forms of art, throughout New Jersey. The songs can be seen at www.NJArts.net/350-jersey-songs-project.



GROCERIES FOR FAMILIES — United Way of Greater Union County, the Plainfield Board of Education, and the Hillside Community Food Bank have partnered to help address food insecurity in Plainfield; 119 families receive packaged and canned food the third Friday of each month. Families who meet eligibility requirements and have children attending the Stillman, Evergreen, Washington elementary schools, and the Hubbard Middle School are eligible to participate. Plainfield School District staff assist in picking up the food from the Community Food Bank and transporting it to Plainfield families.

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Registration for Cranford fundraising run is now open

On Saturday, April 9, the Home School Association of Saint Michael School in Cranford will host a USA Track and Field Certified 5K and 1-mile fun run at Nomahegan Park, 1024 Springfield Ave. in Cranford. All are invited to participate in this community event, which will benefit the Wounded Warrior Project and Saint Michael School.

Events begin at 8:45 a.m. with the 1 mile fun run followed by the 5K Race at 9:30 a.m. Registration for the fun run and 5K are discounted before April 6. Online registration is available at www.compucore.com. Participants registered prior to April 1 will receive race T-shirts while supplies last, and awards will be given to top finishers of the 5K race.

For additional information, send an email to warriors4warriors@gmail.com.

Wildlife photography contest entries are due April 8

The 2016 Wildlife Photography Contest is open at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside. Amateur photographers, ages 6 through adult may enter a maximum of two original photographs of wild animals in their natural habitat; entries must be received or postmarked no later than Friday, April 8.

Only images of animals native to the United States are eligible for submission; images of exotic wildlife, pets or domestic animals will not be considered. Entries must be unmatted, unframed 5-by-7-inch prints in black and white or color.

Photographs entered into the Wildlife Photography Contest will be judged by local, professional photographers, and winners will be awarded in each of three age groups: 6 to 11; 12 to 17; and 18 and older, based on originality, composition, technical excellence and artistic merit. Four winners in each category will have their photos displayed in Trailside's 2017 nature calendar. Winners will be announced on Sunday, April 24, during Trailside's Wild Earth Fest. All photographs will be displayed at Trailside's Visitor Center through May 29.

For a brochure with the complete rules and an entry form for the Wildlife Photography Contest, call Trailside at 908-789-3670 or visit www.ucnj.org/trailside. Trailside Nature and Science Center is located at 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside.

CALENDAR

Woodcock Walk at Lenape Park on March 15 and 22

Bird watchers are invited to gather at Lenape Park in Cranford on March 15 and 22, at 6:15 p.m., for the annual Woodcock Walk to catch a first glimpse of this odd and reclusive species. Participants will gather at the old trap and skeet range field house by the parking lot, at the main entrance of Lenape Park off Kenilworth Boulevard in Cranford.

Each Woodcock Walk will begin with a brief presentation hosted by birding experts Evelyn Morton and Pete Axelrod. Members of the Friends of Lenape Park will also be on hand. The group is a Union County Adopt-a-Park partner, which oversees the bluebird boxes in the park among other projects.

After the presentation, participants will head into a nearby field to listen for the bird's unusual call, and to keep watch to catch for a possible glimpse of the male in flight.

Both events are free and open to adults and children age 10 and up with an adult. Pre-registration is required by emailing bkelly@ucnj.org. For more information, call 908-527-4900 or visit ucnj.org/parks.



READING INSPIRES — Community Access Unlimited Member and Kean University student Mariah Lewis recently read the poem, 'Still I Rise,' by Maya Angelou at a Black History Month read-in for its youth members. The event encouraged youth to think about and embrace their heritage. The youth read poems, literature and songs that are meaningful to them. Some read their own writing. CAU serves youth under the Department of Children and Families as they prepare to age out of the child services system.



REAL TALK — On Tuesday, Feb. 23, Jayda, a star of the 'Brick City' television documentary, spoke to a predominantly female student audience at Hillside High School about mistakes she has made, urging the audience to prioritize their education, resist negative peer pressure and make better choices. The event was sponsored by the Hillside Democratic County Committee. From left at the event are: Hillside Democratic Chairman Anthony Salters, Jayda and Hillside Democratic District Leader Nancy Maloney Smith.

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TWIRLERS WIN FIRST — The Union High School Twirling Team, the only high school team in the state, recently attended the New Jersey Twirling Association competition and won first place in team dance and in team twirling. From left are team members Daniela Arrieta, Tiahna Selby, Cristiana Selby, Anastasia Ristova, Alyssa Squillante, Kayla Nunez and Maria Asitimbay.



VETERAN DONATION — Rahway American Legion Post 5 made a donation toward a project to aid homeless veterans at Veterans Haven North and South. From left are state project Chairman Bob Newell, Vice Commander of Post 5 Bob Hirsch, State Commander Mike Babli, and Union County Vice Commander Larry Platt. The estimated cost of the project is \$120,000; no money is used for overhead, salaries or expenses. Goals include providing passenger vans to be used to transport veterans from each of the facilities. Another part of the project will provide a state-of-the-art security camera system at Veterans Haven South. The project will also provide a minivan for use at the Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery. To make a tax-deductible donation, send to the American Legion, Dept. of NJ.

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CAU is leader in affordable housing advocacy

Community Access Unlimited is one of the first nonprofits in the nation to take advantage of the federal low-income housing tax credit to acquire property, according to Executive Director Sid Blanchard in a press release.

"We've pioneered new ways of doing affordable housing," Blanchard said. These methods integrate people with and without disabilities and of different income levels with mixed use residential and commercial space.

The CAU model is unique, Blanchard said, because CAU owns its properties, unlike many other nonprofits dependent upon government money and the regulations that come with it. This gives the organization control over the property management and housing experience for its residents. CAU is one of the first nonprofits in the nation to pursue the federal low-income housing tax credit to acquire property.

Imagine, a Center for Coping with Loss kicks off fundraising campaign

More than 60 guests and volunteers turned out Feb. 11 for the public kickoff of a campaign for sustainability and a new space for Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss. The event was held on Route 22 in Mountainside at a possible location for the organization, which is a grief-support

center for local families.

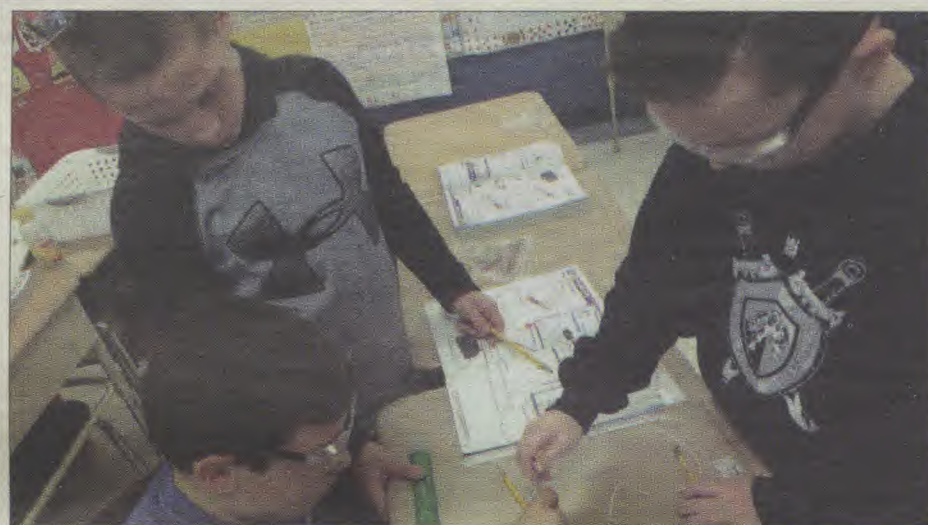
The three-year campaign aims to raise \$3.5 million for the center, which currently serves more than 200 children and adults in peer-support groups for children coping with loss at its current location at First United Methodist Church in Westfield.

"First United Methodist Church has been our home for three and a half years and we have been incredibly fortunate to have been able to launch our program there, right in the heart of Westfield," Imagine Board Chairman Stuart Arnold said in a press release. "Imagine was launched in 2011 with an initial grant from Dr. Gerry Glasser through the The Glasser Foundation, whose vision it was to make grief support available and accessible to the children and families in his beloved town of Westfield and all surrounding communities. The Foundation has continued to provide extraordinarily generous annual support to Imagine, which has been instrumental in our ability to grow and thrive. As we now launch the public phase of our campaign and get ready to move to a new space dedicated solely to serving grieving children and families every day of the week, we invite everyone's participation and encourage you to contact Imagine to find out how you can help."

Imagine serves grieving children ages 3 to 18, with concurrent support groups for their parents or guardians. Support for children and teens living with a parent or sibling with a life-altering physical illness is also available through the Imagine "Tender Living Care" program. Free support groups are also available for adults 18 and up who have lost a friend, sibling, parent or other important person, or who have a parent, sibling or friend living with an illness.

For information, visit www.imagenj.org or contact info@imagenj.org or call 908-264-3100.

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IT'S ELECTRIC — Fourth-graders at the Frank K. Hehny School, in Clark, recently conducted an experiment to demonstrate how electrical energy is transformed and transmitted. Working in small groups, the students wrapped an insulated wire around a bolt and connected it to a D-cell battery. Students observed that connecting wires to the battery turns the bolt into an electromagnet that can pick up items such as paper clips. Students recorded their findings on how the electric current from the battery produced a magnetic field.



DENTAL HEALTH — Students in the Harding kindergarten class in Kenilworth were visited by Dr. Kurt M. Krause, of Cranford, to support the ADA sponsored National Children's Dental Health Month. The event was arranged by Janet Jeans, the school's nurse.



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Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi advises Union County residents that a valid U.S. passport is still the most reliable and secure form of identification for traveling by air. Currently, air travelers can still use their driver's licenses to board domestic flights. However, the state has not yet attained compliance with new national security standards for driver's licenses.

The new standards were established under the 2005 federal "REAL ID" law. The law, which is being implemented by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, requires each state to update its driver's license procedures to comply with tighter security measures at airports, federal buildings, and other sensitive facilities. Most states now issue driver's licenses that meet the new standards. The Department of Homeland Security has extended the deadline for New Jersey to Oct. 10, 2016.

Union County residents can process their U.S. passport applications and renewals through the county clerk, at the main office in Elizabeth or the satellite office in Westfield. Passport photos are offered at both locations for a nominal fee. The Westfield office also features evening and weekend hours. Both offices are easily accessible by mass transit.

For details about the Union County Clerk's locations, hours and passport services, including downloadable forms, visit ucnj.org/county-clerk.

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Elizabethtown Gas, through the philanthropic arm of its parent company, AGL Resources, has established a STEM education scholarship fund for qualified Union County College students enrolled in a science, technology, engineering and math career field.

Two \$2,500 Fueling the Future Scholarships will be awarded annually. Applicants must:

- be a Union County resident;
- be enrolled at the university full time in a STEM discipline; and
- earn a minimum grade-point average of 2.5.

For more information, visit www.elizabethtowngas.com.

Veterans invited to attend free healthy living series

Union County veterans and their families are invited to attend a series of free classes that take place twice weekly at the Cranford VFW, 479 South Ave. in Cranford, through June 29. All classes and workshops begin at 6:30 p.m. and last one to two hours.

Preregistration is not required, just drop in. Topics cover aspects of healthy living. See **IMPROVEMENT**, Page 14



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This series is sponsored by Trinitas Regional Medical Center. For more information, contact Trinitas at 908-994-7278.

Volunteer at the Union County Rape Crisis Center

The volunteer members of the Union County Rape Crisis Center have provided advocacy and guidance to victims of sexual violence since 1984; there are now openings for new volunteers.

The next training course begins Tuesday, April 5, from 6:30 to 10 p.m., and continues twice weekly for a total of 17 sessions, until May 31. All sessions take place at the Rape Crisis Center offices in Westfield at the Colleen Fraser County Services Building, 300 North Avenue East.

The Rape Crisis Center is a division of the Union County Department of Human Services. A core of professional staff coordinates and mentors the volunteer corps of trained advocates.

All advocates undergo a training series that enables them to provide guidance on the phone through the Rape Cri-

sis Center hotline. Advocates may also accompany victims to medical or legal procedures.

Prospective volunteers must be at least 18 years old, hold a valid driver's license, and have their own vehicle. Before becoming eligible for the training course, volunteers must also contact the Rape Crisis Center at 908-233-7273 or email rcc@ucnj.org to schedule an in-person interview.

To learn more, contact the Rape Crisis Center at 908-233-7273 or rcc@ucnj.org, or visit unioncountyraperiscenter.blogspot.com.

CALENDAR

Donate blood March 11

The American Red Cross encourages eligible donors in Union County to give blood.

Donations may be made Friday, March 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at Abraham Clark High School, 122 E. 6th Ave. in Roselle.

The Red Cross depends on blood donor heroes across the nation to collect enough blood to meet the needs of patients at approximately 2,600 hospitals nationwide. Donors of all blood types are needed to help accident and burn victims, patients undergoing organ transplants, those receiving cancer treatments and others who rely on blood products.

To give blood, make an appointment by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 800-733-2767.

League of Women Voters registers citizens March 13

Members of the League of Women Voters of the Union area will be at Patty Griffin's concert at Kean University in Union at 3 p.m. on March 13, to register voters for the 2016 election.

Griffin, a Grammy Award winner will perform with Sara Watkins and Anais Mitchell in a 39-city "Use Your Voice" tour to promote the League of Women Voters' nonpartisan efforts to turn out the vote.

League members will be in the lobby at Enlow Hall before the concert and during intermission to register voters. In New Jersey, registration is permanent, but anyone who has moved since the last time he or she voted must re-register. New voters must register by May 17 to vote in the June 7 primary. To vote in the Nov. 8 general election, they must register by Oct. 18.

The League does not support or oppose individual candidates; its work concentrates on informing the public of the issues and promoting voter participation in all elections, including the primary.

Tickets for the concert are available at

Kean University by calling 908-737-7469 or at www.keanstage.com. For information about the LWV in New Jersey, visit www.lwvnj.org.

