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South Amboy Fire Dept. #1 In New Jersey

(Article submitted)

The 140th New Jersey State Firemen's Annual Parade and Convention was held September 15-16 in Wildwood N.J. with over 200 companies and departments registered. The South Amboy Fire Department and First Aid proudly came home with 10 awards. Best Appearing ; Ambulance -1st place South Amboy First Aid ; Command Vehicle - 2nd place Fire Chief's Truck; Pumper 25-50 years - 1st place Mechanicsville Engine 10; Pumper 16-24 years - 1st place Protection Engine 6 ; Ladder Truck - 1st place Enterprise Truck 8 ; Fire Department Over All Apparatus -2nd place ; Fire Department Color Guard - 1st place ; Marching Unit Over 21 Persons - 1st place ; Overall Marching Unit With Music-1st place ; and The President's Trophy Best Appearing Fire Department Apparatus And Marching Over All . STATE CHAMPS !

Chief Steven Szatkowski ,1st Asst. Chief Mike Toth and 2nd Asst. Chief Brian Tierney would like to say it is an honor to march down New Jersey Ave. with men and women that have so much pride and dedication in everything they do, representing The City of South Amboy. A Great job by all who cleaned and shined all the apparatus. The Fire Department would like to thank family and friends that came to cheer us on in Wildwood. Thank You Mayor and Council for your continued support. To the community of South Amboy, thank you for putting up with all the noise and obstacles that comes with preparing our apparatus this time of year. We are always at your call to protect life and property. Thank you from the New Jersey State Firemen's Convention Champions ! We are (Family by Fire).



The South Amboy Fire Dept. was crowned the top fire department in all of New Jersey at the Wildwood Convention. Along with the South Amboy First Aid & Safety Squad, they amassed 10 awards! Pictured with their winning trophies are (l-r) 2nd Assistant Chief Brian Tierney, 1st Assistant Chief Mike Toth, Chief Steven Szatkowski, and Mayor Fred Henry, who was on hand to congratulate the firefighters. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



Walter "Sonny" Kozak Jr. Former Fire Chief Dies

By Tom Burkard

Walter "Sonny" Kozak Jr., 78, who served as South Amboy Fire Chief in 1975, died at home in Hampton, Virginia on Aug. 28. "Sonny" was a member of Enterprise Snorkel since 1966, and also held membership in the NJ State Volunteer Fire Chief Association; American Legion Post 25; Hampton Moose Lodge. He worked at Tenneco Chemicals and also at Northville Industries, Linden, until retirement.

Kozak was predeceased by his mother Margaret Kozak, father Walter Kozak Sr., brothers, John, Joseph, Mark and sister Marjorie Whitaker. He will be sadly missed, and is survived by his wife of 52 years, Connie Hansell Kozak, his loving daughter Colleen and son-in-law Joe Dorio, the "loves" of his life, his granddaughters Kaitlyn and Ashley from Hampton, VA, his sister Christine Cwiklik from Hazlet, brother-in-law Douglas Whitaker from Sayreville, and brother-in-law Daniel Hansell from Belvidere, IL, and many nieces and nephews. He was a member of St. Mary's Church, South Amboy. "Sonny" will be sadly missed but never forgotten.

Rotary Club Dedicates Park to Edwin A. Kolodziej

By Clem Skarzynski



Jeff Pawlowski (l) President of the Old Bridge/Sayreville Rotary Club reads the dedication of the new handicapped park near the Center For Lifelong Learning School on Cheesequake Rd. in Parlin, to Edwin A. Kolodziej (c) while his wife Renee (r) proudly looks on. The dedication was for Ed's outstanding service above self to his country, community, and to his family and friends. The South Amboy-Sayreville Times would also like to bestow their congratulations to Ed for this prestigious honor. (Photo/caption by Joe Lotkowitz)

On Thursday, Sept. 14th, 2017, the Old Bridge/Sayreville Rotary Club held their dedication of the newly built handicapped park and playground located at the Center for Lifelong Learning School on Cheesequake Road in Parlin. The park was named in honor of Sayreville resident and decorated WW II hero Edwin A. Kolodziej. Edwin, who served as an infantryman and machine gun specialist with the 379th Regimental Combat Scouts of the 95th infantry division under General George Patton, from 1943-1945. He has been decorated with the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, the Combat Infantry Badge and the N.J. Distinguished Service Medal. He is a 1943 graduate of Sayreville High School, where he was also inducted into the school's Hall of Fame in 2005. He was admitted to the Practice of Law in 1953, was Assistant Prosecutor in Middlesex County, Assemblyman-At-Large N.J. State Legislature from 1972-73,

Lottery Commissioner in 1971, Counsel to Sayreville's Planning Board and Board of Education. Residing in Sayreville with his wife, Irene Halmi Kolodziej, Edwin is still active in his hometown, belonging to many organizations, clubs, be it civil, fraternal, charitable and religious. Congratulations Edwin on the park being dedicated in your name. Thank you for your dedication to our country and community and your unending service to us all.

"Clem and Friends" At So.River VFW Saturday Oct.28th

Central Jersey's "Classic Rockers" Clem and Friends will be at the South River VFW Post #1451, 31 Reid St., So.River for their Halloween Classic Rock /Oldies Dinner

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New Principal Welcomed At Our Lady of Victories

By Tom Burkard

The new school year for 2017-2018 is now underway, and faculty and students welcomed their new principal, Cynthia Casciola-Kitts to Our Lady of Victories School in Sayreville. She has an extensive 30-year career in the educational field, and has served as an elementary school teacher and principal in New York and Brooklyn, prior to being promoted to the position of associate superintendent for strategic planning and marketing for the Diocese of Brooklyn. In New Jersey, she has served as the Trenton Diocese associate director for elementary schools from 2010-2014. Casciola-Kitts was most recently principal of Immaculate Conception School in Annandale from 2015-2017. Our best wishes to Principal Casciola-Kitts for a successful school year



Cynthia Casciola-Kitts

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Seven New Teachers At South Amboy Schools. The 2017-18 school year ushered seven new teachers to the South Amboy Public Schools. During the New Teacher Orientation, school administrators provided workshops on technology, lesson planning, best practices, and an overview of district systems and applications. The New Teacher Orientation is geared to provide our new faculty members with the tools for a successful transition. The district also coordinated a tour of the City of South Amboy and invited the Honorable Mayor Fred Henry to narrate the tour providing historical perspectives of landmarks throughout the City. Mayor Henry is a retired faculty member and former History teacher. Pictured from left to right: Superintendent of Schools Jorge E. Diaz; Board of Education President Janet Kern; Math Teacher Katherine Pagnotta, Elementary Teacher Lindsay Bates; Math Teacher Colleen Partenope; Music Teacher Lorraine Cotter; Special Education Teacher Susan Shay; English Teacher Nicole Vancil; Special Education Teacher Jessica Grasso; Mayor Fred Henry. (Photo/Info Submitted)

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Celebrating 33 Years

Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

60th Anniversary Wishes

Our very special Anniversary wishes go out to Frank and Lorraine Grimley of South Amboy, who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary, June 2nd. Congratulations and many more!

Cheeseman Recalls South Amboy Inspirations

Former South Amboy resident and '67 St. Mary's HS graduate Daniel Cheeseman went on to graduate from the U.S. Air Force Academy, and a highly-successful 31-year military career in active duty, and the Minnesota Air National Guard. I recently had a chance to catch up with my old Mechanicsville Babe Ruth League teammate from 1964-65, and he said that "Coaches Joe

McCarthy and Joe Kelly had a fundamental impact on my character development and going to the U.S. Air Force Academy, and a 31-year military career in active duty and the Minnesota Air National Guard. It was a time back during those Babe Ruth League years, with the Joes that impacted my decision to become an Air National Guard Aviator and Honeywell Engineer, and eventually resulted in me coaching American Legion baseball and also Bantam Hockey."

College News

Dean's List (Spring)

University of Scranton-Kelly S. O'Donnell (South Amboy)
The College Of New Jersey-Aman Upadhyay (Sayreville); Kimberly Hackshaw (South Amboy); Kaitlyn Klosek (South Amboy).
Fairleigh Dickinson University (Metropolitan Campus)-Ivonne Escareno (South Amboy).
Delaware Valley University-Lianne Villano (Sayreville).

Honors List (Spring)

Fairleigh Dickinson University (Florham Campus)-Jessica Villano (Sayreville); Isaiah Todman (Sayreville); Leslie Owens (Laurence Harbor).
Fairleigh Dickinson University (Metropolitan Campus)-Ashley Sierra (Sayreville) Virginia Platon (South Amboy); Carlos Fernandez (South Amboy); Dominique Jarvis (Laurence Harbor).

Graduates

Kristen Misak (Sayreville)-Hofstra University-Bachelor of Business Administration in marketing.
Hiral Piyushbhai Patel (Sayreville)-Monroe College-Master of Business Administration in Business Management.

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PLEASANT LITTLE TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

- Valedictorian of St. Mary's HS Class of '77?
a.Laura Adamounis b.Richard Woods c.Alice Moskal
- In 1986, this sub shop was located at North Stevens Ave.?
a.Mag's Subs b.City Subs c.Suzy's Subs
- Appointed Sayreville Municipal Judge in 1987?
a.John Everett b.John Lucitt c.Robert McGowan Jr.
- In '86, scoutmaster of Troop 95, Sacred Heart?
a.Dave Lobydz b.Marty Ruszala c.Stanley Kapica
- In 1986, who did William Beattie replace as principal of Hoffman HS?
a.David Inman b.Robert Bloodgood c.Joseph DePasquale
- The Sayreville VFW Citizen of the Year for 1975?
a.Wilhelmina Daly b.John Treblehorn c.Eustace Wilson
- In '79, where was Spinelli Ford located in Sayreville?
a.Rt. 35 South b.Washington Rd. c.Rt. 9 North
- In 1977, Parlin Supply House sold?
a.health aids b.air conditioners c.bicycles
- Where was A-1 Service located?
a.Rt. 35 Morgan b.Main St. Sayreville c.Rt. 35 Melrose
- In 1982, where was Sayreville Lawn & Garden Center located?
a.Main St. b.Jernee Mill Rd. c.Bordentown Ave.

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

Business Of The Month
Frank's Automotive Service



Frank Guimano, owner of the popular Frank's Automotive Service, located on Oak St., in the Melrose section of Sayreville next to Strouse Electric and across from Melrose Park, is hard at work, as he gets a customer's vehicle back into perfect running condition. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Frank Guimano has always been interested in working on mechanical things, which ultimately blossomed into his automotive career. He is an ASE Certified Mechanic, and his work skills entail everything except tire work or wheel alignments.

Frank's Automotive Service specializes in brakes, diagnostics, tune-ups, water pumps, clutches, all based in a general automotive repair area. He said that, "We can handle almost all repairs on most makes and models." The business, which

is one of the most highly-regarded auto repair facilities around, offers a convenient waiting room, and ample parking for customers. Anyone that comes to Frank's Automotive Service for auto repairs should feel confident enough to speak to Frank, who is a master mechanic, about their vehicle.

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VIETNAM VETERAN'S SERVICE

On Sunday, October 15th, American Legion Lenape Post 211 of Sayreville will conduct their sixth annual Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Ceremony. This solemn service will be held at the Post Home located at 240 MacArthur Avenue in Sayreville starting promptly at 5:00 p.m. During the ceremony, a memorial tribute will be made to the eight young men who gave the ultimate sacrifice in defense of democracy in Vietnam. Those young men are: RAULORTA, USMC, KIA 2/1/1967; WAYNE A. GRANT, USA, KIA 10/26/1967; FRANCIS D. BATTISTA,

USMC, KIA 11/11/1967; THOMAS A. MARCHUT, USA, KIA 2/5/1968; WALTER D. FAITH, USA, KIA 2/24/1968; WILLIAM B. KIMBALL, JR., USA, KIA 5/6/1968; RICHARD E. BIESIADA, USA, KIA 5/21/1968; JOHN P. BYRNE, USMC, KIA 4/30/1969.

In addition to remembering these men, recognition will be made to all Vietnam Veterans in attendance with a 50th Anniversary Vietnam War Veteran pin. Invitation is made to all Vietnam Veterans.

South Amboy Resident Receives Eagle Scout Award

South Amboy Boy Scout Troop 91 member Erik J. Kuhn was presented his Eagle Scout award during a Court of Honor conducted at Camp Dill in Clinton Township on July 16, 2017. The South Amboy resident was honored in front of his family; friends; representatives of the Monmouth Council, B.S.A.; and other Scouting peers.

Kuhn is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Brian Kuhn and is a 2017 graduate of Saint John Vianney High School in Holmdel. He currently attends Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken.

Obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout is the highest honor that a Scout can earn, and historically only approximately 2% of all registered Scouts actually are able to achieve the honor. Requirements are extensive and include obtaining numerous skills through the Merit Badge program, demonstration of on-going service and leadership responsibility in the Troop and the community, and the successful completion of a Council approved Service Project that must benefit the community.

Kuhn's project, called "Care Packages for the Homeless", was unique in that he was able to activate resources in his community that benefited an entity in another community, which in turn benefits many surrounding communities. Under his direction, planning, and leadership, volunteers were able to acquire through donations hundreds of everyday items that most people take for granted. Donated things such as soap, socks, deodorant and blankets were separated into categories and then actual "backpacks" were made up and taken to Jeremiah's Refuge Emergency Shelter in Perth Amboy. These will be given to their residents as required. Because of the overwhelming success of his



Scout Erik Kuhn celebrates his Eagle Scout award at Camp Dill in Clinton Township, NJ. (Photo/ Story Submitted)

project, Kuhn was able to supply over 60 backpacks and also several boxes of excess items to replenish them as needed.

Troop 91 of South Amboy celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2016 and is one of the oldest Boy Scout Troops in the nation. Any boy between the ages of 11 and 18 interested in joining can attend a weekly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday nights at the First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy on Broadway.



