

The
South Amboy/
Sayreville
Serving The Bayshore Area

Happy St. Patrick's Day

TIMES

Don't Miss
The South Amboy
St. Patrick's
Parade
Sunday
March 19th

February 25, 2017 • The "Good News" Newspaper • Vol. 26 Issue 5



The South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade Marshal's (l-r) Honorary Grand Marshal Pat Walsh, Grand Marshal Mayor Fred Henry and Deputy Grand Marshal Jan Williams. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

Walsh Captures Another Title

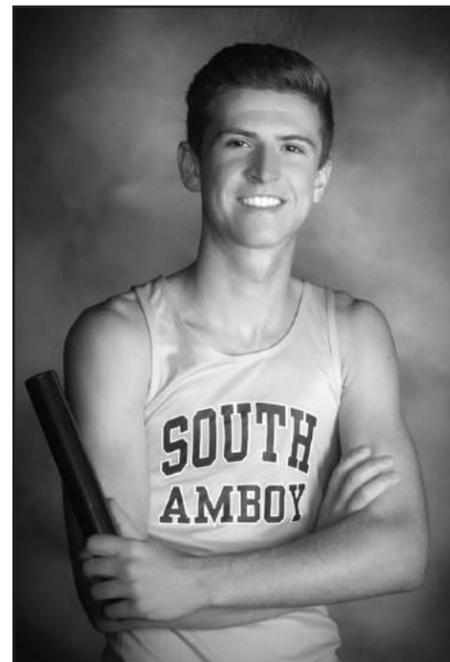
By Tom Burkard

South Amboy High School's amazing runner, Patrick Walsh added another championship to his most impressive growing list of outstanding athletic achievements.

In the CJ Group I Indoor Track Sectionals, he captured the 3200 crown with a time of 9:42.03. The South Amboy boys team finished 5th overall, as Willingboro took the team title. Congratulations Patrick! South Amboy is proud of you and your many fine accomplishments!

Thank You

The Friends of South Amboy would like to thank everyone who helped make our 5th annual fundraiser basketball games a huge success. A special thank you goes out to the South Amboy Board of Education and the local businesses for their generous donations.



Front Row: Andrew Danchisko, Scoutmaster Rick Steckly, Christopher Nunes, Casey O'Neil. Back row: Robert Nunes, Jonathon Schaefer, Christian Nasto, Scoutmaster Ken Murray, Robert Frank.

BSA Troop 96 Welcomes 7 New Eagle Scouts!

(Photo/story submitted)

BSA Troop 96, Sayreville NJ is proud to announce that 7 of their scouts were awarded the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout. Troop 96 held a ceremony and reception for over 100 guests at its sponsor, The Presbyterian Church on Main Street, Sayreville.

These young men all started scouting together in the 1st grade. Through the years they have learned many valuable skills, life lessons, enjoyed many adventures and serviced our community earning themselves many merit badges, and the rank of Eagle Scout. Andrew, Robert F. and Jonathon are also members of BSA Order of the Arrow.

Eagle Scout is the highest rank a scout can achieve and all 7 scouts completed valuable projects, improving various places in the community.

Andrew hosted a Spaghetti dinner and raised money to purchase a AED machine for the VFW. Christopher installed a new ceramic tile foyer floor at a local church. Casey refurbished the patio and bathrooms at Burkes Park. Jonathon painted President Park Firehouse. Christian built steps and

a walking path at a local park. Robert F. refurbished Wilson Elementary School courtyard that was damaged by Hurricane Sandy. All the scouts along with family and friends participated in each others projects making them all a success!

Andrew, Christopher, Casey, Jonathon and Robert F. graduated Sayreville War Memorial High School June 2015, and attend Universities around the country. Robert N. graduated SWMHS June 2011, graduated TCNJ and works in Manhattan, NY. Christian graduated from Christian Brothers Academy 2015 and is serving in the US Air Force, based in Colorado.

The scouts want to thank their Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, and Parents for years of support and mentoring making Scouting a valuable part of their lives!

Once an Eagle Scout, always an Eagle Scout!



Most Reverend Bishop James F. Checchio (c) is pictured during the consecration of the 9 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church on Jan. 22nd, with Father Stanley Gromadzki (l), Pastor of Sacred Heart Church, and other participating clergy. *More photos on page 13. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

South Amboy Ballfields

The South Amboy City Council would like to name one of ballfields in honor of John "Skeets" Skarzynski. They are seeking information on which ballfields are currently dedicated. Does anyone know which ballfields have been dedicated in South Amboy?

Free Irish Concert

Saturday, March 18, 2017, 7pm doors open at 6:30pm at South Amboy Community Theater. Featuring Ceili Rain and Danny and the Boys.

Reunion Mass

St. Mary Church, South Amboy will be holding a reunion mass honoring past teachers and staff members of St. Mary/Cardinal McCarrick High School on Sunday, April 30th at the 10 a.m. Mass. A brunch will take place immediately following mass in the school cafeteria. Alumni of the high school are also encouraged to attend and thank those ladies and gentleman who taught and served our community over the years.

Former Borough Councilman Dies

George Diffin, 75, a former Borough of Sayreville Councilman and Committeeman for the Democratic Party, passed away on Jan. 13. He served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Saratoga in the Vietnam War, and was also a facility manager with Middlesex County. In addition, he was a member of the Recreation Advisory Board, and a founding member and past President of the Sayreville Soccer Association.

Uncle Floyd Returns To South Amboy

Mechanicsville Hose Co. of the South Amboy Fire Dept. will present an evening with the world-renowned Uncle Floyd on March 25th at Sacred Heart Memorial Hall, 531 Washington Ave., South Amboy at 7 p.m. Cost is \$45 and includes Buffet, Beer and Wine, plus a very entertaining show with Uncle Floyd, who was outstanding last year. For tickets call 732-642-4608, or email SAFD1LMARTINJR@gmail.com.

Next Issue March 24th - Deadlines March 12th

St. Patrick's Parade - Easter

Call 732-727-0398 or 732-841-5249 For Ad Space

Connect With Us

www.thesatimes.com



Lagoda's Saloon



Satellite Dish
We Have
Direct TV
on 5 TV's

**WATCH THE
PARADE IN
FRONT OF
LAGODA'S**

Happy Saint Patrick's Day




**CATCH ALL THE
BASKETBALL &
HOCKEY
ACTION HERE!**

**LAGODA'S
HAS FREE** 

732-727-4134

109 SO. BROADWAY • SOUTH AMBOY, NJ 08879



The City of South Amboy Dept. of Public Works did another fine job during the recent snowstorm. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

Coughlin Chosen Grand Marshal

Former South Amboy resident, Assemblyman Craig Coughlin was honored by the Woodbridge American-Irish by being chosen Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick's Parade. Congratulations, Craig!

Gumprecht Promoted

Former South Amboy resident Scott Gumprecht was promoted from Sergeant to Lieutenant of the Old Bridge Police Dept. Lt. Gumprecht has served on the force since 1993, and also is President of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 22. Congratulations, Lt. Gumprecht and best of luck always!

Congrats Pam, Janet!

Congratulations are extended to recent retirees and residents of South Amboy, Pam Campbell, and Janet Simeone. Pam retired after 26 1/2 years with the Perth Amboy Board of Education, as an educator, and Janet retired after 29 years as a Library Assistant at the Dowdell Library in South Amboy.

Locals Celebrate Anniversaries

Several locals recently celebrated their silver and golden wedding anniversaries. St. Bernadette Church, Parlin-Peter & Irene

Caruso, 50 years; Jose Mario & Maria Elena Rubio, 25 years. Our Lady of Victories Church, Sayreville-Joseph & Geraldine Kabara, 50 years; Joseph & Joan Obal, 50 years; Thomas & Ann Marie Ryan, 50 years; Mark & Colleen Toth, 25 years. St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, Sayreville-Raymond & Bernadine Lajewski, 50 years. Sacred Heart Church, South Amboy-Thomas & Adele O'Hara, 50 years. St. Mary Church, South Amboy-James & Kathleen Lovely, 50 years.

Congratulations to all couples who celebrated their silver and golden anniversaries!

Jammin' For Jaclyn Fundraiser

Jammin' For Jaclyn fundraiser, benefitting Jaclyn Squillace and Danielle Sozio (Sayreville Arleth School teacher), both fighting Breast Cancer, will be held on April 29th from 3:30-11 p.m. at South Amboy Knights of Columbus #426, 308 Fourth St., South Amboy. The event will feature great live entertainment by Series of Shocks, John Walsh, Damian and the DCQ, Amber Morgan, The FOG, Rocco & The Mob, Seven Stone, Alternate Groove, Split Decision, Michael (SaxSkillz) Squillace. There will also be a Hot & Cold Buffet, Laptop Raffle, 50/50, Cash Bar. Donation is \$25 minimum at the door. If you can't attend, and want to donate or have questions, contact founders: Denise Morgan or Ron Morgan at: healthandfitnesswithdenise@gmail.com or call 732-525-9536,

Colleen's Kitchen & Catering

115 S. Broadway, South Amboy, NJ 732-525-9262

**Conveniently Located
at Colleen's Kitchen!!**

Cold Cuts & Cheese Cut To Your Order
- Ham - Turkey - Roast Beef - Salami
- American - Swiss - Provalone Cheese



**Hot & Cold
Sub Sandwiches**

Sub Platters

Home Made Salads
• 3, 4 & 6 Foot Subs
Available

**Breakfast
Sandwiches
All Day!**

**Catering
For All
Occasions**

Store Hours
Mon-Fri 6am-5pm
Sat 7am-3pm
Sun 8am-2pm

LAW OFFICES OF JOSEPH R. BULMAN

108 South Broadway, South Amboy, N.J. 08879





- Municipal Court
- Real Estate
- Wills, Trusts & Estates
- Civil Litigation
- Consumer, Business & Commercial Law

- Zoning & Planning
- Real Estate Tax Appeals
- Personal Injury
- Appeals from All Courts

**Appointments available at your home
or place of business**

Phone: (732) 727-8687 Fax: (732) 727-8695
Visit Our Webstie At: www.jrbulmanlaw.com

HALL RENTAL

**SOUTH AMBOY
COLUMBIAN CLUB
#426**

Caterers Available

* Weddings Available

- Showers - Parties - Repast Meals

2 Rooms Available

Call Us For A Tour Of The New Hall

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner
☘ Sun. March 19 ☘
Following The Parade

Easter Bunny Breakfast
Sun. April 9
9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m

**308 Fourth St. South Amboy
Call 732-721-2025**

Position Wanted:

Mature Woman seeks secretarial position, 28 yrs exp for lg annuity, insurance firm. Legal work in past, creative writing a + w/heavy sincere customer svc. Odd tasks OK, older pet care-h/h assistance fine. Reply to mek41950@yahoo.com.



TIMES

• The "Good News" Newspaper •

P.O. BOX 3027 • SOUTH AMBOY N.J. 08879

Tel/Fax 732-727-0398
email: satimes@aol.com
website: thesatimes.com

Publisher
Tom Burkard

Feature Writers
Elaine Holton Scott
Teo Weber
Clem Skarzynski
Dr. John Misiewicz
John Phillips

Associate Publisher
Brian Stratton

Contributing Photographers
Joe Lotkowitz
Phyllis Stratton

Poet Laureate
Albert Gomolka Jr.

The South Amboy/Sayreville Times (SAT) is published monthly and distributed to businesses, schools, banks, restaurants and churches. SAT reserves the right to refuse any advertising, editorial or other information. SAT is not responsible for typos or factual errors in advertising or editorial. Reader letters, articles and artwork are welcomed. SAT © 2016 no matter herein may not be reproduced without the written permission of the publishers, opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the publishers.

? ? ? PLEASANT LITTLE TRIVIA

1. Where was the Regal Beagle Bar located in South Amboy back in the 80's?
a. South Broadway b. Bordentown Ave. c. Washington Ave.
2. What year did South Amboy become a city?
A. 1907 b. 1908 c. 1984
3. This popular hardware store was located on Broadway in South Amboy for many years?
a. Reiner's b. Goldberg's c. Handy
4. Ernston Road in Parlin near Eisenhower School was known as?
a. Borough Road b. Morgan Plant Road c. Woodland Dr.
5. In 1980, the President of V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary Post No. 4699 in Sayreville?
a. Joanne Hockenjos b. Darlene Raymond c. Joyce Crawford
6. Where was Hilltop Deli located in Sayreville?
a. Pulaski Ave. b. Bordentown Ave. c. Washington Rd.
7. One of the most popular Polka bands from Sayreville?
a. Happy Bernie's Orchestra b. Polish All-Star Band c. The Scibek Brothers Orchestra
8. This auto repair business was located at 137 David St., South Amboy for many years?
a. Terry's Garage b. All Car Tech c. Mike's
9. Where was the Hillcrest Inn located in South Amboy?
a. Ridgeway Ave. b. South Pine Ave. c. South Stevens Ave.
10. This popular bar/restaurant was located on Cecelia St. Sayreville for many years?
a. Swanee's b. Sayreville Bar & Restaurant c. Polonaise Bar & Restaurant

Answers
1c 2b 3a 4b 5a 6b 7c 8a 9c 10b

Business Of The Month Venetian Care & Rehabilitation Center

New beginnings are hard enough. But meeting raised expectations for a brand new building, while also maintaining a decades-long legacy of quality care for South Amboy? – that’s a tall task indeed. Yet Venetian Care & Rehabilitation Center has done that and more since opening its doors January of last year. Venetian, which provides post-hospital rehabilitation and long-term nursing care, moved in 2015 from its old Briarwood location on Ernston Road to be closer to the water, right across from the YMCA and South Amboy Senior Center. The new location provides more than just great sunlight from oversized windows – Venetian runs fantastic Elder/ Youth volunteer programs with YMCA summer camps and the South Amboy elementary school located just down the street, giving our youth the chance to spend quality time with nursing home Elders.



Outstanding rehabilitation after a hospitalization is crucial to building the strength and skills needed to return to normal daily living, especially for adults over 65. Venetian provides typical guests with two hours of physical and occupational therapy, delivered seven days a week, in their beautiful gym and adjacent RehabPark – an outdoor space with multiple types of walking surfaces and real-world obstacles.

And what do guests think of Venetian? An amazing 94% would highly recommend

Venetian to family and friends – a sure sign Venetian has not only met but exceeded our community’s expectations of its new waterfront home.

Venetian accepts many insurances, is affiliated with most local physicians and provides a wide variety of specialized skilled nursing services. For more information or for a tour, just stop in or call Diane Cox at 732-721-8200.

Rollermagic Is Rollin’ Again

South Amboy Arena Rollermagic has been closed since the back roof collapsed onto the skating floor in January 2016 due to extra heavy snow. It has been a long road back and reconstruction efforts are finally complete. We are just putting the final touches on the skating floor. Skating begins Wednesday March 1, 2017 from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm with \$3.00 admission. Skate rental is \$4.00 extra

or bring your own. Visit www.rollermagic.com for our complete skating schedule.

Help us spread the word South Amboy Rollermagic is Rollin’ Again! Party reservations are being accepted starting 03/17/17.

We would like to thank everyone for their continued support and their patience.

SWMHS Class of 1967 Reunion

Sayreville War Memorial High School is seeking to contact members of the Class of 1967 for its 50th reunion. The event will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at the Town & Country Inn, Rt. 35 & Broadway, Keyport, NJ. Cost is \$50 per person to include a buffet, DJ and cash bar. Please contact any

of the following for more information: Joyce Helmstetter @ 732 742 3537 joyceelyea@gmail.com, or Geri Bove @ Gerim1714@aol.com If anyone has any information on the following missing classmates, please advise. Barbara Gawron Wiederkehr, Janet Logan, Rosa Ramos, Adele Rose, Victoria Volman.

St. Patrick’s Day Dinner Dance

A St. Patrick’s Day Biannual Dinner Dance will be held by the Columbus Club, Home of Knights of Columbus #2061, at the Victorian Room, 775 Washington Rd., Parlin on March 18th from 7 p.m. to midnight. \$40 per person (no sales at the door) includes open bar all night (Harp on tap), full traditional Irish dinner including Irish Soda Bread,

dessert, and coffee, live band “Around The House,” and live entertainment (Bagpiper & Step Dancers). Contact your Irish hosts for this spectacular night. They are Joe Campbell 646-483-2883, our council home 732-257-2061, Jeff Brophy 732-266-5097 or Joe Crisafi 732-721-8045.

Trip To Sight and Sound

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to see Jonah at the sight and sound theater on April 6, 2017. The trip price is \$150 which includes: a meal at Shady maple, the show,

bus transportation, bus driver gratuity, taxes, and meal gratuity. To reserve a seat contact Teri at 732-727-7639 or 732-742-1320



Grand Opening-LaRosetta Cafe, 881 Main St., Sayreville, next to Quick Check, recently had its Grand Opening. Sayreville Mayor Kennedy O’Brien (c) cuts the ribbon with help from owner Rosetta. In photo (l-r) Pasquale, Rosetta, Mayor O’Brien, Salvatore, Melissa. (Photo submitted)

Henny The DJ & The Tambo Lady



HE’S BACK! **At RTB** (The Old Landmark) **HE’S BACK!**
Happy Hour 6-10:30
Every Friday

Also Parade Day March 19th
Noon till 7

Sayreville Seafood & Main St. Sub Station/Deli

OPEN 7 DAYS
MON. - SAT. 6AM - 7PM
SUN. 6AM - 6PM
141 Main Street
Sayreville NJ 08872
(Next To 4 Seasons Flower Shop)



Breakfast Sandwiches - Home Of The Famous "Belly Buster"
Hot and Cold Subs - Homemade Soups - Homemade Salads
Fresh Cut Boar's Head Lunch Meat and Cheese

THANK YOU TO OUR CUSTOMERS FOR YOUR SUPPORT DURING THE HOLIDAYS & ALL OF 2014



LOOK FOR OUR LENT SPECIALS!
- HOMEMADE SALADS
- CLAMS
- SHRIMP
- FRESH OR FRIED FISH
- CHOWDER AND MORE..

Thursdays and Fridays **Fish Fry**

732-254-2116 OR 732-238-2388



Serving the South Amboy, Sayreville, Old Bridge Area
For 26 Years!

MATTSSON'S AUTO TECH Inc.