Notaries public training registration ends March 11

Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi announces that the latest in a series of special training sessions for Notaries Public will be held Friday, March 18, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the John H. Stamler Police Academy, 1776 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains. Attendance is by pre-registration only, with a nominal registration fee of \$5. Attendance is limited to the first 50 persons to register by Friday, March 11.

The new session is open to those interested in becoming a notary public, as well as current notaries who would like to refresh and update their skills.

Registration forms are available online at ucnj.org/county-clerk/new-jersey-notary-training. For more information, payment info, or to obtain a registration form by mail, contact Donna Connell at the County Clerk's office by Friday, March 11, at 908-527-4999 or dconnell@ucnj.org.

Inquiries are also accepted by fax at 908-558-2589. Details on all Union County Clerk programs and services are available online at ucnj.org/county-clerk.

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2095 Berwyn Street, Union, NJ 07083. Rev. James G. Ryoo, Pastor. Church telephone 908-687-8077. Office hours by appointment. Sunday service at 11:00 AM includes a children's sermon. Sunday School at 10:00. Youth Sunday School during the main service. Communion the first Sunday of the month. Choir and Praise Team. UMW group meets 2nd Saturday each month. Friday evening bible study with the pastor at 7:30 PM. We are a friendly, multi ethnic/cultural church and we welcome all!

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KENILWORTH GOSPEL CHAPEL Newark and 23rd Street, Kenilworth, 908-272-6131, Pastor Donald Dunkerton. Sunday 9:30 am Breaking of Bread, 11:00 am Family Bible Hour and Sunday School for all ages, Tuesday Women's Bible study at Chapel 7:00 pm, Wednesday 7:00 pm Prayer and Bible Study, (childcare provided), Friday 7:00 pm Youth Activities for Grade School age, Jr. High and Sr. High. kenilworthgospel.org

PRESBYTERIAN

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1459 Deer Path, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092. You are invited to join us in Worship Services on Sundays at 10:30 am. This is a place for you to enjoy uplifting music and relevant messages that will energize and inspire you. We offer a warm and friendly environment with Bible study, Sunday school and active adult and youth groups. For further information, please contact Dr. Christopher Belden, Pastor at 908-232-9490.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATION OF CONNECTICUT FARMS, corner of Stuyvesant Ave and Chestnut St., Union. Sunday School 10 am, Sunday Worship Service 11am with nursery care, Holy Communion first Sunday monthly. Church office 908-688-3164; office hours are M-F 9:00 am - 4:00 pm www.ctfarms.org, Rev. Roberta Arrowsmith, Pastor.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SPRINGFIELD 210 Morris Ave. at Church Mall, Springfield, NJ 07081, 973-379-4320. Rev. Victoria Ney, Pastor. Sunday Worship begins at 10:15am followed by Fellowship

Hour. Church time nursery and Sunday School for infant to second grade avail. Sunday School for grades 3-12 begins at 9:00am in the Parish House @ 37 Church Mall. For more information about Church groups and community activities or to contact Pastor Ney, please call the Church Office at 973-379-4320, or e-mail FirstPCoffice@verizon.net.

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St. JAMES THE APOSTLE PARISH COMMUNITY, 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081.973-376-3044. www.saintjamesparish.org. SUNDAY MASS: Saturday 5:00pm (anticipated), Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30am and 12:00 noon. WEEKDAY MASS: Monday-Friday 7:30am, Saturday 8:00am. RECONCILIATION: Saturday 11:00am (any time by appointment)

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Donate blood at Linden Public Library on March 14

The Linden Public Library will host a blood drive on Monday, March 14, from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Columbia Bank Room. The library is located at 31 E. Henry St. in Linden. For questions about eligibility, call 800-652-5663.

SBDC workshop at Kean on March 15

The Small Business Development Center at Kean University will offer a seminar in business and franchise ownership Tuesday, March 15, at 6 p.m. in the Nancy Thompson Library, Room 116L, on the University's Union campus.

Led by Boynton R. Weekes, a franchise consultant, the seminar will provide aspiring entrepreneurs with business models to help reach their goals. The seminar will discuss potential pathways to business ownership, reviewing the pros and cons of buying an existing business or a franchise. Weekes will debunk common myths about franchising and discuss financing, research and regulations governing franchises.

On Tuesday, March 29, at 10 a.m., the SBDC will host the "Small Business Tax Workshop" on Kean University's East Campus, Room 160B, 215 North Ave. in Hillside. The workshop will address state tax-related responsibilities and how to handle them, with tips and guidelines for reporting business income and expenses, and how to register a business with the New Jersey Division of Taxation, and the various types of business ownership and the tax consequences for each.

The NJ-SBDC includes 12 full-service regional centers and 29 satellite offices and is committed to guiding established small business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs in creating and expanding their business enterprises. The NJ-SBDC at Kean is located in Willis Hall, on the University's Union campus, 1000 Morris Ave. in Union. For information, visit www.kean.edu/sbdc.

Early childhood development screenings held March 16

On March 16, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Children's Specialized Hospital will offer free early childhood developmental screening clinics at the Jefferson Park Preschool, 485 Madison Ave. in Elizabeth. Experts from Children's Specialized Hospital will provide free, quick developmental screenings in English or Spanish for children ages 1 to 5 years old and share resources for parents curious about early childhood development.

Each screening will include an interactive questionnaire and conversation between parents, the child and Children's Specialized Hospital staff. For more information or to register, email anorton@childrens-specialized.org; or visit <http://www.childrens-specialized.org/events/early-developmental-screening-program-2016-03-16> Children's Specialized Hospital is the first hospital in New Jersey to provide free developmental screenings in the community. Early identification of young children who have developmental delays is key to a timely delivery of intervention services. This screening is the first step in obtaining needed services for young children. Educational materials will be available for families as to what to expect from their children at different ages.

For more information visit: www.childrens-specialized.org

SAGE to host "Medicare 101" on March 16

On Wednesday, March 16, from noon to 1:30 p.m., Union County State Health Insurance Assistance Program counselors will host "Medicare 101" at SAGE Eldercare, 290 Broad St. Summit. Attendees will also have the opportunity to meet with counselors to ask Medicare-related questions.

Adults 65 years or older, or those under 65 with certain disabilities, qualify for Medicare health insurance. SAGE Eldercare serves as the SHIP representative for Union County. Staff and volunteers are available for free, personalized, confidential and objective Medicare counseling on decisions about coverage; help with claims, billing, or appeals; and provide information on programs for people with limited income and resources, as well as to help you reassess coverage.

To RSVP for "Medicare 101," call 908-598-5548 or email to: education@sageeldercare.org.

SAGE Eldercare SHIP counselors can be reached during business hours at 908-273-6999 or by email at ship@sageeldercare.org.

Kean U to host workshop on sustainable design March 17

Kean University's Michael Graves College will host a series of professional development workshops featuring the university's distinguished faculty and prominent innovators in the fields of architecture and design. The Michael Graves College Spring 2016 Workshop Series highlights leading voices discussing contemporary issues. Events are open to the public and will take place at 5:30 p.m. in room 306 of the Green Lane Academic Building on the Kean main campus in Union.

Rob Fleming, director of Philadelphia University's masters program in Sustainable Design will present "Beyond Green: How Sustainable Design will Transform our Lives" on March 17. The workshop will examine new approaches to sustainable design.

What's Going On?

FLEA MARKET

SATURDAY
APRIL 23, 2016

EVENT: FLEAMARKET

PLACE: West orange Elks Lodge
424 Main Street, West Orange

TIME: 9:00AM - 3:00PM
(Set up 7:30 AM)

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SATURDAY
MARCH 19, 2016

EVENT: BIG INDOOR
FLEA MARKET

PLACE: Roselle Catholic High School
350 Raritan Road, Roselle

TIME: 9:00AM - 4:00PM

ORGANIZATION: Roselle Catholic High School

SOUP TASTING

TUESDAY
MARCH 22, 2016

EVENT: "SOUP'S ON" Soup Tasting

PLACE: Kenilworth Seniors' Center, 526 Boulevard

TIME: 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

PRICE: \$12 (advance reservations required)

DETAILS: This popular event features a taste of a wide variety of favorite homemade soups plus assorted breads and desserts. For reservations/tickets, please call 908-709-0434 or 908-709-0391.

ORGANIZATION: Sponsored by Kenilworth Historical Society. Proceeds to benefit Oswald J. Nitschke House museum and cultural arts center elevator/restoration project.

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OPINION

Invest in the future of our children

EDITORIAL

If it seems as though you're seeing a few more girls in sharply dressed uniforms than you normally would, it's not a coincidence: March 6 through March 12 is Girl Scout Week. Celebrated each March, this week begins on Girl Scout Sunday and ends on Girl Scout Sabbath/Shabbat on Saturday, always including the Girl Scout birthday, March 12.

This date commemorates the day in 1912 when Juliette Gordon Low officially registered the organization's first 18 girl members in Savannah, Ga., a year after she had met with and been inspired by Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting.

The Girl Scouts of the United States of America aims to empower girls and to help teach values such as honesty, fairness, courage, compassion, character, sisterhood, confidence, entrepreneurship and citizenship through various activities, including camping, community service, learning first aid and earning badges by acquiring practical skills. Girl Scouts' achievements are recognized through rank advancement and by special symbols, such as the Girl Scout Bronze, Silver and Gold awards. Membership is organized according to grade, with activities designed for each level. The organization accepts girls from any background.

Girl Scout Sunday and Girl Scout Sabbath/Shabbat give girls an opportunity to attend their place of worship and be recognized as Girl Scouts. If a place of worship is the group sponsor, girls may perform a service, such as greeting, ushering or performing a flag ceremony.

These days can also be a time when girls explore other faiths. The official Girl Scout policy does not ban nor require prayer. Although originally segregated, by the 1950s, the Girl Scouts of the United States was leading the way toward desegregation. Today,

anyone can be a member and, as of 2013, there are more than 3.2 million members in the United States: 2.3 million girls and 890,000 adult members. More than 50 million American women have participated in the Girl Scouts.

Girl Scout Week is a great time to find out what the organization can offer. A big attraction, particularly for children living in cities or other urban areas, is Girl Scout camps, where participants can enjoy a wide range of outdoor activities and day programs with the guidance of caring, trained adults. There are numerous other programs to help girls mature and grow into responsible, intelligent and involved young women, something for which many parents simply don't have the knowledge or time.

But before you think this is a sales pitch for Girl Scouts and their programs, don't be so quick to judge; this is a recognition of an organization that successfully helps girls throughout the country, whatever their background, to become responsible young women as they develop life skills. Too often, we get so involved in the sometimes hectic nature of our own lives that we forget about the bigger picture. By helping to better our young girls, the Girl Scouts of the United States of America help to make our towns, states and nation better.

So if you have the opportunity to get your daughter and perhaps yourself involved in this worthwhile organization, more power to you. Even if it just opens your eyes to the opportunities around you, such as a trip with your family to the park or countryside, that's a worthwhile investment, too. And if the most you can invest is to purchase a box of those tasty Girl Scout cookies, every little bit helps. Their motto, "Be prepared," and slogan, "Do a good turn daily," seem valuable words by which all of us might live.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Consider the reasons for Apple's decision

To the Editor:

Last week, in the March 3 edition of the Union County LocalSource, a Letter to the Editor by Walter Sosnoski criticized Apple for not agreeing to obtain information from the cell phone of the domestic terrorists responsible for killing American citizens in San Bernardino, Calif., that may provide information of other terrorist cell members. I had the same opinion as Sosnoski until I heard the reasons for not complying by CEO of Apple Tim Cook, and other competent security specialists expressing their concerns why it was a dangerous precedent not only to our citizens but to the security of the United States.

Apple would have to develop and provide the software to obtain the information in the terrorist phone but it would be the so called "back-door" for all Apple phones, not just the phone in question. Once the software is developed it would be subjected to hacking. It is evident that our government websites, our large corporations, have had their security sites hacked. It has been reported that foreign governments and hackers have the ability to shut down our generating stations, power transmission and other critical life-sustaining facilities in the United States. Fortunately we have the capability to do likewise to other countries.

Once software is developed, our experience shows it it can be hacked into. Do the American citizens trust all of our government employees to follow laws and have the integrity to respect American citizens' rights? Remember Lois Lerner, head of the IRS. She took the Fifth Amendment against self incrimination regarding targeting conservative associations. Veterans Affairs falsified reports regarding appointments and treating our veterans.

The VA ignored and retaliated against whistleblowers who knew of the false reports and poor treatment of our veterans. Have any of the top officials or employees of the IRS or VA been held accountable on criminal charges? Remember Edward Snowden. I consider him a traitor but he exposed the government's surveillance, not only of American citizens, but people all over the world, including leaders of our ally countries. Has there been any accountability for this unconstitutional and possibly criminal behavior?

Every citizen should be concerned about the abuse of power by federal, state and county employees that is prevalent throughout our nation. The decision to force Apple to develop software to invade the private information of hundreds of millions of people must consider all negative consequences relative to possible benefits.

Bob Barrett
Clark

A report by Kenilworth BOE member

To the Editor:

Report to the people of Kenilworth by Walter Sosnoski, Board of Education member. As a board member, I take my elected office seriously and its responsibility to the students, parents, faculty and taxpayers of Kenilworth.

In my introductory press release, I spoke of my proactive position that I would be vocal in all matters and so I have been. If any of you watch public access Board of Education channel, you can attest to that fact. A public service announcement: Board of Education meetings can be seen Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Keeping up with my commitment to be proactive, I did the following. I made a request to Superintendent Thomas Tramaglino to speak to several department heads to discuss their request of funding in the 2016 budget. Tramaglino was most cooperative.

The conference took place at Harding School, March 4, at 11 a.m. The participants were Principal Kathleen Murphy of Harding School; Tabitha Bradley, supervisor of curriculum and instruction for language arts, social studies and world language; Lauren Bound, supervisor of curriculum and instruction for mathematics, science and technology; and Scott Miller, supervisor of athletics and student activities at David Brearley Middle School and High School.

