

Tax Increase In South Amboy

South Amboy taxpayers will face an average school tax increase of \$107. The \$16.1 million budget, which includes technology upgrades, and according to officials will continue to allow the school district to provide quality services to students, was recently adopted by the South Amboy Board of Education.

The budget increases the tax rate from 1.0523 cents to approximately 1.1007 cents per \$100 of assessed value for 2015-16.

Main Liquor & Wines 25th Anniversary

Main Liquor & Wines will be holding its 25th Anniversary of their business celebration on Sunday, May 24th at their store located at 533 Main St., South Amboy. There will be plenty of food and soft drinks for all, so come on down and celebrate with them. The celebration is being held for "our appreciation to you for your patronage through the years," said popular Owner Hershey Patel. The Barbecue will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and should be a great time for all. Congratulations Hershey and staff on 25 outstanding years of serving the community!

Sayreville Memorial Day Parade

The annual Sayreville Memorial Day Parade will start at 10 a.m. on May 25, and is sponsored by the American Legion Post 211 and the Veterans of Foreign War Post 4699.

The big event kicks off at Elizabeth St. and Washington Rd., and ends with a service at Borough Hall on Main St. Gary Wistuba, a Vietnam War veteran will serve as this year's grand marshal. For more info contact Larry Doyle at ltd504@optimum.net or 908-705-3530.

Police Week Memorial Service At Sayreville

By Tom Burkard

The Sayreville Police held its 2015 Police Week Memorial Service on May 15th in front of Police Headquarters, to honor all of the Borough's deceased police officers. The cover of the program read, "It was their duty to serve. It is our duty to remember." Over 200 people attended the ceremony, which was presented by Sayreville PBA Local 98 and Sayreville Police Dept.

The program went as follows: Sgt. David Lasko welcomed the crowd and served as master of ceremonies. Officer Gabriel Lugo sang a fine version of the "National Anthem," and was followed by an invocation from Father Ryan, Pastor of Our Lady of Victories Church. Floral presentations were then made to families of deceased police officers by Capt. Ronald Batko and Officer Robert Hoersch. Mayor Kennedy O'Brien then gave his remarks, and was followed by Officer Douglas Gumprecht, President of the Sayreville PBA 98. Chief John Zebrowski gave an excellent and inspiring speech, and then wreath presentations were made by the Command Staff/PBA. Sgt. Jeffrey Sprague and Det. Douglas Sprague lowered the colors to half mast, and then Officer Lugo did the Roll Call of Honor. A closing prayer was said, and the VFW/American Legion gave a 21-salute to honor the deceased officers. Sgt. Peter Skarzynski played "Taps," Dispatcher Mark Hurlley played "Amazing Grace," and Sgt. David Lasko concluded the service and invited all inside for refreshments.



The family of late South Amboy Police Sgt. Francis "Inky" Norek is pictured after placing the memorial wreath near the Officer Mourning statue in front of City Hall during the South Amboy Police Dept. Memorial Service. (Photo by Brian Stratton) See more photos on page 9.

Officers Honored By 200 Club

Sayreville police officers Sgt. Kevin Connors, Officer Douglas Gumprecht, and Officer Matthew Kurtz were recognized 200 Club of Middlesex County on May 20th, for their valor at a huge fire on Dec. 29, 2014 at 451 Main St., Sayreville, home of former Sayreville Public Defender Paul DeSarno. In the early morning blaze, 6 DeSarno family members jumped or were rescued to safety, and the officers were noted especially for saving the life of DeSarno's 83-year old father-in-law.

South Amboy Fire Captain Tom Szatkowski and firefighter Dave Szatkowski were recipients of meritorious service awards for their response to a June 26, 2014 structure fire. The firemen used a ladder from Protection Engine Co., and climbed on the roof of a burning garage and physically rescued the woman with no regard for their own safety. Congratulations to the five men honored for their bravery and heroism to save the lives of others!



Thomas J. Noble, Grand Marshal of the South Amboy Memorial Day Parade is pictured with his proud family following the Memorial Day Service which was held in front of City Hall. (Photo by Brian Stratton) See more photos on page 21.



The Sayreville Police Dept. held its Police Week Memorial Service on May 15th. Denice Matura Hogan (l) and Joanne Farley Remite (r) are pictured following the ceremony that honored deceased members of the force. Denice's husband, Officer Joseph Hogan died on April 23, 2015, and Joanne's father Captain Leo Farley passed away on March 20, 2015. (Photo by Tom Burkard) See more photos on page 11.

South Amboy Police Memorial Day Service Held

By Tom Burkard

The South Amboy Police Dept. held its annual Memorial Day service on May 11th in front of City Hall, and dedicated it to all law enforcement officers. Ptl. Mark Lewis served as the emcee, and greeted over 200 people who attended. PBA Chaplin, Father Dennis Weezorak, Pastor of St. Mary Church, gave the invocation, and he was followed by PBA President Ptl. Michael Kelly, who gave the address. Sgt. Brian Noble called the officers to attention, and Ptl. Lewis led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance. Ptl. Dennis McQuade and Ptl. Dane O'Grady raised the memorial flag, which was followed by an excellent version of "God Bless America" performed by Francis Norek Jr., son of the late and beloved Sgt. Francis "Inky" Norek, who always sang this song at important local events. Sgt. Richard Wojaczyk then read the memorial roll call of all of the former South Amboy Police officers, who have passed away through the years. American Legion Post 211 of Sayreville provided a rifle salute and also the sounding of "Taps." The Norek family then placed the wreath in memory of the highly-respected and popular Sgt. Francis "Inky" Norek, who died on March 9, 2015. Sgt. Noble then called a parade rest, and Business Administrator Camille Tooker read an address from Police Chief Darren LaVigne, who was participating in The Unity Bicycle Tour from New Jersey to Washington D.C. in honor of fallen police officers. Retired Police Chief Gerard Pizzillo followed with an outstanding address, in which he mentioned all the South Amboy family-connections, and relatives of officers who were policemen through the years. He later apologized for inadvertently leaving out Lt. Brian McCabe whose father was Capt. Jack McCabe, and uncle was Chief of Police Leo McCabe, and Sgt. Dan Holovacko whose uncle Jim was Chief of Police. Retired Sgt. Glen Malkiewicz played a beautiful version of "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes, and Sgt. Patricia Kanecke then recited the "Policeman's Prayer." Mayor Fred Henry then spoke to those in attendance, and quoted President John F. Kennedy throughout his excellent speech. Father Weezorak gave the Benediction, and Francis Norek Jr. sang "The Lord's Prayer," once again doing a superb job. Sgt. Noble called for the unit dismissal, and everyone was invited to Independence Fire House for refreshments.

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Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

Sayreville Teacher Wins Award

Jennifer Mahieu, who teaches science at Samesel Upper Elementary School in Sayreville, won the prestigious "Teacher as Hero" award recently. She was honored by the National Liberty Museum in Philadelphia for encouraging students to become more environmentally aware, as well as leadership. Congratulations Jennifer on a job well done!

Koy Competed In Olympics

Matthew Koy competed in the Junior National Champion Olympics in Daytona, Florida recently. Matthew is a student at Head Over Heals in Sayreville. He is the son of Scott and Sharon Koy, and grandson of Keith and Toni Manion, and Marty and Linda Koy. His family is very proud of him!

Local On Deans List

Rebecca Koy recently made the Dean's List at Brookdale Community College. She graduated on her birthday, May 15th. Congratulations Rebecca and Happy Birthday!

In Memoriam

Robert Poland, 89, of Sayreville died on April 20. He was a life member and former Chief of President Park Fire Dept., who served in 1972 in the top spot. Valerie Trivisano, 79, formerly of Morgan died on April 21. She worked for the Borough of Sayreville for 22 years, and will be sadly missed. Joseph Hogan, 65, of Parlin died on April 23. Joe retired in 2001 as a highly-decorated patrolman with the Borough of Sayreville Police Dept. after 16 years of service. Prior to that, he was a supervisor for 15 years at E.I. DuPont F & F in Parlin. He was a member of many police organizations, and was loved and respected by so many throughout the local communities. Patricia Moran, 78, formerly of South Amboy died on April 26. She served as South Amboy Recycling Coordinator until her retirement in 2012. Pat was well-respected throughout the community. Florence Krainski, 91, of Sayreville died on May 5. Prior to her

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Pleasant Little Trivia

By Tom Burkard

- Where was Sayreville Bar & Pizzeria located in 1983? a. Thomas St. b. Borden-town Ave. c. Cecelia St.
- In '76, how many Stewart's Root Beer stands were located in Sayreville? a. one b. two c. three
- Pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church, Parlin in 1980? a. Gary Kull b. Phillip Gray c. Mary Livingstone
- In '80, where was Albert's Barber Shop located in Sayreville? a. Pulawski Ave. b. Main St. c. Scott Ave.
- Where was the Sayreville Iron Works located in 1975? a. Rt. 9 South b. Washington Rd. c. Jernee Mill Rd.
- In 1982, where was the Tunnel bar located in Sayreville? a. Oak St. b. Scott Ave. c. Rt. 9 North
- In '90, this bar was located at 114 North Feltus St., South Amboy? a. Brave Bull b. The Place c. Jag's White Eagle
- President of the South Amboy City Council in 1988? a. Bruce Richmond b. Jake DeFort c. Michael Charmello
- Chairman of South Amboy Planning Board in '87? a. Michael Marrone b. Vincent Mackiel c. John Duffy
- In 1987, the library director at Dowdell Library? a. Keith McCoy b. Elaine Gaber c. Phil Israel
- President of the South Amboy Senior Citizens Club in '76? a. John Chlebicki b. Casper Poetsch c. Mary Harding
- South Amboy Lions Club president in 1976? a. Ray "Butch" Tomaszewski b. Franklin English c. Greg Havlusch

Answers

1c 2b 3a 4c 5c 6a 7c 8a 9a 10a 11a 12c.



American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62 of South Amboy Commander Bob "Zak" Sekerak (r) and members are pictured placing American flags at St. Mary's Cemetery for Memorial Day in honor of veterans who have died. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

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Brick House Bar & Grill



Pictured at the popular Brick House Bar & Grill in Sayreville are (l-r) Bar Managers/ Head Bartenders Corrie Anne Penland, Megan Amato, and owners Mary Ann Spisso, and Carmelita Rondesko. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

The Brick House Bar & Grill recently celebrated the 60th Anniversary of the popular, family-owned and operated establishment in Sayreville. In 1952, the business was originally called Kelly's Bar, and later became Wally's Bar. The Brick House Bar & Grill opened approximately 7 years ago, and quickly became the place to go for those looking for a friendly neighborhood spot offering everything from tasty Angus burgers to a delicious full course meal. According to owner Mary Ann Spisso, "We offer casual dining at its best."

