

All Points West Sets Times For Weekend Festival

JERSEY CITY — Music fans headed to the first annual All Points West Music and Arts Festival this weekend, August 8 through 10, at Liberty State Park can plan their weekend in advance by viewing apwfestival.com/event/schedules.

Radiohead (Friday and Saturday) and Jack Johnson (Sunday) will headline the three-day festival, which will feature more than 45 artists on three stages at the 80-acre location with panoramic views of the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island and the Manhattan skyline.

Single day tickets, three-day passes and ferry tickets are still available, as are a limited number of carpool packages for Friday and Sunday. Single-day

festival passes are \$89, and three-day festival passes, selling for \$258, are available via ticketmaster.com only.

Round-trip ferry service is available between Pier 11 in Manhattan (Wall Street and FDR) and Liberty State Park. Ferry tickets are available for \$25 in advance and \$30 if purchased at the ferry box office on the day of the show.

Ferry tickets are also available via ticketmaster.com, and individual tickets are required for each day since there are no three-day ferry passes. Light rail service will also be available via NJ Transit/Hudson-Bergen Light Rail directly to the festival grounds.

For more information, visit apwfestival.com or njtransit.com.

Miss New Jersey Joins Union County Event

ELIZABETH — On Sunday, August 3, those who attended the Kids Kingdom Traveling Jubilee at the Phil Rizzuto Park had a special guest. Tiffany Andrade, Miss New Jersey USA 2008, and Union County resident, was on hand to talk about her experiences and to sign autographs.

In addition to her title as Miss New Jersey, Andrade, 23, is a resident of Linden and a Registered Nurse at the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at New York Presbyterian Hospital-Weill Cornell Medical Center.

The focus of her year as Miss New Jersey is to raise funds for cancer research.

Ms. Andrade was previously involved with The Ronald McDonald House and the Susan G. Koman Foundation, both of which are cancer-related organizations.

Ms. Andrade earned her degree in nursing from Wagner College where she assumed leadership roles, such as teach-

ing hip-hop to kids in Staten Island. The class combined her life-long passion for dance, as well as her love of working with children.

After her reign as Miss New Jersey 2008, Andrade plans to continue her medical education and eventually start a family of her own.

"Ms. Andrade is a warm-hearted and generous role model for any young person who aspires to excel in life and to help others," said Angel Estrada, chair of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders sponsored the eighth annual Kids Kingdom Traveling Jubilee.

The Jubilee is an annual series of four events that take place in Union County parks throughout the summer. It features fun, safe and educational activities for all ages.

Performers have included puppeteers, musicians, storytellers, jugglers, magicians and strolling entertainers.



Benjamin B. Corbin for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times-Fanwood Times* Asst. Publisher/Sports Editor Dave Corbin proudly stands on the Huntingdon Teener League field in his hometown of Huntingdon, Pa. (237 miles west of the Westfield/Scotch Plains area). As a teener leaguer several decades ago, Mr. Corbin, with the other teener leaguers, cleared the rocks from what was once a cornfield to make the "Field of Dreams." Since that time in the 1960's, the Huntingdon 14-15-year-old teens won three state championships and the 13-year-olds have won one championship.

Montclarion Becomes Independent from SGA

MONTCLAIR — The Montclair State University's (MSU) *The Montclarion* became independent from the Student Government Association (SGA) of MSU on July 24 by vote of the MSU Board of Trustees, following the approval of the board's finance committee.

This move follows the ACLU-NJ's recent representation of the paper when the SGA infringed upon *The Montclarion's* freedom of the press by halting the paper's funding. This action was made by the SGA in response to the paper's investigation of the SGA violating the Open Public Meetings Act.

The Montclarion will now receive funds through a separate student fee that will go solely to the newspaper, meaning it will be supported by students directly, not by the university or SGA. Accordingly, the Nissenbaum Law Group, who helped the newspaper reach its independence, is filing papers today with the Secretary of State of New Jersey to form a student-directed

new entity that will own and run *The Montclarion*.

The battle began last year when the SGA authorized *The Montclarion* to hire an attorney, who determined the SGA had violated the Open Public Meetings Act. In response, SGA President Ronald Chicken ordered the paper to turn in confidential correspondence between the newspaper and its lawyer. When the paper refused, Mr. Chicken froze the funding and even passed a measure saying *The Montclarion* had no First Amendment free press protections.

In January, the SGA agreed to release most of *The Montclarion's* funding and rescinded its request for legal documents, but the SGA reneged on its promise to turn over the funds. Then, at a February SGA meeting, the funds were unfrozen and MSU President Susan Cole said if the newspaper became independent, the university would pay for *The Montclarion* to publish in the interim.

Midnight Madness Makes Its New York City Debut

AREA — New Jersey Youth Theatre (NJYT), in association with the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC), announced that this summer's production of the original new musical *Midnight Madness* has been selected as a New York Musical Theatre Festival 2008 Partner Event this September.