Walking away from this conference I found the aforementioned participants professional and most cooperative in answering all questions. Their

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The cold reality of the numbers

Sometimes real numbers can be cold and depressing. For example, Bankrate, a financial website, did an extensive review of the best and worst states to retire. As Gomer Pyle would say, "surprise surprise," we in New Jersey aren't doing so well for those in their golden years.

Our overall rank is 40th, but even worse our cost of living is 43rd, and our tax rate is 48th. The only two states we do better than in tax rate is New York, at 50th, and Connecticut, at 49th.

Before you pack up, the top states for seniors are Wyoming, South Dakota, Colorado and Utah. Closer Pennsylvania ranks 20th, and for those thinking about Florida, its numbers aren't so hot, as they are ranked 28th.

In the coming weeks we may find moving around anywhere to be a tough challenge. The NJ Transit people, who have been without a contract for five years, are negotiating right up to the wire and a Saturday deadline. Again, the numbers prove the point. NJ Transit estimates 497,921 one-way bus trips go on every day. Rail brings in an additional 308,523. The sticking point has been NJ Transit's demand for Union members to contribute up to 2.5 percent

LEFT OUT

BY FRANK CAPECE

toward health costs.

One list you can only wish to be on is Forbes list of the wealthiest people in our state. The richest guy in the state is David Tepper, president of Appaloosa Management, with a net worth pegged at \$11.4 billion.

Second is Somerset county publisher Donald Newhouse, whose newspapers include the Star Ledger. His net worth is \$9.9 billion.

Traveling down Route 22 to Springfield Saturday morning, there were only a small number of shoppers at the Sports Authority. The shelves were loaded with everything from jogging outfits to jerseys for the Mets and Yankees. The economic reality was that, squeezed by Dick's Sporting Goods and Modell's, the parent company had filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

The good news is the Springfield location is not designated as one of the "underperforming stores," which will shortly be closing. The goal is to attract a buyer for the com-

pany stores prior to any other closings.

On the other side of the coin, the numbers can bring good news. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey last week released some impressive results. The new numbers show the port providing 337,000 full-time jobs and surge of 13 percent in the past three years. In just the last year there were two other numbers: There was a 22 percent increase in vehicles handled in the port, and at the same time a 33 percent reduction in emission pollutants released from their travels.

We have a tendency to take for granted the economic engine that is the port. The numbers prove a different story. Down U.S. 1 in Linden at Conoco Phillips, the news was also good. The financial analysts report that oil conglomerate has erased any stock losses this year. In the past three months the oil company saw a 6 percent increased value in the overall company.

Then we have tourism. Speaking about the big impact of tourism on the state budget, Lt. Governor Kim Guadano said, "This summer I'm hoping the sun is shining and the casinos are open."

The shining sun — a definite cure to cold and depressing numbers.

The very colorful Daughters of the Wind

THE GARDENER'S APPRENTICE

BY ELISABETH GINSBURG

means "daughter of the wind."

My anemones, if they were true daughters of the wind, would be the offspring of Aeolus, the Greek deity in charge of that natural phenomenon. Aeolus may have played a role once upon a time, but in actuality, the anemones currently residing at my house are hybrid offspring of *Anemone coronaria* or poppy anemone and other related species. If "coronaria" makes you think of crowns and coronations, you are not far off. In the past, these relatively long-stemmed beauties were formed into garlands, presumably to adorn the heads of young girls in spring.

A kind friend brought me a beautiful bouquet of long-stemmed florists' anemones not long ago. Shut up tight they looked almost like tulips, except for the telltale ruff of fern-like leaves around the base of each bloom. With the help of a little warmth and light, those "tulips" morphed into large, saucer-like flowers with seven petals apiece in silken shades of purple, red, blue-purple and white. English garden writer Vita Sackville-West described the colors of similar anemones in her garden as "wine-velvet with an electric-blue centre; scarlet with a black centre, pink or lilac with a biscuit-coloured centre; or a particularly subtle variety, which is like a ripe apricot hanging in the sun." The centers and stamens of my flowers are dramatic black, except for the lone white bloom, which has a pale green center and golden stamens. I have long loved their fall-blooming Japanese anemones or *Anemone japonica*. My friend's generosity, reminded me that the spring-blooming members of the large anemone clan are among the best garden plants.

Sometimes called "wind flowers," anemones got their Latin species name from the ancient Greek word "anemos," meaning "wind." I like the idea, suggested by at least one author, that the Latin name

Now that I have anemones in my kitchen — at least for awhile — I want some for the garden. The coronarias are small to mid-size plants, rising between 7 and 12 inches tall, perfect for spots toward the fronts of beds and borders. Daughters of the wind do not like hot summer sun and tend to go dormant after the spring bloom period, which is any time from April through June, depending on your location. Plant as early as possible after the ground thaws in spring and soak the rhizomes overnight before com-

mitting them to the ground. Sunshine and well-drained soil are necessary for sure success and many sources suggest planting these particular anemones in raised beds. If that is not an option for you, lighten the soil with lots of compost or other organic material before you plant. Containers sited in sunny spots are another good choice for planting.

Even experienced gardeners tend to take the USDA zone hardiness information on seed packets and plant tags as suggestions rather than directions. *Anemone coronaria* is listed in most guides as hardy in USDA zones 7 through 10, which means that they are cold tolerant down to about 5 degrees Fahrenheit. This works in my garden in New Jersey, but I plan to give myself a little insurance by mulching mine well to insulate them against winter's freezing temperatures. If you live in USDA zones 6 or colder, you can still have beautiful poppy anemones. Plant the rhizomes in early spring in pots and enjoy the plants as annuals. If you want to overwinter, place the pots in cool, frost-free locations, such as unheated porches or garages, and water sparingly during the cold months. They should be fine.

As Vita — she and I have long been on a first-name basis — noted, the allure of the daughters of the wind is the marvelous col-

ors, which have a rich, saturated quality. I love the double-flowered Admiral, which is a vibrant blue-purple with a black center that is visible despite the plethora of petals. Mr. Fokker is just a bit lighter, with semi-double petals. White-flowered Mount Everest has double rows of slightly slimmer petals, while Bride is semi-double with black centers. For a bit of contrast, try, Hollandia, which is red, with a slightly lighter central "eye zone" and a black center. You can also buy mixed assortments of rhizomes and harvest a rainbow. The de Caen varieties generally come in such mixed arrays.

I remember the quote from the biblical book of Hosea: "For they sow the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind." You can sow the daughters of the wind and reap a whirl of color. It seems a shame not to do so. Find a good selection at Brent and Becky's Bulbs, 7900 Daffodil Lane, Gloucester, VA 23061, 804-693-3966, or toll free at 877-661-2852. Free print catalog.

Elisabeth Ginsburg, a resident of Glen Ridge, is a frequent contributor to Worrall Community Newspapers. The writer archives past columns at www.gardenersapprentice.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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enthusiasm and dedication is outstanding and their grasp of the students' needs are on point. Their collective spirit and common goal is to afford the best education to all students and this is a reality in the Kenilworth school system.

How can I make such a statement in such a short time? Because I saw the end product of their labor. While being

escorted by Assistant Principal Ronald Bubnowski through the halls and labyrinths of Harding School, hundreds of children were going back and forth, to and from classes, happy in spirit, respectful in manner, being watched over by cheerful and active teachers. To take this to the next level, every student — and I'm talking about every student — shouted out to Bubnowski, "Happy Birthday."

The Kenilworth school system — Harding, Brearley — is what's right in public education. It is the gold standard. To the parents, you got the best of the best. To the tax payers, money well spent. To the students, the best chance to succeed.

Walter Sosnosky
Kenilworth BOE member

Resident of Linden charged in accident

A Linden man has been charged in connection with an alcohol-related fatal accident that took place in December, acting Union County Prosecutor Grace H. Park announced March 2.

Antonio Rodriguez, 46, is charged with a single count of second-degree death by auto for causing the wreck that killed 51-year-old Carlos Arce of Elizabeth.

At approximately 4:15 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 13, 2015, Rodriguez was traveling east on East Elizabeth Avenue in

Linden, according to Union County Assistant Prosecutor Scott Peterson, who is prosecuting the case.

Rodriguez allegedly made a left-hand turn onto McKinley Avenue, cutting off Arce, who was operating a motorcycle, Peterson said. Arce attempted to avoid a collision, but became separated from his vehicle and slid into the rear of Rodriguez's vehicle, according to Peterson. He was subsequently pronounced dead.

An investigation involving the Union County Homi-

cide Task Force and the Linden Police Department determined that Rodriguez had a blood-alcohol level of slightly more than twice the legal limit at the time of the accident. Bail for Rodriguez was set at \$75,000, and he was ordered to surrender his passport.

Convictions on second-degree crimes are commonly punishable by 5 to 10 years in state prison. These criminal charges are mere accusations. All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Use of force by Clark police found to be justified

In accordance with the Supplemental Law Enforcement Directive Amending Attorney General Law Enforcement Directive No. 2006-5, the Union County Prosecutor's Office is released the following public statement regarding the use of deadly force by police in Clark.

Summary

The Union County Prosecutor's Office has determined that the use of deadly force was legally justified in an Aug. 8, 2014 incident that involved a Clark police officer and a suspect who, in an effort to elude apprehension, drove his vehicle toward a Clark Police Officer in a strip mall parking lot. An independent investigation revealed that the Clark officer repeatedly issued verbal commands to Kasaine Pertet, 33, to stop his Ford Taurus. Pertet ignored these commands and drove directly toward the officer. Due to vehicle traffic and an adjacent dirt embankment, the officer had no room to retreat and fired one shot at the Taurus, striking the front passenger side door. Pertet, who was unharmed, fled the area and later was apprehended.

The New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice reviewed the Union County Prosecutor's Office investigation and agreed

that the use of deadly force was legally justified.

Factual Findings

The investigation conducted by the Union County Prosecutor's Office revealed that, on Aug. 8, 2014, at 5 p.m., Clark Police Officer 1 received a call from the loss prevention department at the Target at 45 Central Ave. in Clark. A Target employee reported that Pertet, of New Windsor, N.Y. was suspected of utilizing a fraudulent credit card. Officer 1 proceeded to the location in an unmarked police vehicle.

Meanwhile, Clark Police Officer 2 arrived at the store in a marked police vehicle just after Pertet entered his car. Officer 2 attempted to block Pertet's escape, but Pertet was able to drive away.

When Officer 1 entered the Target parking lot with his emergency lights activated, Pertet was driving the wrong way through the entrance lane into oncoming traffic. Pertet's Taurus collided head-on with Officer 1's police vehicle. Officer 1 quickly realized the driver fit the description of the suspect.

Officer 1, who was uninjured in the collision, exited his vehicle in full police uniform, drew his service weapon, and ver-

bally commanded Pertet to put the Taurus in park. Pertet ignored the officer's command, put the Taurus in reverse, and struck a vehicle waiting to exit the parking lot. Officer 1, believing that the incident had concluded, positioned himself between his police vehicle and the front of Pertet's Taurus. Instead, Pertet put his vehicle in gear and accelerated toward Officer 1. Officer 1 heard the vehicle's gearbox engage, saw the car traveling toward him, and believed that Pertet was going to hit him with his car. Unable to safely retreat, he fired a single shot from his service weapon, a .45-caliber pistol, striking the front passenger side door of the Taurus as Pertet unexpectedly turned left, driving over a curb and down a dirt embankment.

Pertet subsequently eluded the officers, driving through several towns before crashing the Taurus, which caught fire, and being arrested by Elizabeth Police officers.

Surveillance video from a camera on the roof of the Target confirmed the timeline of events and the police action described. In addition, ballistics testing by the Union County Police Department confirmed that a single shot was discharged from Officer 1's weapon. A single bullet fragment was

recovered from the interior of the charred Taurus and was consistent with being fired from Officer 1's weapon.

Based upon the results of the investigation, Union County Prosecutor Grace H. Park determined, and the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice agreed, that the use of deadly force by the officer was legally justified, and that the case need not be presented to a grand jury because there were no material facts in dispute.

During the course of this investigation, the Union County Prosecutor's Office complied with all portions of the Attorney General's Law Enforcement Directive Regarding Uniform Statewide Procedures and Best Practices for Conducting Police Use-of-Force Investigations.

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UNION NEWS

AARP driving class will be held at YM-YWHA on March 10

The YM-YWHA of Union, 501 Green Lane, will offer a program in March, Thursday, March 10, from 9:30 to 3:30. AARP 55 Alive Safe Drive Class. Reservations required;

For more information and cost, call 908-289-8112.

UHS presents 'Mary Poppins' beginning March 10

Union High School Performing Arts Company presents Disney's "Mary Poppins," opens on the UHSPAC stage Thursday, March 10, and runs from March 10 to 12, and 18 to 19, at 7:30 p.m.; and March 13 and 20 at 2 p.m.

For tickets and information, visit www.uhspac.com.

Tween craft session will be held at Vauxhall branch library

The Children's Department of the Vauxhall Branch Library, 123 Hilton Ave., Vauxhall, will host Tween Make it @ your Library "Black Glue Salt Leaves Craft" on Thursday, March 10, from at 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Children ages 9 to 12 are welcome to come and make a craft. Sign-up is required.

For more information, call 908-851-5451.

Purim Carnival to be held at YM-YWHA on March 13

The YM-YWHA of Union, 501 Green Lane, will offer a program in March, Sunday, March 13, at 12:15 p.m., a Purim carnival will be held with a puppet show, petting zoo, clowns, games,

face painting, food, with a costume parade at 2 p.m.

For more information or to make a reservation for either program, call 908-289-8112.

Women in business presentation and workshop will be held March 14

The Adult Department of the Vauxhall Branch Library, 123 Hilton Ave., Vauxhall, will host "Women Do Business Differently" is Monday, March 14, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This free workshop is designed to empower women to build sustainable businesses for themselves and their families.

For more information, call 908-851-5451.

Tai Chi classes for mature adults is available in March

The Adult Department of the Vauxhall Branch Library, 123 Hilton Ave., Vauxhall, will host Tai Chi for mature adults; Tuesdays, March 15, 22, and 29, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Space is limited and sign-up is required.

For more information, call 908-851-5451.