The Brick House menu is loaded with mouth-watering food with some of its specialties including House Fried Chicken, Rib-Eye Steak, Brick House Steak Salad, Marino's Famous Steak Bites, Pierogies, Homemade Soups, and they also offer a small variety of desserts. Every Friday features a Seafood Fry & Broil, and sandwiches as well as dinners are also available. Some of their superb specialties include Flounder Franchise, 1lb. Seafood Combo Dinner, in addition to offering seafood sandwiches such as Cod, Flounder, Scallops, and Shrimp. Menu specials change daily, plus Brick House also offers homemade fare.

You can enjoy casual dining in the bar area, and there is also a separate dining

room and sun porch area. There is always a friendly atmosphere and great service at the Brick House Bar & Grill, plus there are 13 HD TV's always offering the NFL Package and the NBA Package.

In 2002 at the business' 50th Anniversary celebration, Sayreville Mayor Kennedy O'Brien presented a proclamation to the Rondesko family, which adorns a wall in the dining room. The restaurant has served as a home, a job, and a proud tradition for three generations of the Rondeskos.

Bar manager/Head Bartender Megan Amato, a third-generation Rondesko family member said that, "The most important thing to remember in this business is to stay true to who you are, and stay true to your patrons. I think we have succeeded in doing that. That consistency is why we have stood the test of time. As a third-generation, I'm proud to say that we've been serving cheer for over 60 years, and I say here's to 60 more."

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St. Stanislaus Kostka seventh grade student, Jenna Huff smiles as she accepts the first annual John Garbowski Memorial Scholarship. Jenna is the recipient of this honor because of her dedication to academic excellence. Standing left to right are Mrs. Margaret Garbowski, wife of the late John Garbowski, her daughter Rebecca, Mrs. Amy Huff, Jenna Huff and Mrs. Elena Malinconico, principal. Photo credit: Magdalene Florczak

Yearbook-Hoffman 1995

By Tom Burkard

Carol Galley was Acting Superintendent of Schools, and Robert Bloodgood was Principal. Some of the fine roster of teachers included Lynn Davis, Bob Daugherty, Dave Inman, Sheila Inman, Carol McDonnell, Rich Klein, Ray Tomaszewski, Tony Gonsalves, Octavia Zampella. The yearbook was dedicated to Barbara Russell and William Beattie.

Kevin Manion was Senior Class President. Some of the members of the Class of '95 selected randomly are: Monique Cancel, Jonathan Christie, Tara DePasquale, Joseph Evanski, Dave Hetzel, Heather Jankowski, Kelly Krass, Sheryl Krieger, Nancy Kurtiak, John Lawrence, Kathleen Lucovitz, Peter Margl, Amy Martin, Lisa Moglia, Sean Moran, Lydia Nicewicz, Kristin Pasquale, Michael Quirk, Marie Ramer, Erin Senape, Jamie Skierski, Denise Sunderman, Melinda Thomson, Allison Toth, Adrienne Walczak, Edward Welsh, Michael Felice. Please take a moment to remember two very great guys and members of the Class of '95, who passed away, Robert Kovacs and Edward Szatkowski.

Hoffman HS had plenty of extracurricular activities including the Homecoming Dance that featured the King & Queen, Kevin Manion and Denise Sunderman; The Fall Musical, "Aladdin," the Halloween Happening; the trip to Medieval Times; Spirit Week; National Honor Society Tapping; "Gypsy;" Rocket Shooting, and of course many clubs.

The Governors featured many talented senior athletes: Cheryl Christensen, Joy Ingstrup, Jamie Keeter, Eileen Krutul, Kevin Manion, Karen McNerny, Jennifer Mercado, Jolynn Olszewski, Kristy Parfianowicz, Melissa Paul, Colleen Pearson, Michael Russo, Stephanie Schultz, Thomas Simone I, Mary Skrynka, Edward Szatkowski, Barbara Ust, Walter Mueller, Patrick Bielak, Martin Domaradzki, Kristen Henry, Steven Honimar, Edward Kern, Raymond Royce, Michael Flaherty.

Hoffman High School Class of 1995 was an amazing group of interesting and very talented individuals, who were ready to make their mark on the real world.

Whatever Happened To?

Tom Donnelly ('70 St. Mary's grad, formerly of Morgan), Jeanne Saccone, Ken Mulrooney, Roger Mulrooney, Dave April, John Smiglesky. Glen Gerding, Mike Gerding.

Robin Johnston, who was mentioned in last month's column, was located thanks to her daughter Kim, who proudly filled us in about her mother, who has been right here in Sayreville. She wrote the following: "Robin Johnston, now Robin Daley has lived in Parlin for the last 30 years. She has been happily married to Joseph Daley of Parlin for 37 years. They also have a son, Joseph. After working for many years as a nurse at RBMC in Old Bridge, Robin now enjoys spending her time with her two

grandsons—who couldn't love her more, volunteering for the American Cancer Society, and proudly serving as President of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, South Amboy Division."

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

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

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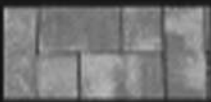
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Pastor Jeffrey Carney (l), of the First Presbyterian Church in South Amboy, addresses those in attendance for National Prayer Day in front of City Hall. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Memorial Day Services

The Catholic War Veterans of the United States of America, Sacred Heart Post 578, South Amboy will have Memorial Day Services on May 25th starting at 8 a.m. with a Mass at Sacred Heart Church. Following the Mass, all in attendance will be invited to an assembly along with the members of the Catholic War Veterans (CWV) at the CWV Veterans Monuments in the Sacred Heart Cemetery located on Johnson Lane

in Parlin.

Following the services, members of the Catholic War Veterans will proceed to Sayreville and march in the annual Sayreville Veterans Alliance Memorial Day parade, scheduled to start at 10 a.m. The assembly will be on Elizabeth St. and will end at Sayreville Municipal Borough Hall on Main St.

Community Flea Market

The Sayreville Recreation Department is having its Annual Community Flea Market on Saturday June 6, 2015 at the Borough Hall Football Field / Track.

Vending is open to both Sayreville residents and non Sayreville residents – simply register at the Recreation office between the hours of 8:00am to 4:00pm Monday thru Friday starting April 1, 2014. Food and Ice Cream vendors will be on site. You can now register online at www.sayrevillerec.com. Spaces are limited and on a first come first served basis.

Prices: Sayreville Resident - \$15.00 per table space Non- Sayreville Resident - \$25.00 per table space. Information call: 732-390-7092/7096

Talk Of The Towns

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retirement 20 years ago, she was co-owner of Krainiski's Tavern in Sayreville with her husband Lawrence for 50 years. Helen Boychuk 90, formerly of South Amboy died on May 14. She was a Past Grand Regent of the Catholic Daughters of America. Thomas Jacobi, 90, of Parlin died on May 15. In World War II, he served with the U.S. Army Air Corps and was honored with a Distinguished Flying Cross with 3 Leaf Clusters. He was also PGK of St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus, and was a longtime usher at the church.

May they all rest in peace and never be forgotten.



Sacred Heart Cub Scouts Pack 95 meeting at South Amboy Pizza Palace...the owner Anthony Puccio...demonstrating to the boys how to make Strombollis. (Photo/info submitted)

Woman's Group To Meet

The Woman's Group will meet at St. Mary's Church St. Pat's Hall on Wednesday, May 27 from 7-9 p.m. The topic is Come To The Well. Refreshments and sharing to follow.

VFW Post 4699 Celebration

Sayreville VFW Post 4699 will be having a celebration honoring Auxiliary President Lorraine Rock and Commander Frank Straczynski on Sunday, June 7 from 2 - 6 PM at the Post, 575 Jernee Mill Road, Sayreville. Cost is \$25 PP which includes buffet and open bar.

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Historical Society Of South Amboy Open House

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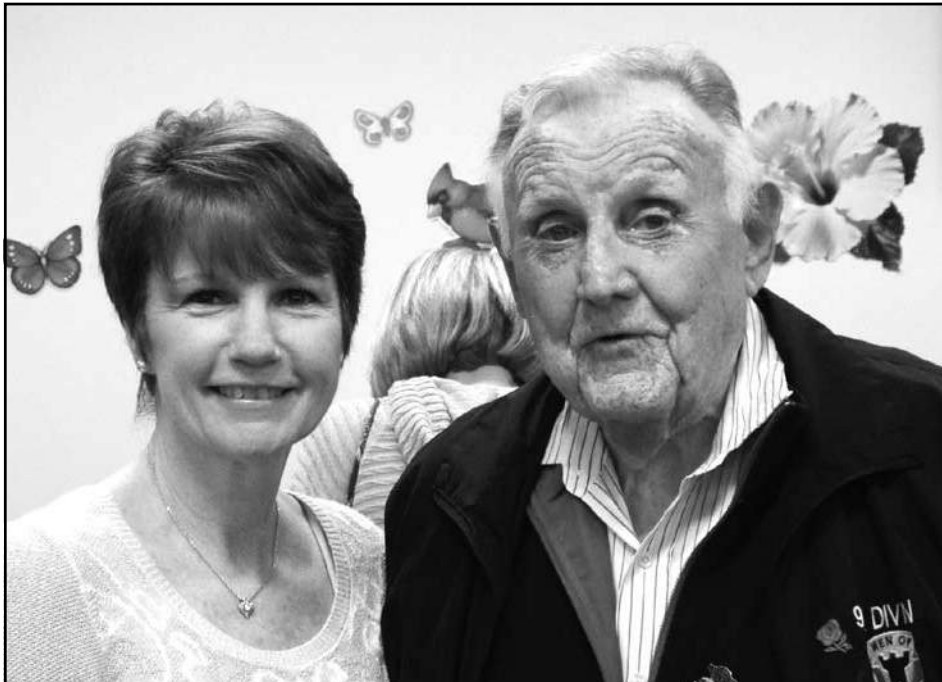
Pictured (l-r) are the Historical Society of South Amboy Treasurer Joe Coakley, VP George Fuller, President Mary Szaro, guest speaker Joanne Hamilton Rajoppi, Secretary Holly Hughes Horning, Mayor Fred Henry.



Jim Gray (r) presents framed clippings and photos of the South Amboy First Aid Squad, which he collected during his many years as a member, to President Mary Szaro.



Joyce Elyea shows her fantastic collection of old South Amboy postcards to Claire Kuhn as Joyce's husband Ken Elyea looks on.



Mary Szaro (l) President of the Historical Society of South Amboy visits with distinguished World War II hero Ed Kolodziej (r) from Sayreville, who was in attendance at the Historical Society's April 25th Open House. Kolodziej said that, "I really enjoyed myself and was very impressed with the fine exhibit that was on display." (Photo/info by Joe Lotkowitz)

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Pictured (l-r) are Ed Streck of American Legion Post 211, Tuesday Senior Club President Bill Lollig, and Supervisor Jennifer Krushinski, who just accepted an American flag and plaque on behalf of the Tuesday Senior Club of Sayreville from the American Legion Lenape Post 211 Honor Guard. Before the presentation, a touching and emotional ceremony was held by the American Legion Post 211 Honor Guard, presenting the colors and ending on "Taps," with not a dry eye in the audience. The scene was very touching especially since Memorial Day is so close. (Photo/story by Joe Lotkowitz)

Horseshoe Tournament June 6

The 4th Annual Friends of Rose Horseshoe Tournament will be held on Sat., June 6 at 11 a.m. at the Sayreville Knights of Columbus. There will be food, drinks, music and prizes at the single elimination event.