Like Us



LOF (Lube Oil Filter Service)
\$69.95 most cars
• Inspect Windshield Wipers
• Rotate Tires
• Check Tire Condition
• Check Battery, Charging & Starting Systems
• Inspect All Fluid Levels
• Inspect Air Filter & Cabin Filters
Trucks and Synthetic Oil Services Extra
(Offer good through March 31, 2017)
Up To \$30.00 Savings

- Pressure Test Cooling System -
\$64.95 most cars
Cooling System Flush and Fill
Check Hoses and Belts
Long Life Coolant Extra
(Offer good through March 31, 2017)
Up To \$50.00 Savings

Rotate & Balance Tires & Computerized Wheel Alignment
\$99.95.....most cars
(Offer good through March 31, 2017)

www.mattssonsautotech.com

495 Raritan Street
Sayreville, NJ 08872-1466
(Between Raritan Bay Credit Union & Raritan Car Wash)
732-727-5090
24 Hour Towing - Call 732-586-2145 for Emergency Service
NJ State Inspection Center
Quality Auto Repairs for all Domestic and Foreign Vehicles
Wheel Alignment - Oil & Filter Changes - Tune Ups
Custom Exhaust Systems Available for Improved Performance

Brian O'Connor School Of Music



Professional Music instruction on
Guitar, Drums, Saxophone,
Bass and Flute
Day & Evening Classes
Beginners to Advanced Students
732-721-9093
brianoconnormusic.com

Seniors March Meeting

The March meeting of the 2016-2017 OLV Seniors will be held on Friday, March 3, 2017 at 1 PM in Monsignor Hall. After our business meeting, we will have our members-only corned beef sandwiches with coleslaw and a pickle. The cost of the sandwich is \$6.00 which must be paid prior to the meeting. Call Mary Bouchard at 732-727-5056 to make a reservation and to send payment. No reservations will be taken after Friday, February 24, 2017. We will also have a speaker at our meeting this month. Show your St. Patrick's Day spirit by wearing something green. Deposits of \$20 for a day trip and \$50 for a multi-day trip are due for all other OLV Senior trips. For information on our trips call Teri at 732-737-7639.

Non-perishable food items are needed for the St. Vincent de Paul Society food bank.

For further information, please contact Teri Yetsko at 732-727-7639.

Yearbook-Hoffman 1992

By Tom Burkard

When the Class of '92 returned for its final year in September 1991, Bryan Adams song "(Everything I Do) I Do It For You" ruled the pop charts in the U.S...The Hoffman HS yearbook was titled "Any Questions" and dedicated to teachers Lynn Davis and Tom Gifford. Tanya Yunker was yearbook editor and also of the Literary Magazine...A few faculty members included Robert Dougherty, Mrs. LaPoint, Mrs. O'Brien, and Rich Klein. Rich Gore was the Guidance Counselor.

Some '92 class members included: John Brown, Michael Caputo, Danielle Aramini, Lisa Disbrow, Kelly Flannery, Charles Goble, Christine Hackett, Gina Kay, Margaret Kobes, Pamela Krieger, Michelle Lucovitz, Melissa McCarthy, the late and beloved Timothy Moglia, Dania Musto, Gina Nicorvo, Samantha Picklo, April Pluskota, Michelle Roberts, Jennifer Ramer, Krista Ryan, Aaron Sargeant, Thomas Singura, Walter Schuck, Enzo Torino, Karen Wallace, Laurie Webb, Geraldine Westcott...Michelle Szaliga was National Honor Society President...

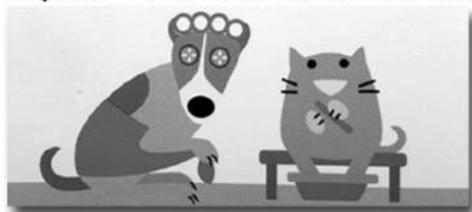
A few of the most popular social events

were: Photos With Santa; Homecoming; Donkey Basketball game...Some of the talented Purple & Gold senior athletes included: Paul Bouchard, Brian Christensen, Keith Erickson, Patricia Gay, Kenneth Glasser, John Gundersen, David Hess, Jennifer Ingstrup (scored over 1,000 points in basketball), Kevin Kerr, Brian Komski, Aneca Matarangolo, Kathryn McLaughlin, Dennis McQuade, Nicholas Nicholaisen, Brian Noble, Beth Ann Pearson, Amy Poland, Mary Purcell, Gene Ryan, Krista Ryan, Elizabeth Samuel, Kevin Sturgis, Elyssia Wassung, the late and beloved Jeffrey White, Corey Wisniewski, Kevin Wolff, Daniel Wunderlich...Michelle Lucovitz and Jennifer Ramer were co-captains of the soccer cheerleaders...Patricia Gay and Elyssia Wassung were co-captains of the basketball cheerleaders. Amy Poland and Aneca Matarangolo were co-captains of the girls' soccer team...Hoffman High's Class of 1992 had some very fine people who have helped to make the world a better place!

Mel's Pet Parlor

"Where Your Pet Feels At Home"

Open 5 Days
Late Night
Available



137 Main Street
Sayreville, NJ 08872

732-307-2116

Melanie Bellotto
Owner/Pet Stylist
melspetparlor1@gmail.com

Walk Ins Welcome

- Nail Clips
- Hair Dye
- Nail Polish

Winter
Grooming
10%
OFF

- De-Shedding Treatment
- Medicated Baths
- Cat Services

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

SOUTH AMBOY ELEMENTARY ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT FOR MP 2 - 2016/17

FOURTH GRADE-HONOR ROLL WITHDISTINCTION: Andrew Biancarosa, Daniel Evanski, Amanda Moreira Burgos, Aaliya Piperato, Christian Stair.

HONOR ROLL: Irtaza Abbas, Dina Bashir, Alexander De Grazia, Caylin Gulick, Eryk Gurdak, Emily Herrera, Sean Hoelz, Josef Hoenle, Nigel Johnson, Emma Kalantasis, Devin Krass, Vincent Lee, Sean McGuire, Luke Nemeth, Gavin Oshman, Anya Pathak, Dominik Pawlus, Genevieve Pierre, Mia Pina, Ola Slomiany, Laura Steiner, Mary Thomas, Dorian Williams.

FIFTH GRADE-HONORROLL WITH DISTINCTION: Scott Caputo, Carolyn Grace, Corinna Hatter, Sofia Hoenle, Alexandra Kross, Liza O'Neill. HONOR

ROLL: Vera Bacsoka, Mary Kate Brew, Maaz Farooq, Sebastian Fernandez, D'Andre Haymon, Isaiah Mercado, Jonathan Moakler, Karissa Molina, Mia Pereira, Vincent Pham, Michayla Piperato, Michelle Rojas, Ryan Rojas, Priyanka Sharma, Shyann Timms, Danna Trejo-Garcia, Jake Wells, Addyson Wojaczyk.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

(Never known to fail) Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me, herein you are my mother. Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth! I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it and it will be granted to you. Thank you. -E.A..



Ceili Rain

FREE IRISH CONCERT
Saturday March 18, 2017
7PM at the South Amboy Community Theatre
(South Amboy Middle/High School - 200 H.G. Hoffman Plaza)
Featuring: Ceili Rain & Danny and the Boys



GRAND MARSHAL'S COCKTAIL PARTY HONORING

PAT WALSH - HONORARY GRAND MARSHAL
MAYOR FRED HENRY - GRAND MARSHAL
JAN C. WILLIAMS - DEPUTY GRAND MARSHAL

MARCH 18TH 4-6 PM AOH HALL

TICKETS ARE \$25

INCLUDES
LIGHT FOOD
AND REFRESHMENTS
TICKETS AVAILABLE
AT THE AOH HALL
AND MAIN LIQUORS

Parade Day Sunday March 19, 2017

Thursday Feb. 23, 2017

6:30 pm

Hosted By

RTB "Raise The Bar"

117 N. Broadway

"Tip a Pint"



Tickets \$20.00

Includes Food, Beer, Wine & Soda

(Tickets Available At The Door Only, No Advance Ticket Sales)

Souvenir Parade Hats will be available for \$10 each

Award Winning Col. D.B. Kelly Pipes & Drums
Will Be Performing

Thursday March 9, 2017

6:30 pm

Hosted By

Murphy's Shamrock Inn

147 S. Pine Ave.

"Our Past Remembered Historic Brunch"

Jan. 21st Sponsored by The Historical Society of South Amboy
(Photos/info by Tom Burkard)



Pictured are some of the presenters who gave a fabulous performance (l-r) Tom Boychuk (Elias Stratton Mason), Jan Williams (Edward Gabel), B.J. Kern (Florence Buckelew), Tony Sattilaro (Edwin Roddy). Seated is Joyce Elyea (Charles Steuerwald).



The Historical Society of South Amboy officers, Mayor Fred Henry, and Presenters.



Ken (l) and Joyce Elyea are pictured following her presentation.



B.J. (l) and George Kern are pictured in their outfits depicting the type of clothing, which was worn back in the day by the people they portrayed at the Historic Brunch.

PRAYER TO ST. JUDE

(To be said when problems arise or when one seems to be deprived of all visible help, on far cases almost despaired of). Most holy Apostle St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the church honors and invokes you universally as the patron of hopeless cases, of things almost despaired of, pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Make use I implore you of that particular privilege given to you, to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, and that I may praise God with you and all the elect forever. I promise O Blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen. Thank You St. Jude. -E.P.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

(Never known to fail) Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me, herein you are my mother. Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth! I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it and it will be granted to you. Thank you. -A.O.



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

YARD SALE AND ZUMBATHON

Saturday, March 4th

All proceeds benefit our Annual Support Campaign

Yard Sale 8:30am-1:30pm (Set up beginning at 7:30am)

Clean out your garages, basements, & attics. You can donate your items or rent a table, sell your items, and earn some cash.

COST: \$20 to bring your own table
\$30 to rent 1 table
\$45 to rent 2 tables



Zumbathon 9am-12pm

Make every move count!

Zumbathon will begin with a 15 minute warm up, alternating instructors every 30 minutes, and ending with a 15 minute cool down.



\$20 donation for members \$25 donation non-members

Register at the Welcome Center.

SOUTH AMBOY BRANCH YMCA

200 John T. O'Leary Blvd, South Amboy, NJ 08879
732-553-9622 www.ymcaofmews.org

Frank's Automotive Service



Happy St. Patrick's Day

7072 State Hwy. 35
(Must enter off Oak St.)

Sayreville, NJ (Melrose Section)

**Our Phone Number Is Still The Same
And So Is Our Friendly Service
For Appointments Or More Info Call
732-721-8844**



WISNIEWSKI & ASSOCIATES, LLC
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

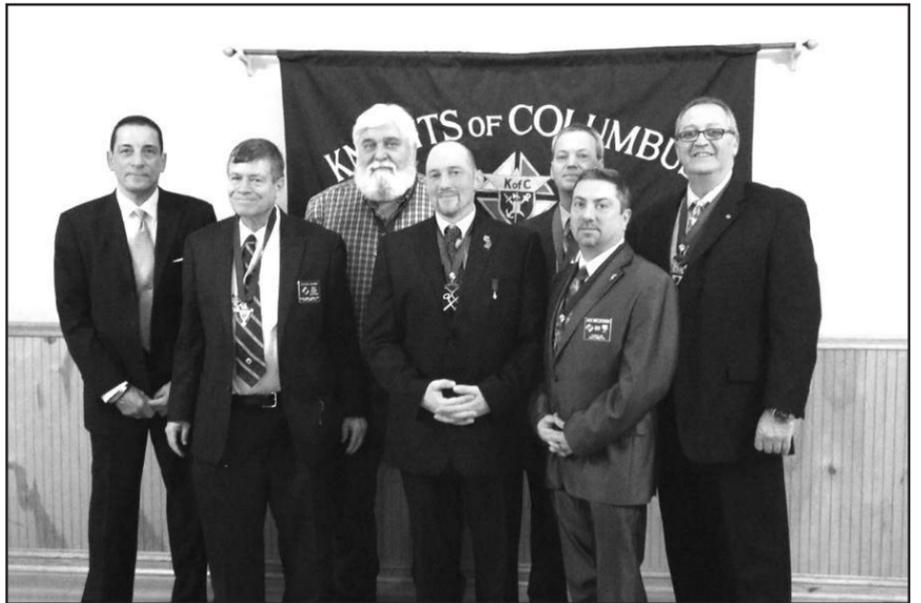
- CRIMINAL LAW
- DIVORCE & FAMILY LAW
- DEBT COLLECTION
- DWI, DUI, & TRAFFIC LAW
- PERSONAL INJURY
- PROPERTY DAMAGE
- MUNICIPAL COURT
- REAL ESTATE LAW
- CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP & BUSINESS LAW
- WILLS, ESTATES & TRUSTS
- ZONING & PLANNING

732-651-0040
EVENING HOURS ARE AVAILABLE

17 Main Street
Sayreville, NJ 08872-1559
E-mail info@wisniewskilaw.com





On Feb. 4th, South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 held its Past Grand Knights dinner. PGK's pictured (l-r) Tito Lopez (Insurance Agent/PGK Perth Amboy K of C), Steve Schmid, Eugene Chodkiewicz, Ken Smetana, Ray Suchcicki, Jack Mieczkowski (Current Grand Knight), Albert DiGuilio. (Photo/story by Joe Lotkowitz)

Bright Smiles

Gentle Dentistry With A Personal Touch
Claremont Bldg., Ste 7
1145 Bordentown Ave, Parlin
www.brightsmilesdental.com



Mariana Blagoev, DDS

Family & Cosmetic Dentistry Utilizing State-Of-The-Art Technology
Evening & Saturday Hours Available, Conveniently Located Off Rte. 9 The Pkwy.
Smile Design Office Utilizing Lumineers™ By Cerinate

732-721-3512

Raritan Bay Railroad Bridge Project Planned

By Steve Schmid

Area commuters departing from South Amboy's train station may get faster trips to Newark and New York City in the near future. New Jersey Transit has announced plans to replace the current swing drawbridge which spans Raritan Bay and links Sayreville to Perth Amboy. The \$446 million project will replace the old drawbridge with a new lift bridge which would allow trains to go as fast as 60 miles an hour. NJ Transit officials say construction could begin in 2019. The project is being funded by Superstorm Sandy relief aid from the federal government. The

Raritan Bay drawbridge is more than 100 years old and was heavily damaged during Superstorm Sandy in 2012. The bridge's girders shifted about 18 inches and the bridge was battered by a barge and storm surge. The drawbridge was closed for 3 weeks due to the storm damage. North Jersey Coast Line traffic between Woodbridge and Bay Head was suspended for 3 weeks. The new lift drawbridge will be designed to be stronger and more resistant to major storms and will allow for a larger channel to facilitate boat traffic.

Pancake Breakfast- April 2

A Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday April 2nd at St. Lawrence Church Parish Center. Admission: Adults - \$8.00 Kids - under 12 \$4.00. Times: From 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Menu: Eggs, Pancakes, Ham and Sausage. Beverages: Orange Juice, Coffee and Tea.

Please attend and enjoy the morning with friends and neighbors. The Knights of Columbus are very grateful for your support in the past and future events.

Fish Fry

We Heard You! FRESH, FRESH, FRESH Fish Fry in Victorian Hall @ Sayreville Knights of Columbus. Featuring FRESH Flounder (broiled/fried), Salad Bar, Children's Portions, Desserts. 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. Dates: 3/1 (Ash Wed.), 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31, 4/7 & 4/14. Take Out available 732-257-2061.

Catholic War Veterans Meeting

Monday, March 6, 2017 1:00 PM, Membership Meeting, Sacred Heart Convent, Meeting Room Walnut Street, South Amboy. All Catholic Veterans are invited to attend.

Annual Care Night

The Sayreville Middle School PTO will be sponsoring ANNUAL CARE NIGHT on FRIDAY, March 10, 2017. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. calling will begin @ 7:00 p.m. in the Sayreville Middle School Cafeteria, 800 Washington Rd, Parlin, NJ. This is a fun-filled FAMILY night of BINGO for the children and TRICKY TRAY RAFFLE PRIZES for the adults!! PROCEEDS from the raffles will benefit the Sayreville Brain Injured Children's Association (BIC) and the admission price will benefit Ryan Kent. Admission includes one Bingo board per person. Additional Bingo boards will be available for purchase while supplies last. Bring your own snacks to share at your

table. No alcohol is permitted! Beverages will be available for purchase. Admission at Door: Adults - \$10.00; Students/Seniors - \$5.00; Children 4 and under - Free. Advance Ticket bundles are also available to purchase at a discount; deadline is Feb. 26. NO EXCEPTIONS! Contact the PTO at sriverasmspto@aol.com or Linda Kelly 732-763-3331 to have an order form emailed to you. Note: This is NOT a drop-off event. All children MUST be accompanied by an adult. We are also still accepting donations for our raffle table. If you have something you would like to donate, please contact us at sriverasmspto@aol.com.

OLD BRIDGE FLIGHT SCHOOL



Live the Dream

182 Pension Road, Englishtown, NJ 07726
Tel: 732-483-4596, Fax: 732-483-4597

We Offer The Following:

- Private Pilot Flight Training
 - Instrument Rating
 - Multi Engine Rating
 - Commercial Rating
- Tail Wheel Endorsement
 - Aircraft Rental
 - Discovery Flights
 - Aerial Photography
 - Scenic Flights
 - Airplane Rides
 - Pilot Supplies
 - Gift Certificates

Aircraft:
Cessna 172
Piper Seminole
Aeronca Champion



St. Stanislaus Kostka students pictured (l-r) Niccolous Donato, Paige Brathwaite, Henry Lynch, Olivia Baczor, and Victoria Tricoles are shown participating in the Brain Show during Catholic Schools Week. (Photo/Info Submitted)



These 11 students were selected to be published in the next City Kidz World magazine. Front row (l-r) Jaylin Diaz, Sophia Pham, Elijah Perez, Lucas Cerria, Corrina Hatter Back Row L to R: Saahir Vazirani, Luca Regan, Aaliya Piperato, Eryk Gurdak, Genevieve Pierre, Liza O'Neill. (Photo/Info Submitted)

Nap Nap Rest Rest

By Al Gomolka Jr.

Times Poet Laureate c. 1994

So much to do, so much to do
When will I ever find time?
My spirit's yearning, my body's yelling Let
it all be. . . Rest! Nap - sure! -
When is there time?
Every minute of my day is filled
And problems with no resolutions appear
Mind, body, and emotions . . .
Rest! Nap - I'd love to - the best thing to do
Refreshed the right answers might come
New balance, new strength, a boost I will
feel
As labor and ladens are lifted
Communications and influence awoken
with me
For every decision I make For every action
I take
From the wisdom of the NAP . . . REST!

Tea Party-April 30

St. Bernadette Columbiettes is Hosting a Tea Party You are Invited to Join Us for a Fun and Relaxing Afternoon with Old and New Friends. WHEN: Sunday, April 30, 2017 TIME: 2:00 p.m. WHERE: Lourdes Center Villanova and Princeton Roads Parlin, NJ 08859. \$15.00 Admission in Advance, or \$20.00 at the Door. Hat Contest - Hot and Iced Tea - Homemade Finger Sandwiches & Desserts Included PLUS Tricky Tray - Silent Auction Reservations in advance requested by 4/28 Make checks payable to St. Bernadette Columbiettes and mail to: 5 Singleton St., South Amboy, NJ 08879. For more info call Kathleen Jessen 732-721-2522 or Lois Ann Smith 732-266-9195.

Dover Downs Trip

St. Stan's Senior's trip to Dover Downs Casino & Candlelight Theatre June 14-June 15. For more information, call Joan at 732-257-6158 or Judy at 732-727-0154.

Meatless Fridays

Starting March 3, 2017, and ending on APRIL 7, 2017, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the room below St. Lawrence Church. Each week, the menu will offer various items.

Admission is \$10 plus \$2 for soup. All are welcome to enjoy the night with family and friends.