College preparation outreach session to be held March 16

The Children's Department of the Vauxhall Branch Library, 123 Hilton Ave., Vauxhall, will host Jenkins Outreach for Youth "Club Teen: College Bound Series" for high school students and their parents or guardians on Wednesday, March 16, from 6 to 7 p.m. Sign-up is required.

For additional information, call 908-851-5451.

POLICE BLOTTER

quently released on their own recognizance pending court dates.

Kenilworth

- Feb. 21: At 2:06 p.m., police arrested Charles Labraccio of Roselle Park for possession of marijuana. Labraccio was initially stopped for improper passing on N. Michigan Avenue. A subsequent investigation found Labraccio allegedly to be in possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana. He was transported to headquarters where he was issued a criminal complaint along with other motor vehicle summonses, and later released on his own recognizance pending an appearance in Kenilworth Municipal Court.

- Feb. 22: At 2:13 p.m., Rajani Hill, of Elizabeth, was arrested during a motor vehicle stop on Kingston Avenue in Kenilworth. Police initially stopped Hill for an equipment violation and following an investigation at the scene, allegedly found suspected marijuana in his possession. He was arrested, processed and released pending a Kenilworth Municipal Court appearance. He was also issued numerous motor vehicle summonses upon release.

- Feb. 26: At 3:00 p.m., Christopher Rivera of Springfield was arrested during a motor vehicle stop on Columbia Avenue in

Kenilworth. Police initially stopped Hill for an equipment violation. Following an investigation at the scene, police allegedly found suspected marijuana in the possession of Rivera. He was arrested, processed and released pending a Kenilworth Municipal Court appearance. He was also issued numerous motor vehicle summonses upon release.

- Feb. 28: At 11:18 a.m., Faustino Correa of Elizabeth was arrested for possession of marijuana less than 50 grams after he was stopped by police for careless driving on Boulevard near Market Street. During an investigation at the scene, police reportedly located a quantity of suspected marijuana and Correa was arrested and transported to Kenilworth Police Headquarters. After being processed, he was issued a criminal complaint along with numerous motor vehicle summonses. He has a scheduled appearance in Kenilworth Municipal Court.

- Feb. 29: At 9:25 a.m., Courtney Ellis of East Orange was arrested during a motor vehicle stop on the Garden State Parkway south entrance ramp in Kenilworth. Police initially stopped Hill for an equipment violation and, following an investigation at the scene, allegedly found suspected marijuana in the possession of Ellis along with other drug paraphernalia. She was arrested, processed and released pending an appearance in Kenilworth Municipal Court.



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Rahway woman arrested for DWI

Clark

On Feb. 23, at 10:15 p.m. in the vicinity of St. Georges Avenue in Rahway, police arrested Kimberly Deeb, 43, of Rahway, for driving while intoxicated. She was subsequently released pending a court date.

- Feb. 23: At 4:36 p.m. police took a report of a burglary to a residence on Fulton Street. The incident is under investigation.

- Feb. 23: At 7:26 p.m. police took a report of a theft of a package from the front porch of a residence on Sandalwood Drive. The incident is under investigation.

- Feb. 24: At 2:23p.m. in the vicinity of Raritan Road, police arrested Yusef Smith, 25, of Newark on outstanding warrants totaling \$2,214 out of Basking Ridge, Roxbury Township and Springfield for contempt of court. He was subsequently turned over to the Basking Ridge Police Department.

- Feb. 25: At 6:38 p.m. in the vicinity of Schuyler Drive, police arrested Eric Chester, 54, of Plainfield for burglary, theft and aggravated assault. Bail was set at \$40,000 and he was subsequently transported to the Union County Jail.

- Feb. 26: At 4:40 p.m. At 1010 Raritan Road, police arrested Devon Briggs, 21, and Ibn Mason both of Orange for unlawful use of credit cards. Also arrested was Ezekiel Guevara, 22, of Newark for forgery and theft by deception. All three were subse-



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MOUNTAINSIDE NEWS

St. Patrick's dinner to be held at OLL Church on March 12

A St. Patrick's dinner dance will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 300 Central Ave., Mountainside, on Saturday, March 12, from 7 to 11:30 p.m.

Dinner will include traditional Irish food, beer and soda, and a St. Joseph's Table spread for dessert. There will be a DJ, bagpipers, Irish dancers, and the OLL girls choir will perform. For more information and tickets, call 908-232-1162.

SUMMIT NEWS

Announcements

Summit Ranked No. 5 in N.J. for best food in schools

Summit School District has ranked No. 5 in New Jersey for "Top 100 Best Food in Schools" and No. 85 nationally, according to Niche Ratings in the Food Service Director Magazine. The Union County Schools that made the Top 100 list in New Jersey are Summit, Berkeley Heights and Scotch Plains.

The Niche National Rating was based on a survey of students and parents currently or recently attending school in the district, evaluating the service and offering their opinions about the quality and variety of food.

Donna Mitchell, the Food Service Director of the Summit School District says, "We are so proud of this accomplishment! We will continue to strive to create tasteful lunch items for our students to choose from. Our made-to-order promotional events are very popular amongst the students, including the burrito bar, omelets, salads, fresh made pasta, and waffle day."

Pomptonian Food Service provides the service to the Summit School District and the other Top 100 Schools in New Jersey that are located in Union County. Pomptonian focuses on high quality nutritious meals, Pomptonian President Mark Vidovich, stated, "We are pleased to see 26 of their client districts served made the New Jersey Top 100 list. The pride and professionalism of our team is our secret to success."

Improvements to Children's Room at the Summit Library

The library's Youth Services Department is a fulfilling, active destination for kids of all ages. In 2015 it set new records:

- Library users borrowed 113,573 children's items
- 13,061 children & adults attended 428 children's programs
- 741 children and teens from preschool through 12th grade registered for the summer reading program and read 9057 books.

Starting in April the Children's Room will be transformed into a more colorful, child-friendly, brighter, and safer place. It will even include a Makerspace, a do-it-yourself space where kids can create, invent and learn. The Summit Library Foundation is raising funds to assist this wonderful project. You can help! The Foundation invites the entire community to participate in this vital endeavor. Your contribution will ensure that our library continues to enrich and support our community. Gifts of any size are important and appreciated. You can donate by mailing a check made out to the Summit Free Public Library Foundation to 75 Maple Street, Summit, NJ 07901, by dropping off a check at the library or online using a credit/debit card at <http://tinyurl.com/zgy6yte>. Help us to make the Summit Library the destination of choice for all Summit's children.

Calendar

Summit PD to host identity theft workshop March 10

On Thursday, March 10, at 7 p.m., The Summit Police Department will offer a free seminar inside Council Chambers at City Hall on important strategies and tactics in protecting personal identities. The seminar will include a showcase of current phone scams and Internet frauds and expose the criminal methods used to trick unassuming victims.

All members of the Summit community and surrounding areas are encouraged to attend the workshop in order to work together to help protect their families and neighbors from falling victim to identity theft and technology based fraud. The workshop will also be broadcast live on Home Towne TV, which is Comcast Channel 36 or FiOS Channel 33.

For more information about the workshop, please visit www.cityofsummit.org or call the Department's Community Policing Unit at 908-598-2170.

Jazz musician speaks at Old Guard meeting March 15

Radam Schwartz, organist, pianist, composer and music instructor, will speak at the Tuesday, March 15, meeting of the Old Guard of Summit at the New Providence Municipal Center, 360 Elkwood Ave., New Providence. A coffee hour starts at 9:15 a.m., followed by a 10 a.m. business meeting and the speaker.

Schwartz, best known as a jazz organist, will discuss "A Personal View of Jazz History from the Perspective of a Musician." Schwartz questions the way the history of jazz is customarily presented and discuss his thoughts on jazz history from his unique perspective, underscoring the role of the jazz organ in jazz history, and commenting on the Newark jazz scene.

All active men age 50 and older are invited to attend the Old Guard's regular Tuesday morning meetings. Call Jim Hewitt at 908-233-5507 for more information or visit www.summitoldguard.org.



Photo Courtesy of Linden Kiwanis

Children's Specialized Hospital was presented with a check for \$2,250 on Thursday, Feb. 4, marking the conclusion of the Kiwanis Club of Linden's annual Walk-A-Thon Halloween Parade Project, held jointly with all the K-Kids Clubs at the Linden elementary schools Oct. 30, 2015. Pictured together are Linden Kiwanis club members Xiomara Turcios, Michael Merlo, Ben Sheedy, June Lazaro, Community Engagement Coordinator Billy Cardone, Community Engagement Coordinator for Children's Specialized Hospital Alexis D'Anton, Lois Bass, Christopher Kolibas, Danny Robertozzi and Dolores Maslo. For information on the nonprofit international Kiwanis Club of Linden, contact June Lazaro at 908-687-9008. Club members meet for lunch on Thursdays.

SPRINGFIELD NEWS

Announcements

Springfield library adds museum passes

The Springfield Free Public Library has added three venues to its museum pass program. Family passes are now available for the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum of Art on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan; the Morris Museum in Morristown and the Yogi Berra Museum & Learning Center in Little Falls in addition to the Intrepid Museum in New York City and Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton.

The museum passes may be borrowed for one week by residents of Springfield who are at least 18 years of age and who are cardholders in good standing at the Springfield Free Public Library. The library's complete policy regarding the use of museum passes can be found at <http://www.sfplnj.org/about/policies/museum-pass-policy>

The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Avenue. More information about the library can be found at www.springfieldpubliclibrary.com.

Calendar

Memoir group will meet at SPL

The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. in Springfield, will host the Memoir Group March 10 and 24, at 10 a.m., facilitated by Zella R.P. Geltman. For additional information, call the Library at 973-376-4930 or visit www.sfplnj.org.

Lunchtime film showing March 14

The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. in Springfield, will host Lunchtime Film Series, Monday, March 14, at 1 p.m. to watch "Rushmore" and Monday, March 28, at 1 p.m. to watch "The Grand Budapest Hotel." For additional information, call the Library at 973-376-4930 or visit www.sfplnj.org.

Book group to meet at SPL March 17

The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. in Springfield, will host the Great Books Discussion Group on Thursday, March 17, at 10 a.m., to discuss "On Tragedy" by Aristotle. For additional information, call the Library at 973-376-4930 or visit www.sfplnj.org.

Film Festival showing at SPL March 17

The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. in Springfield, will host the International Film Festival on Thursday, March 17, at 1 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. to watch "Testament of Youth." For additional information, call the Library at 973-376-4930 or visit www.sfplnj.org.

Rahway homicide under investigation

A fatal shooting that took place in Rahway on Feb. 26 is under investigation, acting Union County Prosecutor Grace H. Park announced Feb. 27. The victim has been identified as 21-year-old Jamaal Gaines.

Police responded to the 1500 block of




Irving Street at approximately 9:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, to find Gaines suffering from a gunshot wound; he was pronounced dead shortly thereafter.

This matter remains under active joint investigation by the Prosecutor's Office's Homicide Task Force, the Rah-

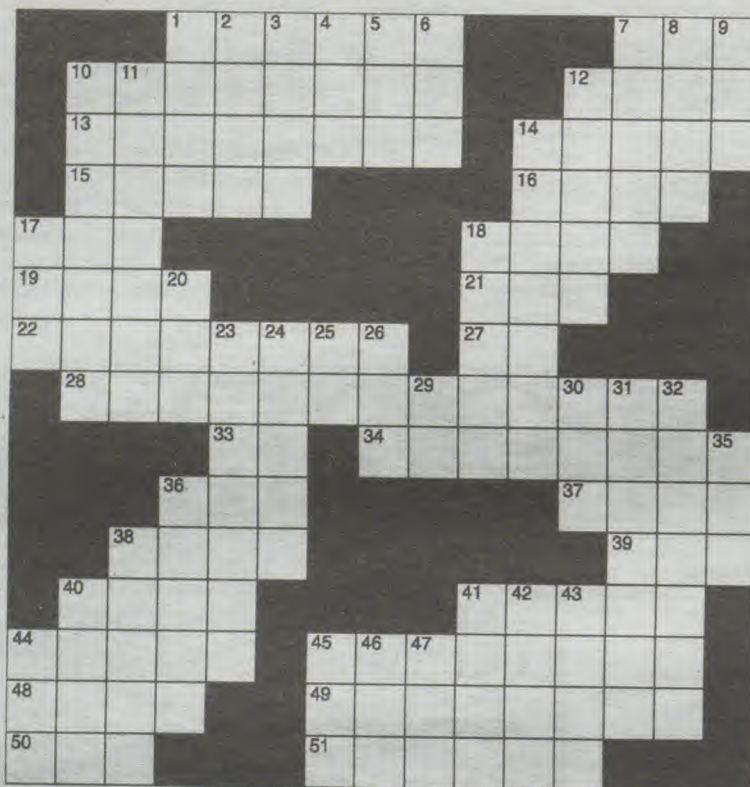
way Police Department, and the Union County Sheriff's Office's Identification Unit. Anyone with information about the shooting is urged to contact Homicide Task Force Sgt. Michael Manochio at 908-966-2287 or Det. Sofia Santos at 908-577-4256.

The Union County Crime Stoppers also are offering a reward of up to \$10,000 for information leading to an arrest and indictment in this case; tips can be given anonymously by phone at 908-654-8477, via text message by texting "UCTIP" plus a message to 274637, or online at www.uctip.org.