The tournament is open to 32 teams on a first come, first serve basis. The first round is the best out of 5 games, and following rounds are best out of 3 games. Entry fee is \$100 per team for 2-person teams. The winning team gets \$500. Even if you don't throw horseshoes, come hang out and have some fun for the day. 100% of the donations go to "Fight Colorectal Cancer," an organization dedicated to fighting Colorectal

Cancer. <http://fightcolorectalcancer.org/www.friendsofrose.org>.

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What is Memorial Day

Memorial Day, which was originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance in honor of America's war dead. Decoration Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1866 by General John Logan, National Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. It was first observed on May 30, 1868. May 30th was chosen specifically because it was not on the anniversary of a major battle. Federal law recognized the holiday as "Memorial Day" in 1967. In 1971, a law was passed moving the date from May 30 to the last Monday in May.

Thank you to everyone who participated in and came out to watch our 2015 Memorial Day Parade!

Flags were placed at St. Mary's and Christ Church Cemeteries.



You can join the Legion during their grave and memorial visitations starting at 9 A.M. at the Gazebo on Bordentown Ave. on Sunday, May 24. We will be making multiple stops at local cemeteries and monuments.



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South Amboy Police Dept. Memorial Day Service

Photos by Tom Burkard



Ptl. Mark Lewis addresses the crowd.



Officers salute during the Pledge of Allegiance led by Ptl. Lewis.



Francis Norek Jr. sings "God Bless America."



Mayor Fred Henry's eloquent speech included quotes from the late President John F. Kennedy.



Sgt. Patricia Kanecke reads the Policeman's Prayer.



South Amboy Business Administrator Camille Tooker reads Police Chief Darren LaVigne's address to the crowd.

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Fundraiser For Marching Band

The 2nd Annual Clothing Drive and Car Wash fundraiser for the Sayreville War Memorial HS Marching Band will be held on June 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot at the high school on Washington Rd.

The car wash donation is \$5. Clothing, shoes, linens, tablecloths, backpacks, coats, bedding, belts, handbags, and wallets are being sought for the clothing drive; all merchandise should be placed in plastic bags. Tax receipts will be available.

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Normalcy

By Al Gomolka Jr.
Times Poet Laureate
c. 1997

The only thing normal about normalcy
Is the natural difference in you and me.
What is standard? What is weird?
We may disagree, but that's normalcy.
According to the rule, normally,
The general custom is abnormalities!
The average, or mean, as far as I can see,
Is it's O.K. to be strange, usually.
If we were all normal, or fit to the norm
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- Thurs. June 25** Live music by East Brunswick "School of Rock" House Band - 6pm to 8pm
Live music by "Morgan Marina" - 8pm to 10pm
- Fri. June 26** Rockin' Country Thunder 106 - 6pm to 8pm
Live music by "Split Decision" - 8pm to 11pm
- Sat. June 27** New Jersey 101.5 - 6pm to 8pm
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Police Week Memorial Service 2015

Photos by Tom Burkard



Sayreville Police Dept. members march in to start the memorial ceremony.



Mayor Kennedy O'Brien (l) and Sayreville Police officers salute as Officer Gabriel Lugo sings the National Anthem.



Mayor Kennedy O'Brien addresses the crowd.



Sayreville PBA 98 President Douglas Gumprecht presents his speech.



Det. Douglas Sprague (l) and Sgt. Jeffrey Sprague, who raised the colors to half mast, stand by the police memorial.



Chief of Police John Zebrowski gives a very important and inspiring address to all in attendance.

Media.DVD Drive

Hello friend of the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library, My name is Grace McCrone. I am a HS student from Morgan, NJ and I have been managing an on-going media and dvd drive for the Dowdell Library Foundation in South Amboy for the past three years. To date this drive has brought over 5000 DVDs and other recorded media to the library. All of these items directly benefit the library and help them to enhance their collection. I have set-up donation boxes at the Dowdell Library, and Madura Pharmacy. If necessary, I will also pick up any larger collections. If you can help me to get the word out about this Media Drive I would really appreciate it. A press release is attached. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me and thank you. Kind regards, Grace McCrone 312 Stevens Ave. Morgan, NJ 08879, 732-721-6592.

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WWW.?



Does this structure look familiar to you? It was located in South Amboy or Sayreville, and had at least two different owners through the years. Send your answers in to: satimes@aol.com.

April Winners


The answer to the April WWW.? Mystery Photo Contest was the Sayreville Diner/Restaurant on MacArthur Ave. in Sayreville. Lisa Grankowski correctly named the establishment and also added that, "It was originally named Sayreville Family Diner." Others who correctly identified the photo were: Charlotte Sadowski, who was actually the first to submit her answer from her new home in Arizona, Bill & Pat Scully,

Chuck Pickard, Scott V. Farina, Joan Fulham, Mary Gonzales, Mary Agnes Morris, Rosanne Nizolek, W. Tom Kross, Jim Mal-kiewicz, Peggy Yuhas, Don Zrebiec, Joanne Patrone, Joan Gorczyca, Jerry Celecki, Gerry Sherry, Shirley Schaefer, Walter Starzec Jr, Judy Guilfoyle, Kelly Heinz. There was one incorrect answer—Quick Check on Washington Rd. in Parlin.

Prom Picture

The St. Mary's prom photo we ran last month from 1992, under the title of "Prom Memories" prompted a response by David Balascak, who told us that he was in the picture with his date. The photo caught the attention of David's friend, who in turn let him know that he was featured in The SA Times. Does anyone know the young lady who was David's date?





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65 Years Ago: Remembering The South Amboy Explosion Of 1950

By Paul J. Ust, Jr.



1950 South Amboy Explosion-Pictured are three barges that were still burning, following the devastating 1950 Explosion on the Raritan Bay.

Friday, May 19, 1950, a day and date that will live forever, and be ingrained in my memory as one of the most terrifying for a 9-year old living in South Amboy on lower Augusta St., not more than 500 feet from the Sun Oil gasoline storage tanks, not more than 3 quarters of a mile from the PRR Coal Docks and more perilously, their adjacent "Powder Docks."

That day as I recall was gray and overcast, not typical for what one would expect in late spring, but ominous to say the least. I was in the 3rd grade at St. Mary's Grammar School in Sister Mary Clement's class, which was located in the "Annex" up the street from the main school building.

After school that day, my older friend, Ken Balinski 12, and I rode our bikes down to the waterfront area not far from the Coal Docks, and climbed a large hill overlooking the docks, Raritan Bay, and river estuary. We did this often and considered it to be somewhat of an adventure. This day, I remember

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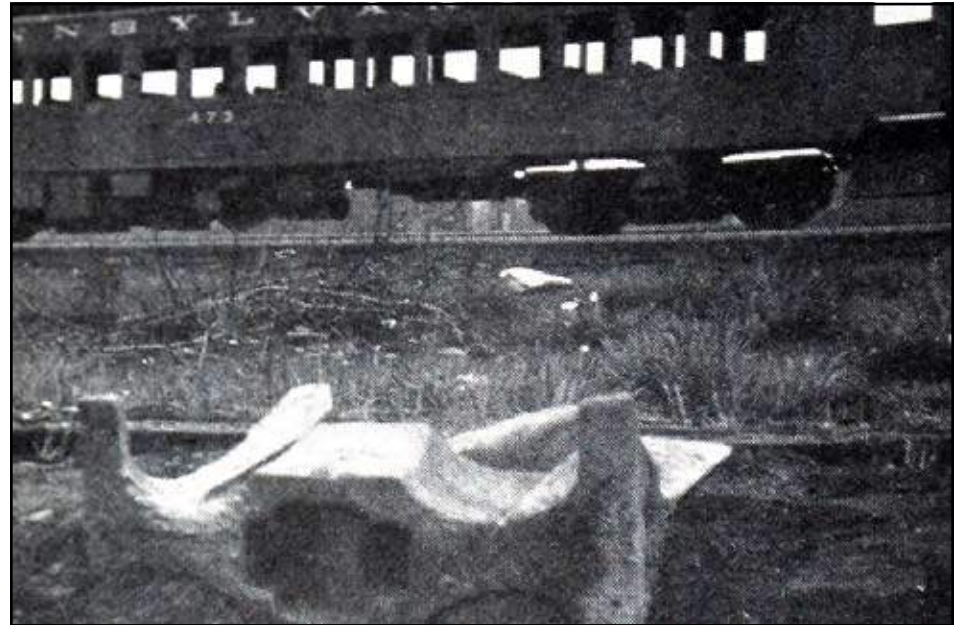
seeing that the "Powder Docks" were busy with boxcars unloading munitions onto lighters (shallow draft vessels), which would sail out into the bay and unload the munitions onto a seagoing freighter for further transit to a foreign land. Ken and I knew better not to go any further from our perch on the hill, as past experience resulted in railroad security ushering us out of the area with a strong lecture and stern warning not to return. We returned home to our respective lower Augusta St. houses, ending our adventurous outing, never realizing that the site would change forever in a few short hours.

Friday supper in our household consisted of fish and chips from Albern's on Broadway, always at 4:30 p.m., as that was when my father would arrive home from work at Hercules in Parlin. My mother left shortly after by bus (Marathon) to go shopping in Perth Amboy, a standard routine for obviously for some quiet with kids in the household. Smith Street in Perth Amboy was

the place to shop in those days, similar to our malls in Woodbridge and Menlo Park.

My father, Paul J. Ust, Sr., was babysitting us, Betty Jane 7, Al 5, and Dan 2, and our treat that night on Channel 13 was a western which we viewed on our new 10-inch Philco black and white TV. We were all gathered around on the parlor floor, my dad in his favorite chair, and I next to him, when suddenly, an enormous yellow-white flash was visible from every window from all sides of our house. My father's immediate comment was "It's lightning," and just as soon as he said that, all hell broke loose both literally and figuratively. All of the windows blew in as well as the plaster from the ceilings and walls crumbling down on us. The front door from our sun porch to our living room was blown in, nearly hitting me, had my father not pushed me out of the way. All window frames were blown in or dislodged and the inside of the house looked like a skeleton,

(Continued on page 20)



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Super saxophone player Michael Squillace, aka Saxskillz is pictured rockin' the house at the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Hall during the Benefit Concert for Jaclyn and Baby Nicholas. The event was extra to Michael, as it was held to help his sister Jaclyn and nephew, Nicholas. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

#1 Pop Hits-May 23

2002-Foolish-Ashanti
 1995-This Is How We Do It-Montell Jordan
 1984-Hello-Lionel Richie
 1978-With A Little Luck-Wings
 1969-Aquarius/Let The Sun Shine In-The 5th Dimension

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1960's-"We'll Sing In The Sunshine" by Gale Garnett in '64 peaked at #4...Iron Butterfly's "In A Godda Da Vida was heavy duty in '68 and only reached #30...