The NJYT was founded in 1991 as the Westfield Young Artists' Cooperative Theater, or WYACT. The organization has produced more than 32 main stage productions.

Midnight Madness is a modern-day musical fable based on William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

In this musical comedy, with book and lyrics by Artistic and Stage Director Cynthia Meryll, the Republican mayor of New York announces his engagement to his Democratic opponent, while two pairs of lost lovers and a troupe of amateur actors are manipulated by the Fairies of Central Park. The result: a rollicking tale of confusion set to a beautiful, original score by Jack Bender.

"We are delighted to showcase our talented young performers and a new, original work, on a professional New York stage," said Theodore Agress, executive director of NJYT. "The actors deserve this opportunity and are excited to bring the production to a New York audience."

Performers include Catherine Downey as Titiana; Okieriete Onaodowan as Oberon; Joseph Bremberg as Puck; Amanda Maxfield as Helena; Shabazz Green as Theo; Kelsey Thompson as Millicent; Jaclyn Ingoglia as Lydia; Stephen Mir as Jerry; Michael Tannenbaum as Peter Quince; Michael Campbell as Nick Bottom; Demond Thorne as Tom Snout; Matthew Robertson as Francis Flute; Gabriel Rodrigues as Robin Starveling; Christian Stewart as Oscar Snug; Joseph Christensen as Edgar; Kevin Melendez as Sander; Adrian Arrieta as Detrick; and Shani Bektemba, Anja Lynn Deitmer, Brandy Kostick, Jennifer Kujawski, Elyse Langley, Jessica Matta and Amber Pennyfeather-Williams (The Fairies of Central Park).

Midnight Madness will run at the

Ailey Citigroup Theater, 405 West 55th Street, New York City on Thursday, September 18, at 3 p.m.; Friday, September 19, at 8 p.m.; Saturday September 20, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, September 21, at 3 p.m.

Tickets are available through SmartTix.com and cost \$25 for adults and \$18 for students and \$20 for New York Musical Theatre Festival Gold and Platinum Members. *Midnight Madness*, which was originally produced at NJPAC, premieres in the Arts Center's Victoria Theater on August 1 at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at (888) 466-5722, at the NJPAC Box Office at One Center Street in downtown Newark, or by visiting njpac.org.

Under the direction of Ms. Meryll, NJYT produces professional-level theatrical productions and provides aspiring artists a quality theatre-arts training and performance experience.

Union Catholic Hosts NJCTE Awards

SCOTCH PLAINS — Union Catholic High School of Scotch Plains hosted the awards ceremony of the annual writing contest sponsored by the New Jersey Council of Teachers of English (NJCTE) this past spring.

Thirteen students from high schools throughout New Jersey were recognized for their entries in three different categories — fiction, nonfiction and poetry.

The top winners in each area, respectively, were: Kathryn Siciliano, Patricia Schwerdtman and Melissa Featherstone.

Julius Gottilla, Union Catholic English teacher and NJCTE Executive Board member, served as master of ceremonies. Union Catholic students John Szilagyi, Arielle Gonzalez, Jeanette Rudnicki, Alexa Fee and Angelo Cerimele, all members of the Union Catholic forensics team, read excerpts from the winning entries.

B.J. Ward, professor of English at Warren County College and award-winning author of three books of poetry, was the guest speaker. Mr. Ward read excerpts from his book of poetry entitled *Gravedigger's Birthday*.

Spend-a-Day Provides Activities For Seniors

SUMMIT — More than 33 million Americans are caring for an older friend or relative, and the Spend-A-Day program at SAGE Eldercare can provide much-needed assistance and extra help.

Caregivers who get help to relieve pressures are less likely to burn out and are better able to provide long-term support for loved ones.

Participation in regular social and recreational activities helps seniors feel good physically and emotionally, as well as helping to overcome loneliness and depression.

Spend-A-Day provides area seniors with stimulating activities throughout the day, while also allowing their caregivers to tend to their own needs.

SAGE Eldercare's Spend-A-Day Adult Day Health Center is a place where older adults are able to maintain their vitality. Daily activities increase self-esteem, enhance cognitive abilities and help seniors build meaningful friendships.

"There are many people of advanced

age who are interested in remaining a part of the world around them and who want to keep active and engaged in life to the greatest extent possible," said Ellen Greenwald, director of SAGE's Spend-A-Day program. "We do whatever we can to help them accomplish that."

The Spend-A-Day center serves daily nutritious breakfasts, lunches and snacks planned by a registered consultant dietician. Spend-A-Day's wheelchair-accessible van transports clients to speech, physical or occupational therapy services.

Other coordinated services include laboratory, radiology, dental and ophthalmology. The Spend-A-Day program provides health monitoring by experienced registered nurses.

Spend-A-Day offers activities such as book club and cooking group. Spend-A-Day even has an on-site beauty parlor.

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