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12. Tear down
13. Propose for office
14. Yiddish expert
15. Great ape of Borneo
16. Arab outer garments
17. Hundredweight
18. The Muse of history
19. Neutralizes alkalis
21. Mortar trough
22. Lapsed into bad habits
27. Potato State
28. DeGeneres' partner
33. Egyptian sun god
34. Makes more precise
36. Deafening noise
37. Expresses pleasure
38. ___ Nui, Easter Island
39. Founder of Babism
40. Speed competition
41. Artist's tripod
44. Records
45. A witty reply
48. The content of cognition
49. Mohs scale measure
50. ___ student, learns healing
51. Put in advance

CLUES DOWN

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| 1. Peru's capital | 25. Farm state |
| 2. Emerald Isle | 26. Tooth caregiver |
| 3. Group of criminals | 29. Popular Canadian word |
| 4. Flat sweet pea petals | 30. Resort |
| 5. Vietnamese offensive | 31. Members of U.S. Navy |
| 6. A lyric poem | 32. Smokes |
| 7. Philippine seaport & gulf | 35. Smiling so big (texting) |
| 8. Utilizes | 36. Capital of Bangladesh |
| 9. Lair | 38. Tore down |
| 10. Covering of snow | 40. Travel in a car |
| 11. Covered walkway | 41. American bridge engineer |
| 12. Overzealous | James B. |
| 14. Stench | 42. "Rule Britannia" composer |
| 17. Compartment | 43. Let it stand |
| 18. 2nd largest Costa Rican island | 44. Not bright |
| 20. Danish Krone (abbr.) | 45. Rated horsepower |
| 23. Long narrow bands | 46. Pinna |
| 24. Woody tropical vine | 47. Prefix for before |

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HOROSCOPE

ARIES, March 21 to April 20

It's more important to simply aim your purpose-filled eyes in the direction you intend to head, than to attempt to draw too much interpersonal notice to this decision you've already made.

TAURUS, April 21 to May 21

Those guiding suggestions might sound downright strange as a means for arriving at some individuating conclusion about your own interests and desires.

GEMINI, May 22 to June 21

This is an excellent occasion for officially reaffirming your dedication to a particular professional calling

CANCER, June 22 to July 22

Above all stresses, you've got to remember that this isn't how it's going to be forever... that there are vastly different realities you could well be living out, at a not-too-distant spot in your future.

LEO, July 23 to Aug. 23

You probably shouldn't hesitate to get further into it, if that's what's required to thoroughly address your concerns, unburden your heart, clear your conscience.

VIRGO, Aug. 24 to Sept. 22

This is a ripe moment for turning your full attention to that most-important individual and/or very special someone in your life, and really and truly opening yourself up.

LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

Even as you begin more pouring yourself into your work, please acknowledge that the progress you'll be making in this area during the weeks to come is not all that's presently advancing.

SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 22

You're due to experience a major boost in creativity, romance, impishness, and/or joy.

SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 23 to Dec. 21

You should expect to welcome a markedly noticeable increase in initiative, will, vitality, and/or forcefulness.

CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 20

There's a certain bide-your-time, listen-and-learn, see-what-develops energy currently enveloping you with its glaring lack of calls-to-immediate-action.

AQUARIUS, Jan. 21 to Feb. 18

You will have a chance to catch your breath... an opening you probably ought to use, first and foremost, to start thinking about how next to proceed with matters of financial security and resource allocation.

PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20

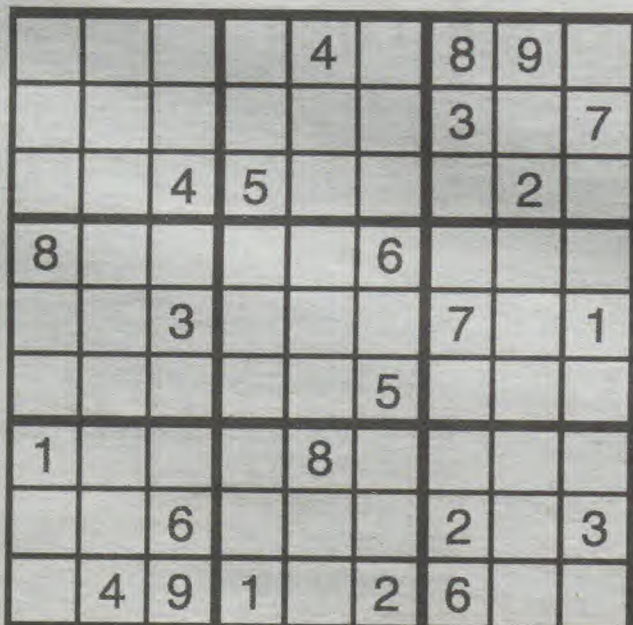
The way you think and the manner with which you treat people will serve as examples of how the rest of us ought to behave in the short-term. Compassion, imagination, intuitive receptivity, a holistic worldview

SUDOKU

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

ANSWERS APPEAR IN
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Level: Advanced

CLARK NEWS

Clark chapter of AARP will meet for discussion March 11

The Clark AARP Chapter 3733 will hold its next meeting Friday, March 11, at the Brewer Center, 430 Westfield Ave. in Clark. A social hour starts at noon with coffee, donuts and socializing. The official meeting starts at 1 p.m. Isabella Tizzi from the Santander Bank in Clark will discuss general banking at this meeting.

All who hold membership in the National AARP are invited to join this local chapter.

KENILWORTH NEWS

Register for soup-tasting event at Senior Center by March 15

The Kenilworth Historical Society will host a soup-tasting event on Tuesday, March 22, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Kenilworth Senior Center, 526 Boulevard, Kenilworth. Advance reservations by March 15 are required, as seating is limited.

For reservations and tickets, call 908-709-0434 or 908-709-0391, or visit Especially Yours Florist at 13 North 20th St. in Kenilworth.

HILLSIDE NEWS

Hillside Public Library hosts pajama storytime March 14

Pajama Storytime at HPL, 1409 Liberty Ave., Hillside, will be held Mondays, March 14, 21 and 28 for ages 3 and older may come to the library in pajamas with a favorite stuffed animal to hear stories.

Acting class to be held at Hillside Public Library March 16

The Hillside Public Library, located at 1409 Liberty Ave., Hillside, will host "Acting For Film and TV" for kids ages 5 to 18 is a two-part program that takes place Wednesday, March 16, from 4 to 6 p.m. There will be lessons as well as skill- and confidence-building activities taught by Laymah Cisco, an actress, teacher and director.

Participants may rehearse in front of a camera and see themselves onscreen. Registration and parental permission to video record participants is required. Space is limited.

IN MEMORIAM

- ADAMEC — Rosemary, formerly of Rahway and Kenilworth; Feb. 26. Mother.
- ARACICH — Matthew A., formerly of Hillside, Union; March 1. Avid gardener.
- BAGNIEWSKI — Christine M., of Cranford; March 1. Volleyball coach, mother.
- COLEMAN — James P., of Roselle; Feb. 26. Husband and father.
- DELLOIACONO — Carol M., of Roselle Park; Feb. 27. Elections coordinator.
- DELUCA — Janette, of Roselle Park; Feb. 24. Former library aide, grandmother.
- DIFABIO — Benito, formerly of Garwood; Feb. 25. Grandfather.
- FARMAR — Mary Rose, formerly of Clark; Feb. 26. Nurse, great-grandmother.
- FOGLE — Carol Ann, of Union; Feb. 25. Front-end manager, grandmother.
- GASPER — Charles R., of Cranford; Feb. 28. Worked in manufacturing, father.
- HAMPP — Richard Charles, of Mountainside; Feb. 28. Co-owned Galloping Hill.
- HAYES — Edna "Susie," formerly of Summit; Feb. 15. Mail carrier, grandmother.
- HERSHKOWITZ — Hilda Patrnick, of Clark; Feb. 27. Great-grandmother.
- HILL — Nancy Lee Allen, of Cranford; Feb. 21. Great-great-grandmother, 106.
- KAISER — Robert "Zeke," formerly of Rahway; Feb. 25. Great-grandfather.
- KOZIOL — Robert, formerly of Rahway; Feb. 28. Army Reserve member, father.
- MAURO — Marie J., of Hillside; March 1. Library assistant, great-grandmother.
- MORRICAL — Joseph F., of Union; Feb. 20. Groundsman for tree service.
- NEWKIRK — Delores, of Rahway; Feb. 22. Grandmother.
- ORZECOWSKI — Edward P., formerly of Union; Feb. 28. Coach, father.
- OSTROW — Muriel Salov, formerly of Springfield; Feb. 10. Volunteer.
- PIOTROWSKI — Wanda, formerly of Roselle; Feb. 26. Great-grandmother.
- SCHARDIEN — Scott William, of Roselle; Feb. 24. Construction worker, 34.
- SHELTON — Leonard, of Roselle; Feb. 25. Army vet, checker sorter for FedEx.
- STEARNS — Donald P. Sr., of Springfield; Feb. 26.
- WANCE — Catherine, of Linden; Feb. 23. School cafeteria worker, grandmother.
- WIECH — Josephine, formerly of Mountainside; Feb. 23. Great-grandmother.
- WILVERDING — Rev. Daniel J., formerly of Cranford; Feb. 22. Engineer.
- WISTNER — Melvin George, of Mountainside; Feb. 27. Missionary, grandfather.
- ZEICH — Eleanor E., formerly of Linden; Feb. 28. Vale Real Estate employee.
- ZEMANOVIC — Diana, formerly of Hillside; Feb. 23. Great-great-grandmother.

In Memoriam is a weekly feature compiled by the news staff from various sources. We also provide the opportunity for families and funeral directors to publish a more extensive, special notice about their loved one called an obituary. These notices are published on our website immediately and then in the next edition of this newspaper. To place a paid obituary send an email to obits@thelocalsource.com or fax to 908-688-0401. Family and friends' submissions must include sender's name, address, phone and the name of the funeral home. Call 908-686-7850 for assistance.



A funny thing happened this past weekend. I went away with my husband to a beautiful and peaceful bed and breakfast in pastoral Stockton, N.J., where we have been many times to enjoy a respite from our busy lives with children and work. This time, however, there were new owners of the inn, Mary and Mario, who just happened to be from South Orange! They were delightful and excited to show their guests the royal treatment. I was thrilled to see that they have kept the fabulous chef who makes the very special breakfasts that we always look forward to. Below is my favorite recipe from the inn that they shared with me and that I can now share with you! Check out the recipe and check out the Wolverton Inn, also known as my "happy place."

Wolverton Inn Pina Colada Scones

Ingredients

2 cups flour
3 Tbs. sugar
1 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, chilled and cut into small pieces
1/2 cup buttermilk
1/4 cup dried pineapple, 1/4 cup dried, sweetened coconut, 1/4 cup chopped macadamia nuts (optional), 1 tsp. vanilla extract, 1/2 tsp. rum extract.
1 egg for wash and sugar for sprinkling on top

Steps

Preheat oven to 400 degrees
Combine flour, baking soda, baking

powder, salt in food processor. Pulse to combine.

Add butter and pulse until mixture resembles coarse cornmeal. Transfer to another bowl.

Toss in pineapple, coconut and nuts and make a well in the center.

Add extracts to the buttermilk and pour into the well. Mix just until dough sticks together.

Turn dough on a floured counter or board and knead about 30 seconds. Roll dough out to a 1/2 inch thickness and cut into 3-by-3 triangles.

Scramble the egg and brush egg wash on the scones, sprinkle with sugar and bake at 400 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes or until golden brown on the bottom.

Enjoy!

Alma Schneider, a licensed clinical social worker and cooking coach, provides individual sessions, corporate presentations and group workshops helping individuals overcome their practical and psychological obstacles to cooking. Alma has appeared on the Today Show, TV Land and has presented at the TEDx Talks. She has also been featured in Family Circle Magazine and numerous other publications. A cookbook is in the works! For more information, contact her at alma@takebackthekitchen.com or visit her website at www.takebackthekitchen.com.

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ROSELLE NEWS

Roselle offers free blood pressure, sugar tests March 11

The Borough of Roselle's Health Maintenance Program allows residents to get free blood pressure and blood sugar checks every second and fourth Friday of the month at Pinewood Hall, 250 West 2nd Ave., in Roselle. Checks are done from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The next check session will be held March 11.

The borough holds additional sessions for blood sugar and blood pressure checks every third Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. to noon. These checks take place at the Anthony Amalfe Community Center, 1268 Shaffer Ave. in Roselle.

Women's History Month program in Roselle on March 16

To celebrate Women's History Month, residents are invited to attend the "Girls in Pearls" program at Abraham Clark High School on Wednesday, March 16, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Attendees are asked to wear pearls. Please RVSP to Ms. Diana Loboza at 908-298-3362 or via email at dloboza@roselleschools.org.

CRANFORD NEWS

Announcements

Cranford Rec announces new kickboxing program

The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department announces a new class for adults: cardio kickboxing. This high energy workout combines cardio and strength exercises with boxing and martial arts to provide a full body workout. It also improves flexibility and coordination. This class is for Cranford adults age 18 years and older; it meets Tuesdays from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m., from April 5 to May 24, at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave.

Register in person at the Cranford Community Center. For information, call 908-709-7283.

New exercise class available from Cranford Recreation

The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department announces a new class for adults: TRX Suspension, taught by a certified instructor. Bring a yoga mat to class.

The class is for Cranford residents only, ages 18 years and up. This class is for Cranford adults age 18 years and older; it meets Tuesdays from 7 to 8 p.m., from April 5 to May 24, at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave.

Register by April 1 at the Cranford Community Center. For information, call 908-709-7283.

Cranford Public Library exhibits senior art through March

Works by members of the Cranford Recreation Department's senior painting and drawing class will be on display in the Cranford Public Library through end of March.

The art class meets in the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave., Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon. New members are always welcome. For more information about the class, contact Lori Donnelly at 908-709-7283.

Calendar

Spring Recreation program registration to begin March 14

The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department announces that registration for spring 2016 programs begins Monday, March 14. In-person registration at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave., and online registration, at <https://register.community-pass.net/cranford>, will occur simultaneously, unless otherwise indicated in the brochure. The brochure was mailed to all Cranford residents and also contains the Pool and Fitness Center information.

Upon registration, payment at the Community Center is required in person with proof of residency. For more information, call 908-709-7283.

New senior exercise class to be held beginning March 16

Cranford Recreation and Parks Department announces "Brainercize" for seniors Wednesdays, beginning March 16, from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. This class is structured for seniors and will combine physical activity with mental challenges to exercise the brain and help improve memory, concentration and reaction time. Classes are held at the Cranford Community Center; registration is open at Cranford Recreation Department.

St. Patrick's Day musical event will be held March 16

The Friends of the Cranford Public Library will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a traditional Irish music session featuring McDermott's Handy on Wednesday, March 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave. McDermott's Handy is the husband-and-wife duo of Dennis Gormley and Kathy DeAngelo. DeAngelo sings, plays Irish harp, fiddle and banjo, bodhran and mandolin. Gormley sings, plays guitar, flute, tin whistle, bouzouki and mandolin. Admission to the program is free and all are welcome.