1970's-Check out "Uncle John's Band" by The Grateful Dead..."Day After Day" in '71 was one of the best by Badfinger.

1980's-"Don't You Forget About Me" by Simple Minds was a fine '80's tune...You've gotta see Sayreville's John Bongiovi and The Wild Ones (before Bon Jovi). You can see their demos from 1982 of "Shot Through The Heart," "She Don't Know Me," and "What You Want..." "Electric Blue" by Icehouse reached #7 in '88...

1990's-"Iris" by The Goo Goo Dolls in '98 reached #1, and is a song still popular today...MMMBop by Hanson hit the number 1 spot in 1997...Another favorite from '97 is "Fly" by Sugar Ray, that went all the way to the top of the Billboard charts...

2000's-Matchbox Twenty's top of the chart "Bent," is worth a listen to or more... Madonna had a chart-topper with "Music" in 2000...In '05 Gwen Stefani went all the way to #1 with "Hollaback Girl."

Miscellaneous-General Hospital Soap Opera fans, who watched the "Nurses Ball" show were treated to a fine vocal performance by Bradford Anderson, who portrays the Damian Spinelli character on the show. "Spinelli" sounded terrific with his cover version of "It Might Be You," which was a #25 hit for Stephen Bishop in 1983...

Beach Boys Unique Songs On Youtube.com

Summer is almost here, and for the thousands of Beach Boys fans, we came across some interesting and unique songs. Give a listen to the following: "Runaway" by Al Jardine live in 1982, with some excellent keyboard work by Bruce Johnston; "Back In The USSR" performed live at Washington, DC in 1981; "Rockin' All Over The World" by Carl Wilson from his second solo album which was titled "Youngblood"; "Happy Endings" with Little Richard singing lead, back by superb harmonies by The Beach Boys; Bruce Johnston singing a very fine lead to "With A Little Help From My Friends;" The Beach Boys do a nice job on Terry Jacks' "Seasons In The Sun;" Actor John Stamos, a real heavy clubber plays drums on "Problem Child," an exceptional sound from 1990, that was only released as promo single. Carl Wilson was fabulous on lead vocals for this hard drivin' song; "California Dreamin'" cover of The Mamas & Papas original, featured an outstanding beat and vocals. Ironically, Papa John Phillips played the role of "Preacher" in the late 80's video, and Michelle Phillips also had a bit role; "You Are So Beautiful," a Joe Cocker tune, was sung by Dennis Wilson live in Australia. Dennis also wrote a simple, yet fantastic song "Forever," which deserves a listen... In the 1965 movie, "The Monkey's Uncle, actress Annette Funicello sings with The Boys in the sequel to the 1964 movie "The Misadventures of Merlin Jones. The music is rockin,' and Annette sang lead and was backed by some perfect Beach Boys harmony.

Jimmy Moran Bike Run

Dave Silva, who was in charge of the musical entertainment for the successful Jimmy Moran Bike Run reported to us that Emmy Jones donated the sound for the event, and the following musicians volunteered their talents, and provided all who attended a rockin' good time, for a really good cause.

Dave Silva-drums, vocals, formerly of Smoke & Mirrors; Neil Machlovitz-guitar, formerly of Smoke & Mirrors; Bill Dumas-keyboards, vocals, formerly of Smoke & Mirrors; Pat Midgley-guitar, vocals, of Club Midge; Cathy Midgley-vocals, of Club Midge; Joe Bartlinski-bass, vocals, Kindred.

#1 Country Hits-May 23

2005-My Give A Damn's Busted-Jo Dee Messina
 1999-Please Remember Me-Tim McGraw
 1980-Gone Too Far-Eddie Rabbitt
 1972-Grandma Harp-Merle Haggard
 1964-My Heart Skips A Beat-Buck Owens

Next Open Mic in September

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 have announced their next Open Mic will be held this September. The Knights thank all of the singers and musicians who have participated in the Friday night events. The Knights will be looking for you again in September.

SELL YOUR TREASURES EVENT

The Friends of the Sayreville Public Library will hold a "Sell Your Treasures" Event on Sunday, June 14, 2015 from 1PM to 3PM in the library, 1050 Washington Road, Parlin.

Barbara and Richard Reid-Reinhardt of Barbara's Unique Antique Boutique, Jamesburg, will purchase coins, watches, and all types of jewelry. The boutique will donate 10% of the sales to the Friends to help support library programs and activities. For more information, please call Elaine (732) 727-0192.

OLV Senior Trip; Hunterdon Hills Country Connection Show

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to the Hunterdon Hills Country Connection show on Thursday, June 25, 2015 for the matinee performance. The price of the show is \$85.00. The price includes the show, a delicious lunch, bus transportation, bus driver gratuity, and a snack after the show. The bus will leave the OLV lower parking lot at 10AM and return approximately 6PM. For further information or to make a reservation please contact Teri at 732-742-1320.



The British Tribute Band turned in an outstanding show at the Middlesex County College 50th Anniversary Open House celebration. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Classic Cruise Car Night June 19

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 host a Classic Cruise Car Night Friday June 19 at the Knights of Columbus parking lot at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy beginning a 6:30 p.m. Anyone with a classic car, truck, or motorcycle is invited to show off their vehicle. Bring a non-perishable food item and get a free hot dog. For more information call 732-721-2025.

Comedy Night June 20

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 host a Comedy Night at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy from 7 to 11 p.m. Cost of \$45 includes three comedians and a buffet dinner. Proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program in memory of Sean and Jack McCarthy. For reservations call 732-721-2025.

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New inductees into the Sayreville War Memorial High School Hall of Fame for 2015 are from left to right: Robert Crowe, Class of 1972; Michael Janela, Class of 2003; Christina Olender, Class of 1981; Michael Thompson, Class of 1986. All were inducted at the annual banquet held April 25th at the VFW. (Photo by Thomas Kubacz)



Elena Malinconico, principal of St. Stanislaus Kostka School congratulates Kathleen Krollick and Joanne Gottstine as the 2015 recipients of the Home School Association's Legacy Families Award. The award is granted to parents who have had children that graduated from the school and were highly dedicated and instrumental in its success. Also pictured is Gina Rispoli, president of the Home School Association. Photo credit: Irene Foret

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School Sports

(As of May 13)

By Tom Burkard

Softball

Sayreville (10-3) Pitcher Erin Fitzsimmons has been superb this season. Coach Christa DeLucia's Bombers offense has been explosive with contributions coming from many different sources including Fitzsimmons, Christina Misiur .364 batting avg. and tops the team with 17 RBI, Kelly Duffy .303, Ryane Brush .324 and a team-leading 3 home runs, Emily Cabrera is the top hitter with a .391 mark., Erin Stvan .346, Rebecca Wehrle .385, Brianna Parisio, Emma Herrick.

South Amboy (12-5) Kaleigh Keegan is pitching some fine softball games for the Lady Guvs, while Alissa Bikowski is ripping the ball for big hits. Also, smacking the ball is Samantha Rios, Jenna Makar, Ashley Mandala, Vicky Reilly, and Cheyenne Moskal.

Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's (11-6) Standout pitcher/sluggler, Jackie Riley continues to amaze local sports fans with her awesome pitching ability, and terrific hitting. Melissa Adams, Amarilis Rodriguez, Samantha Napoli Victoria Zayas, Alysson Pipitone, Sarina Rodriguez, and Kelsey Edwards are also providing some pop at the plate for the Lady Eagles.

Baseball

South Amboy (13-4) Coach Dan Poulsen's Guvs have looked really good, again this season, with many players chipping in for the club's success. Tim Kales is an excellent pitcher and slugger, while Riley Rone, Keith Warzecha, Julian Munoz, and Jake Piazzolla all can blast the ball on any given day. Jayson Olivares looks great on the pitching mound.

Sayreville (13-8) Lefty ace, Pete Soporowski has fired 3 shutouts for the Blue & Gray, and Coach Mike Novak gets tons of hitting from Nolan Rivera, Jayson DeMild, Brett Dzamba, Josh Guarnera, Chris Eveigan, Chris Hauber, and Connor Johnson. Johnson and Ryan Shereyka have also had fine seasons on the pitching hill for Sayreville.

Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's (5-13) Tim Wiemer and Kyle Chaney have been the top offensive performer for the Eagles.

GMCT Baseball

Carteret 14 Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's 2 (5 innings) The Eagles, (seeded #29), fell prey to a strong Ramblers, (#20 seed) in the play-in round.

Edison 1 South Amboy 0-In a play-in round nerve wracker, the Eagles scored the only run of the game in the bottom of the 7th to send our locals to a heartbreaking setback.

Sayreville 18 Dunellen 0-The #8 seeded Bombers destroyed #24 Dunellen in first round action. Winning pitcher Connor Johnson belted a 3-run homer. Jayson DeMild had a perfect 4-for-4 with 3 RBI, Chris Hauber went 3-for-3 with 3 RBI, and Brett Dzamba pounded 3 hits and drove in 3 runs.

GMCT Softball

Perth Amboy 5 South Amboy 3-The Panthers seeded #25 shocked the Lady Guvs #24 in a play-in round game. Ashley Mandala drilled 2 hits and had 2 RBI for SA.

Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's 11 North Brunswick 1 (5 innings)-Jackie Riley fired a 2-hitter, struck out 10 and did not allow a walk. Samantha Napoli and Melissa Adams stroked 3 hits apiece for the #12 seeded

Guvs Sweep Eagles

The South Amboy Governors trounced the Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's Eagles, 19-6 in baseball action, to sweep the Blue & Gold for 2015. SA received plenty of hitting from Chris McCabe who belted 2 singles and 2 doubles to knock in 2, Riley Rone who ripped 2 singles and a double, good for 2 RBI, Julian Munoz got 3 hits and had 3 RBI, Keith Warzecha, who belted a single, triple and stole 3 bases, and winning pitcher Jayson Olivares who struck out 7, stroked 2 hits, and stole 3 bases.

Lady Eagles. North Brunswick was the #21 seed.

NJSIAA State Softball Tournament CJ Group IV

First Round

Sayreville 6 Windsor-Plainsboro North 1-Ryane Brush blasted a 2-run homer, and Rebecca Wehrle hammered a single and triple to knock in a run. Winning pitcher Erin Fitzsimmons allowed no earned runs, and fired a 4-hitter while striking out 9. She also stroked a single and had an RBI.

CJ Group I

First Round

South Amboy 7 Somerset Tech 0-Winning pitcher Kaleigh Keegan fired a 3-hit shutout. Jenna Makar blasted a single and triple to drive in 3 runs, and Ashley Mandala added 2 RBI.