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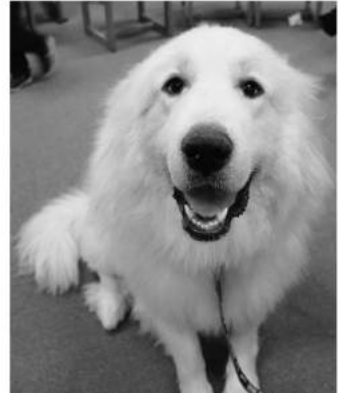
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Former N.J. State Troopers Picnic. L to R, Mike Deitche, Jack Brennan, Dan Ballance, Jim McSorley, Austin O'Malley and Mike Downs having a great time at the German American Club in Hamilton, NJ August 2017. (Photo/info submitted)

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Yearbook-Hoffman 1972

By Tom Burkard

As H.G. Hoffman High School's Class of '72 returned for its final year in September 1971, Paul McCartney's "Uncle Albert" and Donny Osmond's "Go Away Little Girl" were played all over the airways, as the top hits in the US. Adam Martin was principal, and some of his fine staff included: John Kovalski, John Moran, Miriam Wolin, Joann Babish, Sally Ahlsten, John Zdanewicz, Woodrow "Woody" McCarthy. Many assemblies were held that school year including the Thanksgiving and Christmas, in addition to other social activities including the Junior Dance "Pumpkin Patch," and the Senior Dance-"Snowball Dance." The seniors nipped the faculty, 50-47 in the annual basketball game. St. Mary's edged the Guvs boys, 15-12 in the Columbus Day Football Classic, and in the first girls Columbus Day football game in history, St. Mary's stopped Hoffman, 6-0. Mary O'Leary was President of the Student Council, Robert Levins-V.P., Patty Flynn-Sec., Sheila Polanski-Treas. Susan Newton was Editor-In-Chief of the yearbook, and also president of the National Honor Society, and Captain of the Cheerleaders. The yearbook was dedicated to Rich Klein. Theresa Jankowski and JoAnn Neves were Co-Editors of the school newspaper. Eileen Zakrzewski was President of the Pep Club. Some of the fabulous Class of '72 selected randomly were: Laurie Stratton, Eldrida Bullard, Theodore Albanese, Patricia Diem, Michael Brown, Rosemarie Dohn, Robert Brezezinski, Mary Gallagher, Debra Whitcomb, James Heath, Robert Hoffman, Carol Komosinski, Michelle Kosovich, Thomas Komick, Phyllis Letteriello, Esther Machat, Vanessa Mancini, Lois Maxfield, Irene Mikulas, Patrick McCarthy, Gerald Magee, Theresa Nowak, John Maslowski, Margaret O'Leary, Juliette Suau, Marlene Switzer, Jacqueline Tabaszewski, James Scott, Linda Tarallo, Harold Warner, Elaine and Ethel Wall, Joseph Yuhus, Arthur Veilleux.

On the national scene in '72, Richard Nixon won a landslide victory over George McGovern for President; "The Godfather" raked in the most money in movie history; UCLA won its 6th straight NCAA basketball title. One of the greatest groups of senior athletes ever to don Governors' Purple & Gold uniforms included two and three sport stars: Gary Lange, the 3rd Guv in history to score 1,000 points, and perhaps the greatest all-around athlete in Hoffman/South Amboy HS history, Ron Croddick, All-State, All Groups 2nd baseman, Bob Levins, Doug Buckalew, Jim Keegan and Kevin Nemeth all excelled for Coaches Ray "Butch" Tomaszewski in hoops, and John "Mr. Z." Zdanewicz in baseball. Other fine senior athletes were Mark Abbatiello (Owner of Broadway Fishery), Ray Kukulski (Owner of Lagoda's Saloon), John Wurth, Bob Kogut, Ray Nebus, Dennis McCarthy, Ludwig Mann, Larry Parsons (Former SA Fire Chief), Ken Kubinak, Joe Connors (Former SA Councilman), Nancy Hoffman, Gail Gawenus, Eileen Zakrzewski, Patti Jorgensen (Co-Captain of the cheerleaders), Margaret Mundy, Susan Newton, Paul Zulin, Patricia Shaluha, Elizabeth Peters. "The Candy Man" by Sammy Davis Jr. ruled the pop music charts on Graduation Day 1972. The H.G. Hoffman High School Class of '72 was truly an amazing group, athletically talented and most-interesting, who have certainly made the world a much better place.

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Limbo of The Lost

By Al Gomolka Jr.
 Times Poet Laureate
 c.1998

Where's the match to this sock?
 That didn't come out of the dryer
 Information on the circus
 I just had that flier
 Where is the candybar that nobody ate?
 Where is the umbrella we always keep
 in its place?
 There must be a limbo of lost stuff!
 Or are they in hiding?
 Or do they reappear in another home?
 As a mysteriously new finding
 What happens to these items that vanish
 without a trace?
 Do we have a ghost taking them?
 Or are they simply misplaced?
 Everyone's known that feeling
 When was just here
 Did it pass into another dimension?
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 A question for physics of lost time and place
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South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry (right front) cuts the ribbon at the Grand Opening of the Luxury Apartment Building on the corner of North Feltus & Augusta Streets. Owner Christopher Mac (left center), family and friends were on hand for the proud moment. The building is owned by A & G Enterprice LLC, and it is currently leasing Luxury/Bedroom apartments. For more information, contact 732-713-3940. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

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Saide Pope Dowdell Library 45th Anniversary Re-Dedication

A re-dedication to Sadie Pope Dowdell with exciting activities including Mardi Gras Band "Noisy Neighbors," Teen Read Week Contest, Culinary Workshops and Annual Halloween Celebration Party,

Noisy Neighbors, a Mardi Gras inspired band, will perform live at the Dowdell Library on Monday, October 2 from 6:30-8 pm. Bring friends and family for an enchanting evening of Mardi Gras celebration and music! Masks are a magical part of Mardi Gras tradition. Enter the "Maskerade" competition for the most intriguing mask. Don't miss it!

Celebrate the 45th Anniversary of the library's re-dedication to Sadie Pope Dowdell in honor of her 48 years of service as Library Director. Sadie Pope was born in South Amboy and had been the City Librarian from 1923 to 1971. In 1972, the library was renamed the Sadie Pope Dowdell Public Library.

Participate in the Teen Read Week with the RUIN a Book contest from October 1 through October 20. Simply add a word to

a teen title to create a funny, new version of the original title. For example, Harry Potter and the Smelly Sorcerer's Stone or Hunger Games Diet. One entry per day per person. At the end of the month, stop by to vote for your favorite RUINED book title when a winner with the most votes for their RUINED book title will win a prize!

Dress up in your best costume and drop in for the Halloween Party on Monday, October 23 from 3:30-5 pm. We'll have a costume contest with different categories for ages 0-10, and frightening refreshments.

To learn about upcoming library programs, sign up for the monthly eNewsletter at <http://dowdell.org/newslettersignup.html> The Dowdell Library's hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10 am to 8 pm, Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 5 pm, and Saturday from 12 to 4 pm. For more information, please visit www.dowdell.org, or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org.

SWMHS Hall of Fame

The SWMHS Hall of Fame Committee is seeking nominations for its 2018 induction program, scheduled for May 5, 2018. Nominees must be graduates of Sayreville

High School who have made outstanding contributions to their profession, organization, or community. Briefly list the individual's accomplishments, year of graduation, and contact information, including email address. Call Elaine Kubacz at 732-727-0192 for

nomination forms, or submit nomination letters to: SWMHS Hall of

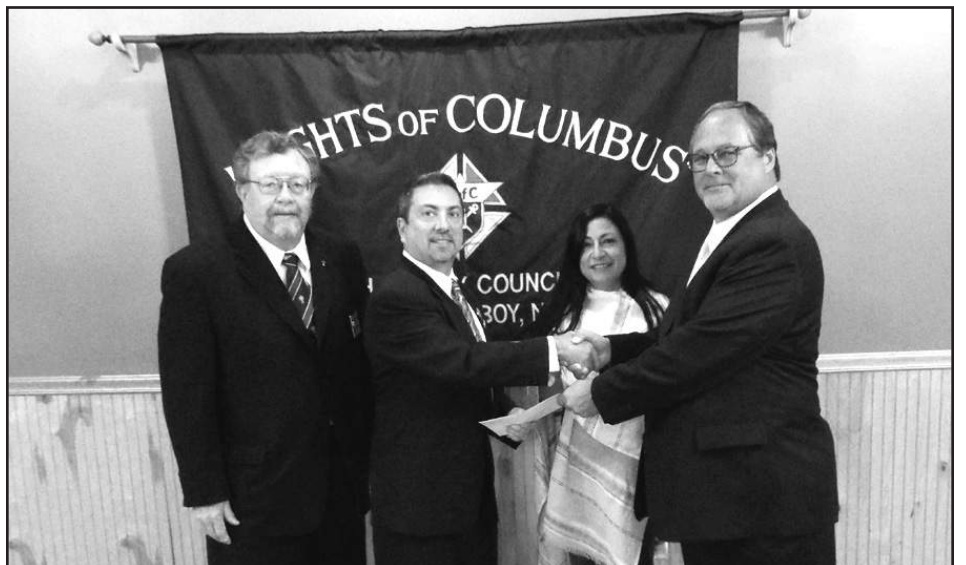
Fame Committee, 20 Holly Drive, Parlin, NJ 08859, before November 11, 2016. Nominations can also be emailed to: barb.anderson2@verizon.net, orepkubacz@verizon.net.

OLV Senior Meeting

The OLV Senior Group will hold their October meeting on Friday, October 6, 2017 at 1 PM in Monsignor Dalton Hall. Membership dues should be paid at this time. New members are welcomed to join. Balances for the remaining 2017 trips – Tomasello Winery, New Hampshire/Vermont, Christmas show, and West Virginia Christmas are due at the October meeting. Food donations will be taken for the St. Vincent DePaul pantry. For further information contact. Teri at 732-727-7639.

Pancake Breakfast Nov. 12

St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus is having a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 12th in the basement of the church from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Admission: Adult-\$8, child (12 and under): \$4. The menu features orange juice, scrambled eggs, sausage patties, ham, coffee and tea.



Pictured (l-r) are Deacon Richard J. O'Brien, and Grand Knight John W. Mieczkowski Jr., of the Knights of Columbus South Amboy Council, #426, presenting a check in the amount of \$1,000 to Jen O'Neill (2nd from right) and Mark Scheaach (r) for the Brain Injured Children of Sayreville. (Photo/info by Joe Lotkowitz)

Protection Engine Co. Aids Harvey Victims



On Aug. 31st Protection Eng. Co. opened its doors and announced on social media they were a collection point for Hurricane Harvey donations of baby needs, cleaning supplies and non-perishable foods. In just two days the South Amboy area came through. After fire company members and family members sorted and boxed all items there was enough donations to make seven pallets seven feet high. Items collected were baby diapers, baby

formula/ new bottles, canned foods, cereals, cleaning supplies and pet foods. Each box was labeled " Sent with love from S.A.N.J." The South Amboy donations were added to donations from Spotswood Fire Dept. The combined items added up to twenty two pallets. A local freight delivery company donated the tractor/trailer and was delivered to Dallas Texas to be distributed to relief centers. (Photo/Info Submitted)

Sayreville Assists Harvey Victims

By Karen Bailey, VP Bridges of Peace, Photo by Jennifer Frondelli



On Saturday, September 23, Bridges of Peace, a Sayreville based non-profit charity, held a fundraiser at Buddies Restaurant and Banquet Hall after ending its two week drive for the victims of Hurricane Harvey in southern Texas. After seeing the images on television of the utter devastation in Texas I just literally wanted to run out there and do something. Knowing that wasn't possible I quickly realized that my boyfriend Jay Seyglinski's 53 foot trailer was going to be parked in a yard for a few weeks while he was away doing other work so I asked him if I could borrow it. Of course he asked why and after hearing that I want to see if the community would help us fill it up and send it to Texas, without hesitation he said yes. So with that first yes I immediately started making calls...I knew that this was going to take a small army to get this done so quickly. But I also knew that others were feeling the same way, heavy hearted and wanting to help.

My first call was to Art Rittenhouse who was immediately on board. My second call was to Diane Eleftheriades (President, Bridges of Peace), my longtime and best friend for almost two decades. In 2006, we had formed a 501c(3) nonprofit charity called Bridges of Peace (facebook.com/bridgesofpeace) and had done other projects in the past involving the military and war torn and disaster ridden countries. We proceeded to contact Mayor Kennedy O'Brien from Sayreville, Assemblyman John Wisniewski, Senator Joe Vitale as well as other town leaders in an effort to have an inclusive meeting to kick this project off. The level of interest and response from the Mayor and Council of Sayreville, the Board of Education, the Sayreville Lions Club, the Sayreville Public Library our local churches and so many individual people was incredibly amazing. Truly I can tell you from my firsthand experience, this community has been building a bridge of peace from Sayreville to Houston over the last two weeks! With the combined efforts of so many great volunteers we were able to "man" the trailer daily from 4 to 8 pm to receive and sort donations. Other locations for public drop off were also available around town

such as The Sayreville Public Library, The Sayreville Borough Hall, Assemblyman John Wisniewski's Office, The Sayreville Senior Center, The United Methodist Church's Sharegood Thrift Shop, Morgan First Aid Squad as well as all Sayreville Public schools, St. Stanislaus Catholic School and St. Thomas the Apostle in East Brunswick. Our final phase of the project ended with our "Taste of the Town" fundraiser on September 23rd. The fundraiser helped us raise the money we needed to purchase the fuel to get there. Nearly thirty restaurants participated in this event and donated such an array of delicious foods. The two weeks of collections yielded nearly a trailer full of water, nonperishable food, baby items, personal hygiene items, first aid supplies, new towels, linens and clothing. The trailer will be leaving on October 2nd and will be delivering the goods to the San Antonio Food Bank. Any monies in excess of the shipping cost will be donated to other food banks in the Houston Area and the Red Cross. The generosity that was shown by all involved with their donations of time, talent and treasure was truly incredible. We thank everyone for participating whether it was a dollar, a can or an hour! You truly were the ones to make this happen. A special thank you to Mayor Kennedy O'Brien, Senator Joe Vitale, Assemblyman John Wisniewski, Sayreville Borough Council, Steve and Lauren Grillo, Sayreville Board of Education, Mike Macagnone, The Sayreville School students and their families, The Sayreville Lions, Art and Maria Rittenhouse, Rich and Ro Schmitt, Joel Bloom, Tara and Paul Cannon (Sayreville 92.9 Radio Rocks), Karen Rubio, Mike Martino (MD Karaoke), Jeanne Monte, Carlos, Sarah Wisniewski, Caitlyn Hochom (Junior Volunteer Coordinator for Bridges of Peace/SWMHS 2018), Charlie Rutkowski, Barbara Boyle, Ed and Katie Elichko, Dawn Myatt, Jason Steckly, all the junior volunteers and adult volunteers who did such an outstanding job volunteering on the trailer for almost 2 weeks. May God bless you for your generosity! I thank God that he gave us this opportunity to be that instrument of peace in so many others' lives and how well we responded! Sayreville Strong!