Photo by Stephanie Amaro, Courtesy of Linden School No. 2

The students in at Linden School No. 2 recently wrote opinion essays about important words that connected with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and legacy in conjunction with Black History Month and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. From left, are Leila Perez, Thomas Szeliga, Jah'bron Goff, Vanessa Ocasio, Tiyairah McDougald, Nicholas Paez, Bradley Jacques, Safiya George and Akira Quesada.

ROSELLE PARK NEWS

Crochet or Knit at Casano Community Center March 10

Thursday, March 10, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., Crochet or Knit with Susan and Marta meets at the Casano Center, 314 Chestnut St. For more information, call 908-245-2456 or visit www.roselleparklibrary.org, Facebook or Flickr.

Bring the family for a Saturday storytime on March 12

The Roselle Park Veteran's Memorial Library, 404 Chestnut St., will host Saturday Family Storytime on Saturday, March 12, at 11 a.m. For more information, call 908-245-2456 or visit www.roselleparklibrary.org, Facebook or Flickr.

Crafty Monday at Roselle library will be March 14

The Roselle Park Veteran's Memorial Library, 404 Chestnut St., will host Crafty Monday on March 14, from 3 to 4 p.m. For more information, call 908-245-2456 or visit www.roselleparklibrary.org, Facebook or Flickr.

Elder law, estate planning workshop to be held March 15

The Roselle Park Veteran's Memorial Library, 404 Chestnut St., will host the interactive "Elder Law & Estate Planning Workshop," presented by Benjamin D. Eckman Esq., on Tuesday, March 15, at 6:30 p.m. Learn how to successfully safeguard assets from taxes, probate and nursing home costs.

For additional information, call 908-245-2456 or visit www.roselleparklibrary.org, Facebook or Flickr.

Attend Friends of the Library meeting on March 15

The Roselle Park Veteran's Memorial Library, 404 Chestnut St., will host a Friends of the Library Meeting on Tuesday, March 15, at 5:15 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend. For more information, call 908-245-2456 or visit www.roselleparklibrary.org, Facebook or Flickr.

Roselle Park library Board of Trustees meeting March 16

The Roselle Park Veteran's Memorial Library, 404 Chestnut St., will host its board of trustees meeting Wednesday, March 16, at 7 p.m.

The public is encouraged to attend. For more information, call 908-245-2456 or visit www.roselleparklibrary.org, Facebook or Flickr.

LINDEN NEWS

Announcements

Enhanced tutoring started at Linden School No. 2

United Way of Greater Union County has partnered with the Family Community Development Corporation to enhance the tutoring and after school program at Elementary School No. 2 in Linden. Family CDC is dedicated to developing human potential and promoting self-sufficiency through programs designed to improve the social, economic, health and educational status of the community in a culturally sen-

sitive environment. Currently there are 32 students serviced by this tutoring program between second and fifth grade.

Other partners in this program include Linden Board of Education, the Staples Foundation, Family Christian Church, and Union County Division of Social Services.

Calendar

Women's History Month events at Linden Library

The Linden Public Library will present the True Biography Series during Women's

History Month every Tuesday in March at 3 p.m. March 15 will be Eleanor Roosevelt; March 22, Amelia Earhart; and March 29, Oprah Winfrey. Films will be shown in the Columbia Bank Room.

The library will also present a series of movies for Women's History Month.

- Saturday, March 19, "The Miracle Worker" will be shown at 10 a.m.;

- Wednesday, March 23, "Amelia" will be shown at 6 p.m.; and

- Thursday, March 31, "Mona Lisa Smile" will be shown at 3 p.m.

The library is located at 31 E. Henry St.

Registration is not necessary. For information, call 908-298-3830.

Insurance clinic workshop to be at library March 16

Come to the Linden Library for an Insurance Clinic Workshop on Wednesday, March 16, from 1 to 2 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. The seminar will be led by June Lazaro of Primerica. The library is located at 31 E. Henry St., Linden. Register by calling June Lazaro at 908-930-8310, or at the library's circulation desk, or by calling 908-298-3830, ext. 10.

RAHWAY NEWS

Announcements

Future Scholars expands to Rahway

Rutgers Future Scholars, a pioneer program that aims to inspire and prepare students in the university's host communities to attend college, now includes Rahway.

A \$1.75 million gift from benefactor P. Roy and Diana Vagelos will allow 15 Rahway students to participate in the program each year for at least the next six years, according to Courtney McAnuff, vice president for enrollment management at Rutgers.

The program will begin taking applications this spring for enrollment in the summer. Rutgers will hold a public interest session for Rahway students March 2.

Vagelos, a physician and biochemist who served as CEO of Merck, graduated from Rahway High School in 1947 and began a scholarship program about 15 years ago for Rahway students accepted into the nation's top 25 colleges.

Since its inception, Rutgers Future Scholars has served 1,600 students in New Brunswick, Newark, Camden and Piscataway. The program is funded primarily through private and corporate contributions. Beginning in the seventh grade and throughout high school, the students receive mentoring, tutoring and college prep courses, including required summer sessions. For students who apply and are accepted to Rutgers, the university covers the cost of tuition.

For some Rahway students the program will mean the difference between attending college or cutting short their formal education for financial reasons.

"We struggle with one real issue in our district — poverty," RHS Principal John Farinella said. Two-thirds of the 1,100 students at the school receive free or reduced-priced lunch, a measure that the state uses to determine socioeconomic levels across all districts.

"Bringing Rutgers Future Scholars to Rahway says Rutgers is invested in Rahway High School and there must be value here," Farinella said. "It's a statement of who we are to get the endorsement of the state university of New Jersey."

Rutgers Future Scholars was the first program of its kind in the country; now, James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va., and University of Michigan have launched similar programs.

The Rutgers program is making an impact: 98 percent of the active scholars graduate from high school and 80 percent of the high school graduates have stayed in college.

Family Success Center up and running

The Rahway Family Success Center, located at 796 East Hazelwood Ave., opened its doors in December 2015 and has already serviced 100 families in the first two months. Support services included: energy and utility assistance, rental assistance, childcare assistance, food stamps and Medicaid referrals, resume building and job-search workshops.

Rahway FSC also provided an open computer lab for community use and held a Holiday Haircuts for Kids event in December. Rahway FSC launched a successful Parent Advisory Council with 15 members at each meeting. The PAC focuses on leveraging resources needed to keep the community thriving and successful.

Family Success Centers are community-based family-centered neighborhood gathering places where community residents can go for family support, information and services.

Women's History Month contest at RPL

The Rahway Public Library, 2 City Hall Plaza, will host a teen Women's History Month trivia contest during the month of March. Pick up a contest form at the library to complete; all correct entries will be placed in a raffle with a winner chosen at the end of the month. For additional information, call 732-340-1551 or visit www.rahwaylibrary.org.

Calendar

Teen Tech Week at RPL March 7 to 12

The Rahway Public Library, 2 City Hall Plaza, will host "Teen Tech Week: Create it @Your Library" from March 7 to 12, in the Teen Center. Grab a friend and stop by. For additional information, call 732-340-1551 or visit www.rahwaylibrary.org.

Friends of library meeting March 10

The Rahway Public Library, 2 City Hall Plaza, will host a Friends of the Rahway Public Library on Thursday, March 10, at 7 p.m. The Friends meet the second Thursday of the month. For additional information, call 732-340-1551 or visit www.rahwaylibrary.org.

Flea market and craft show March 12

St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 1407 St. George Ave., Rahway, will sponsor a flea market and craft show, Satur-

day, March 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free and the show is handicapped-accessible. The Kitchen will serve Taylor ham and egg sandwiches, hot dogs, hamburgers, kielbasa subs, and coffee, tea, soda and water until 1:30. For table rentals or more information, contact Andrea at 732-381-5359 or Maryann at 908-518-0107.

'Suffragette' to be shown March 14

The Rahway Public Library, 2 City Hall Plaza, will host a screening of "Suffragette" for teens Monday, March 14, at 5:30 p.m. Rated PG-13 and running 146 minutes, this newly-released drama is about the foot soldiers of the early feminist movement who risked everything in their fight for equality.

For additional information, call 732-340-1551 or visit www.rahwaylibrary.org.

Book Bingo to be held on March 16

The Rahway Public Library, 2 City Hall Plaza, will host Book Bingo for adults aged 18 and older at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16. Match up titles to win books and other prizes. For additional information, call 732-340-1551 or visit www.rahwaylibrary.org.

Reader's Circle meets on March 16

The Rahway Public Library, 2 City Hall Plaza, will host Reader's Circle Book Club on Wednesday, March 16, at 2 p.m. This month's selection is "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr.



For additional information, call 732-340-1551 or visit the library website at www.rahwaylibrary.org.

St. Patrick's Day at RPL on March 17

The Rahway Public Library, 2 City Hall Plaza, will host St. Patrick's Day events Thursday, March 17.

- A free St. Patrick's Day film will be shown at 2 p.m. Rated PG and running 91 minutes, an Irish comedy tells what happens in a remote town when an elderly lottery winner dies of shock and fellow townsfolk attempt to claim the money. Homemade Irish soda bread will be served. For more information, call 732-340-1551 or visit www.rahwaylibrary.org.

- A children's St. Patrick's Day party will be Thursday, March 17, at 6:30 p.m. Join for stories, green eggs and ham and fun. For additional information, call 732-340-1551 or visit the website at www.rahwaylibrary.org.

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VS
Defendant: LUPE ROSAS; JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.
Sale Date: 04/06/2016
Writ of Execution: 08/26/2015
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
Property to be sold is located in the CITY of ELIZABETH, County of UNION, State of New Jersey
Premises commonly known as: 17 SOUTH 5TH STREET, ELIZABETH, NJ 07206-1115
BEING KNOWN as LOT 1216 BLOCK 5 on the official Tax Map of the CITY of ELIZABETH
Dimensions:
25.00FTx100.00FTx25.00FTx100.00FT
Nearest Cross Street: First Avenue
The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice by publication.
*Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon.

****If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.**
***If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$314,622.65*Three Hundred Fourteen Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Two and 65/100*****

Attorney:
PHELAN HALLINAN & DIAMOND, PC
400 FELLOWSHIP RD
SUITE 100
MT LAUREL NJ 08054
(856)813-5500
Sheriff: Joseph Cryan
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$329,578.41***Three Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Eight and 41/100***
March 10, 17, 24, 31, 2016
U36369 PRO (\$158.76)

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-16000634
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F3508808
County: Union
Plaintiff: DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2006-WMC2
VS
Defendant: MARLENE DIAZ; MRS. DIAZ, HUSBAND OF MARLENE DIAZ
Sale Date: 04/06/2016
Writ of Execution: 11/02/2015
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
Property to be sold is located in the CITY of ELIZABETH, County of UNION, State of New Jersey
Premises commonly known as: 110 CATHERINE STREET, ELIZABETH CITY, NJ 07201
BEING KNOWN as LOT 130, BLOCK 9 on the official Tax Map of the CITY of ELIZABETH
Dimensions:
81.54FTx 38.00FTx82.00FTx38.00FT
Nearest Cross Street: East Jersey Street
The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice by publication.
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JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$521,122.72*Five Hundred Twenty-One Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Two and 72/100*****

Attorney:
PHELAN HALLINAN & DIAMOND, PC
400 FELLOWSHIP RD
SUITE 100
MT LAUREL NJ 08054
(856)813-5500
Sheriff: Joseph Cryan
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$704,691.93***Seven Hundred Four Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-One and 93/100***
March 10, 17, 24, 31, 2016
U36406 PRO (\$166.60)

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-16000635
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F05127714
County: Union
Plaintiff: WELLS FARGO BANK, NA
VS
Defendant: DANIELLE WORTH; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Sale Date: 04/06/2016
Writ of Execution: 12/16/2015
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
Property to be sold is located in the CITY of ELIZABETH, County of UNION, State of New Jersey
Premises commonly known as: 1111 1/2 HAMP-TON PLACE, ELIZABETH, NJ 07201-4401
BEING KNOWN as LOT 674.A, BLOCK 9 on the official Tax Map of the CITY of ELIZABETH
Dimensions:
13.00FTx7.25FTx13.00FTx7.25FT
Nearest Cross Street: MADISON AVENUE
The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice by publication.
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JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$443,066.93* Four Hundred Forty-Three Thousand Sixty-Six and 93/100*****

Attorney:
PHELAN HALLINAN & DIAMOND, PC
400 FELLOWSHIP RD
SUITE 100
MT LAUREL NJ 08054
(856)813-5500
Sheriff: Joseph Cryan
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$460,970.44***Four Hundred Sixty Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy and 44/100***
March 10, 17, 24, 31, 2016
U36220 PRO (\$160.72)

PUBLIC NOTICE

if any.
Subject to USA's right of redemption:
Pursuant to 28, U.S.C. Section 2410(b) this sale is subject to a 1 year right of redemption held by the United States of America by virtue of it's lien.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$203,258.95*Two Hundred Three Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Eight and 95/100*****

Attorney:
PHELAN HALLINAN & DIAMOND, PC
400 FELLOWSHIP RD
SUITE 100
MT LAUREL NJ 08054
(856)813-5500
Sheriff: Joseph Cryan
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$209,791.92***Two Hundred Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-One and 92/100***
March 10, 17, 24, 31, 2016
U36103 PRO (\$170.52)

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-16000636
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F02167714
County: Union
Plaintiff: BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.
VS
Defendant: MANUEL JIMENEZ; MRS. MANUEL JIMENEZ, HIS WIFE; MIDLAND FUNDING LLC
Sale Date: 04/06/2016
Writ of Execution: 12/16/2015
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
Property to be sold is located in the CITY of ELIZABETH, County of UNION, State of New Jersey
Premises commonly known as: 598 WALNUT STREET, ELIZABETH, NJ 07201-1125
BEING KNOWN as LOT 1343, BLOCK 12 on the official Tax Map of the CITY of ELIZABETH
Dimensions:
41.68FTx100.00FTx35.77x100.16FT
Nearest Cross Street: FAIRMOUNT AVENUE
F/K/A PORT AVENUE
The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice by publication.
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JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$242,064.52*Two Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Sixty-Four and 52/100*****

Attorney:
POWERS KIRN - COUNSELORS
728 MARNE HWY
P.O. BOX 848 - SUITE 200
MOORESTOWN NJ 08057
(856)802-1000
Sheriff: Joseph Cryan
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$249,683.87***Two Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Three and 87/100***
February 25, March 3, 10, 17, 2016
U35494 PRO (\$152.88)

LINDEN / ROSELLE

LINDEN ROSELLE SEWERAGE AUTHORITY NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD
The Linden Roselle Sewerage Authority has awarded the following contract(s) as fair and open professional services contract(s) pursuant to Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(A) and N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. at a meeting held on February 24, 2016. The contract and resolution authorizing same are available for public inspection in the offices of the Linden Roselle Sewerage Authority, and the Clerks of the City of Linden and the Borough of Roselle.