South Amboy/Sayreville Leaders

(As of May 13)

Baseball

Batting Avg.-Tim Wiemer, Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's .468 Kyle Chaney, Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's .447 Jayson DeMild, Sayreville .436 Josh Guarnera, Sayreville .435 Chris Hauber, Sayreville .432.

Runs-Jayson Olivares, South Amboy 28 Keith Warzecha, South Amboy 22 Guarnera 16.

Hits-Tim Kales, South Amboy 24 Wiemer 22 Chaney 21 Nolan Rivera, Sayreville 21 Warzecha 21 Olivares 21.

RBI-DeMild 22 Kales 20 Brett Dzamba, Sayreville 17.

Doubles-T.J. Moskal, South Amboy 8 Chris Eveigan, Sayreville 8 Kales 7 Chaney 7.

Triples-Many tied with 2.

Home Runs-Max Garcia, South Amboy 2 DeMild 2, Rivera 2.

Stolen Bases-Warzecha 23 Olivares 20.

Wins-Olivares 7 Pete Soporowski, Sayreville 5 Kales 4

Innings Pitched-Kales 52 Olivares 48 Soporowski 47.

Softball

Batting Avg.-Jackie Riley, Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's .609 Alissa Bikowski, South Amboy .500 Emily Trzeciak, South Amboy .484.

Runs-Samantha Rios, South Amboy 27 Emily Cabrera, Sayreville 22 Samantha Napoli, Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's 22.

Hits-Bikowski 29 Riley 28 Cabrera 22 Christina Misiur 22 Ashley Mandala, South Amboy 22, Rios 22.

RBI-Mandala 33 Riley 28 Melissa Adams, Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's 21, Napoli 20.

Home Runs-Riley 4 Mandala 4 Ryane Brush, Sayreville 3.

Stolen Bases-Bikowski 43 Rios 34

Wins-Erin Fitzsimmons, Sayreville 10 Riley 9 Kaleigh Keegan, South Amboy 7.

Innings Pitched-Fitzsimmons 90.1 Riley 86

Strikeouts-Riley 151 Fitzsimmons 119.

Knee Injury Ends South Amboy Shortstop's Season

South Amboy Senior Captain, Emily Trzeciak's season came to an end, when she sustained her second knee injury of the season. The 4-year starter was 13 hits shy of the magical "100" hit mark. She went down with 11 games to play.

Emily was batting an outstanding .484 at the time, and finished her 4-year career with a fine .451 avg. She had 89 career RBI, 77 runs, and 92 stolen bases in 94 attempts. She will be missed by her team as they head into the county and state tournaments. Congratulations Emily on your terrific schoolgirl career!



Eagles Pitching Ace Jackie Riley (l) recorded her 100th career hit recently and Coach Rich Geisheimer recorded his 100th career victory! Congratulations to both. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

Riley Gets 100th Hit/ Coach Gets 100th Win

Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's Jackie Riley ripped her 100th career hit in a 3-0 loss to Middlesex. She also pitched a fine game, striking out 11 and walking only 1.

Lady Eagles Coach Rich Geisheimer won his 100th career game, as Riley hurled a 5-inning perfect game, as the Blue & Gold

trounced Roselle Catholic, 15-0. Riley fanned 11 batters, and had a perfect day at the plate, going 3-for-3 with a homer and 3 RBI. Melissa Adams went 4-for-4, and Amarilis Rodriguez went 3-for-3 with 2 RBI. Riley has also thrown a perfect game in a 7-inning complete game contest this season.

Eicher Super For Bishop Ahr

Katie Eicher, daughter of Lisa Buchanan-Eicher, former Sayreville Councilwoman, has been having a super softball season for the talented Bishop Ahr team, now (16-5). Katie is leading the team with a lofty .486 batting average, and also is #1 with 11 doubles.

Bombers Take 2nd At GMC Relays

The Sayreville Bombers girls 4x200 group of Danajah Fleming, Dakota Gerges, Angela Cotugno, and Bailey Vick notched 2nd place in the Greater Middlesex Conference (GMC) Relays, with a team record time of 1:47.1.

Sayreville Girls Finish 2nd Place

Coach Jerry Carney's Sayreville girls' track team copped 2nd place in the Mustang Invitational meet on April 25. The Bombers had many contributors to the fine showing, most notably from Danajah Fleming, who won the long jump with a 15-4 1/4, and also finished 1st in the 100-meter high hurdles in 15.53. She finished 3rd in the 100-meter dash. Evelyn Nkanga won the high jump with a leap of 4-10, and captured 3rd place in the

triple jump, and 8th in the 100-meter high hurdles. Dakota Gerges took the #1 spot for Sayreville, by capturing the 400-meter race in 58.56, which is one of the top 10 times in NJ this spring. She also finished 2nd in the 200 meters. Eryn Hardy was 3rd in the shot put, and 5th in the long jump, and Angela Cotugno chipped in with points in the 100, 200 and 400 meters. Nura Sbeah was 4th in the high jump.

Milewski Wins Top Award

David Milewski, star football player for Rutgers University (RU) was honored with the Big Ten Medal of Honor Award, considered by many as the conference's most prestigious award. Milewski, along with women's basketball star Betnijah Laney were selected for the honor, which dates back 101 years ago and is given to a male and female athlete from the graduating class from each school in the conference. The winners were selected for demonstrating all-around excellence during their college careers.

Milewski, who starred for Sayreville High School went on to Rutgers University, where his collegiate career was hampered by three ACL injuries. The courageous and determined young athlete would not give

up, and after each of the injuries, worked very hard with therapy and a rehabilitation program, so he would be able to get back to playing the game he loved so much.

His persistence and dedication paid off, and he played the final 26 games of his career for RU. In 2014, the team captain set a career-high with 57 tackles, while playing in 14 games.

David decided not to turn pro, instead focusing on getting a master's degree in Business Administration to go along with his finance degree. In addition, he received an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship, and was a finalist for the Leroy Selmon Community Spirit Award.

College Notebook

Rutgers U. junior Emeka Eze (Sayreville) won the men's long jump championship at the indoor Metropolitan meet. His personal best is 25-1.25...Christian Campbell (Sayreville) is batting .200 with 34 hits, 11 doubles, 16 RBI, 1 home run, and 7 steals for Rutgers U. baseball team (17-33-1). He is also (1-1) with a save, and has a 5.68 ERA...Kristen Fitzsimmons (Sayreville) is ripping the softball for a .344 avg., third highest on the team at the College of New Jersey (20-12)...Jimmy Kraivec (Sayreville) is tied for the team high with 3 wins, and is #1 with 36 strikeouts for Centenary College

(17-15). His ERA is currently 7.92...Ray Durski (Monroe), son of former South Amboy resident Ray Durski and grandson of the late South Amboy Det. Sgt. Ray Durski and his wife Joanne, had an excellent season while starring for the Johnson-Whales University (15-6-1) soccer squad. Ray was a GNAC All-Tournament Team selection, and helped lead his team to the championship. Attacking from the left back position, he notched 5 goals, had 2 assists on a total of 15 shots. Johnson-Whales suffered a heartbreaking 1-0 loss in the first round of NCAA to end their 2014 season...

The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

Champions 55 Years Ago

1960-First Aid captured the South Amboy Little League championship by sweeping the Knights of Columbus in the best of 3 series by scores of 7-6, and 17-4. John Hayden was the manager, and the coaches were Wilbur Schmidt, and Frank Chonsky. The players included Pomaski,

Harold Dennen, Danny Radakovich, Johnny Pappa, Caracappa, Harold McLaughlin, Tom Kelly, Fran Chonsky, George Kurtz, Bernie O'Connor, Bob Keegan, Kelley, Bob Rock, Tremarco, Struskiewicz, Jim Coan, Tom Downs, Phil Kurtz, Tom Holovacko, Joe Noble.

Diamond Dust South Amboy Little Fellas League

1960- K of C 11 Daylight Bakery 1-Winning pitcher Fran Fitzmorris smacked a single and double to help his own cause.

1965-First Aid 9 Lions 1-Relief pitcher George Krzyzanowski struck out 12 of 13 batters, and also hit a single and home run. Ray Downs notched the win for FA.

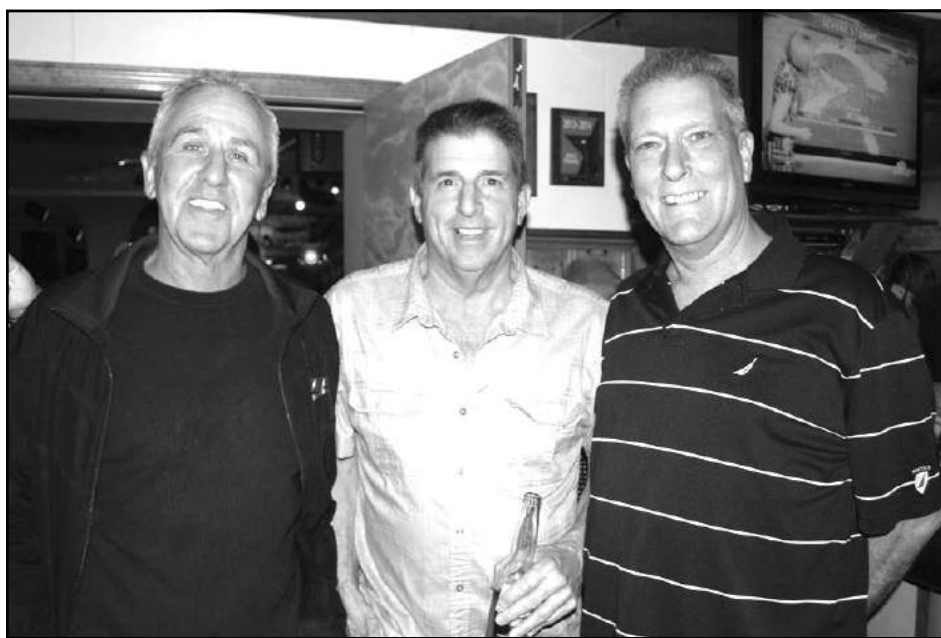
1966-First Aid 3 Modern Trans 2-Jim Keegan orbited a 3-run homer, and Mike Gerding chalked up the victory.

1975-Modern Trans 9 Parkway Fabs 2-Winning pitcher Frank Wahler got 4 hits, while Bill Harvey drilled 3 hits for MT.

Jo-Tom's 6 K of C 4-Andy Pipala and Bob Aucone ripped 3 hits apiece for JT's. Pat De Joy struck out 11 Jo-Tom's batters, and also pounded 3 hits.

Daylight Bakery 5 Rotary 2-Winning pitcher John Inman struck out 14 and laced 2 hits.

South Amboy Babe Ruth League 1973-South Amboy Trust Co. 7 Sacred Heart 3-Winning pitcher George Bongiorno fanned 14 and pounded a triple.