Local Wildlife

Left: This red bellied woodpecker loves the suet cakes. (Photo by Ed English, taken in Morgan, NJ)



Below: This young Peacock is pictured wandering around a local park looking for food after a recent snowfall. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



You Have Been To All The Gold Guys Now Come To The

"GOLD LADY"

Next To
Farmer's Market
And Behind
Burger King &
McDonald's In
Sayreville Plaza

Sell With Confidence, Call Maureen Today!
It's the gold store you can feel

safe to bring Mom and Grandma to

OPEN LATE
7 DAYS A WEEK!

Route 9
CASH for GOLD
Buyers

We Buy
Estate
Jewelry
& Coins



Your Jug Of Coins
Could Be Worth More
Than Face Value!
It Could Be Worth Up To 20 Times
Face Value!!
(Pre-1964 Coins)

Turn in your Old Broken
or Tangled Unwanted
Gold Jewelry and Make
CASH!!!

WITH THIS AD
**15% EXTRA
PAID WITH THIS AD**
Valid with coupon only
Not to be combined with other offers

FREE
Testing And
Weighing
No Cost!
No Obligation!

Gold & Silver
Are On The Rise!



Before you
put your jewelry out
for a Garage Sale or
Estate Sale let
Maureen give you an
HONEST,
FREE EVALUATION!

732-727-GOLD (4653)

960 RT. 9 SOUTH - SAYREVILLE/SOUTH AMBOY
SAYREVILLE PLAZA
(NEXT TO FARMER'S MARKET, BEHIND BURGER KING & MCDONALDS)
www.rt9cash4gold.com

Owned By
A Proud
Local
Family



267 Washington Rd.
Sayreville, NJ 08872

732-254-8899

Food Hours Daily 11:30am -10:00pm
Late Night Menu til 12:00am



Brick House...Since 1952
Your Hometown Bar & Grill

Family Owned & Operated Since 1952
• Lunch • Dinner • Late Night Snacks

Ash Wednesday
March 1st
Serving Seafood & Homemade Specials
All Day Long

Saturday March 4th
Our Annual Mardi Gras Menu

Friday March 17th
ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION ALL DAY LONG
Corned Beef & Cabbage
Dinners & Sandwiches
Shepherd's Pie & More!
Plus Drink Specials

Early Reminder Palm Sunday April 9th
Serving An Early Easter Dinner

Seafood Fry & Broil Every Friday

Medina Tire & Auto Center

"We'll Never Leave You Flat"



7070 Route 35
South Amboy, NJ 08879
732-442-3300



GOODYEAR



MICHELIN

Purchase Any Set Of New Tires And
Receive A Free Penzoil Oil Change W/Filter
(Up To 5 Quarts, Synthetic And High Mileage Extra)

- New & Used Tires
- Brake Service
- Exhaust ● Tune Ups
- Computerized Diagnostics
- Wheel Alignments
- Starters ● Alternators
- Front End Specialist

BRIDGESTONE

HANKOOK



Truck Tire Sales & Road Service

OPEN
8-6 Mon-Fri
8-5 Sat

medinatireservice.com

"Est. 1984"

We Accept
All Major
Credit Cards

Dad-Daughter Dance

(Photos/Story by Joe Lotkowitz)



The Dad-Daughter Dance held on Feb. 3rd at the Sayreville V.F.W., was a huge success. Pictured with his daughter Isabella (l) is Burton Wilkins.



Pictured are members of the South Amboy, Sayreville and Carteret Rotary Clubs, who organized the 12th annual Dad-Daughter Dance. Besides having a fun-filled night for all in attendance, a nationally syndicated cable TV show filmed the event and will air it in the near future on local and network cable stations.

VENETIAN Care & Rehabilitation Center



New Jersey's Newest and Best
Post Hospital Rehabilitation
& Long Term Care Community –
Right Here In South Amboy!

Call us for more info: 732-721-8200
275 John T. O'Leary Blvd, South Amboy

WINDSOR
Healthcare Communities
www.windsorhealthcare.org

venetian@windsorhealthcare.org

What You Don't Know May Kill You

By Elaine Holton Scott

"What...me worry??" You'd have to be living on another planet if you don't recognize those words as the motto of Mad Magazine's big-eared, freckled-faced, gapped toothed Alfred E. Neuman. These days, most people are usually worrying about lots of stuff...but it wasn't always so.

*No one had worried about saving for retirement, not from where I came from anyway. With most families having just one paycheck, lives had been lived from day to day. There wasn't any cash left over to save for the future. Besides, not many people had lived to retirement age anyway.

*No one had worried about harmful bacteria tainting food...as very few people had even heard of microorganisms. So, frozen meat had been left on kitchen countertops to defrost, while salads and sandwiches made with mayonnaise were left for hours without refrigeration.

*No one had worried about food purchased outside the home being prepared by unwashed, dirty hands. Finding an unknown person's hair in it, though, was something else entirely.

*No one had worried about having "one more for the road" because back then drinking and driving was a combo as acceptable as lighting up another cigarette.

*No one had worried about buckling up in cars for a big reason. Cars didn't have seatbelts in those days. Even after cars became equipped with seatbelts, most people had refused to buckle up.

*No one had worried about high cholesterol levels, so meat, and mashed

potatoes covered with gravy, deep fried foods, bacon, and everything else loaded with fat and grease were considered "good for you."

*No one had worried about the bad side effects from asbestos, as no one had thought there were any. Hailed as the "miracle mineral," even kids in school had been taught how wonderful asbestos was.

*No one had worried about driving in heavy snow or sleet storms, not with big chains on car tires, and a coal shovel with a bucket of ashes from the coal furnace in the trunk of their tank-sized cars. Nothing had kept adults from getting to their jobs years ago...except having a fatal accident.

*No one had worried about the daily brushing and flossing of teeth...no matter how few they had left. The importance of oral hygiene, spurred by the consequences of too much sugar consumption, was only in its infancy. Whether from ignorance or a more devious reason, it had been common for dentists to reward their young patients with sugar-filled lollipops.

*No one had worried about kids buying candy cigarettes and cigar-shaped cigar chewing gum to emulate grown-ups. Why should they have when beloved stars like John Wayne and Lucille Ball were promoting cigarettes in magazine ads?

We've all heard the old adage, "What you don't know may kill you." The short lifespans in the past are proof that saying is true. So, maybe Alfred E. Neuman's motto should be changed to, "Worry...but be happy nonetheless."

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner March 19

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 hold their annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner Sunday March 19 at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy following the St.

Patrick's Day parade. Cost is \$10. Sandwiches and takeout orders are also available. Live Irish music provided. For more information call 732-721-2025.





The Sayreville Stars "Twinkles" helped spread some Holiday Cheer this year! The competing cheerleading team helped bag and deliver around 100 brown bag lunches for Elijah's Promise Soup Kitchen in New Brunswick. (Photo/info Submitted)

Rockin' Through The Years Fundraiser

American Legion Post 23 will hold a fundraiser "Rockin' Through The Years" with Paul Christopher Moschette, on April 29th, from 7-11 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each. There will be snacks, door prizes, and cash bar. The event will be held at American Legion Post 23, 81 West Front St., Keyport. Call Walt for tickets 732-372-9325. If you can't attend, you can make donations to The Post.

Trip To Branson

Sacred Heart/St. Stan's Seniors are running a trip to Branson, May 7th thru May 13th. For information call Judy, 732 727-0154 or Joan, 732 257-6158. Other trips :Sight & Sound to see Jonah, lunch at Shady Maple on March 32rd, June 6th to Hunterdon Playhouse, Jukebox Heroes Live, Turkey Hill Ice Cream Plant, lunch at Shady Maple on Aug.22,2017, Villa Roma, Jimmy Sturr on September 26, 2017. Call Judy, 732 727-0154 for more info.

St. Stanislaus Kostka Holy Name Society First Friday of Lent Fish Fry

On Friday, March 3, from 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm, St. Stanislaus Kostka Holy Name Society will hold a First Friday of Lent Fish Fry at St. San's School 221 MacArthur Ave. Sayreville, NJ. Adults \$15.00 Children under 12 \$8.00. Fried or Broiled Flounder

Platters, Fried Shrimp Platters, Combination Platters, French Fries, Salad Bar, Dessert, Coffee, Tea, Soda.

Purchase your tickets in advance in Church Lobby or at the OFFICE 732-254-0212.



The Sayreville Historical Society annually supports St. Stanislaus Kostka School in some way. This year, Mr. Rittenhouse presented two new flags to the school on February 3rd. The adults in the attached picture are Mrs. Elena Malinconico, Principal, and Mr. Art Rittenhouse, Vice-President of the Sayreville Historical Society. The students belong to Student Council Executive Board: Jiya Passey, Kasia Jedruchniewicz, Camryn Brathwaite, and Jenna Napolitani. (Photo/story submitted)

Winter Long Ago



1961- South Amboy's Jim Kopystecky (l) and his brother Jack are pictured standing on a snow "mountain" after the storm. (Photo courtesy of Jim Kopystecky)



Madura Pharmacy

115 North Broadway
South Amboy, NJ 08879
732-721-1732



Anne Madura-Wolpin, R. PH.



Tina Patel, Pharm.D.

MEET OUR PHARMACISTS!!



- Serving the Community Since 1952*
Immunizations/Vaccinations Available/Flu Shots
 • **Free Medicare Plan Consultation** • **Free Delivery**
 • *Accept Medco, Cvs/Caremark*
 • *Accept all Medicare Part-D Plans*
 • *Accept Most Insurances including unions*
 • *Accept E Prescriptions* • *Yankee Candles*
 • *Accept FSA Cards*

NEW HOURS

MON-FRI: 9AM-7:30PM
SAT: 9 AM -4 PM
SUN: CLOSED

10% Off All

Over The Counter Items

(RX Items excluded)
Must Bring Coupon
(copies not accepted)
Valid Thru 3/31/17

Good Neighbor Pharmacy

We make IRA Rollovers easy!

Get up to a **\$500 BONUS**

\$100 with \$25,000 - \$49,999

\$200 with \$50,000 - \$199,999

\$500 with \$200,000 or more

IRA Money Market

Indexed to 3 year US Treasury
Pays 10x more than 3 largest NJ Banks
Additional FDIC Insurance

EARN **1.22%** APY*
with \$50

AMBOY Bank
Stop by any Branch or Call
800.942.6269

*Annual Percentage Yield (APY) adjusts on January 1st and July 1st. Fees may reduce earnings. Ratewatch Survey 1/2/17. Consult your advisor for legal or tax advice. Member FDIC.

MAUREEN'S Candy & Cake SUPPLIES

384 Washington Road Sayreville 732-254-4402

Visit Our Site WWW.MAUREENSCANDY.COM

OUR SPECIALTIES:

FAVORS FOR Weddings, Bridal Showers, Baby Showers, SWEET SIXTEENS, Birthday PARTIES OR ANY OCCASION

COMPLETE LINE OF Candy Making Supplies
Candy Making CLASSES Available
MERCKENS CHOCOLATE
GOURMET CHOCOLATE BY THE POUND

HUGE ASSORTMENT of EASTER Candy
HOMEMADE CHOCOLATE BUNNIES AND EASTER NOVELTIES

PLACE YOUR ORDER NOW FOR CUSTOM MADE COMMUNION FAVORS

Like Us On Facebook

Grand Opening

La Rosetta Cafe

Catering For All Occasions

BYOB

FREE APPETIZER With Dinner
(Sunday - Thursday)
One Per Table

732-721-2400
881 Main Street
(Next To Quick Check)
Sayreville, NJ 08872

AUTOTEAM

Car and Van Rental

- Great Cars, Great Rates
- Insurance billing
- Free local pick up
- Buy here pay here

732 727 7272

WWW.AUTOTEAM.COM

The Wearing Of The Green

By Al Gomolka Jr.
Times Poet Laureate C.1995

Green is my favorite color
But that's not why I wear
Parties and jollies on March 17th
But that's not why I care
Corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and beer
Still not the reason why I join the cheer
I'm not even Irish, nor pretend to be,
Though there's a spirit alive,
Goodwill is the key
That a saint from one nation,
A hero he be,
Is honored by many, and quite openly
With parades, shamrocks,
and music that smiles,
For one day forgetting Ol' Ireland's trials
to share these festivities,
Come let it be seen,
Commemorate, celebrate, By wearing the green

Just Once A Year

The AOH runs the show In
"The Pleasant Little City"
The big day comes
Just once a year
St. Patrick's Day Parade
And everyone is here
People come from near and far
By bus, by train, By plane and car
To enjoy the marching bands play
On this very special St. Patrick's Day
That comes just once a year
After the parade everyone
parties hearty
It's corned beef and cabbage And of
course green beer
St. Patrick's Day comes just
once a year
Sing an Irish song and raise a glass
To toast St. Patrick who
brought us here
On his very special day just
once a year.

Trip To Sands

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring 1 trip to the Sands Casino in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. The dates are: Sunday, March 19, 2017. The cost of the trip is \$35. You will receive a \$20 slot voucher and \$5 food voucher. Please contact Carmen at 732-254-9425 for information or to reserve a seat.

Attention Sayreville Seniors

The Sayreville Seniors Tuesday Club is holding open registration for those who would like to join. Speakers have discussed health care, rehabilitation facilities, scam phone calls and other up to date information. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month. It's a great way to meet friends, have lunch, and listen to a speaker or entertainer. Please call Joan McIntyre at 732-213-5723.

Pancake Breakfast

The Sayreville Lions Club will hold its semi-annual pancake breakfast on Sunday April 9th, from 8AM -12Noon at the Sayreville War Memorial High School, 820 Washington Rd, Parlin. Please enter through the rear of the building. The price of a ticket is \$7.00 for Adults and \$3.00 for Children. Please help to Support the Lions Club.

Military News



PV2 Sean M. Brew completed Army basic training and advanced infantry training from Fort Benning-Georgia on Friday, September 30, 2016. Sean, a junior at Iona College in New Rochelle, NY, is a member of the New York National Guard Battalion, 69th Infantry Regiment, Manhattan, NY-Mortar Unit, the "Fighting 69th."

A History Of St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal's

Frank Connolly Association 1976-William "Doc" O'Leary 1977-Tom O'Brien 1978-Robert Hackett.

The South Amboy Irish-American Association 1979-Frank Connolly 1980-James & Mary Lenahan 1981-Robert J. Hourahan 1982-Allie Clark 1983-David P. Kelly 1984-Alfie O'Connor 1985-Mary Powderly 1986-William Coman 1987-Joe Crowe 1988-John Potthoff 1989-Edward Wallace 1990-John P. Kenny 1991-Jim Harvey 1992-George Shuler 1993-Neil Hourahan 1994-Jim "Red" O'Connell 1995-Ginny Tierney-Inman 1996-Jack

McCarthy 1997-William J. McDonnell 1998-Edward Semoneit 1999-William J. Tierney 2000-Peter John Kenny 2001-Mayor John T. O'Leary 2002-Jack O'Leary Sr. 2003-Dick Cronin, Joe Noble, Russ Stillwagon 2004-Geneva Kelly 2005-Jim "Doc" Ryan 2006-Leo McCabe 2007-Walter "Pete" Casey 2008-Elizabeth "Betty" Leveille 2009-John Donnelly Sr. 2010-Thomas J. Noble 2011-Francis "Butch" Mulvey 2012-Rob McQuade 2013-James Downey 2014-Msgr. John Gordon 2015-Hugh Rone, 2016-Rich Moran, 2017-Mayor Fred A. Henry.

Everyone Is Irish

Everyone is Irish today
They're wearin' green
All over the U.S.A.
It's a joyous time
A happy scene
To party and play
Because everyone is Irish today

St. Patrick's Day Parade

It's that time of the year
It's finally here
It's that time of the year
For Irish happiness
And lots of cheer
It's partying time
For drinking green beer
The St. Patrick's Day Parade is finally here
Bringing lots of joy and fun
And corned beef and cabbage for everyone
The color of green is everywhere
And bag pipers Irish music fills the air
It's that time of the year
The St. Patrick's Parade Is finally here!

The Irish Way

The Irish Way It's finally here
The biggest day of the year
People comin' from all around
By plane, by train, by bus or ground
To get to our "Pleasant Little City"
Our hometown
They've come to celebrate St. Patrick's Day
With love and happiness
The Irish way.

On St. Patrick's Day

The town is rockin' In old SA
The crowd is huge for the parade
On St. Patrick's Day Firemen, First Aid,
Bands and more
Proudly march through town
Everyone adores
And people cheer
As they pass by their front door
From Pine Avenue to Bordentown
And across Stevens Avenue too
It's a proud day for the Irish
So much fun, and parties
Lots of things to do
The town is rockin' in old SA
It's time to party
Time to play
And wear some green On
St. Patrick's Day

Green Everywhere

Green, green everywhere
People celebrating
As Irish songs fill the air
It's a day to be proud
Say you're Irish and say it out loud
Green, green everywhere
Today's the day
Everyone is Irish Isn't it
wonderful that way
Bagpipers pipin' at the St. Pat's Parade
It's a special day
That the Lord has made
Green, green everywhere
On the proudest and happiest Irish
day of the year.

The Big Day

It's the big day for the Irish
To laugh and sing
And have fun
Go to the parade and party
'Til the day is done
Everyone's in green
It's the St. Patrick's Day scene
There's happiness in the air
So much happiness everywhere On St. Patrick's Day.

The South Amboy Scene On St. Patrick's Day

The South Amboy scene On
St. Patrick's Day
The huge parade and kids at play
The AOH is the host with the most
As Irish music fills the air
People wearin' green
And happiness everywhere
At the South Amboy scene On
St. Patrick's Day



Retired Secret Service Agent Bill Schwarick (l) of South Amboy is pictured with President George W. Bush. (Photo courtesy of Bill Schwarick)

Local Man Guarded Presidents On Inauguration Day

By Tom Burkard

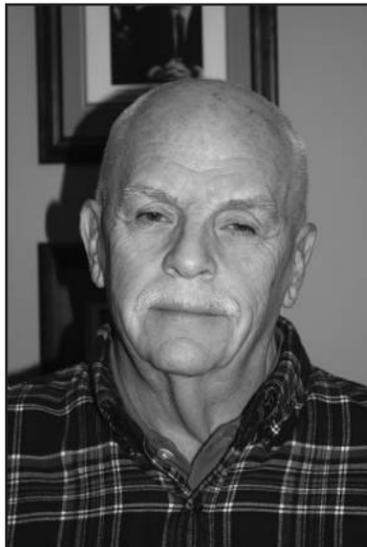
Former South Amboy Councilman and retired Secret Service Agent Bill Schwarick had a front row seat to four presidential inaugurations during his 29 years of service with the government. Bill was up close and personal at the inaugurations of Presidents Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, and Ronald Reagan.

Schwarick said that, "You're more concerned with getting the job done rather than the grandeur of the inauguration. You have an assignment and are concerned with getting it done. You had a job to do, and you concentrate on it. It's a specific assignment like a sports team. It is truly a team game."

He also recalled that "It is very busy at the inauguration, and I remember one of those four assignments was probably on the coldest day of my life. I was standing in front of the Supreme Court Building, and it was the coldest that I was in my life. At all of these inaugurations, everyone showed respect for the office of the President of the United States, regardless of what party he was with."

In addition to Presidents Nixon, Ford,

Carter, and Reagan, Bill also provided security for President George H.W. Bush, George W. Bush, and Bill Clinton, and said, "They were all nice people."