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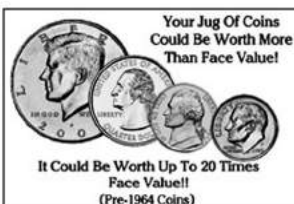
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Ed Kolodziej (c) is pictured with his wife Renee (l) and Jeff Pawlowski, President of the Old Bridge-Sayreville Rotary Club (r), at the dedication of the new handicapped park at the Center For Lifelong Learning School, which honored Ed. (Photo/caption by Joe Lotkowitz)

Bagged, Boxed & Delivered

By Elaine Holton Scott

There's a literal "explosion" of companies delivering ingredients for making home cooked meals right to your front door. Of course, this bit of pampering comes at a cost...actually, a very high one. Food which is bagged, boxed, and delivered, I guess, is the new twist on take-out food, except the customer does the cooking and all the cleaning up afterwards. With orders for meals being pre-measured exactly to the amounts needed for the recipes, just don't expect any leftovers...not even a crumb.

Actually, home food delivery is not new in South Amboy. Over six decades ago, Joe (Buty) Jaskowiak from Mechanicsville had a thriving business driving his converted old school bus bringing produce and fruit to housewives on his route. Parking in front of his customers' homes, his bus would be quickly filled with women buying what they needed for that day. As this was before anything fresh was flown, trucked or freighted, everything Buty had sold was in-season. When we were bored, my friends and I would get on his bus to snoop around, always looking for a freebie when we did. One time, Buty gave a strange fruit called a Chinese apple to me and my friend, Nancy. It had little red seeds which needed to be picked one at a time. Years later, I'd learn that those expensive (10 cents each) Chinese apples were actually pomegranates.

During those same years, Joe the Butcher would come selling meat from his "meat wagon," wrapping the unfrozen meat for his customers in heavy white "butcher paper" torn from a roll hanging from his dashboard. From ground beef to pork chops, Joe the

Butcher sold it all. Sometimes, the Charlie Chip truck would pass by on its way to deliver the really big tin cans of Charlie Chips to its customers. I remember how my friends and I would watch in envy...always hoping that one day it would stop at our homes too.

Like clockwork, Thursday evenings was the time for the Fish Man to come around. Meatless Fridays had given all fish markets a lot of business back then, as it had been a "sin" for Catholics to eat meat on that day. With chimes ringing or music playing, the Good Humor truck would come, and so would other ice cream vendors trying to get the attention of the neighborhood kids. From inside their homes, women had easily known which truck was coming up or down the street just by the liberal use of their horns, all different from the other.

Sometimes, we'd also get a chance to see the Milkman coming to deliver special orders requested by his customers. It was the only time we had ever seen the man who had delivered our fresh milk in the mornings before dawn. Unless you're a senior, you probably wouldn't know that the Milkman had also delivered cottage cheese, sour cream, heavy cream, buttermilk, and butter...every kind of dairy product, not just milk.

So, you see, we also had food delivered many years ago...fresh food which had cost absolutely nothing for delivery. There was something even more special about those deliveries...it was the friendships formed between sellers and customers. Those days of long ago are gone now, and never to return. Seems these new food services are today's much less personal version.

Fish and Chicken Fry

The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville will be having a Fish and Chicken Fry on Friday, October 13th, 2017. Tickets are \$13.00 in advance and there are limited tickets available at the door for \$15.00.

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1st Day of School at OLV

Pastor Thomas Ryan of Our Lady of Victories and his dog, Clancy, welcome back fifth grader Connor Leonard to the first day of school at Our Lady of Victories on August 31. (Photo Submitted)

Third grader Ryan Shaw, eighth grader Samantha Shaw, and fifth grader Robert Shaw returning to the first day of school at Our Lady of Victories on August 31. (Photo Submitted)

50th Anniversary



(Photo by Steve Malik)

Deacon Ed Majkowski ordained in May of 2010 and his wife Mary celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday August 13, 2017 at the 11:30 am Mass with the Order of Blessing. Fr. Thomas Ryan, Pastor was the Main Celebrant, and Fr. Joseph Desmond and Msgr. William McCarthy Concelebrated. Family, friends and parishioners celebrated with Deacon Ed and Mary at Our Lady of Victories Church in Sayreville. Fr. Ryan presented the couple with the Apostolic Blessing from Our Holy Father Pope Francis.

The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, MS

In the past sixty years, the fire service has changed its strategies and tactics numerous times in the way that firefighters suppress structure fires. Firefighters, like most other professions are set in their ways and resist change at almost any cost. But with the constant evolving of new technologies, equipment, and protective clothing, change is inevitable, like it or not.

In the 50's and 60's we wore canvas or rubber coats, pull-up high boots, and very little, if any, respiratory protection. We fought most structure fires from outside the structure by shooting water into the windows with a so-called booster line. Once the fire was knocked down from outside, we entered the building to continue attacking the fire for final extinguishment. Unfortunately, during these years the use of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) was not yet a standard practice. Firefighters entering the burning structure would be subjected to the hazards of smoke and the toxic gases given off from the burning material.

In the late 60's and early 70's, the use of SCBA became more prevalent and firefighters were now able to enter and work in hazardous areas for longer periods of time with respiratory protection. Tactics and strategies were changed and structure fires were being attacked from the interior rather than the exterior. This tactic allowed firefighters to get closer to the seat of the fire BUT it placed them in a more ultra-dangerous atmosphere. Throughout the years that followed, advancements were made in the protective clothing worn by firefighters. They were now able to remain in high-heat conditions for longer periods of time. Being fully encapsulated from head to toe, wearing helmets, hoods, masks, coats, gloves, pants, boots and SCBA, it became difficult to "feel the heat" of the fire until it penetrated this protective material! Because of all this

thermal protection for the firefighter, they were staying in the "heat" much longer than they should have, with many of them suffering from burns and heat exhaustion. This same clothing that provided protection for firefighters from the heat of the fire also had the negative effect of containing their body heat inside the clothing causing heat exhaustion and possible heat stroke. We fought fires from the outside in the 50's, 60's, and 70's, then changed tactics and during the 80's, 90's, and fought fires from the interior of the structure, now changes are in the works again.

Studies have found that by using new (old) techniques, fires can be knocked down quicker and with less exertion from the exterior, thus causing heat to be reduced inside and less fire spread throughout the structure.

Firefighters are currently being trained to initially attack the fire from the exterior in-order-to "cooldown" the fire and the hot gases on the ceiling as much as possible. This would be a coordinated attack procedure with a ventilation crew ready to cut a hole in the roof to allow the heat and poison smoke/gases to escape. This coordinated cooling effect will allow firefighters to enter the structure under more tenable conditions. A new term being used is "flow path" which is a procedure that we initiate in-order-to control the direction that fire travels through the structure or the best way to extinguish it. By controlling ventilation openings, windows or doors, we CAN control the movement of the fire. Attacking fires from the exterior, as we did in the 50's and 60's, is now becoming a standard procedure.

As I stated earlier, change is inevitable and we must adapt to these life-saving techniques. We will still rush into a burning building to save someone's life but we will do it with safety in mind both for ourselves and for the person we are attempting to rescue.

Long Ago At St. Mary's High School



1950-51-The staff of "The Crown," the school newspaper were celebrating another excellent issue with cake and chocolate milk. In this photo, three of these students went on to highly-successful careers as nuns. Pictured back row (l-r) Sister Mary Gomolka, Pat Sennhauser, Bob Farley, Ruth Zdanowicz, Joe Corvino, Sister Joan Marie McDonnell. Front row (l-r) Sister Marlene Fritz, Mary Beth Kearns. (Photo/info courtesy of Sister Mary Gomolka)



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We have a busy October planned this year. Everyone is always asking for dinners so we've added another one to our calendar, and the DayCare Center will be hosting a Vendor Sale as well.

The Spaghetti Dinner and Tricky Tray will be held on October 7 from 5 - 7 pm. Dinner will include Spaghetti, sausage, meatballs, salad, bread, and homemade desserts. All this for only \$10. In addition, we will be hosting a small tricky tray with ~ 50 items. Tickets will be sold at the dinner. Tickets will begin to be drawn at 6:30.

The annual Roast Beef Dinner will be held on October 21 from 5-7 pm. This dinner will include Roast Beef, mashed potatoes,

vegetables, rolls and homemade desserts. The cost of this dinner is \$15. This is always a community favorite!!

If you plan on attending both dinners, you can prepay and save yourself \$2.00 in total. Either dinner includes take outs as well. Please call Lori at 732 763 6232 for more information.

The Golden Rule Christian Center is hosting a vendor sale on October 14 starting at 9 am. Anyone interested in participating and sharing your wares, please call the church at 732 721 3558. Stop by for a "ONE STOP SHOPPING EVENT" and get a start on your Christmas shopping.

Tricky Tray

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas #769 will hold their annual tricky tray charity fundraiser on Saturday, October 21st, 2017, 1:00-4:00PM at St. James School, 341 Amboy Ave, Woodbridge. Admission is \$15.00 in advance, and \$20.00 at the door (no refunds). Light Refreshments will be served.

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Fitness Classes At The Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus in Sayreville will be running Fitness classes on Thursday's,

The Yoga class starts at 6:30 pm and ends at 7:20 pm. The Strength and Tone class starts at 7:30 pm and ends at 8:20 pm. Part of the proceeds benefit the Knights of Columbus in Sayreville. Location is 775 Washington Road, Parlin. Equipment needed is a Yoga mat for Yoga and a set of light weights and

a yoga mat for Strength and Tone. Drop in fee is \$10 per class. The Yoga class is a beginner/intermediate class. The Strength and Tone class will tone every major muscle group, helping to burn calories! The classes are run by Denise Morgan, CGEI, CPT, CYT. Pre-registration is required. Please call Denise at 732-525-9536 or email healthandfitnesswithdenise@gmail.com

Rosary Rally-Oct. 14

(Article submitted)

This year marks the 100th Anniversary of Fatima. The America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally will be held on Sat., Oct. 14th, 1 p.m. at the Gazebo on Bordentown Ave. between South Pine and Stevens Ave. Our Blessed Mother Mary wants public prayer for the conversion of our country, and the triumph of

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Amboy Bankers Become Painters For a Day. As part of the Coastal Habitat for Humanity project, Amboy Bank employees helped prepare cabinets for resale at the new & improved ReStore by Coastal Habitat for Humanity location in Asbury Park. The ReStore sells better-than-average merchandise up to 97% off with one-hundred percent of the proceeds supporting repair and construction projects in southern Monmouth County. Bottom row pictured from left to right: Jean Burbulak, Theresa Geraci, Lisa Lewis, Josie Fuda, Jennifer Fletcher and Efrain Martinez. Top row: Jason Skidmore, Stan Koreyva, Habitat regular volunteers Mike, John and Habitat construction manager Ollie. (Photo/story submitted)

Hearty Mum Sale

(Article submitted by Dot Benson)

Sacred Heart Altar Rosary Society will have large colorful mums in 8 inch pots available for purchase at \$5 each or 3 for \$12, all day Sat., Sept. 30, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 1, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Stop

by and see them in front of Memorial Hall, 531 Washington Ave., South Amboy, across from Sacred Heart Church. Ideal for autumn decorating! For more info call Virginia 732-721-1521.

Wills, Estate Planning & Probate Seminar

A Wills, Estate Planning, & Probate Seminar will be held at the Sayreville Senior Center, 423 Main St., Sayreville on Sept. 26 at 10 a.m. The Jan. 1, 2017 New Estate Tax law made a number of substantial changes in the administration of estates and trusts in New Jersey.

The Speaker will be Kenneth Vercammen, Esq., Edison, NJ. He is the author of the American Bar Association book "Wills & Estate Administration." The main topics to be covered are: 1. 2017

changes to NJ Estate Tax & changes to taxes on pensions. 2. Updates in Federal Estate and Gift Tax. 3. The New Probate Law and preparation of Wills. 4. Power of Attorney. 5. Living Will. 6. Administering the Estate/Probate/Surrogate.

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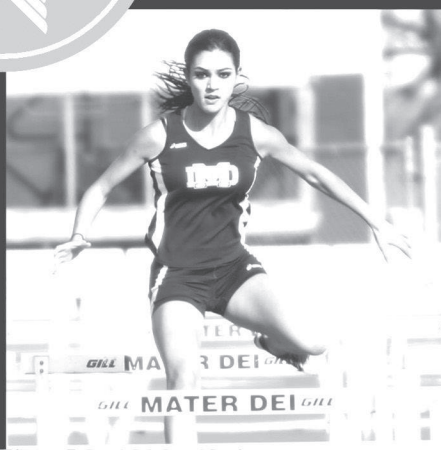
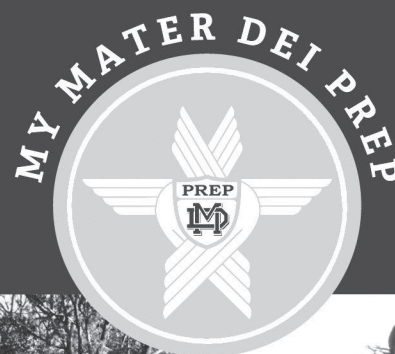
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South Amboy Elks with the support of the Elks National Foundation Gratitude grant, Has awarded the Sayreville police department with a new Intruder protection shield. In photo from (l-r) Chairman for ENF Valentine Tarr, Capt. Jack Fitzsimmons, Sgt. Al Gawron, Exalted Ruler Dave Bryson. This denotes community service showings Elks Care Elks Share. (Photo/Info Submitted)

9th Annual YMCA Tot Trot & Youth Fun Run

Raise Money for Child Care Scholarship Assistance Program

The Child Care Services Branch of the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy is hosting its 9th annual Tot Trot & Youth Fun Run on Sunday, October 1st at Metuchen High School (rain or shine).

This charity event will help us support families from our communities with scholarship assistance when they are unable to pay the full cost of child care. The fund also provides aid to families in crisis and allows us to temporarily provide tuition assistance in the event of a family emergency.

The Tot Trot & Youth Fun Run is sponsored by Metuchen Savings Bank, who has sponsored the Tot Trot since its inception in 2008 and is a long-time supporter of the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy.