Basketball Legends-Three of South Amboy's All-Time greatest basketball players reminisced at the Benefit Concert for Jaclyn and Baby Nicholas recently at the South Amboy Knights of Columbus. Pictured (l-r) George Krzyzanowski, Gary Lange, and Bob Clayton. All three are members of the 1,000 points scoring club. Krzyzanowski was the first St. Mary's HS player in history to reach the mark, while Lange and Clayton did their prolific scoring with Hoffman HS. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Did You Know?

Kasey McKeon, son of the legendary South Amboy native, and former sensational Major League Baseball manager Jack McKeon, is the Director of Player Procurement for the Washington Nationals Major League team. Kasey's brother-in-law and former big league pitcher Greg Booker is a Major League Scout for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

80 Years Ago

1935-Eugene "Jimmy" Dobrzynski was named head baseball and basketball coach for South Amboy/Hoffman High School. He went on to coach several champions, and also served as South Amboy Superintendent of Schools.

T.H.E. Game



Sport-Softball Year-1998

Teams-South Amboy (7-2) vs. St. Mary's (6-2)

Recap-Kim Peterson belted a double to tie the game in the fourth for SA, and smashed another two-bagger in the 6th to put the Lady Guvs on top for good, as they won 10-6. She finished her standout performance by going 3-for 4 with 4 RBI. Kristen English drilled 2 doubles, and Nicole Magnifico was the winning pitcher.

Player-of-the-Game-Kim Peterson

Locals Made All-State Teams

1970-The Star Ledger selected Sayreville's ace pitcher Kevin Lynch to its All-State, All-Groups 1st Team, and he was also a Group 4 first team choice. Hoffman first baseman Larry Kurzawa was chosen 1st Team for Group I. St. Mary's catcher Bernie Mackiel was a 3rd team Parochial Schools pick.

Frog Hollow 1974

Frog Hollow swimming & diving team defeated Country Side, Marlboro 178-126. 1st place divers were Mike Goerke, Robert Flanagan, Bill Oberlander. Swimmers who were double winners were Linda Smith, Cheryl Goerke, Mike Goerke, and Bill McCoy.

45 Years Ago

1970-Locals selected as Scholar-Athletes were: St. Mary's-John Ammon; Hoffman-Larry Kurzawa; Sayreville-Larry Scheid.

70 Years Ago Hoffman Wins Baseball Crown

1945-Rudy Neumann, ace pitcher for Hoffman, fired a brilliant no-hitter to lead his team to the Shore Conference championship over Rumson, 7-0. Neumann fanned 8 in his masterpiece, and received plenty of help from his catcher George Munck, who belted 3 hits, and Lanning added 2 hits.

Glory Days In Local Sports

1954-Ray "Butch" Tomaszewski was the winning pitcher, tossing a 9-hitter and striking out 9, as Hoffman nipped Point Pleasant, 4-3. Steve Malkiewicz drilled 2 hits. 1965-Sayreville's baseball team shocked South River, 9-6 behind winning pitcher Glenn Lemerich. Paul Slovik blasted a home run and had 5 RBI on the day, while catcher John Karlowitz unloaded a grand slam homer. 1979-Hoffman's standout outfielder Tom Mulligan batted .420, and was a 1st Team All-County selection. 1985-St. Mary's girls' softball team romped over Green Brook, 24-4. Winning pitcher Debbie Kelton got 2 hits, Lynn Kilcooley hammered



2 singles and a double, good for 4 RBI, and Eleanor Wykpisz blasted a triple with the bases loaded for 3 RBI. 2001-Sayreville opened its baseball season with a 3-0 shutout win over JFK. Winning pitcher Ed Goodell fired a 3-hitter and struck out 6, while adding an RBI single to help his cause. Keith Naylor stroked a single and double, and Michael Parse hit a 2-run single. 2004-Cardinal McCarrick beat Spotswood, 4-2, as winning pitcher Shane Connors struck out 11, and ripped a double.

Jason Domenichetti slashed a 2-run single, and Sean Rella went 3-for-3 with a double, to give Eagles' Coach Jim Kazanjian his 100th career win at the school.



Eagles Reunite-Members of St. Mary's legendary 1968-69 basketball team that finished with one of the best records in the school history at (21-4) got together at their 46th Class Reunion at White Sands in Point Pleasant on May 2nd. Pictured (l-r) Bob Howarth, Co-Capt. Mark Bratus, Co-Capt./leading scorer Jim McCloud, and Rex Paulukiewicz. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



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Back In Those College Days-Part 4

By Tom Burkard

Joe Chodkiewicz (St. Mary's '64) starred in basketball for 4 years (1964-68) at Spring Hill College in Alabama...Jim McCloud (St. Mary's '69) starred at Bis-



On April 9th, 2015, South Amboy High School Junior, Matthew Koy, attended the Region 7 Men's Gymnastics Competition in Harleysville, Pennsylvania. Region 7 is composed of New Jersey, New York, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Delaware and Maryland. Among one hundred competitors at the competition, Koy placed first on the floor exercise, and fifth on the parallel bars against other gymnasts who are also nationally ranked. Along with these individual achievements, he qualified for the Junior Olympic National competition in Daytona, Florida. Training for twelve years at Head Over Heels Gymnastics Academy in Sayreville, New Jersey, the hard work has paid off, resulting in that only twenty gymnasts are moving onto the national competition. (Photo/Info Submitted)

cayne College from 1969-73, and when he graduated, was the school's All-Time leading scorer with over 1,500 points.

Eze Wins Big Ten Title

Emeka Eze of Rutgers University captured the Long Jump championship at the outdoor championships for men's track and field recently. Eze, a junior from Sayreville HS, was seeded #16, but came through with a season-best 24 ft. 9 1/4 in. leap to win the crown.

Eze overcame injuries earlier in the season, and prior to his championship showing, had competed in only 2 meets. With this amazing accomplishment, Emeka became the first male athlete in Rutgers history to win a Big Ten championship.

During his senior year at Sayreville HS, he copped 4 events at the GMCC. Emeka's brother Kene, a former Rutgers soccer star in a professional soccer player. Congratulations, Emeka on winning the Big Ten Long Jump championship!

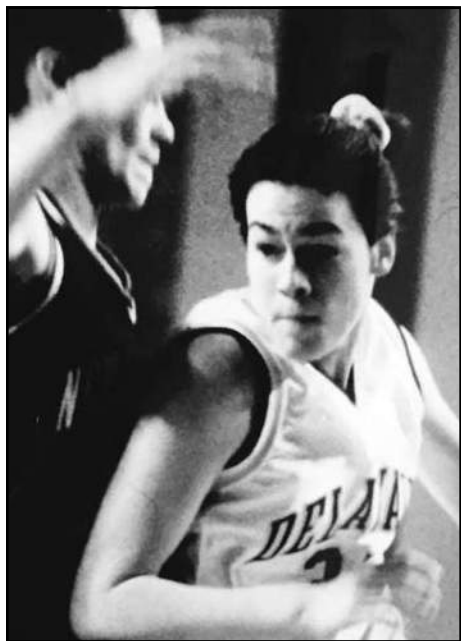
A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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.

Favorite College Sports Memory Holly Hughes Horning

Holly Hughes Horning has lived in South Amboy since 2005. She is very active in the community, and the secretary of the Historical Society of South Amboy. She also serves on the city's Planning Board.

In high school, Holly was a basketball standout at Governor Livingston HS in Berkeley Heights, NJ., where she scored over 1,000 points and also hauled in over 1,000 rebounds. She received a full scholarship for women's basketball from the University of Delaware. Holly played shooting guard and small forward for the entire 1996-97 season and part of 1997-98. She shared the following memories:



Holly Hughes Horning

"When I think back at my basketball career, I think of the many hours of blood, sweat and tears. It was hard work, and a huge amount of dedication at a very early age, but it provided me with a blueprint for life. The game of basketball

was not just a sport to me, but a lifestyle that developed as early as the third grade. It gave me the drive and determination to try and be successful in every area of my life. Through great coaches and amazing teammates, I was

able to cultivate a second network of family members most of whom I am still in contact with today. Playing basketball was not just about winning, although that was always nice, it was a truly humbling experience that provided a life lesson with every win, loss, practice, dribble, pass and shot.

Even though I did not finish all 4 years playing basketball in college, my alma mater has and always will, hold a special place in my heart. The most important experience that the University of Delaware gave me though was

my winter-session abroad in Australia. That is where I met my husband, Tom Horning, who is also a Blue Hen (Men's Rugby). Go Blue Hens!"

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Yankees Trivia

1. In 1961, there was an expansion draft in Major League Baseball. This Yankee was drafted, but decided to retire as a Yankee. a. Gil McDougald b. Gene Woodling c. Bobby Shantz

2. The reliever topped the Yankees with 18 saves in '62? a. Luis Arroyo b. Hal Reniff c. Marshall Bridges

3. He led the team with 23 wins in 1962? a. Ralph Terry b. Art Ditmar c. Whitey Ford

4. He topped New York with 19 saves in '57? a. Eddie Lopat b. Tommy Byrne c. Bob Grim

5. The Yankees leader with 16 victories in 1957? a. Don Larsen b. Tom Sturdivant c. Whitey Ford

Answers

1a 2c 3a 4c 5b.

5K Run

Frog Hollow Swim and Tennis Club's 38th annual 5K Run and Health Walk will be held Saturday, June 27th. Proceeds will benefit the city of South Amboy's Fire and First Aid departments. There will be a free youth Fun Run, awards, t-shirts, post race picnic, and all day swimming and tennis for race participants. Entry fee is \$20 in advance and \$25 day of race. For more information or to download a registration form, go to www.froghollowswim.com or register in person at the club 7:30 AM on race day. Fun Run steps off at 8:30 AM and the 5K Run starts at 9:00 AM. The Frog Hollow Swim and Tennis Club is located on Ferris St. off of South Pine Ave. in South Amboy, NJ. For additional information call race director, Danny McCrone at 732-721-6592.

St. Stan's Carnival Factsheet

St. Stan's Carnival will be held at the parish carnival ground on Main St. & MacArthur Ave., Sayreville. The dates are Wed., June 24—6-10 p.m.; Thurs., June 25—6-10 p.m.; Fri. June 26—5-11 p.m.; Sat. June 27—5-11 p.m.

There will be at least 14 rides for kiddies through adults. Pre-Sale Ride Tickets and Super 50/50 Raffle Tickets will be sold prior to the carnival at the following locations: Sat. 6/20, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.—front entrance St. Stan's School; Prior to Bingo at St. Stan's Auditorium 6-7:30 p.m. Thursdays 6/4, 6/11, 6/18. Prior to Bingo at St. Stan's Auditorium-12-1:30 p.m. Sundays 6/7, 6/14, 6/21. Parish Office (Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Tuesday Evenings 6-9 p.m.). Tickets are available in Church Lobby before all Masses.