Bill Schwarick

Kessler®

REHABILITATION CENTER

SPORTS & ORTHOPEDIC PHYSICAL THERAPY

Specialized Programs in
CANCER REHABILITATION
LYMPHEDEMA TREATMENT



Center Manager:
Irina Fookson, DPT, CDT

With more than 16 years of experience, Irina provides expert care tailored to the needs and goals of individuals of all ages with orthopedic and sports injuries. She also specializes in cancer rehabilitation and holds advanced certification in the treatment of lymphedema.

540 Bordentown Avenue • South Amboy
732.525.0123 • kessler-pt.com

Sands

BETHLEHEM

\$35 SLOT FREE PLAY

YOUR TICKET TO WINNING BIG!

Ride the bus to Sands Bethlehem



- 3,000 of the hottest slots
 - Table games including poker
 - Incredible dining options including Steelworks Buffet & Grill
 - The Outlets at Sands Bethlehem
- And so much more!

BUS SCHEDULE

MONDAY AND THURSDAY SERVICE

Servicing Passaic and Middlesex Counties

Provided by Lenoir's Charter Service

lenoirscharterservice.com • 973-838-9180

Visit PaSands.com for motorcoach information and details on our many exciting promotions.

GAMBLING PROBLEM? CALL 1-800-GAMBLER.

Must be 21. Drivers license, passport or military ID required. Offer is complimentary and is issued one (1) per person. Slot Free Play is valid on date of issuance only; will expire at the end of the day at 5:59am. Offers are non-transferable. Offer and schedules are subject to change without notice. Anyone either voluntarily or involuntarily prohibited from gaming by the PGCB is ineligible for this offer. Must arrive via line run bus to receive offer.



**Register Now For
Summer Camp**



**Golden Rule Christian
Center..Where Your Child's
Education Begins**

**Year round Daycare 7am-6pm, Pre-K Program 3-4
Years Olds *Summer Camp, Affordable Full &
half-day Sessions * Safe * Nuturing & Fun!**

- * Licensed & Insured, Fully Certified Staff
- * Accepts State Funded Programs
- * Early Childhood Learning Standard
- * Age-Appropriate Engaging Activities
- * Outdoor playground
- * Conveniently located off Route 9, Garden State Pkwy,
Route 35

815 Bordentown Avenue
South Amboy, NJ 08879
1-732-721-3887
mygoldenrulepreschool@gmail.com




Jan Williams of Sayreville is pictured prior to a flight standing by one of the many commercial airplanes he piloted during a stellar 44-year career. (Photo submitted)



Sayreville's Jan Williams had a highly successful career in aviation. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Sayreville Man Was Successful Airline Pilot

By Tom Burkard

Sayreville resident, Jan Williams, had a dream and a vision as a young boy growing up in Florida, to one day become an airline pilot. Most children have high hopes and plans for the future, but in many cases never work out, and fall by the wayside. However, Williams was focused, and along with hard work, determination, and dedication, he accomplished a very long and illustrious career in flying, both commercial and private planes.

Jan was born in Miami, Florida, and grew up in Hialeah, Florida, and says, "I built lots of model airplanes as a kid." He graduated from Hialeah HS, and went to Miami-Dade Community College, where they were offering a new pilot program called Career Pilot program. Williams breezed through that, and learned how to fly there. At 21 years old, he left college as he was hired at Eastern Airlines. He said, "I always had a strong interest in aviation."

In 1968, he had his first chance to fly, an in-training flight on a jetliner at Miami International Airport. "It was a three-engine 727, and it moved pretty fast. I didn't have a clue and was hangin' on for dear life," stated Williams.

A 1985 mercy flight to Ethiopia was probably his most memorable in an outstanding career that took him around the world, and to countless countries the average person only gets to see on a map or on TV. On the Ethiopia trip of goodwill, he says, "We took food, medical supplies, small parts for aircraft, and teams of doctors and nurses. In addition, we also carried 1,200, 50-pound bags of high nourishment food, which was almost entirely donated. Pilots and flight attendants also donated their time for this very important mission."

Williams reminisced about his longest flights, while in the cockpit, saying that "The farthest were two 12-hour flights, one from Rome to Miami, and the other from Tel-Aviv to Miami. Both were made in DC 10's."

In his many travels abroad, he flew to "almost every country in Europe." Jan mentioned that, "Many countries are different, but I enjoyed them all. There are not many places that I didn't like." In addition, he's been to every island in the Caribbean, and every state in the union, except Hawaii.

He has also met many renowned personalities throughout his career including former Astronaut Frank Borman, who was President of Eastern Airlines, Bob Hope and his wife, "Who were in the cockpit," Johnny Cash and his wife June Carter Cash, "I bounced little Johnny Cash Jr. on my knee." On the private jets, He met Jerry Seinfeld, and said, "He was funny." Also Joe Robbie, owner of the Miami Dolphins, Jimmy Johnson of the Dallas Cowboys, and really enjoyed his visit with the late, great actor Paul Newman, who "Told jokes for an hour."

In 1996, Williams was involved in the history making of the first flight for Pan Am, when the company restarted on Sept. 26, 1996. He piloted Flight 22 from Miami

to JFK, a magical time he will never forget. Jan had an angel looking over his shoulder, and in 44 years as a professional pilot, never had any close calls. He said, "I was able to avoid bad situations caused by weather. I did have to shut some engines down, but it was no big deal, I was always over an airport, and we landed safely."

How did Jan Williams, a pilot who has seen so much of the world, end up living locally? He said, "Two things moved me here. My job-I worked at Continental Airlines, and the other reason was the future wife Donna. I married my wife Donna, a Jersey girl, who was born and raised in Rahway. We've lived in Sayreville since 2002."

Jan reflected on a very impressive career, saying that, "I miss flying terribly. If I could go back tomorrow, I would do it in a minute."

In 44 years as an outstanding pilot, Jan Williams estimates that he logged over 20,000 flight hours, and in some years racked up 1,000 per year.

- Jan Williams Flight Timeline
- 1966-1968-Burnside-Ott Aviation
 - 1968-1991-Eastern Airlines
 - 1991-1992-Delta State University (MS)-Ran the Flight Dept.
 - 1993-Istanbul Airlines
 - 1994-1996-Air Aruba
 - 1997-2006-Continental Airlines (Retired)

2007-2010-Netjets-Corporate Jets

Jan and Donna are very involved in the local community, especially with the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426, and the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee in which Jan is now on the Executive Committee. They are also members of The Historical Society of South Amboy, and in Jan's words "Our neighbors Ken and Joyce Elyea told us about it, and we joined to learn the history of South Amboy." In addition, Jan added that, "I got involved with different activities after reading about them in The South Amboy-Sayreville Times."

Jan is the proud owner of a beautiful 1957 Chevy, and has won many trophies for best car at different car shows throughout the area. He is also a member of two car clubs, Just Us Cruisers, and Classic Knights.

Williams has been selected as Deputy Grand Marshal of this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade, which will be held on March 19th. Jan said, "I'm elated to be selected for two reasons. First, I was picked by my peers, the committee, who I just think the world of, and secondly, I'm leading a parade I've always thought was the greatest parade around."

With all of these activities, "Hey Jan, do you get any time for a hobby?" He responded, "I love music, especially oldies and Doo-Wop."

Jan Williams had a simply amazing career as an airline pilot! He is a truly wonderful gentleman, who loves people, loves life, and is always willing to lend a helping to anyone. Thank you, for all you do, Jan!

B&B BARBER SHOP
Men & Women Hair Cuts
Fades - Brooks - Flat Tops - Regular Hair Cuts & More
Tuesday-Friday, 9am-6:30pm • Saturday, 9am-4:30pm
Senior Discounts Every Day!

732-967-6252

132 D Main Street • Sayreville, NJ 08872

Help Wanted
Barbers Needed

**FADES
BROOKS
FLAT TOPS
REGULARS
PEDICURES
MANICURES**

Call For
Manicure
Appointments



**HAIRCUT &
SHAVE**

\$2.00 OFF
With this coupon only.
Cannot be combined
with any other offer.
Expires 3/31/17

**ANY WOMAN'S
HAIR SERVICE**

15% OFF
With this coupon only.
Cannot be combined
with any other offer.
Expires 3/31/17



FREE
Parking
In Rear

Visit Us At Our
2577 Rte. 516
Location in
Old Bridge
Call 732-607-2844!

Bishop James F. Checchio Visits Sacred Heart Church

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Most Reverend Bishop James F. Checchio greets Sacred Heart Church parishioners before Mass.



Bishop Checchio is pictured in back of the church prior to his entrance to celebrate Mass.

The YMCA Celebrates a Heroine During Black History Month

The YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy Hosts "A Visit with Harriet Tubman"

In recognition of Black History Month, and to highlight the achievements and contributions of individuals from diverse backgrounds, the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy pays tribute to Harriet Tubman, a civil rights activist and abolitionist during the American Civil War, by hosting an event highlighting her life's struggles and accomplishments. Harriet Tubman gained notoriety by risking her life nineteen times by leading hundreds of slaves through the Underground Railroad to the North where they lived as free citizens. The event is entitled, "A Visit with Harriet Tubman" and will feature a reenactment of her heroic life as abolitionist, humanitarian, armed scout and spy for the U.S. Army during the Civil War.

The students enrolled in the YMCA School Aged Child Care programs will have the opportunity to participate in a contest crafting a meaningful social media post about the life and legacy of Harriet Tubman. With the assistance and supervision of YMCA

staff, the student's posts will appear on YMCA social media, ready to be "liked" and "shared". The student with the most likes will receive a Barnes and Noble gift card. "By working with our students to research and write a post relevant to the Harriet Tubman event we are providing two experiences at once", said Christine Tolley, YMCA Sr. Program Director, "... the first is that students will learn the dramatic influence Harriet Tubman had on American history; the second is that social media can be used responsibly to share ideas, opinions and information."

The event will be held at the Borough Improvement League (Old Franklin Schoolhouse), 491 Middlesex Avenue, Metuchen on Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. If you wish to register for this free event, please go to <http://www.ymcaofmews.org/harriettubman>

For more information on the event, visit www.ymcaofmews.org/events or contact Katie McAdoo at 732-516-1110 or Christine Tolley at 732-516-2213 or email christine.tolley@ymcaofmews.org.

ASSISTANCE NEEDED

Looking for someone to visit my mother at Venetian Nursing Home 2-3 times per week. Help to feed and to push her around in her wheelchair. \$10.00 per hour. Must love and be able to communicate with elderly.

Contact Hillary shsimpo@aol.com (404)432-7224

Introduction to Instagram

Social media expert, Ms. Deborah Bailey, will be at Sayreville Public Library on Monday, February 27 from 6:00 to 8:00PM to offer a beginners' crash course on all things Instagram! This will be a live, hands-on demonstration to cover everything from starting your own account, "following" other users, posting photos, and managing your security settings. Perfect for newbies who may have started an account, but don't know what to do next! Come with your questions and get ready to learn how you can stay connected with your friends using Instagram!

Registration is required. For more information or to register, call Jennifer at 732-727-0212 ext. 25 or register online at www.sayrevillelibrary.org/beginning January 27!



Celebrating
60
Years...

Wilhelm
&
Shirley
Frank



Wilhelm and Shirley Frank of Sayreville, NJ recently celebrated their 60th Wedding anniversary. They gathered with family for Sunday brunch at MJ's Restaurant in Matawan.

Wilhelm (Bill) was born at home on Reid Street in Sayreville. Shirley was born at home in Jamesburg. They were introduced by Shirley's sister. They were married September 30, 1956 at Corpus Christy Church, South River. Honeymooned in Niagra Falls.

They have lived in Sayreville for over 60 yrs in a home Wilhelm and his father built. They raised 5 children. William Frank, Robert, his wife Susan Frank, Barry, his wife Janet Frank, Lisa (Frank), her husband Kenneth Luma, and Raymond Frank. Wilhelm and Shirley have 13 grandchildren. Wilhelm retired after 41 years from J&J Personal Products, Milltown, NJ and served in the US Army for 2 years. Shirley was a homemaker. Together they enjoy spending time with their family, attending Bingo and visiting Atlantic City.

Happy Anniversary!



Former South Amboy residents Bob and Agnes Leslie are pictured celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary in Aruba with their daughter Rosemary Vona and her family.

Happy Birthday!



Rita Whitlock celebrated her 95th birthday with her husband and family with a delicious lobster dinner at Broadway Seafood. (Photo Submitted)

Happy Birthday!



Happy Belated Birthday wishes to Morgan's James Mulvey, who celebrated his 90th birthday on January 24, 2017. He has been very active in the South Amboy/Sayreville for many years. God Bless, Jim, and thank you! (Photo/info submitted)

Trip To Norfolk's Azalea Festival

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to the Azalea Festival in Norfolk, Virginia from April 27 - 30, 2017. The trip includes 3 nights lodging, 3 breakfasts, and three full course dinners. Shows include the Virginia International Tattoo Show and the NATO Parade of Nations with reserved seats. Passengers will also visit the Norfolk Naval Base, MacArthur Memorial and more. The price of the trip is \$590.00 which includes the above plus bus transportation, bus gratuity, and snacks. For further information or to reserve a seat, please call Carmen at 732-254-9425.

Easter Bunny Breakfast April 9

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 hold their annual Breakfast With The Easter Bunny Sunday April 9 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Bring your camera to get photos with the Easter Bunny. An Easter egg hunt will also be held. Cost is \$8 Adults, \$3 Children aged 2 to 12. Children under 2 FREE. For more information call 732-721-2025.

WWW.?



Does this building look familiar to you? It was locally located and was a very popular establishment. Send your answers to: satimes@aol.com. (Photo submitted)

January Winners

Last month's "Mystery Photo" was of J & J Aluminum & Vinyl Siding located at 228 First St., South Amboy. In previous years, it was called The Wilhelm Building, and was also a phone order call center for Sears & Roebuck. In addition, we were told that it was a meeting room for members of the Moose Lodge. Someone else said it was the old First Aid building, but we recall that it was the building next to this one.

Congratulations to the winners! Pat & Billy Scully, Dennis Quinlan, Chuck Pickard, Joe Prusik, W. Tom Kross, Gerry Sherry, Gary Feret, Joan Gorczyca, Elizabeth Leveille, Mary Agnes Morris, Joan Fulham, Eleanor Westerholm, Lisa Grankowski, Jack & Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krause, Nonnie Nonnemacher, Don Zrebiec, Peggy Yuhas.

Incorrect guesses were The Brave Bull, Freddie's SA Pub.



January WWW.?
J & J Aluminum & Vinyl Siding

***Contestants Remember!** The answer is incorrect if you only send in the street name and address. You must identify the structure with the actual name that it is or was, not the type of work, or anything vague about it, or your submission is incorrect. Remember, we need the name of the building, not the address or street it's located on.

Contestants Comments

The WWW.? picture in your January 21st edition is of the building at 228 First Street in South Amboy. Home to J&J Home Improvements and once a phone-order call center for Sears & Roebuck (my Mom worked there). Don Zrebiec, (Formerly of South Amboy)

That photo is my uncle & aunt's building on 1st street in South Amboy. They owned it in the thirties and sold it I think in the late fifties. The building was known as the Wilhelm Building he was a plumber. The top floor he rented to the Moose Lodge for meetings. They lived upstairs in the apartment on the right and my cousin in the apartment on the left.

Nonnie Nonnemacher

(Formerly of South Amboy)

This month's picture was difficult, but through some family help trying to remember the old photo, and then I also did an online search and the google search eventually provided a link to an old issue (pdf) to a SA/Sayreville Times issue from March 1992 that had a small advertisement that confirmed the street address. The business was: J&J Aluminum and Vinyl Siding. The building was (and still is) located at 228 First Street in South Amboy.

But now, after driving by it, it looks to just be a residential building with apartments.

Thanks,
Lisa Grankowski
Sayreville

Make Resolutions Stick in 2017

Along with singing "Auld Lang Syne" at the start of the New Year, making resolutions is a tradition for millions of Americans. However, while choosing a resolution is easy, sticking to it can be impossible. A 2014 YMCA survey found that less than a quarter of respondents kept their resolutions. Many (71 percent) tried, but stated that they fell short of their goals, while 40 percent confessed that gave up within the first few months, even weeks, of the New Year!

This year, the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy (MEWSA) is encouraging community members to give their New Year's resolutions a boost by creating smaller, more manageable goals that can lead to success of a larger one. "Getting healthy" is not a goal—it's too broad," explains Rose Cushing, President & CEO. "You can reframe that broad resolution into multiple, more manageable and measurable goals. If you aren't active at all right now, try to incorporate activity into your routine three days a week, before telling yourself that you'll work out every single day."

The YMCA of MEWSA also explains that reframing your goals in a positive way can help you stick to them. For example, you may want to limit your screen time in 2016, but that can be more manageable if you replace it with something positive like volunteering or setting special time aside for family. "Try not to think about what you're missing, but

rather what you're gaining. This can make a resolution feel more positive, and therefore more achievable," says Beth Helsby, Director of Operations at the South Amboy Y.

The YMCA of MEWSA also explains that it's important to not let yourself get discouraged by setbacks. Even though you may experience some missteps throughout the day—or even the week—that doesn't mean you have to give up. "Nobody got their bad habits over the course of a week, so you're not going to change them in a week either!" explains Beth. Change is a process and bad days are part of that process.

Below are four tips the YMCA of MEWSA recommends to help 2017 New Year's resolutions stick.

1. Start small. Break those big resolutions into small, achievable goals. Instead of cutting chocolate out of your diet for good, vow to only have it a few times a week. Or trade your two sodas a day for one soda and a glass of water.

2. Take it one step at a time. Trying to change too many habits at once can easily lead to frustration. Instead of a New Year's resolution, make a new month resolution. Focus on that one change for the month, and add another (small) change when the new month rolls around.

3. Choose a facility that focuses on a holistic approach to health. When it comes to adding healthy behaviors, like increasing physical activity, it's important to find a

facility that keeps you motivated. Before committing to a membership, take a tour of local gyms to find the best fit for you. Your facility should not be just a gym, but a community organization that offers more health, more hope and more opportunity.

4. Talk it out. It's easier to stick to your resolutions if you have a partner or friend working toward similar goals. Team up with someone to set your 2017 goals and help each other establish a game plan dedicated to achieving them. Set specific check-ins to help each other out of slumps and to cheer each other during the high points.

For additional tips or to learn how to get involved with the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy, contact 732-516-9200 or visit www.ymcaofmews.org

Each facility that is inspected must have

The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, B.A., M.S.

A few months back there was a horrific fire that took the lives of over 35 people. The fire occurred in a warehouse turned illegal nightclub in Oakland, California on December 2, 2016. The people who were inside this death trap were unaware of the lack of fire detection and fire suppression devices. They were out for a good time and to enjoy themselves for the evening assuming that they would be in a safe place.

How many of us enter a building and survey the premises for smoke detectors, fire alarm bells/lights, fire sprinklers and exits? Luckily in New Jersey we are well ahead of the curve when it comes to fire prevention, fire detection, fire suppression, and most importantly, fire inspections. That does not mean we can let our guard down! Due to a rash of boarding home fires in the early 1980's that killed many of the residents, the State of New Jersey created the Division of Fire Safety (DFS) within the Department of Community Affairs. The DFS, in conjunction with local fire inspectors, are responsible for inspecting all structures (except one and two family homes) in our communities. The use of the facility will determine the frequency of the inspection. High hazard facilities are inspected more often during the year due to the nature of their business. All these facilities require a yearly permit with the permit fee being based on the type of structure and the frequency of inspections.