“We expect over 250 families to attend the event, making this the largest fundraising event for the childcare branch this year”, said Rose Cushing President & CEO of the YMCA of MEWSA. “We invite the community to support the run while helping us fulfill our mission of providing quality programming for all children and families in our communities. At the YMCA we believe that no one should be turned away from our programs and

services based on their ability to pay. Help us continue to help those in need.”

Event Details:

Sunday, October 1st
Metuchen High School Track (in case of rain, the event will be held inside MHS)
Tot Trot races begin promptly at 11:00am

Entry Fees:

\$15 pre-registration by 9/29/2017
\$18 after 9/29/2017 and on race day
All participants will receive a t-shirt, race medal and gift bag

Families can also buy wristbands for unlimited fun for \$10 (includes all games, crafts, bouncer, face painting, & tattoos)

The Tot Trot for ages 2 to 5 years will begin promptly at 11:00am. Races are organized by age group, with each age group running their own race.

The Youth Fun Run for ages 6 to 12 years is a 400 meter event and will begin promptly at 11:30 AM.

Registration and sponsorship forms available at www.ymcaofmews.org/tottrot

For more information on the Tot Trot & Youth Fun Run, contact Melinda Wilson at 732-548-5468.

Open House For New Pathways To Adult Living Program



Families meeting with ESCNJ Superintendent of Schools Mark J. Finkelstein at the recent Pathways to Adult Living Open House.



Sayreville Mayor Kennedy O'Brien sharing information about the Pathways to Adult Living program at its recent Open House at 95 Main Street in Sayreville.

Holding an Open House for the Pathways to Adult Living (PAL) program the Thursday before Labor Day weekend may not have been ideal timing, however, several people took advantage of the opportunity to visit.

One woman brought her son Donovan, who is already enrolled in PAL, a program for 18-21 year-old classified students who have completed their academic requirements. “Donovan is very organized and he’s at his best when he is busy, so this is the perfect program for him,” said his mother, adding that she looked forward to his involvement in the employment training component of the PAL program, which is operated by the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ).

Sayreville Mayor Kennedy O'Brien also stopped by the storefront at 95 Main Street.

“We are delighted to welcome this program in Sayreville and believe it will provide students with great independent learning opportunities,” he said. Vocational training opportunities, as a result of relationships that have already been

established with nine community businesses, is a key part of the program, as well as learning to access public transportation. Students will meet each morning at 95 Main Street, where house cleaning, minor repair work and safe use of household equipment and appliances is also part of the schedule.

For additional information about the PAL program, please contact Supervisor Raissa Prus, M.A. SLE/C, Teacher Marci Rubin, or Job Coach Jennifer Smith at 732-777-9848 Ext. 6690, or contact Mrs. Prus at mprus@escnj.k12.nj.us.

The PAL program joins six ESCNJ schools in Middlesex County for students with autism, multiple disabilities, and at-risk behaviors. The largest Educational Services Commission in the state, the ESCNJ provides special education services to school districts statewide, coordinates transportation services for over 10,000 students across the state, and manages a Co-op Pricing System with over 1,000 members, the largest cooperative buying program in New Jersey

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Larry Helwig Memorial Golf Outing October 16

Larry Helwig taught Physical Education in the Sayreville School District for over 30 years. During that time, Mr. Helwig was not only a beloved teacher but also an admired coach of football, wrestling and golf. In addition, he taught Driver's Education to many Sayreville students. He retired from teaching in 2003 and tragically, lost his life in an automobile accident in April 2017.

To honor Coach Helwig, a golf outing is being held on Monday, October 16, 2017 9 AM at Tamarack Golf Course in East Brunswick. Proceeds from the outing will be used to create a scholarship for a deserving Sayreville War Memorial High School golf team member that embodies what Coach Helwig instilled in all of his students and athletes taught throughout his many years in Sayreville.

There are a few ways you can participate

Did You Know?

The TV hit show, which became "All In The Family" in 1970, had its first pilot show in 1968, and it was called "Justice For All." Another pilot episode was televised in 1969, called "Those Were The Days" also preceded the '70 premier of "All In The Family." In

Coach Bingo & Tricky Tray

St. Stan's H.S.A. is sponsoring their 5th Annual Coach Bingo & Tricky Tray fundraiser on Friday, October 20th in the school gym located at 221 MacArthur Ave., Sayreville. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and calling begins at 7:30 p.m. Ticket price is \$30 per person and includes 12 games of bingo (3 cards per game), coffee, tea, and dessert. Additional bingo boards and daubers will be

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St. Mary's Parish in South Amboy is now accepting registration for any adult (age 14 or older) who is interested in preparing for Baptism, First Communion, and/or Confirmation. RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) begins with several weeks of inquiry. Joined by team members, participants will journey through the scriptures and learn about the Catholic faith and tradition. Sessions will be held on Sundays and include Mass attendance. Please contact Karen Walczak Housman at 732-546-8361 to register or for further information.

Friends Of South Amboy Fundraiser Event

This year's Friends of South Amboy fundraising event will be held on Saturday, December 16th at South Amboy Middle High School. Proceeds from the event will go to the Midtbo family who have a five year old daughter battling leukemia. As in years past the event will feature local high school basketball games, as follows:

- 4:00 South Amboy Varsity Girls vs Calvary Christian
- 6:00 Bishop Ahr Boys Varsity vs Sayreville
- 8:00 South Amboy Boys Varsity vs Calvary Christian

There will also be a Tricky Tray on the day of the event, and The Friends of South

Fitness Classes At Christ Church

Christ Church in South Amboy will be running Fitness classes Saturdays and Mondays Christ Church is located at 221 Main Street, South Amboy.

The Saturday class is Cardio/Strength Interval class starts 9:15 am-10:05 am. Weights and a Mat are needed.

The Monday class is Cardio Interval/Kickboxing class starts at 6:30pm and ends at 7:20pm. The Hard CORE Yoga class starts at 7:30 pm and ends at 8:20 pm.

The drop in fee for these classes are \$10 per class and part of the proceeds benefit Christ Church. Equipment needed for both

Trip to Kinky Boots

The OIV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip To the Broadway play Kinky Boots on Sunday, December 3, 2017. The price of the trip is \$235.00 which includes premium orchestra seating, bus transportation, bus

in the Golf Outing and scholarship development. We are looking for golfers (preferably foursomes) to participate. The cost is \$150 per golfer and includes golf, cart, breakfast, lunch, drinks, and snacks on the course. Additionally, a gift bag will be presented and a chance to win prizes through raffles. You can also sponsor a hole for \$75; which would place your business or personal name on the sign at the tee box OR you can sponsor a personal greeting on a sign for \$30. Another opportunity to participate is to donate any gift certificates, money, or any promotional items for the goody bags. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Please feel free to contact Eric Haltli at ehaltli@aol.com or call him directly at 732-470-3122 to participate in this event to honor a wonderful man.

the 1968 and 1969 shows, Carroll O'Connor and Jean Stapleton starred, but Sally Struthers and Rob Reiner did not appear until the '70 series, which skyrocketed to the top-rated show on television. You can see all three pilots on youtube.com.

available for purchase.

There will also be various raffles and a 50/50. Attendees are welcome to bring their own food and refreshments. Tickets can be purchased in the Parish office or by contacting Gina at 732-432-8361.

You must be 18 years old to enter and participate.

Boy Scout Troop 95 Fall Open House

Boys in grades 6 - 11 and their families are welcome to join us and learn about our Scouting Program!

When: Tuesday, October 3, 2017, 7:30 pm
Where: Sacred Heart Convent, 234 Walnut Street, South Amboy, NJ 08879
Contact: Maryann Elizondo, 917-620-8999, gabenate123@yahoo.com

Catholic War Veterans

The Catholic War Veterans, Sacred Heart Memorial Post 578, South Amboy, on Monday, November 6, 2017 1:00 PM, will hold a Membership Meeting, at Sacred Heart Memorial Hall, Meeting Room South Amboy. All Catholic Veterans are invited to attend.

Amboy are asking for donations of baskets that can be a part of the auction. If you would like to support this worthy cause, and can donate a basket for our event, please contact Janet Kern at 732-824-3494. The Friends of South Amboy Registered 501 (C) (3)

To further our fundraising efforts we are soliciting ads for our ad book. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Ad Prices are as follows: Half Page \$125.00, Full Page \$175.00. Ad Book applications and a check made out to "Friends of South Amboy" can be returned to: Dave Kales, 329 Cedar Street South Amboy, NJ, 08879.

classes is a Yoga mat.

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The Yoga class is an intermediate/advanced class, beginners are welcomed but encouraged to go at their own pace. This class will focus on poses for a HARD CORE. The classes are run by Denise Morgan, CGEI, CPT, CYT. Pre-registration is required. Please call Denise at 732-525-9536 or email healthandfitnesswithdenise@gmail.com.

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Summer At Dowdell Library Winners

South Amboy, NJ (Monday, September 18, 2017) This summer was jammed packed at the Dowdell Library with winners who participated in the Summer Clubs, Bookmark Contest and Backpack Raffle Drawing!

The grand prize winner for the Children's Summer Club was Noah Demasi who read 68 books throughout the summer, and the winner for the Adult Summer Club was Lillian Naused, who won an Amazon Kindle! Everyone who participated had a chance to win the grand prize. Sign up next summer for a chance to win next year's grand prize.

This summer the library also had a bookmark contest where participants used their creativity to design a bookmark. Meghan Keegan and Brandon Ruiz were the winners in the Children's category. Ariana White was the winner for the Teen category. Lorraine Kost was the winner for the Adult category. Each winner was awarded a gift card and will have their bookmarks laminated and distributed.

Lastly, to end the summer, kids had a chance to win a Back to School Backpack filled with school supplies. Rai-Ryu Dix-Moon was our lucky winner, and was very excited when he received his new backpack! Congratulations to all the winners this summer and a job well done!

To learn about upcoming library programs, sign up for the monthly eNewsletter

at <http://dowdell.org/newslettersignup.html>
The Dowdell Library's hours are



Dowdell Library Adult Summer Club winner Lillian Naused (l) and Dowdell Library Director, Elaine Gaber (r). (Photo by Dennis Kuhn)

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10 am to 8 pm, Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 5 pm, and Saturday from 12 to 4 pm. For more information, please visit www.dowdell.org, or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org.



Bookmark Design Contest winners (Left to Right) Lorraine Kost, Brandon Ruiz, Meghan Keegan, and Ariana White and Dowdell Library Director, Elaine Gaber (Photo by Marilyn Cipollari)



Back to School Backpack winner Rai-Ryu Dix-Moon (Photo by Laura Golia)

Alameda Center for Rehabilitation Leads Puerto Rico Relief Efforts For Nursing Home Residents

By Dr. Jorge Gonzalez Gomez

The devastation in Puerto Rico (PR) is astronomical. The Perth Amboy (PA) community is coming together to assist in any way possible.

Alameda Center for Rehabilitation and Healthcare is spearheading a relief effort to assist insured nursing home residents in Puerto Rico who have an imminent need to be relocated to a temporary facility while the island rebuilds and recovers from Hurricane Maria.

Any NJ resident who wishes to relocate their (PR) nursing home bound loved one, to one of our partnering NJ facility; should

contact Dr. Gonzalez Gomez (732)442-9540 at extension 7281.

Facilities that have committed beds to this relief effort include Four Star Rated Alameda Center for Rehabilitation Center & Healthcare in Perth Amboy. Also partnering is Sinai Post Acute Nursing & Rehab Center in Newark, the AristaCare family of facilities throughout NJ, Venetian Care & Rehabilitation Center in South Amboy and Amboy Nursing and Rehabilitation in Perth Amboy. We intend to grow this list and the number of beds available should the need arise.

Best of Show



Jan Williams of South Amboy, New Jersey earned the coveted "Best of Show" Trophy for his gleaming black and chrome 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air convertible. Following the award ceremonies, Jan was seen driving away with the top down, and the giant trophy was on the front seat. Shown in the photo from left to right are Widilia Guerrero, Jan Williams, and Roberto Queriero, a member of the Raritan Bay Cruisers Car Club, which hosted, along with the Business Improvement District (BID), the recent vintage car exhibition in Perth Amboy's City Hall Circle. Roberto brought two completely restored, vehicles to the show, a 1957 Chevy Bel Air Coupe and 1952 KS Pickup truck. More than 150 classic cars were on display during the 11th Annual City-by-the-Bay Classic Car Show. (Photos/info submitted)

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In Memory of Glen Campbell



Superstar of music Glen Campbell (r) died on August 8 at age 81 after a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease. He is pictured with his daughter Ashley Campbell (l) while performing at a Count Basie concert May 26, 2012. Ashley has written/recorded a beautiful song, "Remembering" as a tribute to her father. (Photo by Brian Stratton)



Glen Campbell had 21 Top 40 hits, and two went to #1: "Rhinestone Cowboy" in 1975, and "Southern Nights" in '77. In addition 54 of his songs reached the Billboard Top 40 Country chart, with 5 #1 hits: "I Wanna Live" (1968), "Wichita Lineman" (1968), "Galveston" (1969), "Rhinestone Cowboy" (1975), "Southern Nights" (1977). (Photo by Tom Burkard)



Clem & Friends really rocked the Borough of Sayreville on Sept. 16th and 17th, at the 9th Annual Blast From The Past Car Show & Concert, and Sayreville Day, as they performed all the classic hits from the 60's, 70's and 80's. Pictured (l-r) Fran Fee, Tim Fee, Rich Jackson, Jerry Mokar, Clem Skarzynski, Rich Standowski, Scott Lee Bishop, Craig Hoek. Great job, Clem & Friends! (Photo by Holly Fee)

Rumbles from the Rock and Roll Reunion

By Clem Skarzynski

Hey rock and rollers, mark your calendars for Saturday Oct. 28th, 2017. South River's VFW Post #1451 at 31 Reid Street will be having their Annual Halloween Dance with central N.J.'s best Classic Rock and Oldies band "Clem and Friends" providing live rock and roll music from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Cost will be \$30.00 per person which gets you a buffet dinner, beer, wine and soda and a lot of rock n roll music. So c'mon and support the Vets and hang out with your friends for a great night of music, food and fun and costumes are "optional" but hey it's Halloween... The Vets are asking you also bring along a non-perishable food item for their Veterans Food Bank. All proceeds going to local vets and benefit programs. For tickets please call 732-254-9834 and are also available at the post's bar. Hoping to see you all and our insane followers of the band there! You

guys make it all happen so be there. Open Mic resumes at South Amboy Knights on Friday, Sept. 29th at 8 p.m. so c'mon and rock out! Amps, drums and sound system already there. All they need are you talented rockers! See you there rock stars. Till next time, be well and be nice to yourself and the person next to you!