The Carnival will feature games of chance with fabulous prizes for all ages. Some of the games: Las Vegas "Money" Wheel for adults; Nightly & Super 50/50 drawings; \$1000 Best Buy gift card raffle; Eighth Grade School Parents neon sign raffle.

Food: Fabulous Food Tent featuring a wide variety of ethnic and American homemade foods, including mouth-watering seafood area; Spezzi's nightly specials; Barbecue Ribs; Friday Night Fish Fry beginning at 5 p.m.; Scrumptious desserts for all ages; Beer Garden.

Attractions: Wed. Night—June 24—Magic 98.3-Today's Hits, Yesterday's Favorites-6 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Live music by George Becker and Jaded Past-acoustic solo playing classic rock radio hits 8-10 p.m. Thurs. Night—June 25—Live music by the East Brunswick "School of Rock" House Band-6-8 p.m.; Live music by "Morgan Marina"-8-10 p.m.; Friday Night—June 26-St. Stan's School Alumni Night—Awesome Fish Fry 5 p.m.; Rockin' Country Thunder 106-6-8 p.m.; Live music by Split Decision-8-11 p.m.; Saturday Night—June 27-New Jersey 101.5-6-8 p.m.; Live music by The Fog 8-11 p.m.



"Lifetime resident, Kristi A. Kulcsar, obtained a Masters Degree in English/Writing Studies With Distinction from Kean University at the 2015 commencement of the Nathan Weiss Graduate College on May 19th at the PNC Bank Arts Center in Holdmel, NJ. Kristi is a current employee of South Amboy Public Schools, and an aspiring writer. Congratulations!" (Photo/info submitted)

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In March of 2014, our daughter Jaclyn was diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer while 5 months pregnant at the age of 26. She was misdiagnosed twice. The news was devastating to say the least. Our lives were turned upside down while we proceeded to go through the process of the big fight. Our Jaclyn has fought cancer with a huge smile on her face. Fundraisers were started in order to help out, and a decision was made to run a Benefit Concert because our children are musicians. The first Benefit Concert was held last November and was a huge success. People who attended asked for another! The second annual "Jammin for Jaclyn" Benefit Concert was held in April of this year, and was again extremely successful, as over 450 people came through the door. There was fantastic live music from Doug Kaetz, Juice, Patsy Palma, our daughter Amber Morgan, our son Michael Squillace, John Walsh, The Fog, Rocco and the Stingrays, Seven Stone Band and Split Decision. We rocked from 4pm-12am! We want to thank all the beautiful people who donated their time and energy to make "Jammin for Jaclyn" Benefit Concert a success. Our sponsors were Colin Powers from Navesink Home Loans, Donna "T" Tennaro from Remax Realty, Jay Patel owner of Krausers Bordentown Avenue South Amboy, Parlin Spine and Disc Center, Sayreville Auxiliary Police and Curtis Mullins from Edward Jones. The food was endless too. There were so many local eateries who helped out and donated a tremendous amount of food that we can't even list them all, but we want you to know who they are. For a list please go to our Facebook page Jammin for Jaclyn or Healthandfitnesswithdenise.weebly.com It meant so much to us to see so many friends, family and people who we have never met before join us. For our Jaclyn to see so many people in support of her in the fight, is huge. The love and support are what has kept her going. We want everyone to know a few things besides the HUGE thank you. We want every person to know that if they think there is something wrong and a doctor just brushes it off, that they should go get a second or third or tenth opinion. You know your body, so listen to it!! We also want everyone to know that we have joined efforts with RJC Charities and the "Jammin for Jaclyn" Benefit concert will go on annually to benefit other members of the community who are in need due to illness. The community has been so helpful to our Jaclyn, we want to say thank you and give back.

Thank you, thank you, thank you, Ron and Denise Morgan and family.

SOUTH AMBOY ELEMENTARY ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT FOR MP 3 - 2014/2015

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Szatkowski, Karlee Weber, Tiffany We

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Skylar Krass, Cori LaVigne, Tatjana Roessle, Jonathan Wen, Alexandra Zaretsky
HONOR ROLL: Isabella Bielinski, Katie Breur, Zalet Castillo, Louis DeGrazia, Adam Eldeeb, Makayla Jones, Alison McLaughlin, Alexis Moakler, Carolyn Nemeth, Zackary Pawlik, Lucia Racioppi, Stefan Trailovic, Anthony Vella, Maxwell Villalona Caba, Raquel Yanez



Former Sayreville resident Rod Timmons (r) had the opportunity to chat with New York Mets GM Sandy Alderson during Spring Training at Port St. Lucie, Florida. Rod, who is the world's biggest Mets fan graduated from St. Mary's Grammar School in 1965, and Sayreville War Memorial HS in 1969. (Photo submitted)



City of South Amboy workers are pictured placing American flags along Broadway in preparation for Memorial Day. On the ladder is Bill Tierney, and assisting him is Wade Kaboski. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Grand Marshal Thomas J. Noble

Thomas J. Noble served as Grand Marshal of the South Amboy Memorial Day Parade. He is a lifelong resident of South Amboy, and served on the South Amboy Police force for 30 years, retiring as a Det. Sgt. In June 1995. He served in the U.S. Army, and currently is a member of Luke A. Lovely American Post #62 of South Amboy, and is a life member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Tom is also a life member of the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426, a life member of New Jersey State Retired Police and Firemen Association of Middlesex and Monmouth County.

Noble's past associations include South Amboy PBA; South Amboy Municipal Alliance Against Drugs and Alcohol Abuse; South Amboy Shade Tree Commission; South Amboy Elks; President of Frog Hollow Swim & Tennis Club; President of Central Jersey Police Film Library; South Amboy Fire Dept. (Protection Engine Co.); Grand Marshal of South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade in 2010; Irishman of the Year in 2004 (Pete Kenny Association). Congratulations, Tom!

Rock Installed As President

Lorraine Rock, formerly of South Amboy was installed on May 8 as the District Ladies Auxiliary President at Sayreville Memorial Post 4699, with her officers: Sr. Vice-Margaret Russo, Jr. Vice-Melissa Modreski, Treas./Sec.-Margaret Russo, Chaplain-Gail Smalley, Conductor-Jennifer Payer, Guard Lynn Malone, 3-year Trustee-Doreen Locacio, and her District Queen-Susan Horgoez. Lorraine was present with her gavel and many more gifts from her family. Congratulations!

Free Couponing Event!

Learn how to super save at this FREE Couponing Workshop at Sayreville Public Library on Thursday, June 25 from 6:00 to 8:00PM! Learn how TO SAVE 60-100% OFF REGULAR PRICES; TO FIND COUPONS; TO ORGANIZE COUPONS; and HOW TO CUT YOUR BUDGET!

Everyone who attends gets a free gift! This event is sponsored by the Jewish Renaissance Foundation Family Success Center. Registration is not required!

TEMPUS FUGIT

By Elaine Holton Scott

I can easily remember when Route 9 was a 2-lane highway with one lane going North and the other lane going South. Both sides of the roadway had run parallel to old, family-owned farms growing the best tomatoes and corn in the world. Driving on Route 9 through Old Bridge, Manalapan, and into Freehold, farmers could often be seen riding their well-used red tractors in the plowed fields. It was a sight as common as the homemade produce stands lining the highway as soon as the vegetables were harvested. Everyone in the area just had to go a little way down the road to get the best Jersey vegetables and all of it, straight from the fields. Sadly, when the highway started to be widened, one by one the lands were sold off to the developers, eventually all replaced mainly with now aging housing developments, strip malls, fast food places, and gas stations.

Two thousand years ago, the Roman poet, Virgil, wrote "Fugit, irreparabile tempus." We know the phrase better as tempus fugit or, in English, time flies...and the older we get, it seems time flies ever faster. Many things come and go in a blink of an eye; it's like now you see it, and now you don't. Often we don't even realize something or someone is gone until years later.

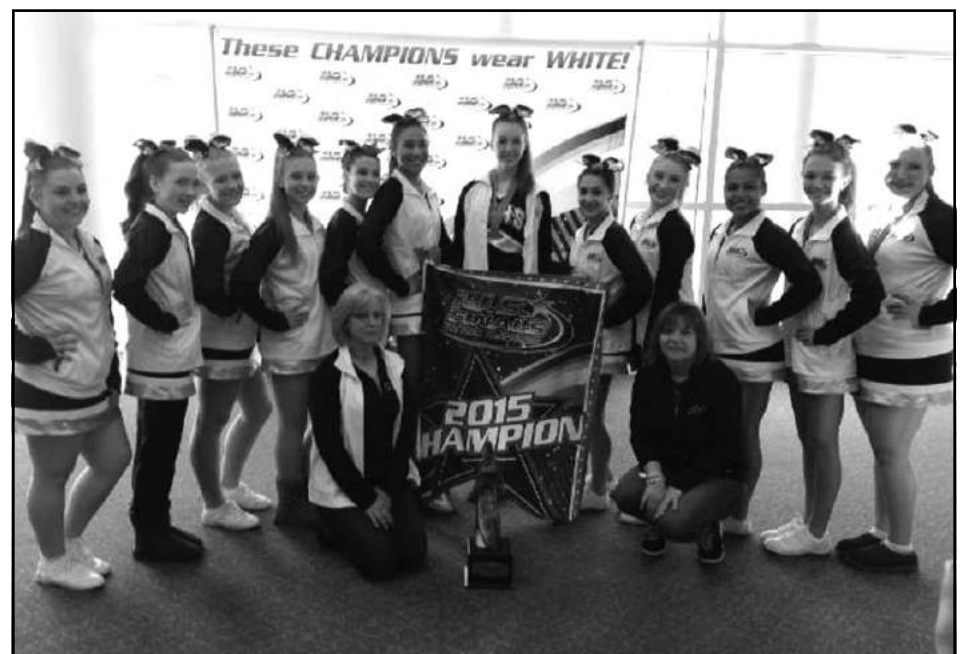
When did cigarette machines "disappear"? Once upon a time, those machines were everywhere...in stores, factories, service centers, and even in movie theaters, where young guys had earned spending money working as ushers. Now, not only are the cigarette machines gone, the movie

ushers are, too.

What ever happened to Duz laundry detergent? Packed inside every box would be a piece of gold trimmed dinnerware, a dish towel, or one of a selection of drinking glasses. That's back when laundry was hung on a clothesline to dry, propped up with a homemade clothes pole. I don't know about you, but I haven't seen a clothes pole in many years either.

In the time when Sealtest was a well-known brand of ice cream, owning a set of encyclopedias to avoid trips to the library each time a book report was due was a school kid's dream. For most of us, though, it was just wishful thinking. Now, with so much information available on the internet, if you're looking to buy a set of encyclopedias, you might have luck at a consignment store or a thrift shop. Oh, don't bother looking for Sealtest; Kraft sold it to Unilever, maker of Good Humor, way back in 1993.