CONTRACT AWARDED TO: Weiner Lesniak LLP
SERVICE: Annual Legal Services
CONTRACT PERIOD: 1 year
AMOUNT: Not to exceed \$120,000

CONTRACT AWARDED TO: Aton Consulting
SERVICE: Information Technology Consultant
CONTRACT PERIOD: 1 year
AMOUNT: Not to exceed \$16,560

CONTRACT AWARDED TO: T&M Associates
SERVICE: Safety Consultant Services
CONTRACT PERIOD: 1 year
AMOUNT: Not to exceed \$12,300
U36894 PRO March 10, 2016 (\$23.03)

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AWARDED TO: CDM Smith Inc.
SERVICE: Annual Engineering Services
CONTRACT PERIOD: 1 year
AMOUNT: Not to exceed \$104,030

CONTRACT AWARDED TO: Hatch Mott MacDonald
SERVICE: Water Quality Specialist Services
CONTRACT PERIOD: 1 year
AMOUNT: Not to exceed \$17,290

CONTRACT AWARDED TO: Aton Consulting
SERVICE: Information Technology Consultant
CONTRACT PERIOD: 1 year
AMOUNT: Not to exceed \$16,560

CONTRACT AWARDED TO: T&M Associates
SERVICE: Safety Consultant Services
CONTRACT PERIOD: 1 year
AMOUNT: Not to exceed \$12,300
U36894 PRO March 10, 2016 (\$23.03)

LINDEN

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-16000351
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F03507213
County: Union
Plaintiff: FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION
VS
Defendant: EDWARD C. KOSOWICZ; JENIFER KOSOWICZ, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Sale Date: 03/23/2016
Writ of Execution: 10/30/2015
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

MUNICIPALITY: Linden
COUNTY: UNION
STATE OF N.J. STREET & STREET NO: 1427 Essex Avenue
TAX BLOCK AND LOT: BLOCK: 48 LOT: 8
DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 100.00 X 50.00'
NEAREST CROSS STREET: 100.00' from Southwesterly sideline of Sherman Street
SUPERIOR INTERESTS (if any): US BANK Cust For BV 001 Trust holds a tax sale certificate in the amount of \$251.56 as of 06/12/2013.
LINDEN CITY - TAXES - QTRS 3 (PARTIAL) & 4 holds a claim for taxes due and/or other municipal utilities such as water and/or sewer in the amount of \$1806.83 as of 11/11/2015.
TRASH holds a claim for taxes due and/or other municipal utilities such as water and/or sewer in the amount of \$120.00 as of 11/11/2015.
LINDEN CITY - SEWER - ACCT # 960 holds a claim for taxes and/or other municipal utilities such as water and/or sewer.
The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice through publication.
Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$242,064.52*Two Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Sixty-Four and 52/100*****

Attorney:
POWERS KIRN - COUNSELORS
728 MARNE HWY
P.O. BOX 848 - SUITE 200
MOORESTOWN NJ 08057
(856)802-1000
Sheriff: Joseph Cryan
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$249,683.87***Two Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Three and 87/100***
February 25, March 3, 10, 17, 2016
U35494 PRO (\$152.88)

LINDEN

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-16000363
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F03920314
County: Union
Plaintiff: BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC
VS
Defendant: JOSEPH ZIEMAN; MADELINE M. PIKE, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; TOMI T. PRVULOVIC
Sale Date: 03/23/2016
Writ of Execution: 11/05/2015
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

MUNICIPALITY: Linden
COUNTY: UNION
STATE OF N.J. STREET & STREET NO: 2813 Grasselli Avenue

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAX BLOCK AND LOT: BLOCK: 570 LOT: 27 01
DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 38 x 100
NEAREST CROSS STREET: Hayes Street
SUPERIOR INTERESTS (if any): Linden City - Trash holds a claim for taxes due and/or other municipal utilities such as water and/or sewer in the amount of \$60.00 as of 11/09/2015.
Linden City - Sewer holds a claim for taxes due and/or other municipal utilities such as water and/or sewer in the amount of \$52.95 as of 11/09/2015.
PC5, LLC holds a tax sale certificate in the amount of \$610.95 as of 11/09/2015.
The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice through publication.
Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$469,214.37*Four Hundred Sixty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Fourteen and 37/100*****

Attorney:
POWERS KIRN - COUNSELORS
728 MARNE HWY
P.O. BOX 848 - SUITE 200
MOORESTOWN NJ 08057
(856)802-1000
Sheriff: Joseph Cryan
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$487,987.22***Four Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Seven and 22/100***
February 25, March 3, 10, 17, 2016
U36105 PRO (\$145.04)

LINDEN

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-16000367
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F01328414
County: Union
Plaintiff: GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC
VS
Defendant: KEITH BARRY SMITH, HIS HEIRS, DEVISEES, AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, AND HIS, THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST; DOLORES M. SMITH, HIS WIFE; MR. SMITH, HUSBAND OF DOLORES M. SMITH; CHEYANNE REESMAN, DAUGHTER AND KNOWN HEIR; DAKOTA SMITH, SON AND KNOWN HEIR; SHANNON SMITH, DAUGHTER AND KNOWN HEIR; AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER OF UNION COUNTY; STATE OF NEW JERSEY; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Sale Date: 03/23/2016
Writ of Execution: 10/21/2015
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
Municipality: City of Linden
Street Address: 29 East 19th Street, Linden, NJ 07036
Tax Lot: 15
Tax Block: 539
Approximate dimensions: 100' x 50'
Nearest cross street: Clinton Street
If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.

****THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION.****
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$127,161.58*One Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Sixty-One and 58/100*****

Attorney:
PLUESE, BECKER & SALTZMAN, LLC
20000 HORIZON WAY
SUITE 900
MOUNT LAUREL NJ 08054
(856)813-1700
Sheriff: Joseph Cryan
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$133,972.74***One Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Three and 74/100***
February 25, March 3, 10, 17, 2016
U36117 PRO (\$143.08)

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Sheriff's File Number: CH-16000554
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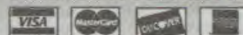
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SPORTS



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Linden boys' basketball nets 4th straight N2, G4 crown

Sought to advance to this Sunday's G4 final

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

LINDEN - After Newark East Side came all the way back to tie the game with 39.8 seconds to go, Linden sophomore Tavon Jones had a chance to give the Tigers back the lead with 13.4 seconds left.

However, the Linden starter missed both of his free throw attempts after previously making eight of his first 10.

Then - after East Side missed a layup that would have given it the lead, with Linden's Fritz Moncion grabbing the rebound - Jones missed a 3-point shot from just inside half court at the buzzer.

Linden sophomore Tavon Jones (No. 13) is shown here in game against Westfield at Union. On Monday night at home against Newark East Side in the North 2, Group 4 state sectional championship game, Jones scored a game-high 17 points to help Linden prevail 62-59 in overtime. Jones made 12-of-16 free throw attempts, including all four he took in OT. Linden sought to beat Hackensack last night in the Group 4 semifinal at Elizabeth to get to Sunday's Group 4 state championship game at the Rutgers Athletic Center in Piscataway.

Determined to make up for his misses, Jones was a perfect 4-for-4 from the free throw line in overtime, while his final points - which came on Linden's first field goal in some six minutes - gave the Tigers a four-point lead with less than a minute left in the extra session.

Linden then survived a 3-point basket from the right side hit by Newark East Side sophomore Jahid Jenkins that pulled the visiting Raiders to one point.

The Tigers came back at their end by - after four passes - senior William Phelps found junior Khalief Crawford under the basket for the game's final points.

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UNION COUNTY CONFERENCE BOYS' BASKETBALL STANDINGS AS OF MONDAY, MARCH 7:

WATCHUNG DIVISION (5 schools)
1-Patrick School (6-1) - clinched tie for title
2-Roselle Catholic (6-2)
3-Linden (5-3)
4-Plainfield (2-6)
5-Elizabeth (0-7)

MOUNTAIN DIVISION (5 schools)
1-Westfield (6-2) - champion
2-Union Catholic (5-3)
St. Mary's, Elizabeth (5-3)
4-Union (4-4)
5-Scotch Plains (0-8)

VALLEY DIVISION (6 schools)
1-Rahway (9-1) - champion
2-Summit (7-3)
3-Cranford (5-5)
4-Roselle (3-7)
Gov. Livingston (3-7)
Hillside (3-7)

SKY DIVISION (6 schools)
1-Johnson (7-2)
Oratory Prep (7-2)
3-Dayton (5-4)
New Providence (5-4)
5-Brearley (1-5)
6-Roselle Park (1-9)

UNION COUNTY CONFERENCE GIRLS' BASKETBALL STANDINGS AS OF MONDAY, MARCH 7:

WATCHUNG DIVISION (6 schools)
1-Patrick School (7-2) - clinched tie for title
2-New Providence (7-3)
3-Roselle Catholic (6-4)
4-Cranford (4-5)
5-Union (3-7)
6-Westfield (1-7)

MOUNTAIN DIVISION (6 schools)
1-Summit (8-2) - champion
2-Scotch Plains (7-3)
Johnson (7-3)
4-Gov. Livingston (6-4)
5-Linden (2-8)
6-Plainfield (0-10)

VALLEY DIVISION (6 schools)
1-Rahway (8-2) - champion
(swept Oak Knoll)
2-Oak Knoll (8-2)
3-Union Catholic (6-4)
4-Dayton (5-5)
5-Elizabeth (3-7)
6-Hillside (0-10)

SKY DIVISION (6 schools)
1-St. Mary's, Elizabeth (8-0) - champion
2-Kent Place (8-2)
3-Brearley (5-4)
4-Benedictine (4-5)
5-Roselle Park (2-8)
6-Roselle (0-8)

SPORTS

Tigers lifted by play of sophomore Jones

(Continued from Page 44)

Newark East Side sophomore Shamir Johnson's game-tying 3-point attempt was rebounded by Phelps, but then the ball was ruled on the line, giving possession back to the Red Raiders with 16.7 seconds left.

From there, sophomore Hassan Ceesay missed a 3-pointer right before the buzzer as host Linden survived to play another day, holding off Newark East Side 62-59 in overtime in Monday night's thrilling North 2, Group 4 championship game.

Jones, despite not scoring in the first and third quarters, led all players with 17 points. He finished 12-of-16 from the line and also hit a big 3-pointer right before the half to build Linden's lead back up to eight after it reached a game-high 14 earlier in the period.

"We had to continue to make plays and execute," Jones said just moments after the gut-wrenching triumph. "We've had many games like this in the past."

Jones was ready to bounce back at the free throw line in overtime, not letting it affect him at all that he missed twice at the end of the fourth quarter.

"I spend extra time in practice on my free throws and it paid off," Jones said.

"He's only a sophomore, but I'll go to war with him any time," Linden head coach Phil Colicchio said.

Jones made one of two free throws in the second quarter, seven of 10 in the fourth and all four of his in OT.

"Even though he missed a couple, he (Jones) made a lot of free throws and that was big for them," East Side co-coach Anthony Taveras said.

For top-seeded Linden, the Tigers captured North 2, Group 4 for the fourth straight year and for the fifth time in the past six. Under Colicchio - this being his 19th season at the helm of the Tigers - Linden has won the section eight times in 10 tries. That's 10 trips to the final in 19 seasons under Colicchio.

Linden also became just the second team to win the section four years in a row. The first was Elizabeth, which captured the section five straight years from 1987-1991.

Back in the section after winning North 2, Group 3, East Side was seeking to win North 2, Group 4 for the first time since present NBA player Randy Foye's senior season in 2002.

"This is exactly what I expected, the game to come down to the last shot," Colicchio said. "They're Newark kids and they're well-coached. Both programs are similar."

Newark East Side junior Tyrese Jenkins, who finished tied with Ceesay for team-high scoring honors with 14 points, scored his team's and the game's final five points in the fourth quarter to tie the game and send it to OT. The first four of those points came on a rare four-point play in which he sank a 3-pointer from the right side and was fouled.

Jenkins then made the ensuing free throw to pull his team to within one at 52-51 with 52.2 seconds left. He then tied the game at 52-52 by making one of two free throws with 39.8 seconds to go in the fourth.

It was the game's third tie and first since 7-7 in the first quarter.

Jenkins scored the first basket in OT, giving Newark East Side a 54-52 lead and its first advantage since its third lead of 7-6 late in the first quarter. At that point, Jenkins had scored the game's next seven points after his team trailed 52-47 in the fourth.

"They hit some big shots, kept coming back with them, including the four-point play," Colicchio said. "Give our kids credit too. On our last possession we switched it up to find guys open."

Linden went on a 9-0 run that bridged the first and second quarters and then after a Newark East Side basket the Tigers went on an 8-0 run to go up 23-9 in the second quarter for the game's biggest lead of 14 points.

"There's no way we're 14 points better than them," Colicchio said.

Newark East Side responded with a 9-0 run of its own to pull to within five at 23-18. Linden led 26-18 at intermission.

"This was two great public schools playing a game that went right down to the wire," Taveras said. "We have the utmost respect for each other's program."

"It came down to them making a few more plays than us."

Linden senior William Phelps, who came up with critical rebounds late and a big block in the fourth quarter, netted 16 points.