#1 Pop Hits-Sept. 30

- 2008-So What-Pink
- 1993-Dream Lover-Mariah Carey
- 1989-Girl I'm Gonna Miss You-Milli Vanilli
- 1971-Go Away Little Girl-Donny Osmond
- 1966-Cherish-The Association
- 1959-Sleep Walk-Santo & Johnny

#1 Country Hits Sept. 30

- 2005-A Real Fine Place To Start-Sara Evans
- 1998-Where The Green Grass Grows Tim McGraw
- 1986-In Love-Ronnie Milsap
- 1974-I'm A Ramblin' Man-Waylon Jennings
- 1964-I Guess I'm Crazy-Jim Reeves
- 1958-Bird Dog-The Everly Brothers

Sacred Heart CYO Dance...1969

Sacred Heart CYO held a summer dance on July 12, 1969 at the Parish Hall from 8:30 to 11 p.m. Admission was would you believe \$1! Teenagers enjoyed the sounds of the day and danced to the music of "Satan's Jury."

One Hit Wonders 45 Years Ago

1972-I'd Like To Teach The World To Sing (In Perfect Harmony)-The Hillside Singers; Precious And Few-Climax; Bang A Gong (Get It On)-T.Rex; Hot Rod Lincoln-Commander Cody & His Lost Airmen; How Do You Do-Mouth & MacNeal; Day By Day-Godspell; Layla-Derek & The Dominos; Hold Your Head Up-Argent; Motorcycle Mama-Sailcat; Beautiful Sunday-Daniel Boone; Popcorn-Hot Butter; The City Of New Orleans-Arlo Guthrie; Good Time Charlie's Got The Blues-Danny O'Keefe; Convention '72-The Delegates.

You Tube-In

2017-Tanya Tucker has released a beautiful tribute "Forever Loving You" in memory of her longtime boyfriend Glen Campbell, who died recently... We just discovered two excellent songs by The Plain White T's, "1,2,3,4" and also "Rhythm of Love..." "My Little Girl" by Tim McGraw, and "Daddy's Angel" by T. Carter are both worth a listen...Another new release by a

popular oldies group, "Love Power" by Ronnie & The Ronettes sounds good. Take a look/listen to the following little known, but cool 60's sounds: "Westbound #9 by The Flaming Embers; Pay To The Piper-Chairmen of the Board; "Time Won't Let Me" cover by The Heart Beats, a teenage group from Lubbock, Texas, and "Cryin' Inside" also by The Heart Beats...



The Duprees performed on Saturday September 16th at the South Amboy Community Theatre located in the Middle/High School. They performed their many hits and thrilled their adoring fans. This was the first in a series of concerts sponsored by The South Amboy Arts Council. The next concert is October 28th and will feature Who Loves You a Tribute to Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. (Photo by Brian Stratton)



The Duprees pose for a photo with South Amboy Councilwoman Zusette Dato, who was celebrating her birthday the night of the concert. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

Music Trivia 10 COLORS

By Tom Burkard

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| 1.Red Rubber Ball__ | a.Neil Young |
| 2.Yellow Submarine__ | b.Van Morrison |
| 3.Green Tambourine__ | c.Jimi Hendrix |
| 4.Blue Velvet__ | d.The Cyrkle |
| 5.Brown Eyed Girl__ | e.The Beatles |
| 6.Nights In White Satin__ | f.The Grateful Dead |
| 7.Touch Of Grey__ | g.Bobby Vinton |
| 8.Black Is Black__ | h.The Lemon Pipers |
| 9.Heart Of Gold__ | i.Los Bravos |
| 10.Purple Haze__ | j.The Moody Blues |

Answers 1d 2e 3h 4g 5b 6j 7f 8i 9a 10c.

School Sports

(As of Sept. 22)

By Tom Burkard

Bombers Win First Two

The Sayreville Bombers defending North 2 Group IV champions opened their 2017 season by romping past East Brunswick, 48-21. The Blue & Gray broke a 14-14 second quarter tie, when Anthony Jackson raced 90 yards for a touchdown on a kickoff return. Sayreville led 21-14 at halftime, and came back really fired up for the second half, outscoring the Bears 27-7. Many Bombers contributed to the explosive offensive attack including Connor Holmes, who rushed for 162 yards on 15 carries, and hit the end zone for 2 TD's. Soph quarterback Mark Whitford was successful on 11 of 15 passes for 91 yards, and fired a TD strike to Elijah Clark. Zuriel Wright raced for a 25-yard touchdown, and Zacari Carter broke loose and returned a punt for a 50-yard TD.

The Bombers also received standout defensive performances from Mike Germann, who made 11 tackles, and Darren Gorczyca who notched 2 sacks and 7 tackles...

Whitford led the Sayreville contingent to its second straight victory, as they easily trounced Edison, 28-0. The talented quarterback was 10-for-12, passing for 136 yards, and a 54-yard touchdown bomb to Elijah Clark, in addition to connecting on a 14-yard TD strike to Jacari Carter. Running back Connor Holmes racked up 104 yards on 16 rushes, good for 2 touchdowns. Outside linebacker Shane O'Neill filling in for All-County standout Mike Germann, racked up a team high of 12 tackles and 1 sack. Colton Redding also turned in a strong defensive game.

Team Leaders (After 2 games)

Passing-Mark Whitford-20-for-26, 218 yards, 3 TD's 0 interceptions, 139.6 quarterback rating.

Rushing-Connor Holmes-32 carries, 268 yards, 4 TD's, and 324 all-purpose yards; Jacari Carter-205 all-purpose yards.

Tackles-Colton Redding 17, Darren Gorczyca 16, Antwan Golson 15, Shane O'Neill 15.

Vigilante Leads Bishop Ahr

Former South Amboy resident Joe Vigilante is back at the helm for another season, with the Bishop Ahr football team. Last year, BA finished with a fine (7-3) record, and was undefeated in the Blue Division, and should have been crowned the champions, but a GMC rule said that any team that goes down a division is barred from winning the division title for a 2-year cycle, as a new member. In 2016, Bishop Ahr moved from the White Division (larger school enrollment) to the Blue.

The Trojans opened the '17 campaign with a forfeit victory over Highland Park, who had a depleted player roster.

Trip to Sight and Sound Play - Jesus

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Sight and Sound Theater on Thursday, April 5, 2018 to see the new production - Jesus. The price of the trip is \$150.00 which includes the play, lunch at Shady Maple, bus transportation, bus driver gratuity, and snacks on the bus. For further information or to reserve a seat, please contact Teri at 732-727-7639.

"Clem and Friends" At So.River VFW Saturday Oct.28th-continued from page 1

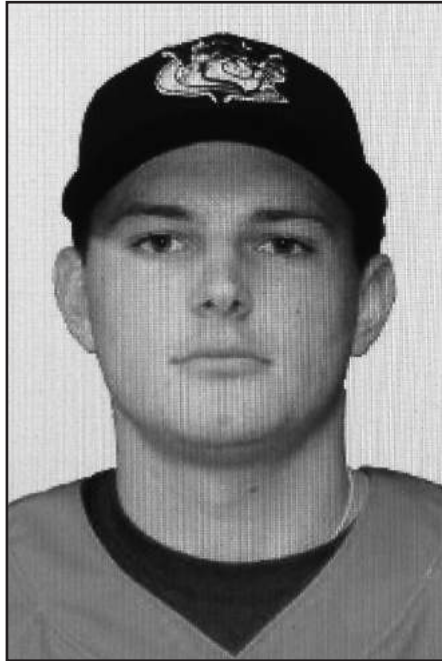
Dance Sat. Oct. 28th from 7:30 to 11:30 pm (doors open at 6:30). \$30.00 per ticket gets you a buffet dinner, beer, wine and soda, and a nite full of live "Classic Rock and Oldies" from Central Jersey's best classic rockers, Clem and Friends. For tix call 732-254-9834, or get them at the post's bar, all to benefit local veterans groups and individuals. These wonderful folks have been at the Sayreville VFW's past dances, so let's all help and support their efforts and get together at "their home" for a nite of rockin' fun. Costumes

Sayreville Girls Soccer Off To Fast Start

The Sayreville Bombers girls soccer team is off to a flying start and a perfect (5-0) record, and #3 area ranking in Home News Tribune. The Blue & Gray gets plenty of scoring from Jacqueline Ventricelli with 7 goals, in addition to Lauren Attardi, Ana Salgado and Eliza David, who have found net 5 times apiece.

Bielak Finishes Super In First Pro Season

By Tom Burkard



Brandon Bielak

Pitching for the Houston Astros Tri-City Valley Cats in the Class-A New York-Penn League, Sayreville resident Brandon Bielak turned in a terrific first year of pro baseball. After being drafted by Houston following a standout career at Notre Dame University, he pitched briefly in the Gulf Coast League, and was quickly promoted to Tri-City, where he pitched in 8 games, 4 as a starter, and in 29.1 innings, struck out 37 batters, and held opponents to a miniscule .171 batting avg. His 0.92 ERA was outstanding, as he finished with a (1-1) record and had 1 save. Congratulations Brandon!

College Notebook

Quarterback Jayson DeMild, who was all-everything for the Sayreville Bombers in 2016, is currently on the Division 1 Campbell University roster. In his senior year at Sayreville, he led the team to the North 2 Group IV championship...Patrick Walsh (South Amboy) is a freshman running cross country for Rutgers University. While at South Amboy HS, he won many prestigious awards and honors, including state championships in cross country and track & field...Coray Williams (Sayreville) is off to a fast start at the Strong Safety spot for Wesley College. In the season opening game loss to Delaware Valley University, he registered 2 solo tackles. Last season as a frosh he notched only 3 solos in 8 games.

Sofilkanich Back At New Brunswick

South Amboy's Don Sofilkanich is back for another season as head coach of the New Brunswick High School varsity football team. Hopes are high for the Zebras, and we send our wishes for a successful campaign to Coach Sofilkanich.

are optional, it being a Halloween dance, so, be there!

The Troop also supports the activity of Cub Pack 91 for boys ages 6 to 11, which meets on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the same location.



Sayreville Little League 12u Champions

(Photos courtesy of Audra Zapoticzny)



Ryan Anthony



Kevin Ryan



AJ Zapoticzny

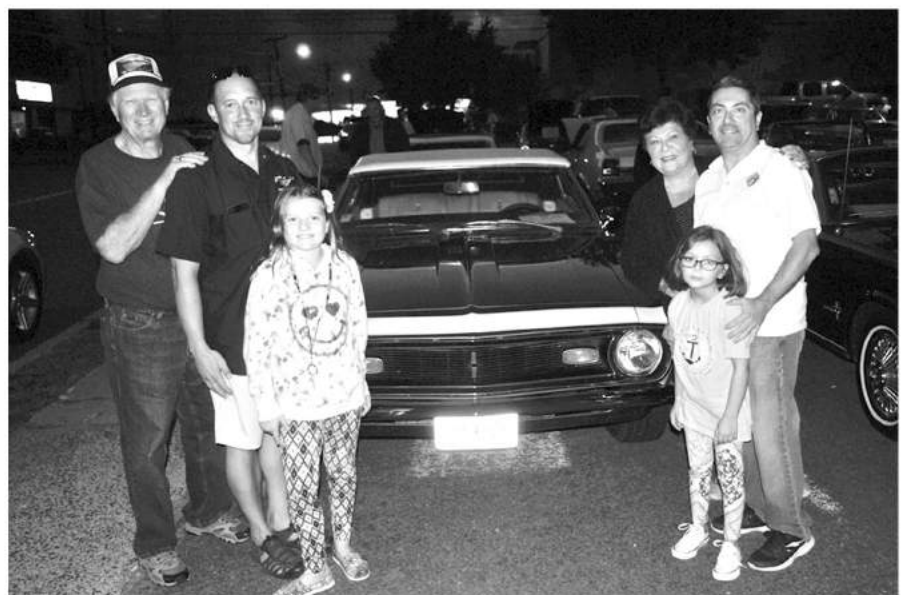
South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426

Cruise Night

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Members of the Raritan Bay Cruisers admire this 100-year old, 1917 Ford.



Grand Knight Jack Mieczkowski (right) with family, friends and brother Knights.

The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

Glory Days In Local Sports

1950-St. Mary's baseball squad nipped New Brunswick Tech, 7-6 behind winning pitcher Bob Kenny. George Spiecker and Frank O'Brien laced 2 hits apiece. 1967-Sayreville pounded Perth Amboy in baseball, 15-7, as Bob Keister picked up the win. Dale Kurowsky ripped 2 doubles and a single, while Nick DeBiase drilled 3 singles. 1975-Hoffman's softball squad grounded Green Brook, 20-6 behind winning pitcher Sharon Pawlowski. Colette Kowalewski ripped 3 hits and scored 5 runs. 1983-Sayreville girls softball ripped Raritan, 12-6 as winning pitcher Colleen Crozier

struck out 5. Barb Matthews blasted 2 home runs and drove in 5, Caryn Lukie belted a solo homer, and Vanessa Carney drilled a double and had 3 RBI. 1998-The Rone sisters Regan and Randi led the Lady Guvs to an 11-1 romp over Dunellen in soccer action. Regan, a freshman burned the nets for 4 goals, while Randi blasted in 3. Kim Peterson added 2 goals, Connors and Moura notched 1 apiece. 2002-Metuchen topped Cardinal McCarrick in football, 21-12. Jarslow Kozlowski ran for a 6-yard TD, and Kevon Green had a 3-yd. TD run.

City Series Classic 50 Years Ago

1967-South Amboy crosstown rivals St. Mary's and Hoffman baseball teams battled it out at Veterans Field, for "Pleasant Little City" bragging rights. In a real thriller, with Eagles' junior ace, Fred Henry holding the powerful Guvs in check for 7 1/2 innings, with only 4 hits and 2 runs, Coach Tom Otto's Saints scored the game-winner, in the bottom of the 8th, on a clutch single by outfielder Tony Ruzsala, as St. Mary's prevailed, 3-2. Soph righthander Jerry Henderson got credit for the win after pitching 2/3 of an inning in relief of Henry.