The fire inspectors that inspect these buildings are continuously being trained and updated on the hazards to look for when at these facilities. They are state certified for the various categories of buildings they can inspect such as schools, night clubs, restaurants, industries, offices, places of worship, and retail stores.

Each facility that is inspected must have

the Certificate of Inspection conspicuously posted where everyone can see it. It will be dated and signed by the Fire Marshal or the Fire Inspector. Any deficiencies found during the inspection must be immediately corrected or a fine will be imposed upon the discretion of the inspector. The amount of fine imposed is determined by the severity of the deficiency and the impact it would have if a fire would occur. The length of time to correct the violation is also taken into consideration.

The DFS also regulates and monitors the required training for firefighters throughout the state. All training records and certifications for fire fighters are recorded and maintained at the DFS offices in Trenton.

The next time you enter a movie theater, restaurant, nightclub, big box store, or any of the various places of assembly, be aware of your surroundings. Look for smoke detection devices, visible fire suppression sprinklers, those that are in the open or those that are concealed in the ceiling and covered with a heat activated cover. This cover releases when a designated temperature is reached and melts away the retaining link. Look for additional exits and other means of egress not just the one you entered. If you see a fire hazard, report it to the manager, he/she may not be aware of the situation. Examples would; be merchandise blocking exits, furniture or debris placed in your path of egress, or exit doors chained shut for security reasons. Remember, your life may be at risk when you enter these types of facilities.

If a fire alarm is activated while you are in one of these stores, don't take it for granted that it is ONLY a false alarm. Plan your exit route immediately and then walk to the exit. Before you realize that it is an actual fire, it may be too late.

Thank You From The Hathcock Family

To everyone who attended and/or contributed to the recent Benefit for the Hathcock family:

Your support and generosity is appreciated more than you can ever know. You have truly touched our hearts with your love, friendship, offers of help and assistance, and the generous support you showed at the benefit.

It was a wonderful occasion with an unexpectedly enormous turnout which showed us clearly that joy and love can be found in even the darkest of situations. We deeply appreciate each and every contribution and we wish to especially thank the Friends of South Amboy for all that they have done for Breanna. The outpouring of love and support has provided comfort, relief, and strength that comes from knowing we will be able to manage financially for the near future.

Thank you all once again for your kindness, generosity, time, and effort that you put into making the event such a huge success. The amount of love and support we felt in that room was overwhelming and words cannot express how grateful we are.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts,
The Hathcock Family



Gary Petrie of South River performed his acappella and comedy routine at the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Open Mic Night and Dinner on Jan. 27th. (Photo/info by Joe Lotkowitz)

Chickadee

By DJ Brys

C. 2015

Looking out my kitchen window,
what do I see?

I call them snowbirds;
tiny white-breasted chickadee
So many of them just hopping around
Quiet as the snowflakes
falling to the ground
So true to their nickname
it's very clear
For when I see them;
I know that snow is near!

Trip To Hunterdon Hills Patriotic Show

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring an evening trip to Hunterdon Hills on July 15, 2017 to "The Land We Love," a new patriotic show. The cost of the show is \$125 which includes the show, a delicious dinner, bus transportation and bus driver gratuity and snacks on the return trip. For information or to reserve a seat please contact Carmen at 732-254-9425.



Joseph Mancino Jr. of Colts Neck Firehouse #2 presents a plaque of appreciation to Greg Scharpf, Chief Retail Officer of Amboy Bank. The bank is a long-term supporter of the firehouse and its volunteers, recently helping to refurbish their building. Amboy Bank, with 22 offices, has been voted Best Bank in Central Jersey for 19 years in a row. (Photo/Info Submitted)

St. Mary's Unknown Gym

By Fran Fitzmorris

St. Mary's High School opened in 1893 and had three levels or floors. After World War I, the sport of basketball, in town, began to grow quickly. The school needed a court and used part of the third floor hallway as a gym from 1921-1953. In 1953, a fire destroyed the third floor. From 1953-1957, varsity boys' games were played at different schools and halls until the beginning of the 1957-1958 season when the new Monsignor Griffin gym and school opened. Back in 1960, only a couple of schools could match the Eagles' gym.

In doing some research, I discovered this story of a possible third, and heretofore unknown, gym. It appeared in the January, 1960 issue of the local paper in the Mile Square Talk.

The story goes that the first city series game was being played on January 6, 1960. Two former players from the 1930's, town councilman, Al Jankowski and fellow classmate, Joe Keenan, who worked for the South Amboy Board Of Education, came to watch what would be a victory for Hoffman. They stood in the entrance to the gym and began to tell a story about, "St. Mary's Unknown Gym," which stunned the reporter

who had never heard of this gym. Al and Joe called it the "old cork bowl." The story first met with some disbelief but, the two former players were adamant and said it definitely existed and that back in the 1930's, games were played in this "cork bowl" but it is not known when the last game was played down there. Where was "down there?" It was in the basement of the old school facing Augusta Street. Space was so tight, according to Al and Joe, that walls made out of cork were used to designate out-of-bounds and foul lines. For these games, once the game began with a jump ball, the doors to the court were closed. Only the ten players and two referees were allowed in. To substitute players, one had to leave the playing court and then go around the building to get to the bench by way of the front door.

In the 1940's and 1950's, things changed. The basement was now used as a dressing room for both teams and a lunchroom for students and all games were once again played in the hallway on the third floor.

In conclusion, I understand that there is serious doubt about the "unknown gym." Is it all true? I'll leave this up to the reader.



Emerson Jones, owner of Basement Audio Productions provided the sound for a show advertised as the Ghost Riders concert, and featured Outlaws guitarist and guest. Pictured (l-r) Scott Twomey (drums and promoter), Chris Anderson (Outlaws), Emerson Jones (Basement Audio Productions), Steve Grisham (Outlaws & Ghost Riders), and Jimmy Sexton (Ghost Riders). Scott Twomey books a great lineup of Seasoned Pros and this is just one of the many concerts he promotes over the year. Next event will be in March at the Cranford Community Theatre. It's a great show if you wanna be up and personal with these guys, as they come down off stage and talk to everyone and lots of pictures..(Photo/story courtesy of Emerson Jones)

Music Trivia

"People"

By Tom Burkard

1. <u>Everyday People</u>		a. Barbara Streisand
2. <u>Listen People</u>		b. The Doors
3. <u>People Got To Be Free</u>		c. Sly & The Family Stone
4. <u>People Get Ready</u>		d. The McCoy's
5. <u>People Say</u>		e. Herman's Hermits
6. <u>People</u>		f. Air Supply
7. <u>People Are Strange</u>		g. The Rascals
8. <u>Little People</u>		h. America
9. <u>Lonely People</u>		i. The Impressions
10. <u>Two Less Lonely People In The World</u>		j. The Dixie Cups

Answers: 10 1 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1



Raymond Pickard

Raymond Pickard of Melbourne, Florida, was born, October 18, 1950, in South Amboy, New Jersey to Raymond and Anna Mae Pickard. He joined the service and served his country honorably. He did two tours in Vietnam where he was a diesel mechanic and door gunner. He retired after serving 20 years in the U.S. Army as a Master Sergeant. Mr. Pickard is survived by his wife Gisela Pickard, his daughters, Belinda Pickard, and Amy Pastorius, and his two grandchildren, Heidi Pastorius, and Alexander Pastorius, and Raymond's oldest brother Charles Pickard from South Amboy, many cousins, nieces, nephews, and many, many good friends.



On Jan. 23rd, the Harry S. Truman School 3rd Grade Chorus under the direction of Jennifer Swenticky (foreground), presented a Winter Concert to the South Amboy Sacred Heart Senior Club, performing a variety of songs that the seniors enjoyed very much. Everyone had a great time at the luncheon! (Photo/story by Joe Lotkowitz)

Past Business



Pictured is a vintage photo of the old Empire Theatre, which was located on North Broadway in South Amboy for many years until it burned down in 1950. (Photo courtesy of John Ruszala)

An Onion

By Rev. Rhea Carol

Peel after peel
Layer after layer
Let go
The anger
The fear
The prejudice
The hatred
Embrace this:
Love, peace, joy
Prosperity, health
There are no more tears,
The onion is no longer.



**Rev Rhea Carol is a non-denominational licensed minister at Centers for Spiritual Living and a motivational speaker. The Centers for Spiritual Living is all inclusive. She the Director of the Spiritual Lighthouse at the Jersey Shore and has a service every (starting February 5) Sunday at 9:45 in The Center, 806 Third Ave., Asbury Park. VISION: Love is all there is and all it takes. MISSION: To raise the consciousness of the world, evolving into a higher Vibe attracting a diverse tribe. Rev. Rhea performs customized weddings, blessing of your home, pets and memorials. Any ceremony can be customized and each one is exceptional. For more information, please contact Rev. Rhea at 732 727 8219 H, 732 7717562 revrheacarol@gmail email.*



The Shangri-Las performed their #1 hit "Leader Of The Pack" on April 12, 1966 at a show called "CYO A Go-Go" concert in St. Mary's Gym.



The Bobby Fuller 4 rocked the crowd at the same show with their #9 hit, "I Fought The Law."

The Stars Came To St. Mary's In 1965 & 1966

By Tom Burkard

St. Mary's High School CYO held an amazing concert that featured some of the biggest acts in pop music at the time, on Nov. 26, 1965 at the Msgr. Griffin Auditorium (better known as St. Mary's Gym).

CYO President Brian George contacted Mr. David Zann, a New York agent in charge of organizing Disc-O-Teen shows, and from there, a meeting was held with all CYO members. Zann explained the process of organizing such an event, and allowed them to select four of the top 10 singing vocal groups. George recently recalled that the show was called "CYO A Go-Go."

In an article in the school newspaper, "The Crown," the show was called a "Shindig," probably taken from a TV show at the time that used the same name. However, the President recently recalled the show being called "CYO A Go-Go."

George, and Vice-President Bill Bulman set up publicity committees in which members volunteered to make signs and posters to promote this event in neighboring communities and top record stores. In addition, the show was announced over WABC and WMCA radio stations in New York.

World-renowned New York radio disc

JERRY MOKAR GOT "SAX APPEAL"

By Clem Skarzynski

Yeah, I know what you S.A. Times readers are thinking, a little favoritism here, well yes, but the talent Jerry puts forth when he picks up that tenor sax speaks for itself.

Jerry started his musical journey at age 9 beginning with the clarinet. I was lucky to hook up with Jerry and his brother Ron way back in 1963. Playing the pep rallies and dances at S.W.M.H.S. As every musician went on to different bands thru the years we all kept in touch. Getting together from time to time to play music.

Jerry's resume includes "The Rondells", "Collage" (2 versions), "Krystal", "Just for Kicks", "Sounds of the Street" and most recently, "Clem and Friends". But Jerry went a step further working as a solo act doing the standards to music tracks and adding his live vocals and sax, hence, "Sax Appeal". A year in the studio under the engineering genius of record producer Bob Ligotino at JerRob Studios in Toms River. Jerry as executive producer, they then tracked 15 songs for JMO Productions Sax Appeal. For the past



several years Jerry has been performing with one of New Jersey's top groups, Joe Bonanno & The Godsons of Soul, who played at Atlantic City many times, and has also

played the senior circuit for "the best audience I could ask for," residents of senior care centers and local senior groups. Sayreville Senior Center, OLV Seniors, Venetian Care Center, Care One, Monmouth Care Center to name a few. The crowd's reactions to Jerry's music prompted him to record this CD and to have and make available to those he's made smile when he plays their memories. "Always on My Mind", "Harlem Nocturne" and "Please Release Me" and 12 more standards and light rockers are highlighted on the CD. To order a copy for yourself and fellow music lovers go to: Rako@optonline.net at \$10 a copy you'll enjoy the 15 song set. Jerry's solo act is also available for your party or cocktail hour. So grab a disc and give a listen to a great tenor sax and voice "Sax Appeal - Jerry Mokar".

The Weeklings On Youtube

The highly-talented Weeklings have some great recordings on Youtube.com that are certainly worth listening to. The band is led by the great Glen Burtnik, and features former South Amboy resident Joe Bellia, who is amazing on drums and percussion. The band has at least 5 outstanding songs

You Tube-In

A few songs/videos to check out in your free time: "Someone Like You"-Van Morrison; "Things I'd Like To Say"-The New Colony Six; "Steve McQueen"-Brian

that have a 1960's Beatles sound to them, and they are terrific! Check one of Jersey's finest bands on the following tunes: "You Must Write," "Don't Know Don't Care," "Little Elvis," "Next Big Thing," "Morning New & Night."

Fallon; "The War Is Over"-Phil Ochs; "Die A Happy Man"-Thomas Rhett; "Daughter"-Dion Roy (from South Amboy).

St. Mary's HS senior, Brian George was always a leader and innovator, and once again took it upon himself to organize/promote another Disc-O-Teen show, which was to be held at St. Mary's on April 12, 1966. "Ba Ba Loo" was welcomed back as master of ceremonies for the event, which was being billed as "A means of recreation for the teenagers, and a night on the town" for interested adults.

The price of tickets slightly increased to \$3.50, and the audience was allowed to sit in either the bleachers or balcony.

Students of St. Mary's purchased the tickets from the following representatives: Cathy Gosford, Joan Laurie, Louise Keenan, John Crowley, Donna Mulvey, Pat Casey, Jo Ann Hlivka, Mary Jane Jancola and Ann Daly.

The lineup of superstar acts of the day included The Young Rascals, who sang "I Ain't Gonna Eat Out My Heart Anymore," and chart-topper "Good Lovin'." The Duprees-"You Belong To Me," The Jive Five-"I'm A Happy Man," The Shangri-Las-"Leader Of The Pack," and "Walkin' In The Sand," The Bobby Fuller Four-"I Fought The Law," and Jimmy and The James Boys group also performed.

Once again, the show was an overwhelming success.

Brian George, who graduated from St. Mary's HS in 1966, continued his education at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, PA, and continued where he left off at St. Mary's. He formed a production company called Magnus Productions, and promoted concerts at King's and also the University of Scranton, in addition to a number of other schools in New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania, from 1967-1970.

He produced concerts with superstar groups including Vanilla Fudge, Jethro Tull, Bob Seeger, Smokey Robinson & The Miracles, The Lettermen, Joe Cocker Mad Dogs and Englishmen, Mountain, Country Joe and The Fish, The Chambers Brothers, Eric Burdon and War, Van Morrison, The Allman Brothers, Savoy Brown, Chicago, and Grand Funk Railroad.

George has been the owner of the popular Northshore Sea Bright clothing store, located at 1127 Ocean Ave. in Sea Bright for over 30 years.

*A special "thank you" to Brian George, a really terrific gentleman, for sharing his memories in this story.



Pictured at the K of C Open Mic Night is the Vernon Road band, consisting of (l-r) Roger Blake (bass), Dave Lippencott (drums), Paul Nagy (guitar), and Russ Vecci guitar. This was the band's first appearance at the K of C, and they made a great impression as they rocked the crowd with their fine music (Photo/story by Joe Lotkowitz)

Rumbles from the Rock' n' Roll Reunion

By Clem Skarzynski

Reminder time kids...."Support Our Troops" classic rock/oldies annual benefit dinner/dance coming up on Saturday, April 8th 2017 at Sayreville VFW Hall on Jernee Mill Road. See announcements with details/info in this issue. Get your tix and get ready to party. January's Open Mic at SA Knights was a rock'n jam with our regulars and new/old faces. The acoustic soloist Jerry Smith and Danny Toye warmed up the crowd with their respective sets. Old friends "Vernon Road" showcased their new front man Russ Vecci with great backline from Paul Nagy, Roger Blake and Dave Lippencott. Good to see and hear them again. Gonna do well with new front man. Next up and gotta say very impressed with South Amboy's "Square Mile" with Dave McCue up front, John Dembowski on bass, guitarists Jim Heuer, Rick Foley, and Tim Kelly on the drums,

these guys rocked the house. This is one band I've watched and heard for the past three Open Mics and they nailed it every time. Energy, crowd participation, you name it, all the ingredients for a complete band. Keep it goin' "Square Mile" you found the niche. Host band, "Split Decision" closed the show with a ton of jam band goings on. With Joe Durnya, Jack Mieczkowski and me, the writer, trading licks and harmonizing leads with Ray Suchcicki on drums and Ami Hornbacker on bass providing a solid backline for the crowd pleasing jam of ZZ Top, Allman Brothers, The Doors and STP. A great night of rock'n'roll for sure. So remember Saturday, April 8th, "Clem and Friends" at Sayreville VFW show and please join us at February's Open Mic February 24th. Hope to see you there!

School Sports

(As of Feb 19)

By Tom Burkard

Girls Basketball

Team Leaders

Sayreville (22-2)

Points- Isi Enahoro 352 Ryane Brush 328 Patrice Harding 256

Scoring Avg.-Enahoro 14.7 Brush 13.7 Harding 10.7

Rebounds-Enahoro 115 Morenike Akinrefon 69 Harding 61

Assists-Harding 47 Enahoro 30

Steals-Enahoro 150 Harding 122

South Amboy (13-5)

Points-Kelsey Kuhn 268 Alissa Bikowski 209 Shannon Tran 122

Scoring Avg.-Kuhn 14.9 Bikowski 11.6 Tran 7.6

Rebounds-Tran 231 Kuhn 102

Assists-Kuhn 61 Bikowski 33

Steals-Bikowski 88

Boys Basketball Leaders

Sayreville (18-6)

Points-Ryan O'Leary 374 Xavier Townes 331 Manutes 223 Jahsim Floyd 211

Scoring Avg.-O'Leary 15.6 Townes 13.8 Manutes 9.3 Floyd 8.8

Rebounds-Floyd 60 Ope Olaloko 49 Townes 40

Assists-Townes 34

Steals-O'Leary 21

South Amboy (6-15)

Points-Kyle Gasiewski 364 Alan Kazar 183 Isaiah Munoz 122

Scoring Avg.-Gasiewski 17.3 Kazar 8.7 Munoz 5.9

Rebounds-Kazar 72 Bobby Nebus 60

Assists-Gasiewski 24 Justin Lewis 20

GMC Boys Basketball Tournament

First Round

South River 92 South Amboy 54-The #21 seeded Rams breezed by the #28 Guvs. Kyle Gasiewski led the Guvs with 19 points, followed by Alan Kazar who tossed in 12.

Sayreville 56 J.P. Stevens 31-The #3 seeded Bombers jolted #14 seed Stevens, and were led by Xavier Townes 14 points, Ope Olaloko 10, and Hendersen Manutes 10 points.

GMC Girls Basketball Tournament

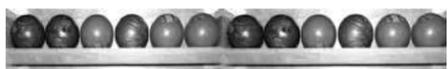
First Round

Highland Park 38 South Amboy 25-H.P. seeded #24 shocked the #9 Lady Guvs in first round play. Kelsey Kuhn and Shannon Tran scored 8 points apiece.