He scored 14 - including two 3-pointers - when there was still 4:40 to go in the second quarter. Phelps did not score again until his final basket - a layup - gave Linden a 48-43 lead with two-and-a-half minutes to go in the fourth.

Linden made three 3s in the first quarter-and-a-half, which was a big part of the Tigers building their double-digit advantage. Newark East Side also turned the ball over nine times in the first half.

"I think they might have turned the ball over five times in a row," Colicchio said.

"They shot the ball well early on," Taveras said. "We had to do a better job of keying on Phelps and prevent him from getting good looks, which was part of our game plan."

Linden will next seek to get back to Rutgers for its third Group 4 state championship game in four years. The Tigers will face North 1, Group 4 champion Hackensack in Wednesday's 7 p.m. Group 4 semifinal at the Dunn Sport Center in Elizabeth.

Linden lost to Paterson Eastside 58-51 at Dunn in last year's Group 4 semifinals after capturing the Group 4 state championship for the fourth time under Colicchio in 2014. All four of Linden's group state championships have come under Colicchio's guidance, including the first three in 2000, 2006 and 2007.

Colicchio has now guided Linden to three Union County Tournament championships, eight North 2, Group 4 state sectional titles and four Group 4 state crowns.

"We've won the section four years in a row, so this group wants to get to the RAC now and make their own mark," Colicchio said.

Third-seeded Newark East Side finished its 2015-2016 season at 24-8. The Red Raiders finished second three times, including twice to Seton Hall Prep in the American Division of the Super Essex Conference and the Essex County Tournament and once to Linden in North 2, Group 4.

NORTH 2, GROUP 4 FINAL AT LINDEN

3-Newark East Side (24-8)	07	11	16	18	07 - 59
1-Linden (21-5)	10	16	14	12	10 - 62

NEWARK EAST SIDE RED RAIDERS (59):

4-Jahid Jenkins, sophomore, 4-1-3-14
 30-Tyrese Jenkins, junior, 4-1-5-16
 11-Hassan Ceesay, sophomore, 5-1-1-14
 1-Elijah Olaniyi, junior, 1-0-0-2
 34-DeAndre Speight, sophomore, 1-0-1-3
 2-Amadu Benbow, junior, 1-0-0-2
 10-Shamir Johnson, sophomore, 2-1-0-7
 13-Anas Amos, freshman, 0-0-1-1

Starters: Amos, Ceesay, J. Jenkins, T. Jenkins, Olaniyi.

Totals: 18-4-11-59.

LINDEN TIGERS (62):

1-Khalief Crawford, junior, 2-1-2-9
 13-Tavon Jones, sophomore, 1-1-12-17
 4-Marcellus Livingston, junior, 2-0-2-6
 20-William Phelps, senior, 5-2-0-16
 2-Fritz Moncion, senior, 2-0-0-4
 12-Abraham Kromah, junior, 0-1-0-3
 3-Joey Krempa, junior, 0-1-2-5
 10-Tafari Lowe, junior, 1-0-0-2

Starters: Crawford, Lowe, Phelps, Krempa, Jones.

Totals: 13-6-18-62.

LINDEN NORTH 2, GROUP 4 CHAMPIONSHIPS UNDER HEAD COACH PHIL COLICCHIO:

(8) 2000, 2006, 2007, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

OTHER CHAMPIONSHIP GAME APPEARANCES:

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 2008 - lost to Piscataway at Elizabeth

NORTH 2, GROUP 4 CHAMPIONS THE LAST 41 SEASONS:

2016 - Linden
 2015 - Linden
 2014 - Linden
 2013 - Linden
 2012 - Elizabeth
 2011 - Linden
 2010 - Plainfield
 2009 - Plainfield
 2008 - Piscataway
 2007 - Linden
 2006 - Linden
 2005 - Bridgewater-Raritan
 2004 - Plainfield
 2003 - Elizabeth
 2002 - Newark East Side
 2001 - Newark East Side
 2000 - Linden
 1999 - Union
 1998 - Newark East Side
 1997 - Union
 1996 - Linden
 1995 - Elizabeth
 1994 - Montclair
 1993 - Irvington
 1992 - Irvington
 1991 - Elizabeth
 1990 - Elizabeth
 1989 - Elizabeth
 1988 - Elizabeth
 1987 - Elizabeth
 1986 - Montclair
 1985 - Elizabeth
 1984 - East Orange
 1983 - Plainfield
 1982 - Montclair
 1981 - Shabazz
 1980 - Barringer
 1979 - Union
 1978 - Linden
 1977 - Bloomfield
 1976 - Plainfield

NOTES: Linden is now 8-2 in North 2, Group 4 finals under head coach Phil Colicchio.

Elizabeth won the section five times in a row under head coach Ben Candelino from 1987 to 1991. Colicchio played for Candelino his junior and senior seasons of 1982-83 and 1983-84.

The last non-Union County school to win the section was Piscataway in 2008 when it defeated Linden in the final at Elizabeth.

Bridgewater-Raritan is the only Somerset County school to win the section, which came in 2005 against Linden at Piscataway.

Linden also reached the final four years in a row from 2005-2008, winning it twice in that span.

Those Linden teams were sparked by the play of four-year varsity starter Desmond Wade.

Since 2006, Linden has won the section seven times.

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Union senior David Brown, at left, became his school's first medal winner at the NJSIAA Tournament since 1996. Brown placed eighth in the state at heavyweight and finished a fine season with a superb record of 37-8.

Union wrestler Brown wraps stellar season among best

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

Last year Union's David Brown got to Atlantic City for the first time after qualifying out of Region 3 with a third-place finish at heavyweight.

Brown went 0-2 in his only two matches, but got to experience what it was like to wrestle in his first NJSIAA Tournament — grappling among the very best on the season's final and most grand stage.

One year later Brown, now a senior, not only made it back to AC, but he won this time. He even won enough to become Union's first state medal winner in 20 years.

Brown, who will play football at American International College in Springfield, Mass., won two of five matches to finish eighth in the state at heavyweight.

He is Union's first wrestler to earn a medal at the NJSIAA Tournament since 1996 senior David Bubnowski placed second at 135.

"David just added to the success of our season," said Union head coach Dino DeBellonia.

Union finished fourth in the Union County Tournament and third in District 10 and also posted a fine team record of 23-4, reaching the North 2, Group 5 semifinals for the second straight season.

DeBellonia was named Union County Coach of the Year for the first time and then District 10 Coach of the Year for the second straight season.

Brown finished second in the UCT and then won his first District 10 and Region 3 championships.

Brown followed up a 33-13 junior campaign with a 37-8 senior season. He went 70-21 during his only two years of varsity competition.

"David never wrestled until ninth grade, so for what he went out and accomplished says quite a lot," DeBellonia said. "What he did in Atlantic City was the exclamation point for our season. He carried the torch for Union High School this past weekend."

In Friday night's pre-quarterfinals, Brown wrestled Keith Swartley of Cinnaminson, who was undefeated. It was Swartley who pinned Brown in 1:41 in last year's states, ending Brown's 2014-2015 season.

This time — exactly 12 months later — Brown got even, winning 2-1 to advance to the quarterfinals for the first time.

"David did a great job against Swartley," DeBellonia said. "He wrestled smart and was able to ride him out at the end."

A 3-2 loss to River Dell's Joe Longobardi followed, with Brown coming oh so close to reaching the semifinals.

Longobardi reached the final and finished second.

"It was extremely close," DeBellonia said of the quarterfinal match between Brown and Longobardi. "I thought David was more the aggressor, especially on his feet."

Brown went on to win one wrestleback match out of two, which enabled him to wrestle for seventh place.

"Even though David lost his final match, what he accomplished he did for his team, his school and his community," DeBellonia said. "We're all very proud of him."

Below are local reports from the weekend of wrestling that took place in AC.

Standout senior wrestlers David Brown of Union and Chris Gural of Roselle Park earned medals for their performances at this weekend's 83rd annual NJSIAA Tournament at Atlantic City's Boardwalk Hall.

Brown, who captured his first Region 3 championship at Union last weekend and was making his second straight NJSIAA Tournament appearance, placed eighth at heavyweight.

Brown won his Friday night pre-quarterfinal bout over Keith Swartley of Cinnaminson 2-1 after losing to the same wrestler in his final states bout a year ago. Brown was then edged by Joe Longobardi of River Dell 3-2 in the quarterfinals. Longobardi reached the final and finished second.

Gural won in the wrestlebacks to earn a shot at third place. There he was defeated to finish fourth in the state at 106.

In Region 3 competition, Gural garnered his 100th career win. Brown and Gural were the only two of the 15 wrestlers from Union County schools that earned medals this weekend.

Brown was the first Union wrestler to earn a medal since senior David Bubnowski placed second in the state at 135 back in 1996.

Bubnowski was the second of seven wrestlers to win four Union County Tournament championships, doing so from 1993-1996.

Union's Larry Guarino was the first, winning titles from 1985-1988.

For the fifth straight year and seventh in the last eight there will not be a wrestler from a Union County school that wins a state championship.

All four Union County school wrestlers that reached the NJSIAA Tournament's quarterfinals March 5 were defeated.

They will all now try to win in the wrestlebacks to try to finish among the top eight wrestlers in their weight classes and earn medals for doing so.

Union senior heavyweight Dave Brown was edged by Joe Longobardi of River Dell 3-2.

Cranford senior Niko Cappello was nipped by Kyle Murphy of Bridgewater-Raritan 1-0 at 182.

At 145, Cranford junior Vince Concina was blanked by Michael O'Malley of Hasbrouck Heights 6-0 and New Providence senior Tyler Gazaway was defeated by Mohammed Farhan of Clifton 6-4.

For Gazaway it was his first loss of the year after a 40-0 start.

Union senior David Brown waited a year for second chance to beat Cinnaminson's Keith Swartley.

Not only did Brown, a first-time Region 3 champion, get the opportunity, but he made the most of it.

After getting pinned by Swartley in 1:41 in the states last year, Brown this time edged Swartley 2-1 in the March 4 pre-quarterfinals of the 83rd annual NJSIAA Tournament held at Atlantic City's Boardwalk Hall.

It was the first NJSIAA Tournament victory for Brown, who qualified for the states last year for the first time after finishing third in Region 3. Brown lost both of his states matches a year ago.

Brown, the fifth seed on the bottom side of the bracket, advanced to the March 5 heavyweight quarterfinals where he will wrestle Joe Longobardi of River Dell.

Union's last state champion was 1988 senior Mike Ferroni at heavyweight.

The semifinals will also be competed March 5 and the finals March 6.

Three other grapplers from Union County advanced to the quarterfinals, including Vince Concina and Niko Cappello of Cranford and undefeated Tyler Gazaway of New Providence.

Cappello and Gazaway are two-time Region 3 champs, both winning last year and this season.

Concina is to face Michael O'Malley of Hasbrouck Heights and Gazaway is to tangle with Mohammed Farhan of Clifton in the 145 quarterfinals.

Gazaway is 40-0 and has 138 career victories. He is the winningest wrestler in New Providence history for both the regular season and all time.

Gazaway is attempting to become New Providence's first state champion since Donnie DeFilippis in 1999 at 140.

Cappello, who placed seventh in the state last year at 182, will wrestle Kyle Murphy of Bridgewater-Raritan in the 182 quarterfinals.

Cranford's last state champion was Pat Hogan in 2006 at 171.

SPORTS



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PLAYER OF YEAR HONORED - Gianna Randazza of Clark was honored by the Union County Baseball Association for her achievements in 2015 at the 80th annual Hot Stove League Baseball Dinner Feb. 21. Randazza was the Union County Female Athlete of the Year and the 2015 Union County Softball Player of the Year. Here she is pictured with, at her right, Johnson softball coach Mike Mancino and at her left, Johnson Athletic Director Gus Kalikas.

RC boys' bounce Patrick in states

Reach another section final

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

Falling a bit short in the Union County Tournament seems to bring out the best in the Roselle Catholic boys' basketball team.

For the fourth straight season - every one after tough UCT ousters - the Lions reached the Non-Public, South B final.

Fifth-seeded Roselle Catholic was to take on second-seeded Gill St. Bernard's in Tuesday night's championship game at Jackson Liberty.

Roselle Catholic, following a 58-54 double overtime loss to The Patrick School of Elizabeth in the Feb. 27 UCT final at Kean University, bounced back to beat St. Joseph's of Hammonton, Ranney and The Patrick School in its first three state tournament games.

Roselle Catholic eliminated 12th-seeded St. Joe's 81-68 March 1 and then last Thursday on March 3 trimmed Ranney 69-44 on the road.

Then came a fourth game against the Celtics this year, with The Patrick School splitting against RC in Union County Conference-Watchung Division play before beating the Lions again in the UCT final.

This time - and like two of the previous three seasons - Roselle Catholic was able to beat The Patrick School in the states. Roselle Catholic scored a 67-54 victory over the top-seeded Celtics last Saturday night, with the game taking place at Rahway.

Gill St. Bernard's defeated fifth-seeded Mater Dei 54-51 at home in Saturday's other semifinal. Gill's first two wins were over 15th-seeded Immaculata 89-52 and against seventh-seeded Wildwood Catholic 56-40, both also at home.

In RC's state win over The Patrick School, senior Matt Bullock came through with a team-high 16 points and also seven rebounds.

In the UCT final, Bullock produced a game-high 19 points and also hauled in 14 boards.

Gilberto Cue added 15 points in the state win for RC, Leondre Wasington 14 and Nate Pierre-Louis 10 and four rebounds.

A win for Roselle Catholic Tuesday night would put it up against St. Anthony in the Non-Public, B state championship game.

Roselle Catholic defeated St. Anthony in the Non-Public, B final the past three seasons.

Roselle Catholic also defeated St. Anthony in a regular season game at home last year. The teams did not face each other in the regular season this year.

GRAND SCORER - Brearley senior Evan Collier, holding basketball and plaque, reached 1,000 career points Feb. 25 vs. Cranford. Collier, who will attend Assumption College in Worcester, Mass., finished with 1,026. He is joined here by his teammates and coaches Matt Pitaressi at his right and Mike Mancino at his left.

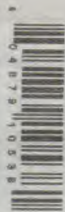


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