Back In Those College Days

Kristen Kaelin (Parlin) played high school softball for St. John Vianney, and went on to Seton Hall University, where she had an outstanding career from 2009-2012, starring at the plate and at her first base position...Greg Kuczynski (Sayreville) had a tremendous boys cross country career while competing at Rowan University...Kevin Corrigan (Sayreville) pitched for Trenton State College in the early 1970's...Ed Goodell (Sayreville), Keith Naylor (Sayreville), and Joe Velez (St. Mary's) all played for the Middlesex County College baseball team in 2003

20 Years Ago

1997-St. Mary's baseball nine trimmed South Amboy, 7-3. Sean Knofel ripped an RBI single in the 5th inning to break up a 3-3 tie. Jeff Eber drilled 3 doubles, Mike Gall and Jimenez added a two-bagger apiece, and Gary Kaylor blasted a triple for the Saints to support winning pitcher Brian May, who fired a 4-hitter and struck out 9. Chris Smith had 2 RBI, while Ed Behnen and Andrew Hyslop had a double apiece for the Guvs.

T.H.E. Game Year-2002

Sport-Football

Teams-Sayreville vs. Edison (Season Opener)
Recap-The Bombers blasted the Eagles, 42-6, behind quarterback Dan Huff, who fired 2 touchdown passes and ran for 2 more, gaining 106 yards in the air, and rushing for 62 on 4 carries. Mark Poore rushed 8 times for 42 yards, and caught 3 passes, one for a 42-yard TD. Junior Jabbe ran a punt return 65-yards for a score, and Keith Simpkins ran a kickoff return 59-yards for a TD. Holmes had a 55-yard touchdown reception from Huff. Kenny nailed 4 extra points.
Player-of-the-Game-Quarterback Dan Huff.

First Aid Wins Title

1960-First Aid captured the South Amboy Little League playoff championship by sweeping Knights of Columbus in two straight games, 7-6, and 17-4. In Game #1, Hal Dennen was the winning pitcher over Fran Fitzmorris. Bob Pomanski blasted a grand slam home run, and Frank Chonsky singled in the game winner in the last inning. Tom Harkins hammered a 2-run homer for the Knights.

In Game #2, First Aid's Tom Kelly was the winning pitcher, and ripped 3 hits, topping K of C's Ron Creed, as Pomanski, and Dennen drilled 3 hits apiece for the champions.

Diamond Dust

1979 South Amboy Little Fellas League Championship Series

Daylight Bakery swept Modern Transportation, 8-3, and 11-6 to capture the South Amboy Little Fellas League championship, and finish as the second unbeaten team in history, with a perfect (17-0) record. In Game #1, winning pitcher John Clayton stroked 2 hits to top Mike Lopez. Randy Stratton also drilled 2 hits. Brian Nash and Craig Gorczyca starred in the field, while Ned Faircloth was the big hitter for Trans. Billy Bates made some great defensive plays. In Game #2, Gorczyca blasted a homer and triple to support winning pitcher Stratton, who finished with a standout (8-0) mark on the year.

1970 Middlesex County Freeholders Tournament

Little Fellas
South Amboy AL 9 South River JFK
8-Joe McCarthy blasted the game-winning homer in the 9th to win it. Mike Grimley also unloaded a 2-run home run, as George Bongiorno picked up the victory in the quarterfinals.

Morgan AA 6 Hopelawn 5-Mike Cannon crashed a home run, and Rich Pollack was the winning pitcher.

1970-Morgan Midget League

Matty's Auto Parts, coached by Jerry Flanagan and Don Montemurro witnessed a rare triple play. Playing a short left field, Danny Constantineau caught a searing line drive in short left field, raced in to tag second base, and fired a strike to Kenny Spiecker to third to complete the triple play.

1969 Middlesex County Freeholders Tournament

Little Fellas
South Amboy 14 Hopelawn 1-Ron Stillwagon orbited a 3-run homer and Kevin Homan 3 doubles to support winning pitcher Mike Klimchak.



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35 Years Ago-Sayreville Little League Won District/Sectional Titles

By Tom Burkard

In August 1982 world news, the U.S. Marines landed in Beirut, Lebanon, and on the homefront, Rickey Henderson stole his 119th base of the year, eclipsing Lou Brock's record... Clyde King replaced Gene Michael as New York Yankees manager... Doug DeCinces of California, belted 3 home runs in a game, twice in a week... In the world of music, "Eye of the Tiger" ruled the charts, but the biggest news in the area, especially in the Borough of Sayreville was about the phenomenal Sayreville Little League All-Stars baseball team who captured the District 10 and also Section 3 championships. The outstanding squad was managed by John A. Gluchowski and coached by George Evanego. Sayreville's talented roster consisted of Rich Gluchowski, Bob Thompson, Jeff Fallik, Barry Szarvas Jr., Mark Piatek, Mike Camillery, Chris Evanego, Neal Golub, Mike Montorio, Steve Caruso, Barry Sadowski, Mike Taylor, Rich Yuhas, Paul Kabara.



Standout slugger Rich Gluchowski blasted some huge home runs throughout the tournament.

The District 10 Tournament for 11-12 year olds started with 17 teams, and Sayreville romped to 4 consecutive victories and the crown. In their first contest, they blasted South Brunswick, 18-3, and went on to romp over Woodbridge 9-1, South River 13-6,

and in the finale sparked by Gluchowski's mammoth 3-run homer, downed North Edison, 7-3, to win a trip to the Sectional Tournament.

Against a strong Toms River East in the first round, Rich Gluchowski unloaded a clutch, game-winning 2-run homer in the bottom of the 6th inning with Mike Camillery on first, to give Sayreville a 2-0 victory. The locals went on to cop the Section 3 championship by topping Middletown North, 5-2, and advanced to the state championship "Final Four" Tournament. The other teams that qualified were Hammonton, Morristown and Nutley. This would mark the first time that Sayreville featured the State Championship Tournament at its home field on Washington Road. The event also coincided with the Sayreville Little League's 30th Anniversary.

Going into the state championship tourney, Sayreville had won all 6 previous games, and committed only 1 error. In the semifinals, against Nutley, the roof caved in, and they made 3 errors in the 4th inning, which broke a 2-2 tie, and paved the way for a 6-2 Nutley win. Sayreville outthit Nutley, 7-6, but the errors proved costly. Bobby Thompson and Rich Yuhas had RBI

singles, Gluchowski stroked 2 singles, while Jeff Fallik and Barry Szarvas Jr. had a single apiece. Mark Piatek allowed 6 Nutley hits and struck out 3.

In the consolation game, Hammonton stopped Sayreville, 7-0. Camillery belted a two-bagger, but to no avail, as Mike Montorio took the tough setback, and Sayreville finished 4th in the state of New Jersey, a great run considering there were 450 Little League organizations in NJ at the time.



1982 Champions-The Sayreville Little League All-Star District/Sectional championship team pictured top row (l-r) Manager John Gluchowski, Neal Golub, Rich Gluchowski, Steve Caruso, Mike Montorio, Coach George Evanego. Middle row (l-r) Jeff Fallik, Barry Sadowski, Barry Szarvas, Mark Piatek, Mike Camillery. Bottom row (l-r) Paul Kabara, Bobby Thompson, Mike Taylor, Rich Yuhas, Chris Evanego.

Sayreville, the Section 3/District 10 champions were honored with a banquet at the VFW Hall, which was sponsored by the Borough of Sayreville Council, organized by Councilman Kenneth Buchanan, and attended by special guests, the members of the 1961 Sayreville Little League State Champions.

The year 1982 was a most memorable one for this amazing Little League team, and everyone from the Borough of Sayreville.



Rich Gluchowski follows through for another home run for the 1982 Sayreville All-Stars Little League champions.



1982-The talented Sayreville All-Stars Little League baseball team breezed to the District 10 and also Section 3 championships.

Author Donates Body Armor To Sheriff's Dept.

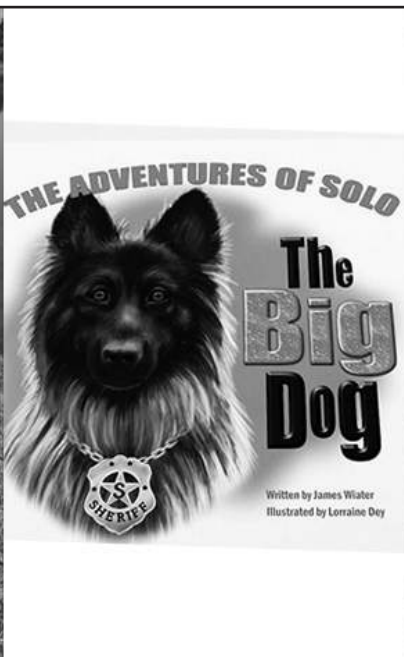
Big Dog Books and author James Wiater of Millstone, NJ recently ordered and received their second piece of K9 body armor which was donated to K9 Bryn and Officer Kevin Mastroserio of the Middlesex County Sheriff's Office on July 6th. Bryn is a 2-1/2 year old German Shepherd who is certified by the Montclair State University K9 Scent School in conjunction with the Montclair State University Police and the Middlesex and Essex County Sheriff's Office. The dedication took place at the Middlesex County Sheriff's Office in New Brunswick, NJ. Sheriff Mildred Scott accepted the vest from James Wiater.

The vest donation was made possible from proceeds of a children's book written by Wiater, titled "The Adventures of Solo, The Big Dog".

The book started as a simple story about a K9 officer that Wiater had made up for his daughters, Nikki and Kaci. The book was titled after real life "K9 Solo" who was killed in the line of duty in Bradley Beach NJ in 1998. The publishing of this dog-loving children's book is a dream come true for James Wiater. "Back in 1998, after reading the article about the police standoff and how Solo lost his life in the line of duty, I made



Author James Wiater (in light colored shirt) donated K9 body armor to the Middlesex County Sheriff's Officer Kevin Mastroserio and K9 Bryn (r).



a promise to myself that one day I would purchase a bullet proof vest for a K9 officer" Wiater exclaimed.

Since the book's publishing last August, Wiater has donated several pieces of K9 safety equipment. His first piece of body armor was donated to K9 Edge of the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office in January. He has also donated two pet oxygen kits, one to the Millstone Fire Department and the second to K9 Finn of the Hunterdon County

Prosecutor's Office along with a field trauma kit to K9 Ricky of the Willingboro Police Department. "I have several more pieces of equipment that have been requested and I am hoping to have them delivered soon," Wiater said. He also stated, "I am not only excited about the K9 Officers that we will be helping to protect, but also about the future of the book and the potential we have to help others!"

The Middlesex County Sheriff's Office

was the second law enforcement agency to receive a vest, from the proceeds of the book, which is about a police dog's adventures. Wiater plans to donate additional vests to other law enforcement agencies in the future. The cost for Bryn's vest was \$900.

The MCSO K-9 Unit presently consists of 3 handlers and 4 K-9s. The unit includes 3 explosive teams and 1 narcotics team.

So far in 2017, the K-9 Units have been called out well over 100 times, for both explosive and narcotics detection. The K9 teams also conduct numerous K-9 demonstrations throughout the county.

"Unfortunately, there are many more local K9 Officers that go to work each day without

body armor and protection. The more books we can sell, the more K9 Officers we can sponsor and help protect," says James Wiater.

To purchase a copy of "The Adventures of Solo, The Big Dog", please visit Bigdogbooks.net or email Jim@bigdogbooks.net. Or visit our GoFundMe page for anyone who may be interested in making a donation. Friends of Solo/K9 equipment.



Sayreville 911 Memorial Service

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Local dignitaries "pledge allegiance to the flag."



Mayor Kennedy O'Brien addresses the crowd.



Assemblyman Craig Coughlin shares his thoughts and memories of Sept. 11, 2001.



Family members of the late Robert T. Hughes, a victim of 911, place a memorial wreath.



Bagpiper plays a song as members of American Legion Post #211 look on.

Maureen Lawrence Named Middlesex County College Vice President

Maureen Lawrence has been named the vice president for Finance and Administration at Middlesex County College. Formerly the vice president for Finance and Operations at Brookdale Community College, Ms. Lawrence also has experience as an auditor with KPMG, specializing in higher education, and also with the United States Department of Defense.

At MCC, Ms. Lawrence oversees Payroll, Human Resources, Purchasing, Accounts Payable, Student Accounts, Labor Relations and Compliance, the Controller, Health and Safety, as well as the Campus Police. Ms. Lawrence replaces Susan Perkins, who retired in June.

"Sue and I were colleagues and relied on each other for advice," she said. "So I'm very familiar with Middlesex. I was very confident in taking this job knowing that I was taking over a very solid division."



Maureen Lawrence

Trip to Vermont and New Hampshire

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Vermont and New Hampshire from October 13 – 17 2017. The cost of the trip is \$790.00 which includes 4 nights lodging, 4 breakfasts, a luncheon at the Trapp Family lodge, and 3 dinners and 2 welcome receptions. Also included are evenings of

entertainment, Ben and Jerry's factory tour, shopping in Stowe Village, scenic train tour and much more. The cost of bus transportation and bus gratuity, taxes, and meal gratuities is also included. For information on about trip contact Carmen at 732-351-0260.

YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy host Teen Leadership Retreat

The YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge and South Amboy are thrilled to present an incredible opportunity for teens, ages 12-18 to join us for a 3-day TEEN LEADERSHIP RETREAT at CAMP MASON in Hardwick, NJ from October 13-15th. Staff and teens from all three branches will come together in a positive environment, to engage in safe and age-appropriate activities that aim to foster new relationships, build self-confidence and teach new skills. Teens will also be introduced to the Leaders Club program, organized for the purpose of developing youth as leaders and fostering a culture of service. The retreat and the Leader's Club will provide teen members with knowledge and training that will help them to better serve others and to shape a healthy lifestyle themselves. Teens from each community will interact and learn from one another to identify ways that they can strengthen their leadership skills while also strengthening their own community.

The retreat is free of charge for teens who are members of the Y and who show true interest and passion in growing, learning,

and thriving from a rare experience such as this. Be a part of the ADVENTURE! Contact your local YMCA Program Director for more information, and to inquire about reserving a spot!

There will be information sessions held at the Metuchen & South Amboy branches on Friday, September 22nd at 7:00 p.m. and at the Edison branch on September 15th at 7:00 p.m. In addition, to receiving more information about the YMCA, this information session will provide parents and teens with the weekend agenda, information about the weekend activities and you'll get to meet the staff who will be in attendance with the teens.