Sayreville 78 Spotswood 51-The #1 seeded Bombers flew by #17 Spotswood behind strong games from Ryane Brush, who had 24 points and 7 rebounds, Isi Enahoro 17 points, 10 steals, and 5 assists, and Patrice Harding with 15 points, 10 steals, 6 rebounds, and 6 assists.

Bombers Boys Bowling

First year coach Joe Slavik guided the Sayreville boys bowling team to a fine (13-5-1) regular season. Top bowler has been Chris DeoCampo with a 216-pin avg. and a high-game of 269. He finished fourth in the GMC, has topped 600-pins, 10 times, and went over 700 twice. Ryan Johnson averaged 212, Dylan Gilligan 190, Eddie Peterson 195, Jon Tabacco 186, Dheraj Rajeevan 180, Dylan Rodrigues 170. Sayreville also has high hopes for the future with the talented soph Peter Lawrence and frosh Nolan Aucone.



Rayside Played At International Bowl

Sayreville freshman Jayvis Rayside recently played in the International Bowl at AT&T Stadium, Arlington, Texas for the U.S. Under 16 National football team. He was selected after going to tryout camps last

DeMild, Floyd, Wille Sign With Colleges

Three Sayreville football standouts, Jayson DeMild, Jahsim Floyd, and Andrew Wille sign letters of intent with colleges recently. DeMild, who was instrumental in leading the Bombers to the North Group IV sectional championship, and was selected Home News Tribune 2016 Offensive Player of the Year, signed with Campbell University, which is located at Buies Creek, North

Mater Dei Prep Names New Girls' Cross Country Head Coach

Continuing the growth of women's sports at Mater Dei Prep (MDP), the school is pleased to announce the appointment of Christine Altland as girls' cross country head coach.

"We could not have found a better head coach than Christine Altland for our girls' cross country team," said Lance Bennett, Mater Dei Prep athletic director. "Christine's expertise, coupled with her passion to serve our student-athletes will make for an exciting experience for our participants."

Since 2016, Altland has been head coach of the MDP girls' varsity track and field team. Prior to that she spent three years as the head coach for both the boys' and girls' varsity cross country and track and field teams at Cardinal McCarrick High School in South Amboy. Altland attended Monmouth University where she excelled in track and cross country. In 2016 she was named Middlesex County Girls Coach of the Year.

"I'm extremely honored to be named the head coach for the girls' cross country team here at Mater Dei Prep," said Altland. "It's going to be great for the program moving



Christine Altland

forward and the transition into the track seasons."

Altland was recently recognized for her track and cross country achievements with induction into Raritan High School's Hall of Fame. She also works in the admissions department at Mater Dei Prep.

Longtime cross country and track and field coach Mike Tursi has been named Director of Cross Country Operations. Both appointments were made to build on the recent successes of the MDP cross country and track and field programs. As director, Tursi will be responsible for the day-to-day activities for both programs, while ensuring their continued long-term growth.

"I'm thrilled to work with Mike Tursi who has been part of the Mater Dei Prep family for years now," said Altland. "Together we're going to have remarkable programs."

Tursi will remain head coach of the boys' track and field and cross country teams.

For more information about the Mater Dei Prep cross country program, or about other programs the school offers, please call 732.671.9100 or visit materdeiprep.org.

Sayreville Girls Win White Division, Keep On Winning

The amazing Sayreville girls basketball team is having an awesome season, and currently sport a super (22-2) record, a perfect (14-0) to clinch the White Division championship, in addition to being selected the #1 seed in the GMCT, and had notched 17 straight wins, appear to be the heavy favorite to cop the GMCT title. One of the club's sweetest victories was when it notched its 13th consecutive win, by blasting South Brunswick, 53-25. It was a big one for the Bombers, who were eliminated from the CJ Group IV quarterfinals last year by the Vikings. Sayreville has become known throughout the area for its super-tight defense, balanced scoring attack, and speed, which was never more evident than in the rout over South Brunswick.

Lady Guvs Tie For Gold Division Crown

The South Amboy Lady Guvs basketball team, under Coach Linda Lewis have had a terrific season this year, currently (13-5) overall, and finished tied for the Gold Division championship with Timothy Christian, with an (11-1) mark.

Seniors Kelsey Kuhn and Alissa Bikowski, have been the big team leaders in all the major categories. Kuhn leads the scoring brigade with 14.9 ppg, three-point field goals, 61 assists and 35 blocked shots. Bikowski, 11.6 ppg., has racked up a team best

Kudelka Stars For Ahr

Bishop Ahr senior Sean Kudelka of South Amboy has been a big factor in the team's (14-8) record this season. In 19 games, he leads the team with 32 assists and 22 steals. Kudelka is #2 in rebounds with 74, and also blocked shots with 9. He has scored 172 points for a 9.0 ppg., third on the squad.

Sayreville's first setback was at the hands of Toms River North, 65-51 in the quarterfinals of the WOBM Classic at Toms River.

Coach Janet Ust-Cook's talented veteran club is led by 1,000 point club member, Isi Enahoro, who tops the club with a 14.7 scoring avg., 115 rebounds, and 150 steals. Ryane Brush averages 13.7 ppg., and has the most 3-point field goals. Patrice Harding has dished out a team-leading 47 assists, and scores 10.7 ppg. Morenike Akinrefon, 9 ppg., Katie Esposito, 6.0 ppg., Jasmine Van Note, 7.1 ppg. Alyssa Pipitone, Lyssandra Delacosta, Jackie Ventricelli, Janeva Holland, Jaci Jurkiewicz, Sabine Waryah, and G. Cenci have all seen some action this season.

88 steals, and is ranked second in 3-point field goals, and assists. Shannon Tran, 7.6 ppg., has controlled the rebounding for the Purple & Gold, hauling in 231 rebounds, 14.4 rpg.

Judy Olivieri and Erica Policastro also rebound well, and follow Tran, Kuhn and Bikowski in the rebounding category. Renee Piazzolla, Alexis Calisti, Alexis Kohlepp, Kelly Mihalecko, Madison Moskal, Jayanna Correa, Mia Bates, and Siara Sanchez have all seen some playing time this year.

Bomber Boys Lead White Division

Coach John Wojcik's talented Sayreville boys basketball squad is currently (18-6) overall, with a perfect (8-0) in division play, and are on the verge of capturing the GMC White Division title. They also drew the #3 seed in the GMCT. Ryan O'Leary is the top point-producer on the team with a 15.6 avg., and also leads in 3-point field goals, and 21 steals. Xavier Townes 13.8 ppg.,

College Notebook

Matt Zebrowski (CBA) from Sayreville finished 3rd in the 200-yd. Butterfly in a 181-119 Seton Hall U. setback to U. Connecticut... Steve Herdman (South Amboy) has played in 17 games for FDU-Florham, and scored 130 pts., 7.6 avg., and grabbed 54 rebounds, 3.2 avg...Elizabeth Kaczmarek (Sayreville) At Iona University's season swimming finale, the Gaels (6-8, 4-0 in MAAC dual meets) mauled Manhattan U., 182-79. Elizabeth won the 2990 IM in 2:14.70...Alyssa McDonough (Sayreville) is having a great season with FDU-Florham (19-3, 10-1 in conference) women's basketball team. She is #1 in assists with 86, and also free throw% .824. Alyssa is also ranked #2 on the club in scoring-354



The Middlesex County College (MCC) men's basketball top scorer this season is Mike Valentin, a 6-foot guard from Sayreville. Mike is burning the nets for a 21.3 scoring avg. (Photo/info courtesy of Tom Peterson, MCC)



The OLV School's 5th & 6th grade girls basketball team were champions of the 2017 St. Bartholomew's Tournament in East Brunswick on February 2nd. Pictured with the winners are head coach Jamie Wojcik & assistant coach Joe Schlaline. (Photo submitted by Bill Parsons)

Enahoro Scores 1,000th Point

Sayreville girls basketball standout, Isi Enahoro pumped in the 1,000th point of her outstanding schoolgirl career, on a beautiful 3-pointer from the wing to lead the Bombers to a 72-38 romp over South Plainfield. She finished the contest with 15 points and 7 steals. Teammates Ryane Brush fired in 21 points, Morenike Akinrefon 13 points and 6 rebounds.

is the assist leader with 34. Jahsim Floyd, 8.8 ppg., tops the Blue & Gray in rebounds and blocked shots. Hendersen Manutes, 9.3 ppg., and Ope Olaloko, 6.5 ppg are also big contributors. Others who have seen action throughout the campaign are Jayson DeMild, Elijah Clark, Michael Gray, Zac Kaczmarek, James Reick, and Bobby Krolick.

points, 16.1 avg., and rebounds-189, 8.6... Jehyve Floyd (Sayreville) has appeared in 25 games, averages only 11.2 minutes played per game, and is scoring 2.1 ppg. For Holy Cross University (12-14)...Sean Rappleyea (St. Joseph's) from Sayreville has played in 12 games, and has 1 assist and 1 goal for 3 points for University of Alabama Huntsville (8-19-3)...Women's basketball coaches Jen Kuziemski-Palmateer (Hoffman) of Monmouth University (10-12) and Anthony Bozzella (Former St. Mary's girls basketball coach) of Seton Hall University (11-14) are hoping to get their teams to the .500 mark before the end end of the season.

Letters



Tom & Staff,
This newspaper is one of a kind! I love reading it! A very Happy New Year to all of you. Keep up the good work!
Joan Fulham, Sayreville

Dear SA Times,
I'm so glad I can read your newspaper online at www.thesatimes.com!
Thank You, Linda Switzer Zakrzewski (Formerly of South Amboy)

Tom & Staff,
I read your great paper online every month. Keep up the great work! You help make this Florida resident remember that I am a Jersey Girl at heart.
Thank You,
Susan Grzankowski Bischoff (Formerly of Perth Amboy), Florida

SA Times Staff,
Thanks for keeping me updated on hometown news!
Bill Farrell, (Formerly of Sayreville)

Dear Tom & Brian,
I want to add another "Congratulations" to your on-going quest for excellence in the production of the SA Times. Ever since I started writing for the paper 12 years ago, I have marveled at your ability to make each new edition somehow better than the one before. With the paper being available online to everyone, the total "look" of the newspaper has become even better, too. As I always tell you both, I'm very proud to be a part of your team. I'd like to take this opportunity to comment on Fran Fitzmorris' article this month regarding the Morgan explosion in October of 1918. I have a "connection" with that fateful day as my paternal grandfather, John Holton of Mechanicsville, was working as a carter for the Gillespie Company at the time of the explosion, just two weeks after losing both his wife, Margaret (nee Slover) and a newborn baby in the flu epidemic which had killed so many in the area. I'm glad Fran "is back" as, being a history buff, I always find his articles enlightening. I also want to praise Richard Kosmoski for his "Smoke Column." He really knows about what he writes...and writes it all so very well. I'm already looking forward to the February edition.

Sincerely,
Elaine Holton Scott, (Formerly of South Amboy/Sayreville), Georgia

Tom and Brian,
Once more I just enjoyed another edition of the paper. I see the question about Ollie and have some info for you. In 1974, I was a junior at St. Mary's, and a senior named Kate Durnien was able to get Ollie and she wore him that year. The following year I did. Being on student council and the head of the Spirit Committee I needed a tool to help me get the crowd behind our team. Ollie worked perfectly. Being more an athlete than a cheerleader, Ollie allowed me to hide behind the mask and have fun cheering and running up and down the court cheering our team in a different way. It was very warm in there, but so much fun. I don't know who followed me, whoever is that in the picture, but at least I have the original and second for you. High school was a wonderful time for me. This brought back great memories! Thanks so much!
Phyllis Nappi

Dear Tom;
The South Amboy Times Newspaper is very much appreciated by me as well as other former South Amboy, NJ. residents who live beyond the Raritan River whereas, you have two of the best writers in Fran Fitzmorris/John Flip" Phillips writing about the South Amboy we grew up in the Good Old Days 1940's to 1960's. Between Fran and Flip they cover so many of the exciting days in and around the Pleasant Little City I want to say to them and you, Thank You for making each month's SA Times a Big Part of my life. Bill "Biff" McKeon (Formerly of South Amboy/Sayreville) Indiana

Poochie Doo
ALL BREED GROOMING
WE CARRY
- Lupine
Collars, Leashes & Harnesses
- Tropiclean Shampoo
- Toys
- Treats
- Sweaters & Shirts

Nupro Products
COME IN AND LOOK AROUND!
149 NO. BROADWAY
SOUTH AMBOY, NJ 08879
732-525-1172

O'IRELAND
Siopa Eireannach
130 North Broadway South Amboy, NJ 08879 732-525-0515
30 Monmouth Street Red Bank, NJ 07701 732-747-4433
OIRELAND.COM

BROADWAY SEAFOOD
Fresh Fish - Scallops - Shrimp - Clams - Crabs
Soup - New England & Manhattan Clam Chowder
Fried or Broiled By The Pound
Sandwiches & Platters

Mon. - Sat. 10:30am - 8:30pm
Closed Sunday

We Have Local Honey Available!!

109 N. Broadway - South Amboy 732-721-0077

Century 21
CHARLES SMITH AGENCY, INC.
150 Morgan Avenue
South Amboy, NJ 08879
Business 732-721-9000 ext.355
Fax 732-721-4656
Mobile 732-742-3927
Patrick.Rock@century21.com
www.c21csa.com

Patrick J. Rock, Jr.
Licensed Real Estate Salesperson
REALTOR-ASSOCIATE®

Each office is independently owned and operated

732-721-0841
732-721-3192 (Fax)

AL'S AUTO BODY
COLLISION SPECIALIST
Heavy Duty Towing — 24 Hour Wrecker Service
N.J. State Lic. #00748A — Flat Bed Service
"Serving the community for over 45 years"
2072 ROUTE 35
SOUTH AMBOY, NJ 08879

Donald M. Rzepka
Jill M. Rzepka

Thomas E. Kemble, LLC
Attorney at Law
Office: 732-952-3684
Fax: 732-952-3685
Email: tekemble@msn.com

General Practice Services
Civil Litigation · Residential Real Estate
Autistic Child & Elder Guardianships
Wills · Small Business Formation
Traffic Tickets · Municipal Court Matters
Reasonable Rates · Home Appointments Available

"MONAGHAN HOUSE"
400 SOUTH PINE AVENUE
SOUTH AMBOY, NEW JERSEY
732-727-8606

EXPIRES 3/24/17
LARGE PIZZA PIE SPECIAL
ONLY \$7.95
WITH THIS COUPON

THE CHILDREN'S CENTER FOR LEARNING OF SOUTH AMBOY
148 North Broadway
South Amboy
732-727-7373
cclofsouthamboy.com

We Accept Children 6 Weeks - 6 Years Of Age
Part Time space is Now Available
Monday through Friday 9am - 12pm for ages 3 - 3 1/2
We accept all State Voucher programs such as NJCK, Work First Program, DCF, etc.
Mention this ad and receive \$25 Off your registration fee!!
Lisa Barbarino, Owner

HEMOCARE REHAB, LLC
DR. EDWARD R. MARION, PT, DPT, MA
PHYSICAL THERAPIST

OUTPATIENT HOUSE CALLS & REHABILITATION SERVICES
PHONE 732-610-2528
FAX 732-416-6142
WWW.DREMARION.COM
SERVING THE SAYREVILLE-SOUTH AMBOY AREA

JOHN AUTO CENTER, INC.
Complete Automotive Repairs Foreign & Domestic
272 North Stevens Ave, South Amboy, NJ 08879 (732) 727-8500

5% OFF ALL REPAIRS WITH THIS AD

Oil Change \$24.95 (most cars)
INCLUDES:
• Oil Change (up to 5 Qts 10W30, Synthetic Oil Extra)
• Change Oil Filter
• Complete Chassis Lubrication

Now Available NJ State Inspection And Emission Repair Facility
All Repairs 100% Guaranteed

The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

From The Sports Archives



1970's-South Amboy Recreation Director Jack Hulsart (r) presents the Senior Men's Basketball League championship trophy to Ron Croddick, as teammates look on. Pictured (l-r) Nick Charmello, Ray Downs, Bill Connors, Jim Keegan, Don Szatkowski, Croddick, Hulsart. There is no other information on this team or who the sponsor was. The photo was probably taken around 1975. If anyone can help us, please contact The SA Times. (Photo/names courtesy of Ray Downs)

A Look Back At 1993 Bombers Football

The talented Sayreville Bombers football club, under Coach Sal Mistretta, racked up a super (9-1) record, outscoring opponents by an average of 28-9 points per game. Senior wide receiver Mike Clark playing only his first year of varsity football, topped the offense with 12 touchdowns. Bilal King scored 7 TD's, and Pat Walsh scored 5. Quarterbacks Dennis Coyle and Chris Sola each tossed 4 TD passes. On the defensive side, tackle Jamaal Bowman, in his first season of organized football--after transferring from New York spearheaded a fierce pass rush, and topped the Bombers with 13 quarterback sacks, and

participated in 65 tackles, made 11 tackles from behind the line of scrimmage, and recovered 2 fumbles. Michael Foye was a talented guard who provided strong blocking for the offense.

Clark, Bowman, and Foye were 1st Team All-Area selections in The News Tribune.

The Bombers only loss was a 13-7 overtime heartbreaker to Woodbridge in a CJ Group IV playoff contest.

As an 8th grader, Clark rushed for more than 2,000 yards and 19 touchdowns in a 9-game schedule, but opted to concentrate on basketball for his first 3 years in high school.

McGonigle, Bonczek Played Pro Baseball

Through new research, I discovered that Joe McGonigle, who was an all-around star athlete for St. Mary's HS in the late 1920's, and graduated in '31, played professional baseball. In 1939, at the age of 25, he played for the New York Giants Class D farm club, Milford in the Eastern Shore League. According to minor league archives the outfielder led the team with 117 games played, an incredible 24 home runs, and was second in batting avg.-.327, and hits-148. He also ripped 24 doubles. In 1940, he went to the St. Louis Cardinals Class B farm team, Allentown in the Interstate League, and also was sent to Sunbury for part of the season. Unfortunately, there were no records available for 1940. What happened after '40 is a mystery, but one can guess that he may have gone into the service or had to provide a better income than minor league baseball would pay for his family.

Stan Bonczek was a talented shortstop who starred for Sayreville HS, and was an All-State choice in his senior year in 1951. In '52, he signed with the Chicago Cubs, and played for their Class D Blackwell team in the Kansas-Oklahoma-Missouri (KOM)

League, where he played in 120 games, had 124 hits, 15 doubles, 7 triples 4 homers, and batted .275. He played for the Chicago White Sox Class C Topeka team in the WA League, but no records are available for him in '53 at the Minor League Archives site. He remained with the White Sox farm system, and did not play at all in 1954, but in '55 with Superior in the C Class Northern League, he appeared in 34 games, hit 3 doubles, and batted .195, and during the year was sent to Class B Waterloo in the III League, but got into only 15 games and had just one hit. Although he only had a "cup of coffee" with Waterloo, he was surrounded with many teammates who went on to play in the major leagues, including, Norm Cash, Barry Latman, Johnny Romano, Willard Marshall, Don Bradley, Russ Herman, Deacon Jones, and Jim McAnany.