For more information please contact your YMCA branch:

South Amboy: Ashley Henrich — ashley.henrich@ymcaofmewsa.org or 732.553.9622

Edison: Dean Seda — dean.seda@ymcaofmewsa.org or 732.494.3232

Metuchen: Barbara Verikas — barbara.verikas@ymcaofmewsa.org or 732.548.2044

Trip to Wheeling Festival of Lights

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Wheeling, West Virginia for their Christmas Festival of Lights from November 29 to December 1, 2017. The cost of the trip is \$425.00 which includes 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, and 1 Holiday Dinner Show, bus transportation, and bus driver gratuity.

Also included in the cost is the Oglebay Park Festival of Lights tour, Winter Fantasy displays, The Glass Museum and Artisan Center, Kruger Street Toy and Train Museum and much more. For further information or to reserve a seat, please contact Finita at 732-721-5081.

Open Mic This Friday

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 resume their Open Mic series for the season this Friday September 29 beginning at 8 p.m. Anyone who is a group

member or soloist is invited. Refreshments are available. For more information call 732-721-2025.



The South Amboy Education Association showed their support for the 3rd annual Fed Up! Local Overdose And Substance Use Awareness Event held at the South Amboy Middle/High School on August 31, 2017. The free event brought awareness and education to the substance use epidemic ravaging communities throughout the nation. Kimberly Sieber, the event coordinator provided resources and speakers from community leaders, law enforcement, educational facilities and citizens that provided education and support to all. The evening ended with a Memorial Vigil. (Photo Submitted)

When Fastpitch Softball Ruled Sayreville And South Amboy-Part 2

By Tom Burkard

South Amboy

John Phillips shared something he has never forgotten since the early 1960's, when he played in the South Amboy Senior Softball League (Fastpitch). "I remember when I played for Progressive, and Paulie Ust, who was on the Frank's Tavern team hit into a triple play. I was the second baseman and Bob Kenny was our pitcher. Paulie hit a line drive about 12 inches off the ground, and I dove and somehow the ball found my glove. I walked over and tagged first base, and then threw to "Moonie" DeMattia our shortstop standing on second base for the triple play."

Some of the teams and players from the 1950's included:

1954-The teams in the South Amboy Senior Softball League: Oilers, Lou's Pastry, Tom & Box's, Melrose S.C., Munn's Mobile Gas, Render's Service Station.

The years are unknown on the following players-Ben & Ray's-Pitchers Ed Check, Ed Buck, Arky "Moonie" DeMattia, Gene Szeszko, Bob Farley; Spud's Bar-pitchers Walt Kurzowski, Jack Johnson; Tom & Box's-pitcher "Moxie" Bailey, Ed Szatkowski Sr., John Wortley Sr.; Speedy Auto-Joe Phillips; Sportsman's Inn-pitcher Ray Nebus, Frank Gale; Hillcrest Inn-pitcher Tony Lopez, Jack Massing, John "Mikey" Carroll, "Bob" Bennett, Bill Herzog; Lou's Bakery-pitcher Adam Lovely; Lagoda's-pitchers Ed Dunham, Leo Wilkes, Emil Bzdeuka, Stan Kowaleski, Tom Suchorski; All-Star-pitcher Jim Rea; Render-Caslo-pitchers-Russ Falk, Dick Letts;

1956-Spud's-ace pitcher Bob Kenny, Jerry Kelly, Ray Wisniewski; Lagoda's- ; Render's-Caslo-pitcher Russ Falk, Jim Reilly; Elias-(This was a team sponsor); Tom & Box's-pitcher "Moxie" Bailey, sluggers-Gene Malkiewicz, John Wortley; Sportsman's Inn-(Team Sponsor); Hillcrest-"Hap" Springer; English Appliances-(Team Sponsor); Speedy Auto-Joe Phillips; Ben & Ray's-pitcher Ed Buckalew, Frank Miglin.

1958-Hillcrest Inn-pitcher Tom Langer, Jim Burns; Tumble Inn-pitcher Ed Dunham;

1960-Progressive-pitcher Bob Kenny, Bill Bouchard; Independence-pitcher Walt Kurzowski; Protection-pitcher George Spiecker, John "Skeets" Skarzynski, John Szatkowski, Ed Szatkowski Sr.; English's-pitcher-John Read, Jim English; Mechanicsville-pitcher Jim Rea; Enterprise-Ray Nebus

1961-English Sunoco captured the championship over Protection.

1962-Teams-Knights of Columbus, Protection, Enterprise, Independence, English Sunoco.

1964-Knights of Columbus-ace pitchers Russ Stillwagon and Chet Gasiewski, Joe McCarthy, Jerry Haley; White Eagle-pitcher "Buck" Stratton; Progressive-star pitcher Bob Kenny, Jerry Covell, Ray Wisniewski, Joe Phillips, Bob Eppinger; Gay 90's-pitcher Bernie Mackiel Sr.; Protection-star pitcher George Spiecker; Frank's Cafe-star pitchers Bob Witkowski and Ron "Mucky" Ciszewski, Frank "Tank" Leonard; Sacred Heart - Jim Zdanewicz; Independence-ace pitcher John Pyonteck, Ed Wozniak; Enterprise-pitcher Mike Leonard, Arky "Moonie" DeMattia;

1966-Teams and Managers-Knights of Columbus-Bernie O'Connor; Enterprise Fire Co.-John Nemeth; Roddy & Charley's Tavern -Tom Kuc; Gay 90's-Ed Volk; Frank's Cafe-John Coil; Protection Fire Co.-Ed Downs.

Frank Grimley played for the Gay 90's back in the 60's, and shared a few recollections. "A few of my teammates were Bernie Mackiel Sr., "Whitey" Volk, Charley Volk, and our manager was Joe Conroy. "Hap" Springer was one of the good pitchers when I played. Russ Stillwagon was also a good pitcher. I also played a couple of games for Tumble Inn in the Sayreville League around 1957. They had a lot of talented players and I remember Johnny Zebro, the second baseman, Gene Malkiewicz, Joe Rudy, and Kurczewski, who were really good. Mack Brockington from New Brunswick was the best pitcher I ever saw, but Ron "Mucky" Ciszewski beat him in a tournament. I played against "Mucky's" dad, Ed, in the Sayreville League back in the '50's, and he was also a pitcher."

Sayreville

Late 1950's/Early 1960's-Al Zack played third base and the outfield for Steve's Shell in the Sayreville Recreation Softball League. One of his teammates was Rich Poplowski. Al recalled that "The Tumble Inn was always the hot team. Also, we played most of our games under the lights at the field on MacArthur Ave. There weren't too

many fields with lights back then. My father, who worked at Hercules set the lights for that field. Al also expressed the camaraderie of the players back in the day, "The games were fun, the guys hung out, and we knew each other shortly after getting out of high school. He jokingly said that, "My claim to fame is that when we played against Brockington (One of the greatest pitchers ever), I fouled a pitch off before striking out." Al is 79 years young, and still playing the game he loves in the over-70 League in Old Bridge with a team called The Highlanders (Named after the original New York Yankees), and also plays in the Retirement League for over-60. He's been seeing less action this season than he had hoped for, because he tore a miniscus back in May, but has been pitching in the Over-60 League.

John Phillips commented that "We can't close the book on Fast Pitch in Sayreville without mentioning these 4 guys: Johnny Marcinczyk, Billy Miara (His dad owned Bill's Tap Room), Ed "Casey" Prysak (Teammates and friends), and who can forget "Moxie" Bailey, the colorful pitcher, who was fun to play with and against."

1971-Bill's Tap Room-pitcher Mike Segledi, Ray Styler; American Legion.

1973-76 Bootsie's-Tom Wisniewski. Industrial League

1960's-Henry Moe was a talented left-handed catcher for the National Lead team that was a powerhouse in the Industrial League, which had about 12 teams competing. He said "I caught the great Bob "Whitey" Witkowski, and towards the end of my career, in the late 60's, I was fortunate enough to catch him in a game when he struck out 19 or 20 batters. He had a tremendous fastball. I really had no trouble catching Bobby. He was a pleasure. He could strike out big leaguers. Bobby's cousin "Mucky" Ciszewski was also an outstanding pitcher. Mickey Sedlak umpired most of the games. We even split 2 games with Eddie Feigner, and he was "Top Dog" in the U.S." Henry worked at National Lead from 1956-70, and then became a Borough of Sayreville Police Officer. He pitched for the Sayreville Police Dept., and recalled teammates Rich Kurczewski and Terry Popowski. They played against other area police departments and also the State Police. Henry also played Slow Pitch, 9 O'Clock, and briefly in a 50 and Over softball league.

9 O'Clock Softball

The 9 O'Clock softball is when the pitcher brings his arm back to throw, he doesn't use the windmill motion and can only bring the arm back to a certain height. However he still can throw as hard as he wants.

Bob Stary better known as "Bob The Barber" played for over 20 years until he was 50 years old. A talented pitcher with a natural curveball, he hurled for The Federals in the Sayreville "9 O'Clock" Sunday morning league. He recalled a few teammates, mentioning Joe Matagrano, Pete Hamma, Bobby Vermeil, and the Shirtz Brothers. Bob really enjoyed his softball days, and said, "It kept me in shape, or otherwise I'd be just sitting around. Once in awhile, we'd have a keg of beer after the games." He was also active in the Sayreville Little League from 1976-87, and served as a manager, board member, and vice-president. He was awarded a special plaque for his service to the organization.

Notebook: Prior to moving to this side of the bridge, Chet Gasiewski of South Amboy, and Bob "Hossie" Hospidor of Morgan both played many years for the legendary powerhouse Meade Street Aces from Perth Amboy.



1969-Richie Kurczewski (l) and Gene Malkiewicz (r), team stars and co-managers of Sonny's Bar, admire the trophy held by Sonny's proprietor, Sonny Witkowski, emblematic of the New Jersey Open Softball title.



Early 1960's-Larry's Bar won the Sayreville Recreation Fastpitch Softball championship. Pictured top row (l-r) ?, Ron Sadowski, Ed Strek, ?, Bill Miara, John Marcinczyk, ?, Tony Zyskowski. Bottom row (l-r) ?, Casey Prysak, ?, Charlie Skwira, ?, Rich Mytnick. The names of the batboys are unknown. If anyone can help with the many missing names to this picture, please let us know. (All photos/names courtesy of Ed Strek)



1965-National Lead sponsored the Middlesex County Industrial League championship team, which was known as the Titanox Titans. Pictured are the champions wearing their red jackets, which they received for their accomplishment. Seated (l-r) Gene Tucker, George Franz Jr., John YOUNCOFSKI, Capt. Carl Buffalino, Ed Strek, Jerry Gorczyca, Jose Blaszk, Frank Auriemma. Back row (l-r) Earl Dorman, Frank Sokloski, Dave Williams, Ray Wavrek, Steve Malik, Joe Wytanis, and Manager Tony Brodniak. Missing from photo-John Pyonteck.



1969-Sonny's Bar of South River, which featured many Sayreville/South Amboy players captured the Open AA State Softball championship. Kneeling (l-r) Norbie Smith, Ed Strek, John Dusko, Gene Malkiewicz, sponsor Sonny Witkowski, Bob Kennedy, Jerry Gorczyca. Standing (l-r) Joe Bonczek, Joe Rudy, Stan Malecki, Dennis McManian, Richie Kurczewski, Ron Ciszewski, Bruce Decker.



1970-Sonny's once again captured the Open AA State Softball championship. The champions pictured bottom row (l-r) Ed O'Leary, John Dusko, Jim Malkiewicz, Sonny Witkowski, Jim Witkowski, Gene Malkiewicz, Ed Strek. Middle row (l-r) "Tiger" Decker, Norbie Smith, Jack Snyder, Joe Rudy, Richie Kurczewski, Jerry Gorczyca. Top row (l-r) Leo Dohan, Ron Ciszewski, Bob Kennedy, Stan Malecki, Bill Griffiths, Joe Bonczek, Jim Ciszewski.

Coming In The October 28th Issue: Slow Pitch Softball Takes South Amboy/ Sayreville By Storm-Part 1.



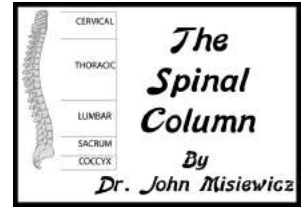
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3. Hang out with the crowd! Stay in crowded malls and elevators, where people are coughing and sniffing.

4. Don't wash your hands, shaking hands, picking up a common phone, and touching doorknobs, can transfer live cold and flu viruses onto your hands.

5. Rub your eyes, nose and mouth frequently. This is one of the most effective ways of helping a live cold or flu virus make its way from your hands to respiratory system and into your bloodstream.

6. My favorite, the Flu Shot. Should you get yourself and your children vaccinated against the flu? The Vaccine is not a good match for the mutated strains circulating now. CDC Director Dr. Tom Frieden said, during a news briefing. As with all medications, there are potential risks, some are minor and some more serious.

Consider these suggestions along with the above information regarding risks versus benefits before getting a flu shot this year and of course, talk to your doctor for more information. As always an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Fishing Flashes

By Teo "Weebles" Weber



Salt Water

Fluke fishing ended on a low note to close out the season. It was spotty with a few keepers of good size. Surf fishing in the bay is slow. At the times I checked it, all I saw was a few Snapper Blues. In the ocean there are some big Bluefish weighing 4 to 8 pounds and bigger that were showing up in the surf. It's on and off-you have to be there when they come in. At Barnegat Bay, some big monster Blues are caught off the docks at night. Party Boat Bluefishing has gotten better. A good number of medium sized Bluefish along with a good number of Bonito and some False Albacore. There are loads of Club Mackerel on each trip too. Bottom fishing, now that Fluke and Sea Bass season has closed, is all Porgies. There are lots of them and some are the large 2 and 3 pound Shad Porgies. There is a hot bite of Blackfish at the Barnegat inlet jetties. You can keep one at 15 inches. There are Kingfish biting, on and off, in the LBI surf.

Fresh Water

Fishing is good for Bass, Pickerel and Panfish in most lakes and ponds. Smallmouth Bass fishing in the Delaware River is good. Most of them are small. Fall Trout stocking begins October 9th with close to 30,000 trout measuring 14 to 20 inches Rainbows with a few big breeders 6 to 8 pounds. The first week will be major streams. The second week is in selected lakes. There is a new state record for Bowfin going over 11 pounds which was caught in Mantua Creek in South Jersey.