Very few locals, if any knew that either McGonigle or Bonczek played professional baseball.

If anyone knows anything or has pictures of Joe McGonigle or Stan Bonczek, please contact The SA Times.



Pictured (l-r) Local business owner Scott Restiano of the Copy Shop, Chicago White Sox third baseman Todd Frazier, Ray Ambrosino, James Caponigro. All are involved with the new Power Pivot trainer. The idea of Power Pivot Trainer came about because as coaches of young players we continually witnessed hitters not using their legs when swinging the bat. That is where you get your power. This product produces muscle memory that will have hitters creating more bat speed and in turn hitting the ball harder. Once a hitter experiences the difference and sees the results of a proper pivot their confidence at the plate will improve and so will their enjoyment of the game. Todd Frazier got on board because of not only his love of the game, but also his commitment to help young players get more enjoyment out of the game. He is a great example of not forgetting where you came from. He still lives in NJ with his wife and 2 children. Go to POWERPIVOTTRAINER.COM for drills and tips. (Photo/Info Submitted)

Glory Days In Local Sports

T.H.E. Game

Year-1950

Sport-Boys Basketball

Teams-St. Mary's vs. Hoffman in the City Series

Recap-The Eagles won their 7th straight game of the season, 67-47. Center Jack Vail copped game scoring laurels with 19 points, and was followed by teammates Luke Lenahan with 15, and Gene Harkins 14. Hoffman was led by John Kovaleski with 16 points, and Charlie Koerner 13.

Player-of-the-Game-Jack Vail

1948-49 St. Mary's Basketball

The Eagles had a new head coach, William Garry to usher in the 1948-49 basketball season, and it turned out to be a tough one for the club, as it finished (11-14). Jerry Connors was the leading scorer with 198 points, followed by Jack Vail 173, Luke Lenahan 161, Bob "Ace" Hennessey 134, Gene Harkins 77, Bud Larkin 75, Jerry Hoban 41, Arky DiMattia 41, Tony Miller 40, Bill "Biff" McKeon 16, Jerry O'Brien 11, Bob Kenny 8, John Antonio 7, Joe Claffy 6, Jim O'Brien 6, Dan Noble 5, Alfie O'Connor 4, Rod Carney 0.

25 Years Ago

1992-Sayreville Bombers football standout D.J. Cleary was selected The News Tribune's Co-Player of the year, and was also an All-Area 1st Team choice.

Back In Those College Days

Tom Zalewski (St. Mary's)-Belmont Abbey, basketball; D.J. Cleary (Sayreville)-Connecticut, football; Doug Batruk (St. Mary's)-Middlesex County College (MCC), basketball; Amanda Cobb (Sayreville)-New Jersey City University, soccer; Bill Beyer (St. Mary's)-Seton Hall University, baseball.

1933-South Amboy nipped Metuchen, 2-1 in 13 innings behind the outstanding pitching and hitting of Lou "Toots" Prasnal, who pitched the entire game, struck out 17, and also starred at the plate, going 3-for-6, driving in the first run in the 2nd inning, and the game-winner in the 13th. Frank and Norman Morgan, and Eckert all added 2 hits apiece. **1944**-St. Mary's slaughtered St. James of Red Bank, 61-26. George Harkins paved the way with 22 points, followed by Bob Fleming 14, Chris Triggs 10 and Dan Fuller 10. **1951**-In CJ Group I basketball semis, Hoffman nipped Carteret, 60-57. John Kovaleski's set shot with 1:05 left broke a 56-all tie, to pave the way for the Purple & Gold. Four Hoffman players hit double figures: John Ciol 18 points, Marvin Wood 13, Kovaleski 13, Charlie Koerner 10. **1963**-St. Mary's ripped Red Bank Catholic, 83-58. Tom Farrell fired in 25 points and ripped 31 rebounds. Joe Chodkiewicz pumped in 21 points and hauled in 15 rebounds, while Jack Kreiger scored 20, and Jay Derent 14 points.

1977-Hoffman shocked St. Joseph's, 82-74, as Bob Clayton poured in 32 points. Teammates Frank Kuziemski 16, Jim Bright 14 and Bill 12, all chipped in for the Governors.

1988-Janine Barella hit a clutch 3-point field goal at the buzzer to give St. Mary's Lady Eagles a thrilling 63-62 semifinal victory over Metuchen in the GMCT semifinals. **1996**-Sayreville's football team blasted Bishop Ahr, 21-7. Dave Gangadyal rushed for 2, 2-yard touchdowns, and Omar Joseph scored on a 7-yard run. Quarterback Dustin Kemple completed 6-of-9 pases for 128 yards. **2002**-In the second round of the GMCT, Sayreville stopped St. Joseph's, 56-42. John Wojcik was top scorer with 15 points, followed by Steve Gitlin 14, and Samir Sanu 14 tallies.



Farrell Also Played At South Carolina U.

Last month my article covered most of the superb career of former St. Mary's Eagles basketball star Tom Farrell. Thanks to former South Amboy Police Chief Jim Wallis, we have learned that after Farrell's terrific 2 years at Kilgore Junior College in Texas, he went on to play at South Carolina University. During his first year with the Gamecocks, he saw limited action, playing 14 games, and scoring 79 points for a 5.6 avg., and also ripped 62 rebounds, 4.4 avg. SC finished (16-7) under Coach Frank McGuire.

In the South Carolina University school newspaper Oct. 28, 1966, Staff Writer Chip Russo wrote about Farrell's arrival at SC.

"The latest edition to the Gamecocks varsity basketball team is junior Tom Farrell,

6-4, 195 lbs. From West Keansburg, NJ. He played his first 2 years of college basketball at Kilgore Junior College in Kilgore, Texas. During his freshman and sophomore years, Farrell was picked for Texas Eastern Conference All-Tournament teams, and he was a unanimous pick for the All-Conference teams."

Wallis recalled seeing him playing for South Carolina on TV, and also said that he heard years ago Farrell was cut by the Buffalo Braves, an NBA team back in the late 60's. Jim, who was a few years behind Farrell in high school said, "He was a tremendous, tremendous player. As good as anybody I ever saw."



Junior Elizabeth Kaczmarek (Sayreville) was the top performer for the Iona College women's swim team at the 2016-2017 MAAC Swimming and Diving Championships this past weekend in Buffalo, NY. On the individual level, Kaczmarek claimed two gold medals in the 200-IM and 400-IM, touching the wall in 2:07.22 and 4:32.25, respectively. Additionally, she finished sixth in the 200-Breaststroke (2:26.30). She was also part of the 800-free relay team which placed third. For this performance, she earned Iona College Athlete of the Week for the second time this season. Elizabeth also earned the distinction of being part of the MAAC Swimming and Diving All-Academic Team. (Photo/Info Submitted)





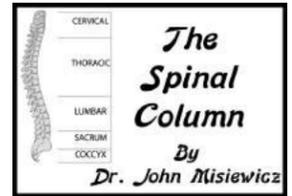
JOHN S. MISIEWICZ, D.C.
Chiropractic Physician
1 Main St., Sayreville, NJ 08872
732-238-8282

Office Hours:
MON – WED – FRI: 9am–12pm, 3–8pm
TUES: 4–7pm SAT: 9am–12pm

FREE CONSULTATION
New Patients Seen Same Day

CHIROPRACTIC ASSOCIATES OF SAYREVILLE

CARES FOR YOU
Through all life's ages... and stages



Valentine's Day Is For Chocolate Lovers

Dark chocolate seems to lower blood pressure, but it requires an amount less than 2 Hershey Kisses to do it. A small study from Germany adds to mounting evidence linking dark chocolate with certain health benefits such as lowering blood pressure and having an anti-inflammatory effect.

A study appeared in the Journal of the American Medical Association by Dr. Dick Taubert of the University of Cologne. It demonstrated that blood pressure reductions with dark chocolate were small but still substantial enough to potentially reduce cardiovascular disease risks.

Volunteers for the study ate just over 6 grams of dark chocolate daily for almost 5 months. It equaled about 1 & 1/2 Hershey Kisses. People who ate that amount ended up with lower blood pressure reading than those who ate a similar amount of white chocolate. Tests suggested that a steady exposure to dark chocolate prompted a chemical change that helped dilate blood vessels and regulate blood pressure. Cocoa contains flavanols, plant based compounds that are also credited with giving red wine its heart healthy benefits.

Dr. Laura Sevetkey director of Duke University Hypertension center stresses that the study results should not be viewed as a license to gorge on chocolate. The weight gain from eating large amounts of dark chocolate would counteract any benefits.

As always an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. The combination of losing weight, eating less salt, exercising, and eating dark chocolate provides strategies to lower your blood pressure.

Fishing Flashes

By Teo "Weebles" Weber



Salt Water

The only fishing going on at this time is hit and misses for Blackfish from the party boats. Some big ones up to 13 pounds have been caught. There are also a few shorts under the 15 inch size limit too. You just have to be lucky. Boats that fish the offshore wrecks are catching Cod and Pollock and more than a few Silver Eels. Those deep depths are also producing large Porgies and out of season Sea Bass. Surf fishing in the ocean for the few short Stripers that were there is finished. Unfortunately, at the last Atlantic Fisheries meeting, New Jersey was forced to go along with the option of the same season as last year but with a 3 fish, 19 inch size limit for 2017 Fluke season. Several elected officials from New York and New Jersey have vowed to contest these strict rules and go higher.

Fresh Water

Forget Ice Fishing. There is no safe ice. Skim ice is present with some open water giving us the worst of both worlds! Holdover Trout in the north Jersey streams are a possibility. Some Trout have been caught in Round Valley from boats. South Jersey rivers and lakes are producing Pickerel.

St. Mary's Grad Tenured At Ramapo College

(Article submitted)

Dr. Tammi Redd, a 1994 St. Mary's Regional graduate has been granted tenure at Ramapo College of New Jersey. She received her Ph.D from University of Texas-Pan American, and is one of only 199 female, African-American Management business school professors in the U.S., most of whom have become professors since the PhD Project was created in 1994. The Project's vision is to diversify corporate America by increasing the number of minority business professors (African-American, Hispanic-American and Native American), who attract more minority students to study business in college.

Fractured Axe

GUITAR SHOP

FULL SERVICE REPAIRS • SET UPS
USED GUITARS • AMPS • PARTS
BUY • SELL • TRADE • SWAP

Clem Skarzynski
Cell 732-824-2019

For All Your Improvement Needs



HOME IMPROVEMENTS

- * Roofing
- * Siding
- * Kitchens Remodeled
- * Finished Basements
- * Decks
- * Drywall
- * Replacement Windows/Doors
- * Custom Cabinets
- * Additions
- * Bathrooms
- * Painting
- * Ceramic Tiling

* Stucco
License Number 13VH03835400

(732) 727-6719 EST. 1968
SOUTH AMBOY, NJ

JOSEPH J. MADURA, D.M.D.

New Jersey Monthly 2012 Top Dentist

360 Main Street
South Amboy, NJ 08879
(732) 721-1166

Mid Jersey Medical Supplies

Fittings by Sheila

Breast Forms • Bra's • Hair Prosthesis (wigs & extensions)
Stair lifts • Wheelchairs • Hospital Beds • Air Mattress
Oxygen • CPAPs • BiPAPs • Nebulizers • Walkers • Commodes
Bath Chairs • Support Hosiery • Diabetic & Orthopedic Shoes
Incontinence Supplies (diapers) • Recliners • & More!

Sales • Rentals • Repairs
106 North Broadway • South Amboy • NJ • 08879
(732) 721-0028 • (732) 721-9364 • (732) 721-0008fax

Heavenly BODYWORKS

AUTO BODY & COLLISION

Lic. # 02654A
8 Elizabeth St.
Sayreville, NJ 08872
732-613-1000

908-753-4222 (FAX) 908-753-4763

Since 1960
PENYAK ROOFING CO.
www.penyakroofing.com

3571 KENNEDY ROAD So. PLAINFIELD, NJ 07080

OIL TANK REMOVERS

- TANK REMOVAL • INSTALLATION
- TANK TESTING • SANDFILL
- ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

ASI ADVANCED SITE IMPROVEMENT (732) 566-0281

C & H ASE Certified
AUTO REPAIR, LLC

Carl Zebrowski
253 Kath Street
South Amboy, NJ 08879
Phone: 732-721-0886
Fax: 732-721-1228

The South Amboy All Stars 1951

By John Flip Phillips

For the third time in four years the boys from Hoffman and St. Mary's were headed back to Johnstown PA, to play in the All American Amateur Baseball Tournament (AAABA). They wore the same uniforms the team wore in 1948. They were passed down to the new players as guys like: Jerry Connors, Jack Mc Keon, and the O'Brien



twins and others moved on to college or professional baseball. The AAABA had an age limit in that anyone turning 19 before August 1st (the month of the tournament) was ineligible. So, the younger guys from the prior years moved into starting positions, and a few were added from other towns to fill out the roster. They stayed in the same hotel but the sleeping arrangements were quite different. The hotel had a large dormitory like room and they all slept on fold out cots. A lot different than putting several guys in a crowded hotel room. I am sure there must have been some "funny" happenings with all those guys gathered together in one big room, like all kinds of noises: talking, snoring, etc. But, when you are young and part of an experience like this, you could probably sleep anywhere. They got money from the city, and town people contributed like in prior years to buy needed equipment and to cover travel expenses. The AAABA provided three meals a day like before, but I don't think they got any snack money like in 1950. And, just like in 1950 they traveled the 292 miles by car. The drivers were Norm Kilcomins, Joe Kudelka, Abe Astarita and the coaches Richie or Smokey Ryan. Bill (Biff) McKeon remembers riding all the way out in Norm Kilcomins' big green Oldsmobile convertible and the top was down all the way. George Spiecker just got his driver's license that year and said that his Mechanicsville "big brother" friend Joe Kudelka let him drive his new car on the return trip.

The Team: South Amboy, George Spiecker, John (Poncho) Kovaleski, Bill (Biff) McKeon, Jim Inman, Billy Bouchard, Pete Bailey, Don (Pep) Bennett and Eddie Downs. South River, Bill Poignonec. Sayreville, Vic Krolik and Joe Schmidt. Perth Amboy, Ken Clebek and Paul Lacity, and Billy Wanca from Woodbridge. It was getting harder and harder to fill the roster with South Amboy players because so many hit the 19 age bracket or went off to play professional ball. So, the need to add more players from other towns. And, the coaches for all 3 teams, 1948, 1950 and 1951, were the Ryan brothers: Richie and "Smokey".

The Games

Game 1: This was a "thriller" going ten innings before the All Stars lost 2-1. It was against the same Baltimore team that beat them the previous year. Bill (Biff) McKeon hit a long home run in the top of the 9th inning to tie the game at 1-1. But Baltimore scored an unearned run in the bottom of the 10th to win it with a walk off. There were not many hits in the game, the only extra base hits for South Amboy were the home run by "Biff" and a double by Jim Inman. Kenny Clebek pitched 9 strong innings allowing only 5 hits while striking out 8. Billy Wanca pitched the 10th inning and took the loss. A tough game to lose!

Game 2: This was another close one against a very good team from Pittsfield Ma. But the All Stars scored 2 runs in the top of the 10th inning to win 3-2. South Amboy tied the game in the 9th with back to back doubles by "Poncho" Kovaleski and Billy Wanca. Then they scored 2 runs in the top of the 10th when "Biff" McKeon doubled bringing in "Poncho" and George Spiecker. Pittsfield scored 1 run in the bottom of the inning but South Amboy held on to win. Billy Wanca went the distance striking out 10 while allowing only 6 hits. "Poncho" had 2 doubles for the Stars.

Game 3: Everything started out the wrong way in this game, and they found themselves on the short end of a 9 to 4 score after 5 innings. However, they exploded for 8 runs in the bottom of the 6th inning to take a 12 to 9 lead which they never relinquished. They scored 4 more runs in the eighth inning

to win going away 17 to 9. There were a lot of hits in this game. Bill "Biff" McKeon led the parade with two long home runs (one a grand slam) and drove in 9 runs, and just about everybody in the lineup chipped in. However, with 2 extra innings games and, a lot of pitches thrown in this game, the guys told me they were concerned that the lack of pitching depth could be a problem. And it was.

Game 4: The pitching depth did take its toll and the All Stars lost to a Washington DC team by a score of 9-3, and were eliminated from the tournament. I am sorry to say I could not find any statistics on this game. Unfortunately, the week this game was played is missing from the South Amboy Citizen archives. And the guys have little memory of it. I think they were just discouraged and wanted to get out of town and return home. As they say in baseball, pitching is everything. Hey, the pitchers they had were great. They had only three starters Kenny Clebek, Billy Wanca, Vic Krolik and Eddie Downs in relief. Together they pitched over 38 innings. So, it ended and the boys came home. And this would be the last trip out to Johnstown for a few years.

The Cake Story

This is how "Biff" McKeon remembers it: The AAABA awarded a cake/radio/and drinking glasses for every home run hit at Point Stadium, the showcase ball field. It held over several thousand people and was usually filled for the games. "On my first at bat I hit a grand slam (4 RBI's), on my next home run (3 RBI's) when I crossed home plate I ran over to the press box and asked if I could have a TV. I thought I at least won at 2 radios. Then I hit a double driving in another 2 runs for a total of 9 RBI's for the day." "Biff" thinks the only thing he got was a radio, he really thought he should have won a radio and TV. George Spiecker and Billy Bouchard had a somewhat different recollection. They remember him getting a cake (after his 1st HR) and it was passed around the dugout eventually getting all over Jim Inman. Whatever, it must have been one hell of a game and happy celebration afterwards. You don't have many days like that.

EPILOGUE

As I developed this story I could see one guy after another leave the team due to the tournament age restriction or to follow other paths. It became obvious to me that the ranks were thinning, and an era was passing. Over time the guys split up and went their separate ways. Some stayed local and others spread out across the country to add a little "South Amboy" flavor to their new homes.

Jack Mc Keon and the O'Brien twins Johnny and Eddie went on to make their mark. "Trader Jack" had a long baseball career first as a manager in the minor leagues, then managed in the majors, followed by becoming a General Manager (hence the name Trader Jack) and, back to managing in the majors for several teams before guiding the Florida Marlins to a World Series Championship in 2003. Jack settled in Elon North Carolina where he went to college. The O'Brien twins went on to become All-American college basketball players while at Seattle University. Then they signed with the Pittsburgh Pirates (by Bing Crosby then a co-owner of the Pirates) as "Bonus Babies" and played in the majors. They relocated to Seattle Washington after baseball and both led successful careers out on the west coast.

Jerry Connors went to college (Belmont Abbey), and after graduation joined the Marines. After a long career, he retired as a Lt. Colonel. As a former Marine let me tell you that's no small accomplishment. I still call him SIR. He married a South Amboy girl named Annmarie Cannon. She was the cheerleader captain of

the 1954 St. Mary's varsity basketball team.

George Spiecker stayed local. He married his high school sweetheart (Jerry Connors' sister Dorothy (Dixie)) and together they had six children. George worked as an electrical contractor, and in his "Mature Years" became an accomplished author. My wife Iris is reading one of his books as I write this. George was an all-around athlete. Baseball, basketball and a "Golden Glove" boxer, he was even a pretty-good softball pitcher. And, if St. Mary's had a football team back then I bet he would have been the quarterback.