Fisherman's Prayer

I pray that I may live to fish
Until my dying day.
And when it comes to my last cast,
I then most humbly pray:
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And peacefully asleep
That in His mercy I be judged
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Representatives from Mater Dei high school visit St. Stanislaus Kostka School to talk to the seventh and eighth grade students during the high school fair.



Kindergarten student, Emma Merendeiro, builds a tower out of marshmallows and toothpicks during her STREAM class at St. Stan's School.

Sight & Sound Trip

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 sponsor a trip to Sight & Sound Theatre and Shady Maple Smorgasbord Lancaster PA Saturday December 9. Motor coach leaves South Amboy K of C Hall at 8 a.m. for the 11 a.m. show, "The Miracle Of Christmas." with 3 p.m. dining at Shady Maple. Cost of \$130 includes round trip motorcoach transportation, tickets for the show, and lunch buffet. For more information call Nancy Smetana at 732-721-2025 or nsmetana65@gmail.com

Oct. 21 Chicken Dinner

Knights of Columbus Saint Laurence Council # 10281, Laurence Harbor is holding its Annual Chicken Dinner on Oct. 21 from 4-7 p.m. at Saint Laurence Church Parish Center. The menu includes: salad, chicken with sides, desserts, coffee, tea, soda and water. Admission-adults-\$14, children under 12 years old-\$6.

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South Amboy 911 Memorial Service

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



South Amboy firefighters pause for a moment of silence in remembrance of those who perished in the 911 attack.



Girl Scouts present a beautiful memorial wreath.



Mayor Fred Henry addresses the crowd, and reflects back to that day of infamy, 9-11-01



Assemblyman John Wisniewski presents a poignant speech to those in attendance.



Firefighters salute in tribute to the victims of the attack on the World Trade Center.



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Letters

Hi Tom,
 The Mystery picture in August South Amboy times is "The Provident Bank" Originally Called "Pulawski Saving Bank" on Davis Lane. Before the Bank and houses were there was that the old Sacred Heart Church Baseball Park? We were only told that that property was the church ballpark. I am sorry that I have no idea who played on that park, or who would remember it better than I. I was also told when they remodeled the Sacred Heart Altar in the late 1960's the old Altar was buried on the bank's parking lot.
 Anne and Bruno Szatkowski
 Sayreville

Hi Tom,
 I know this building well...it sits at the corner of Washington Ave. and Davis Lane in South Amboy (the Post Office finally gave it the address of 600 Washington Ave. after quite sometime. It was the original location of Pulawski Savings Bank which became Pulse Savings Bank when the bank went public with stock offerings under its parent company, Pulse Bancorp. In 1999, Pulse was acquired and merged with First Savings Bank. In 2004 First Savings was acquired and merged with Provident Bank which was founded in 1839 in Jersey City and whose corporate headquarters is currently located in Iselin, NJ.
 Great picture!
 Roxanne Keegan
 South Amboy

Hello,
 I enjoy the paper very much. As someone who was born and raised in South Amboy, but live elsewhere now, it is a pleasure to to read the SA Times and it's articles. Elaine Holton Scott's column is one of my favorites. She seems to be able to capture not just the history, but also the feelings and perceptions of days past. Reading her articles bring back memories, feelings, and thoughts for me, plus some laughter. It makes me realize how much living in South Amboy has been a part of my life. I always feel good after reading her column.
 Thank you to all who are a part of the paper.
 Denise Geant Sacks

Dear Editor,
 My husband and I are former Sayreville residents and now live in Palm Harbor, Florida we were sent your newspaper article by one of my classmates mentioning my husband and other members of the Sayreville Fast Pitch teams and it brought back a lot of memories of his old teammates, we thoroughly enjoyed the article and would like to subscribe to your paper. We still have a lot of family members in Sayreville and enjoyed other articles in your paper as well. Great Newspaper!
 Thank You
 Chris and John O'Hare

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Blast From The Past Classic Car Show & Concert

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Joe Gatti stands proudly by his beautiful Chevy Camaro at the Sayreville Recreation Department's 9th Annual Classic Car Show & Concert. Joe is the proprietor of Weber's Garage/Central Jersey Starter & Alternator, Inc. on Rt. 35 South in Morgan.



DJ Richie Flash stands by the many great trophies that were given out to the winners at the Car Show.



Sayreville Recreation Director Jerry Ust (l) greets Dr. Edward Marion (c) and his wife Debbie Marion (r).



Locals visit with Sayreville Recreation Director Jerry Ust (r), who once again did a fabulous job with this community event.



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WWW.?



Does this local structure look familiar to you? This establishment has had many names and some very famous acts performed there. Send your answer in to: satimes@aol.com. Good luck!

August Winners

Last month's WWW.? was Provident Bank located on the corner of Washington Ave. and Davis Ln. in South Amboy. Other correct answers would be Pulawski Savings Bank and Pulse Savings Bank. Several readers incorrectly identified the building as Raritan Bay Federal Credit Union.

August winners include Estelle Pluskota, Dennis Quinlan, Dawn Roberts, Kevin Kania, The Staff of Provident Bank Washington Rd., Chuck Pickard, Christine Jourdan, Roxanne Keegan, Anne Marie Trapp, Gerry Sherry, Judy Guilfoyle, Leon Credico, Paul Sohayda, Nancy Berry, Joan Fulham, Jennifer Coddling, Mark Moniello, Elizabeth Leveille, Pat Minnick, Don Zrebiec, Adele O'Hara, Pat & Bill Scully, Anne and Bruno



August-WWW.? Provident Bank

Szatkowski, Dane Colburn, Gary Feret, Mary Agnes Morris, W. Tom Kross, Jay Seyglinski, Par & Bill Scully, Maryanne Matarangolo, Peggy Yuhas, John Leo Fedorka, Lisa Grankowski, Rich "Ish" Ambroziak, Lynn Loy, Pete McIntyre, Marlene Letwenski, Jack Piskorski, Lorraine Krause, and Ed Bender.

***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.

Where in New Jersey?



This month's Where In NJ will get you across a river, it was also mentioned in one of Orson Wells famous broadcasts. Send you answer to satimes@aol.com Good Luck!

August Information Where in New Jersey?

By Brian & Phyllis Stratton

The August Where In NJ was the Sightseers Tram Car on the boardwalk in Wildwood, N.J.. The yellow and blue trackless trams cover two miles of the boardwalk and you can ride for a nominal fee. They were originally built for the 1939 New York Worlds Fair and some of those original trams are still in operation today. If you have ever wandered into the marked tram lane you may have heard the recorded message: "Watch The Tram Car Please" which was recorded by local Floss Stingel in 1971 to avoid a collision with the Tram. The trams have been a summer staple since they were brought to Wildwood on June 11, 1949 and carry more than half a million visitors up and down the boardwalk each year. Hopefully they bring back lots of memories for everyone of summer fun!



August-Where in New Jersey? Sightseers Tram Car - Wildwood, NJ



Where in NJ Winners.

This months winners are Chuck Pickard, Gerry Sherry, Judy Guilfoyle, Leon Credico, Denise Safker, Mark Moniello, Elizabeth Leveille, Adele O'Hara, Dane Colburn, Gary Feret, Pete McIntyre. Congratulations everyone!

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Obituaries

Adell, Ernest A., 72, formerly of Sayreville died on Sept. 17.
 Christensen, Mary M. "Peg" Reilly, 92, of South Amboy died on Sept. 10.
 Ebinger, Jean A., 85, formerly of Parlin died on Aug. 19.
 Hahn, Jean Kuhn, 86, of Sayreville died on Sept. 13.
 Hauser, Barbara, 80, formerly of Sayreville died on Aug. 30.
 Kaminski, Raymond, formerly of South Amboy died on Aug. 13.
 Klajn, Thaddeus, 91, of Morgan died on Aug. 30.
 Kozak, Walter, formerly of South Amboy died on Aug. 28.
 Lawnik, Thomas F., 65, of Sayreville died on Sept. 5.
 Meyers, Wayne Jr., 33, of Parlin died on Aug. 22.
 Modzelewski, Sophie, 89, of Sayreville died on Aug. 28.
 Murphy, William J. Jr., 81, of Parlin died on Sept. 14.
 Nita, Amy M., 40, of Parlin died on Sept. 17.
 O'Donnell, Art, 67, formerly of South Amboy died on Jan. 2, 2014.
 Padewski, Irene, 100, of Parlin died on Aug. 20.
 Pietraski, Linda, 73, of South Amboy died on Aug. 19.
 Poland, Gerald, 66, of Morgan died on Sept. 13.
 Santoni, Maria E., 91, of South Amboy died on Sept. 10.
 Tripolone, Gertrude, 65, of Sayreville died on Sept. 17.
 Vitale, Rose, 92, of Parlin died on Sept. 3
 Woods, Anne M., 72, of Parlin died on Sept. 21.


In Memoriam

Jean Kuhn, 86, of Sayreville died on Sept. 13. She was a former Den Mother to Troop 69. Ernest Adell, 72, formerly of Sayreville died on Sept. 17. A Sayreville HS grad, who played varsity baseball, he went on to become a Lieutenant with the Old Bridge Police Dept., where he worked for 31 years until retirement.



A Fire Department In Heaven?

Did you know there's a Fire Department in Heaven?
 I heard Bear tell that story to a lad.
 The young lad stared; working over the words he'd just been given.
 Bear, do you think God's got a spot on the truck for my dad?
 Bear smiled, even though you could tell his heart was heavy, and said,
 "You bet son, as he roughed the hair on the boy's head.
 The boy looked up, his sadness, for now gone.
 Bear went on, holding back the tears that were trying to fall.
 They've got the biggest, reddest fire trucks you ever saw,
 And they keep them all cleaned and ready,
 Just in case they get a call. Of course they don't get too many,
 Bein' in Heaven and all. But God knew this, so right next to them He Made,
 A great big tree, that puts out a lot of shade. And each day they have at least one run,
 Down the streets of Heaven, leading the afternoon parade.
 The day came, the worst of any other,
 When we have to say farewell to Bear a fallen brother.
 Bear, is now in Heaven and is now the Chief.
 He is now leading that afternoon parade. And those words will ever be
 Did you know there's a Fire Department in Heaven?
 Submitted by his loving wife Rose Celecki



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.

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 MOTHER
 (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. -M.M.

Gone Fishin' Many Years Ago...



This photo was probably taken in the 1930's or 1940's of three good local friends on a fishing trip in the Raritan Bay. Pictured (l-r) Marion Gomolka, Joe Szaro, and Frank Kurzawa. (Photo/info courtesy of Al Gomolka Jr.)



From left to right: Dr. William J. Behre, provost, and Dr. Joseph R. Marbach, president, Georgian Court University; and Dr. Joann La Perla-Morales, president, and Dr. Mark McCormick, vice president for academic and student affairs, Middlesex County College.

Middlesex County College and Georgian Court University Sign Transfer Agreement

Officials from Middlesex County College and Georgian Court University have signed a dual admissions agreement that will allow MCC graduates to transfer to GCU seamlessly and at a discounted tuition rate.

"The dual degree agreement creates pathways for MCC graduates in nearly all of our degree programs to transfer to bachelor's degree programs at Georgian Court University," said Joann La Perla-Morales, president of MCC. "In addition, Georgian Court will offer guaranteed tuition discounts—based on grade point average—for grads who enroll full time at its Lakewood campus. Discounts range from 20 percent for those with a GPA between 2.0 and 2.49, to 52 percent for those with a GPA of 3.75 and above. This is a wonderful opportunity for our graduates to attend a prestigious university at an affordable rate. In addition

to the guaranteed discounted rate, students are eligible to receive additional grants and scholarships offered by GCU."

Justin G. Roy, dean of admissions at Georgian Court University, lauded the agreement.

"As two institutions who share similar educational missions, we're proud and excited to partner with Middlesex County College to develop pathways for MCC graduates to seamlessly transfer to Georgian Court University," he said. "While students can enroll in the dual degree program at any time during their tenure at MCC, both schools recommend doing it as early as possible. That way, Georgian Court advisors can work with the students to ensure they are taking the correct courses and are prepared for the university."

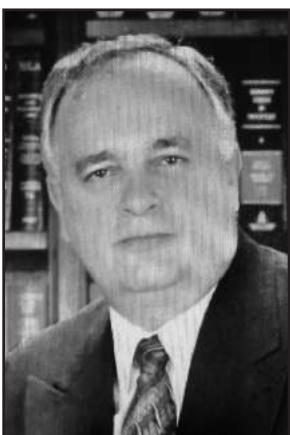
O'Donnell Remembered

By Tom Burkard

If you happened to be around the area in the early 1960's, especially in '63, when St. Mary's captured the South Jersey Parochial B state baseball championship, you probably heard of the Eagles' talented catcher, who was also an outstanding hitter, Art O'Donnell. A quiet leader, who led by example, he went on to become a 1st Team All-State Parochial & Private Schools/1st Team All-State Parochial Schools catcher during that memorable year. Art also played varsity basketball for the Blue & Gold.

It was recently brought to our attention by his former St. Mary's teammate, Joe Martin, that Art had died on January 2, 2014 at the age of 67.

O'Donnell went on to a highly-successful career in the educational field for over 30 years. He started as a math



Art O'Donnell

teacher, and quickly rose through the ranks in Pasco County, Florida, becoming principal of Gulf High School in 1974. He later served as a math specialist in the district office before returning to the principal's post at Hudson High for 13 years, and then Ridgewood High for 5 years until his retirement. One former

colleague said, "Art was a man of integrity, a man that treated people fairly." Mike Asbell, who worked as an assistant principal with Dr. O'Donnell for 11 years called his friend and mentor a "genuine people person, who led by example, not by fiat. His heart was at the school. His heart was helping kids. Unfortunately, they threw the mold away when they made Art O'Donnell. There's never been another principal like him, and there never will be."

Sayreville Day-September 17th

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Patti Burch (l) receives a beautiful bouquet of flowers from Recreation Director Jerry Ust to thank her for 20 years of excellence as the Sayreville Day Committee Chairperson .



Keeping the Sayreville residents informed are (l-r) Michael Yetsko, Teri Yetsko, Lee Mullican.



Mayor Kennedy O'Brien (l), New Jersey gubernatorial candidate Kim Guadagno (c), and Mayor O'Brien's wife, Janice O'Brien (r) were at the jam-packed Sayreville Day.



As always, there was plenty of fun stuff for the kids to do.



Candidates for the Borough of Sayreville Council Vicky Kilpatrick (l) and Mary Novak (r) are pictured in front of the Democratic tent.



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