Bill "Biff" McKeon graduated from Seton Hall University and, signed a contract with the Boston/Milwaukee Braves, but along the way he hurt his throwing arm and that was the end of professional baseball. He then became a scout for the following teams: Philadelphia Phillies, Los Angeles Angels, Kansas City Royals, Oakland A's and San Diego Padres. He was also a teacher and the athletic director in the Old Bridge school district for many years, before relocating to his wife Betty's hometown, Evansville Indiana. He met Betty when he was playing for the Evansville minor league team. And, Betty was the sister of the team's left fielder. They celebrated their 60th anniversary on February 9th, HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! Once settled in Indiana he continued his major-league scouting, taught high school and even became a high school principal. And, he has been the radio "color" voice for the Frontier League baseball team for the last 8 years, The Evansville Otters.

Richie and Smokey Ryan were always part of the sports scene when I was growing up. Smokey drove around town in his Forsgate milk truck (with his helper Tommy Lovely) delivering milk to your door. And, he was my JV basketball coach and Woody McCarthy's assistant when I played varsity. Richie worked for the Post Office, I remember him at the counter selling stamps at the old Post Office on Broadway, not the "new" one by Bordentown Avenue.

Johnny "Skeets" Skarzynski, Tony Lopez and Billy Bouchard stayed local. "Skeets" worked at DuPont for many years, and in my early days at DuPont I worked with him once-in-a-while as his co-pilot on a truck, he could always make me laugh. He probably umpired more than a 1000 city little league baseball or softball games in town. And, who can forget his umpire partner Tony driving that black and orange Sanitary Co. fuel truck around town delivering oil to heat our homes. If you knew Tony, you liked him. He was that type of guy, low-keyed but with a sense of humor. Billy also stayed local. He married a South Amboy girl, Arlene Yeager, and together they raised 4 children. I asked him why he settled in South Amboy? His answer: "I love this city, it's been good to us." He worked many years as a lineman for Jersey Central Power and Light. You know those guys that went out in all kinds weather (snow, sleet etc.) to put the lights and heat back on after a storm.

"Skeets" and Tony: If you played softball from let's say the early 60's until long after I left town in 1974 I bet you remember "Skeets" and Tony as the umpires for almost every game played at Veterans Field. They were not only umpires, they were part of the game, always talking and joking with the guys. I remember one play in-particular that I think defines "Skeets". I was playing second base and made a sweeping tag on a guy trying to steal the base, but I missed him by a mile. When I turned around to go back to make the tag "Skeets" turned me around, and as he walked me to the bench he said: "John, don't ever do that

again. If I call him out he's out, don't make me look bad. Then he said, nice tag". That was "Skeets".

I could go on and on. I remember almost all those guys "Poncho" Kovaleski (a slick fielder and talker), Bobby Kenny



(a pretty-good softball pitcher), Alfie O'Connor (we called him "the foot" because of his pitching windup), Ray Wisniewski, Ray Stockton (an excellent pitcher), "Ace" Hennessey (a slick shortstop), Jimmy Inman (a real nice guy and a friend), and Jim "Troubles" O'Brien always there for the guys to lighten things up. I remember Stan Bonczek and Charlie Kolakowski because I saw them play

against Hoffman or St. Mary's up at Veterans Field. A lot of the other guys I don't remember and some I did not know. But, I know if they played with these guys they were good. I had good luck in having four of the guys in this story coach me when I played basketball: George Spiecker, Jack McKeon and Bill "Biff" McKeon in grammar school, and "Smokey Ryan" in high school. I bet when those guys who are still with us read this story, they will head off to sleep that night thinking about their old friends, and remembering the things that happened 65 years ago, and they will smile.

Hall of Fame

When I researched the AAABA archives I found that the brothers McKeon, and the O'Brien twins were in the tournament Hall of Fame. Then I found out that they were also in the St. Mary's Hall of Fame. That's an accomplishment that will probably never happen again.

A couple of other guys from those 48-51 teams are also in the St. Mary's Hall of Fame. Ray Stockton, an All-County and All State pitcher. He played professional ball, and in today's baseball world would have probably made the majors. Don "Pep Bennett", All-County and All-State basketball. He went on to St. Louis University on a basketball scholarship, and for many years was a successful dentist in South Amboy.



Alumni

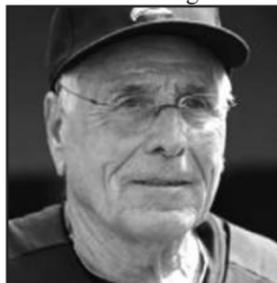
I have said this is a prestigious tournament, and it is. Here is a short list of the many, many guys who played, and then went on to successful major-league careers: Orel Hershiser Dodgers, John Smoltz Braves, Al Kaline Tigers, Ken Griffey Jr. Mariners, Joe Torre Yankees, Mark Teixeira Yankees, John Franco Mets, Tom Kelly Twins. And the list goes on and on, it's very impressive. You had to be good to get in the tournament, and you had to be very good to win against that type of competition, and the boys from South Amboy were very good.

A special thanks to Jerry Connors (my copy editor), Bill "Biff" McKeon and George Spiecker. We sent a lot of e-mails back and forth. I asked a lot of questions and they would respond over and over. Thanks for your patience guys. And, Billy Bouchard who was very "lively" with amusing stories when Jerry, George and I met in South Amboy that cold November to begin the 1950 and 1951 stories. And, of course to Tommy Burkard for hosting our get-together, and allowing me to take up space in his paper: The South Amboy/Sayreville Times.

And, remember this all happened in that: "Pleasant Little City by The Bay", South Amboy! The End



Bill "Biff" McKeon



Jack McKeon

GOT COMPUTER PROBLEMS?

COMPUTER VIRUS!!! MY HARD DRIVE CRASHED!!!!
 I NEED MORE MEMORY!!! ADWARE!!!
 SPYWARE!!!!

BROADWAY COMPUTER REPAIR

732-952-2626

Sales, Service and Support

100 South Broadway, South Amboy, NJ

Memory Upgrade	Computer Backup & Restore
Printer Setup & Repair	Software & Application Training
PC Tune-ups & Upgrades	Computer Repair (Laptop & Desktop)
Virus & Spyware Removal	Wireless Network Setup & Configuration

Office Hours
 Monday to Friday 10 - 6:30 pm
 Saturday 10 - 4 pm

Logos: hp, DELL, Apple, COMPAQ, Microsoft, IBM, INVENT

Carol's Beauty Salon
 130 South Broadway
 South Amboy
 For Appointments Call
 732-727-1121

Open:
 Wed. 9-3
 Thurs. 9-4
 Fri. 9-5
 Sat. 9-3

- Perms
- Body Waves
- Highlights
- Roller Sets
- Teasing
- Blow Drys

Happy Saint Patrick's Day

SCRUPLES

Gift Certificates Available

GKB Landscaping
 Since 1999

Professional Lawn Maintenance & Landscape Contractors

- Mulch - Trimming - Sod - Retaining Walls
- Paver Walkways & Patios
- Spring Leaf Cleanups

732-589-4373
 www.gkblandscaping.com

Logos: VISA, MasterCard, Discover, American Express

Your Ad Here

Call Brian - 732-841-5249

EUROPEAN CLEANING SERVICE
 Residential • Commercial
 "No Job Too Small Or Too Big"

Linda Moran
 Proprietor (732)525-8964

CENTRAL JERSEY STARTER & ALTERNATOR, INC.
 1809 Rt. 35, Morgan, NJ 732-727-4486
 AUTO & MARINE ELECTRICAL SPECIALISTS
 Rebuilt Starters & Alternators - Wiring - Shorts

WEBER'S GARAGE
 1815 Rt. 35, Morgan, NJ 732-721-1280
 Domestic & Foreign

- NJ State Inspection
- Emission Repair
- Front End Alignment
- Automotive - Light Truck Repair

ASE Logo

KW WEST MONMOUTH
 KELLER WILLIAMS REALTY

50 Route 9 North
 Morganville, NJ 07751

Cell: 908-217-4483
 Office: 732-536-4212

Deena1030@KW.com
 LuvMyNewHome.com

Deena Urbanik
 REALTOR ASSOCIATE®

More's **JEWELRY**

80 MAIN STREET
 SAYREVILLE
 (732) 238-5077
 GREAT PRICES BELOW RETAIL!

42 Years of Reliability

Feel Safe & Secure with the Expert Jeweler!

- * Complete Jewelry Service
- * We Size Rings and Do Repairs
- * We Repair Watches and Clocks

• Large Selection Of Rings For Re-Mounts
 • Diamonds Re-Mounted While You Wait

We Buy Gold & Diamonds!!
 Turn Your Old GOLD Into Cash
 Best Prices for Gold & Diamonds!

Obituaries

Barlow, Dominick J., 75, formerly of South Amboy died on Jan. 22.

Bartz, Leroy "Roy," 81, of South Amboy died on Jan. 22.

Bastek, Frieda, 92, of Sayreville died on Feb. 3.

Brady, Jack L., 86, formerly of Sayreville died on Jan. 19.

Bourdeau, Nancy Illes, 56, formerly of South Amboy died on Feb. 14.

Britting, Violet L., 92, of South Amboy died on Jan. 13.

Burlett, Hardy, 85, of Parlin died on Jan. 9.

Del Ponte, Simeone, 90, of Sayreville died on Feb. 15.

Diffin, George O., 75, of Sayreville died on Jan. 13.

Down, Marjorie V., 52, of Sayreville died on Feb. 12.

Dragotta, Joseph "Roy," 80, of South Amboy died on Jan. 22.

Elyea, Michele K. "Mikki," 71, of South Amboy died on Feb. 1.

Gallagher, Shirley A., 83, formerly of Sayreville died on Jan. 26.

Godeski, Mary, 89, of Morgan died on Jan. 20.

Hockenjos, Thomas, 67, formerly of Sayreville died on Jan. 30.

Jastrzebski, William, 72, of Parlin died on Feb. 4.

Juliano, Steven V., 85, of Parlin died on Jan. 16.

Kanecke, Kevin E., 58, of South Amboy died on Jan. 17.

Kausch, Isabelle D., 86, of Parlin died on Feb. 4.

Klimek, Walter P., 90, of South Amboy died on Feb. 8.

Kovacs, Laszlo K. "Laci" "Les," 76, formerly of South Amboy died on Jan. 30.

Mauro, Carmela C., 99, of Sayreville died on Feb. 3.

Nash, William "Bill", 57, of South Amboy died on Jan. 17.

Nietubyc, Mieczyslaw, 99, of Sayreville died on Feb. 4.

Pickard, Raymond, 66, formerly of South Amboy died on Feb. 12.

Pittington, Roy, 42, died on Jan. 31.

Poetsch, Jean A. Dowling, 98, of South Amboy died on Jan. 29.

Prusarczyk, Richard J., 47, of Sayreville died on Feb. 4.

Springard, Gerald, 76, formerly of Parlin died on Jan. 15.

Stroin, Joseph E., 87, of South Amboy died on Jan. 13.

Triggs, Jane M. Monaghan, 91, of South Amboy died on Jan. 29.

Weck, Harry F., 90, formerly of Sayreville died on Jan. 28.

Wojcik, Jean Kupsch, 81, of Sayreville died on Jan. 30.

Bourdeau, Nancy Illes, 56, formerly of South Amboy died on Feb. 14.

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

Lord, you invited all who are burdened to come to You. Allow your healing hand to heal me. Touch my soul with Your compassion for others. Touch my heart with Your courage and infinite love for all. Touch my mind with Your wisdom, that my mouth may always proclaim Your praise. Teach me to reach out to You in my need. Help me to lead others to You by my example. Most loving heart of Jesus, bring me health in my body and spirit so that I may serve You with all my strength. Touch gently with this life that you have created. Amen -T.B.

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

Lord, you invited all who are burdened to come to You. Allow your healing hand to heal me. Touch my soul with Your compassion for others. Touch my heart with Your courage and infinite love for all. Touch my mind with Your wisdom, that my mouth may always proclaim Your praise. Teach me to reach out to You in my need. Help me to lead others to You by my example. Most loving heart of Jesus, bring me health in my body and spirit so that I may serve You with all my strength. Touch gently with this life that you have created. Amen -S.R.

Back to Roller Skating

Parties **South Amboy Arena** **Lessons**

270 North Stevens Avenue, South Amboy, NJ 08879

732-727-1122

Field Trips **www.Rollermagic.com** **Private Rentals**

Trip To Mackinac Island

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Mackinac Island from May 17 - 22, 2017. The cost of the trip is \$1000 which includes lodging including two on the island at the Island House, 5 breakfasts, Grand Luncheon at the Grand Hotel, and 2 dinners, one at Zehnder's at Frankenmuth. The group will visit Bronner's Christmas Wonderland, Frankenmuth, Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village and much more. For further information or to make a reservation for the trip contact Teri at 732-727-7639 or 732-742-1320.

In Memoriam

By Tom Burkard

Gerald Springard, 76, formerly of Parlin died on Jan. 15. He was a proud veteran of the U.S. Air Force, and served from 1957-61. Gerald was an active member of Sayreville American Legion Post #211, and was highly-respected by all. Leroy "Roy" Bartz, 81, of South Amboy died on Jan. 22. Roy was a native of Melrose, and worked as a Utilities Operator for MCUA in Sayreville for many years. He was a proud U.S. Army Reserve veteran, and a great guy, who will be sadly missed, but never forgotten by his friends at Waterfront Park in South Amboy/Sayreville. Dominick Barlow, 75, formerly of South Amboy died on Jan. 22. He was an Exempt member and ex-Captain of Mechanicsville Fire Co., and also past President of the South Amboy Girls Softball League. Shirley Gallagher, 83, formerly of Sayreville died on Jan. 26. She was founder/operator of The Gallagher Agency, an insurance company in Sayreville until retiring in '96. Two very wonderful ladies, both having the name Jean, and devoted to their families, as well as being admired by all, passed away recently. Jean Poetsch, 98, of South Amboy who was very active with the South Amboy Senior Center, and a member of Christ Episcopal Church died on Jan. 29, and Jean Wojcik, 81, of Sayreville died on Jan. 30. Jane Triggs, 91, of South Amboy died on Jan. 29. A 1943

graduate of St. Mary's HS, she was an active volunteer with the Caring Listeners Program at St. Mary's Grammar School, and also volunteered with Raritan Bay Medical Center, and NJ Garden State Arts Center.

Laszlo "Les" Kovacs, 76, formerly of South Amboy died on Jan. 30. He was the owner/operator of A-1 Service in Morgan for 25 years, and later Service Technician with Sears in Union for 22 years. Another "good guy" he will always be remembered. Thomas Hockenjos, 67, formerly of Sayreville died on Jan. 30. He taught for 41 years at Hammarskjold Middle School in East Brunswick, and was varsity baseball coach and JV soccer coach for East Brunswick HS. Carmela Mauro, 99, of Sayreville died on Feb. 3. She was an accomplished singer, who sang Opera for Salmaggio's Opera Co. in Brooklyn, NY, and also sang Country Western in area clubs for over 30 years, and was still singing at the Sayreville Senior Center, where she was known as "The Sayreville Sweetheart." Richard Prusarczyk, 47, of Sayreville died on Feb. 4. He was a life member and on the Board of Directors of the Sayreville Historical Society, where he served as Trustee.

May they all rest and peace, and never be forgotten.

Joseph "Roy" Dragotta

AGE: 80 • South Amboy

Joseph "Roy" Dragotta, 80, of South Amboy died on Sunday January 22, 2017 at Haven Hospice at JFK Medical Center, Edison. Born in Perth Amboy he lived in South Amboy for 18 years and another 29 years in Parlin before returning to South Amboy in 2011. Before retiring he was employed by the South Amboy Police Department as the senior patrolman, where he earned the nickname "Broadway Joe" from the early years walking the beat. He was also employed as the security guard of over 20 years for FoodTown, South Amboy. A member and past president of PBA Local 63, he was also a social member of the Mechanicsville Fire Department. An avid sports fan Roy enjoyed watching his grandchildren play sports as well as the New York Giants and Chicago Cubs. In 2016 he had the fortune of completing his 'bucket list' by traveling to



Joseph "Roy" Dragotta

Italy, visiting Wrigley Field, the Cubs finally winning the World Series and reconnecting with his first wife Helen Ruszala.

Son of the late Roy and Josephine Fimiani Dragotta, he is also predeceased by his wife Ann Larsen Dragotta in 2008. He is survived by his sons John Dragotta and his wife Diane; Roy Dragotta; and daughter Marie Dragotta Smith and her husband Jim all of South Amboy; his grandchildren Joseph, Nicholas and Charles Smith and Hannah and Jenna Dragotta; his stepchildren Gene Nieto, Suzanne Nieto Cavanaugh, Patricia Bisignano and John Christopher Nieto; and their children and spouses.

Funeral services were under the direction of The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN
(Never known to fail) Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me, herein you are my mother. Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth! I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it and it will be granted to you. Thank you. -E.A..

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN
(Never known to fail) Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me, herein you are my mother. Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth! I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it and it will be granted to you. Thank you. -S.F.

Your life was a blessing,
your memory a treasure.
You are loved beyond words
and missed beyond measure.



Forever and Always,
Shirley, Brandon,
Family and Friends

Kenneth G. Kubinak
Who Departed This Life
8 Years Ago
Feb. 12, 2009 - Feb. 12, 2017

Where in New Jersey?



February's location has lots of love! Send your answer in to: satimes@aol.com or scan below by March 12th.

January Information Where in New Jersey?

By Brian & Phyllis Stratton



Great job everyone, congratulations to Dennis Quinlan, Joe Prusik, Peter McIntyre, Bruce Buckiewicz, Dane Colburn, Leon Credico., Jim Malkiewicz, Gary Feret, Jan Williams, Elizabeth Leveille, Chuck Picard, Pat & Bill Scully.

Sea Girt Lighthouse

Sea Girt Lighthouse, at Ocean Avenue and Beacon Boulevard in Sea Girt, New Jersey, flashed its first light December 10, 1896. The beacon, which could be seen 15 miles at sea, guided countless mariners in their journeys and contributed to the state's economic growth and helped make sailing through local waters safer.

In mid-1921, Sea Girt became the first land-based light station equipped with a radio beacon navigation system, designed

to enable mariners to navigate into New York Harbor and through local waters in poor conditions such as heavy fog.



December Where in New Jersey? Holmdel Horn Antenna

The South Amboy High School Players present



THE MUSICAL BY
QUEEN AND Ben Elton
March 10 & 11, 2017 7pm
March 12, 2017 2pm
South Amboy
Middle/High School
Theatre

Tickets \$10 in advance
\$12 at the door

Call 732-316-7668 For Tickets



Come Celebrate Our

GRAND OPENING

Thursday February 23rd

9:00 am

Stevens Avenue

Deli & Liquor

- Opening Day -

*** Raffles**

*** Complimentary Coffee**

*** Complimentary Hot Dogs**

*Stop in our completely Modernized
and Energized store
under new Management.*

*We are offering full Deli Services,
Plus, Plus, Plus!!!*



250 NORTH STEVENS AVE.

SOUTH AMBOY

732-721-9082