When I was in 8th grade in St. Mary's, Patricia Gill, a classmate, came to school one day wearing the new style "popcorn" socks. As soon as I saw them, I had wanted a pair of my own more than anything else in the world...but I never did get them. Remembering those socks has me thinking of Patti. After we had graduated 8th grade, she left St. Mary's. Time really does fly...54 years later I've been wondering how she's doing. Please contact me through the SATimes or by email at siteseein526@bellsouth.net if you know anything at all about her. (I think Patti may have gone to Madison Park H.S. in Old Bridge, graduating in 1965.)



The Cardinal McCarrick Varsity Cheerleaders had a great season this year. They participated in several local competitions resulting in two 1st place trophies, a 2nd place trophy and a 3rd place trophy. The team also competed in the Battle at the Boardwalk Competition in Atlantic City, placed 2nd and won a tumbling award. The results of this competition qualified the team to compete at the U.S. Finals in Providence, Rhode Island on May 2nd. At the U.S. Finals the girls placed 1st and were crowned U.S. Finals Champions in the Intermediate Varsity Division bringing home a trophy, banner and the white champion jackets.

Middlesex County College 50th Anniversary/Open House Celebration

Photos by Tom Burkard



MCC President Joann La Perla-Morales (l) and Patrick Madama, Vice-President of Institutional Advancement (r) were very proud of the highly-successful event.



Many items were sold throughout the day for the same prices that they were sold for back in 1964, when Middlesex County College opened.



The Bubble Ball was a popular attraction for youngsters and adults.



There was an area where youngsters could view and touch/hold certain farm animals like this beautiful rabbit.

Microsoft Excel 2010 for Beginner

Learn to create, edit and save spreadsheets as well as how to use basic formulas in Microsoft Excel 2010 at Sayreville Public Library on Monday, June 15 from 6:00 to 8:00PM. First preference will go to Sayreville patrons who have not taken this class before. You must know how to use the mouse, have a basic understanding of how to use the keyboard, have basic file-management skills, and know how to navigate to folders and files on a computer running Windows 7.

For more information or to register, contact Alaina at alainad@lmcac.org or call 732-727-0212 ex. 25. Adults only, please. You MUST call Alaina back by 12PM the day of class when she calls to confirm if you are still attending class. If you do not, your spot will automatically be given away!

The Smoke Column

by Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski

Previously I wrote about firefighters calling a "Mayday" when finding themselves in trouble. But, when a firefighter calls for help, who comes to their rescue? According to the National Fire Protection Association, "there is to be established a team at the incident scene ready to respond to a firefighters call for help." The fire service has created such a team and is called the Firefighter Assistance and Safety Team (FAST) or the Rapid Intervention Team (RIT). The names are interchangeable but their purpose is the same.

These teams are established for the sole purpose of rescuing firefighters who are operating at emergency incidents and find themselves in some type of distress. The team consists of a company or crew of four firefighters that is assigned to stand by at the incident scene, fully dressed in Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) equipped for action and ready to respond immediately when called upon. Any hesitation in their response could mean the difference between serious injury or even death. The team must have a cache of tools available because they never know what will be needed for the rescue. Some of the more obvious tools needed are power saws, hand lights, axes, rope, ladder, thermal imaging camera, spare air bottles, Halligan tool, wire cutters, charged hose line, etc.

When a firefighter is trapped in a burning building, time is of the essence due to the existing fire conditions and the limited air supply carried by the firefighter. Rescue attempts must be made quickly to extricate the firefighter from the structure. Not only must this team consider the safety of the downed firefighter but they must also protect themselves from the dangers that surround them during the rescue. The members selected to serve on these teams must be knowledgeable on the use of the tools and techniques necessary to perform ALL types of rescues. These FAST/RIT teams are an important facet of the fire department because it is firefighters rescu-

ing firefighters.

Many times these teams put their lives in jeopardy while attempting to rescue one of their own but this is something we must do as firefighters. There is a saying in the fire service that "we risk a lot to save a lot" which means that we will risk our lives to protect the savable lives of others.

Next time you are at a fire scene and you see a group of firefighters standing around and think they are doing nothing, they are most likely the FAST/RIT team standing-by in anticipation of being called upon to rescue one of their own.

During the month of May we observe Memorial Day and pay tribute to those firefighters who have answered their final alarm. We decorate the graves of our fallen firefighters and our military veterans with flags and will conduct services to honor their service to the community, state, and nation. We thank our veterans for their sacrifices and for giving us the freedoms we enjoy throughout the year.

Since last Memorial Day, the following firefighters have answered their final alarm:

- Thomas Schreck**
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- Thomas Olsen**
Sayreville Engine Co. #1
- Casimir Kuczynski**
Sayreville Melrose Hose Co. #1
- Harold Eppinger Jr.**
Sayreville Engine Co. #1
- Vincent J. Kupsch**
Sayreville Engine Co. #1
- Ex-Chief Robert Poland**
Sayreville President Park Ind. Fire Co.
- Ex-Chief Kevin McCarthy**
South Amboy Enterprise 8
- Arthur Draper**
South Amboy Protection 6
- Ex-Chief William Leonard**
South Amboy Independence 7
- Frank "Inky" Norek**
South Amboy Mechanicsville 10.
- Rest in Peace My Brothers.**

65 Years Ago: Remembering The South Amboy Explosion Of 1950

(Continued from page 13)

with exposed slats from the released plaster. Incredibly, no one was seriously injured aside from myself with minor glass cuts to my left hand. I still bear an "anchor" scar from this cut today.

My father gathered us to go outside to the front of the house onto Augusta St., where we saw an astonishing sight. A huge brownish-gray mushroom shaped cloud moving in a westerly direction out over the Jersey Central Power & Light generating station. A neighbor in apparent panic running down the street screaming "the Russians have bombed us."

My father, after seeing the cloud, and having served in the Navy during WWII had us return to the house and take shelter in our cellar, where we waited for a short period of time. A South Amboy policeman came down the street advising us that the "PowderDocks" had blown-up and that they feared a second explosion might occur, and that we needed to evacuate lower Augusta St., as it was closest to the docks (not to mention the Sunoco gasoline storage tanks on Rosewell St.).

We walked up Augusta St. over the RR tracks, my dad carrying our 2-year old brother, who was in bed and slept through the whole ordeal (Dad had to remove a large pile of plaster that had fallen on top of him while he slept in his bed). We passed Hoffman's Drug Store (Madura's today), where all the glass was broken and the store displays were lying on the ground on Broadway and Augusta. We then passed St. Mary's Church and School (which we would not attend until the following September, I as a 4th grader).

We finally arrived at my Uncle Frank and Aunt Barbara Musalino's house of upper Augusta St. My sister and I watched and counted the fire trucks and ambulances from outlying communities that were responding to the disaster, inbound on Rt. 34, further emphasizing the enormity of

this tragic event.

Our mother in Perth Amboy shopping, felt the jolt of the explosion and immediately boarded a Marathon bus back to South Amboy. The bus arrived at the Mechanicsville crossroads near Abe Korb's and was not allowed to proceed further. Only emergency vehicles were being allowed into the city proper. She was told that everything below the tracks in South Amboy was devastated and only emergency services were being allowed in. She told the official in no uncertain terms (her Polish ire at the max) that she was going to her family and no one was going to stop her. She walked the 2 miles to our house, saw its condition, and assumed the worst. Fortunately, our Aunt Betty had returned to the house from Aunt Barbara's where we were, and told my mother our situation. Much to her relief, she then walked the 5 city blocks up Augusta St. to join us at Aunt Barbara's. Needless to say, it was a joyous and tearful reunion.

Much later that evening, Uncle John Ust (Jack, Jerry and Robert's father) drove us out to our Uncle Steve and Aunt Marie Estelle's 5-acre farm in south Old Bridge, where we spent several days, while our Augusta St. residence was undergoing repairs in order to be made habitable for our family. It wouldn't be completed until late that summer.

I loved those days in Old Bridge however, with our cousins Steve and Charles, where I learned to ride their horse. I also enjoyed the free City of South Amboy Recreation Dept. sponsored bus trips that summer to Yankee Stadium for Yankee games, the Polo Grounds for Giants baseball games, and once to Philadelphia for an Athletics game (yes, they were the Philadelphia A's then).

For many years after the explosion, land mine munitions could still be found along the waterfront, which required explosive ordnance disposal units from Fort Monmouth to dispose them.

**South Amboy Memorial Day Parade
May 16, 2015**



Luke A. Lovely American Legion Post #62 lead the parade.



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South Amboy's Fire Departments proudly march.



Col. D.B. Kelly Pipes and Drums.

Photos by Brian Stratton



The South Amboy Middle/High School Student Council held their annual Walk-A-Thon at the school recently. The Walk was in support of Kayla's Crew which will benefit C.H.O.P. (Children's Hospital of Philadelphia) Photo by Brian Stratton

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Understanding Your Apple iPad or iPhone

Did you recently get an iPad or iPhone made by Apple and feel overwhelmed and intimidated? Apple products have their own iOS system, in much the same way that PCs run Microsoft Windows as their operating system. You can download apps, play games, send email, browse the Internet, listen to music, and more all on your Apple device! Let tech gadget guru, Karlton Utter, help you get started with your device by discussing the basics so that you can start enjoying it! This program will take place on Saturday, June 13 from 2:00 to 4:00PM at Sayreville Public Library.

Folks who have devices by manufacturers like Samsung, Google, Sony, Asus, and Amazon should NOT come. Participants should bring their devices. If you are unsure if your device is an Apple device, call Alaina and she can help you figure it out!
Please note that this is not a one-on-one class, but rather an introductory lecture meant to highlight some of the basic features of devices.

Register with Alaina by phone at 732-727-0212 ex. 25, email alainad@lmxac.org, or online at www.sayrevillelibrary.org!



On April 25th, the Sayreville Shade Tree Commission, Recycling Commission, Sayreville/South Amboy Girl Scouts and Boy Scout Troop 97 all teamed up to clean Buchanan Waterfront Park and the river bank to celebrate Arbor Day and Earth Day. Ten trees were planted in the park and watered by the volunteers. Volunteers were able to pick up 31 bags of trash and recyclables.

Thank you to the Sayreville Parks Department for disposing of the garbage, and to the following Parlin businesses for their generous donations and support: ShopRite, Rita's Italian Ices, Krauszers of Washington Rd, Dunkin Donuts of Raritan St, and Quick Chek of Washington Rd. Seedlings from the NJ Forestry Service Tree Recovery Program were available to the public and a raffle was held to win bird houses made by local senior citizen Henry Gostkowski.

Community involvement and volunteerism can make a difference, come out and see!

For information on volunteering at our next clean up contact the Sayreville Recycling Dept. at 732 390-7008



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OLV Senior Group Trip to Hunterdon Hills Twist and Shout Show

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Tennis Camp

Gregory Wyzykowski, a native of South Amboy and current head womens tennis coach at Seton Hall University will return as director of the Adidas tennis camp to be held at Monmouth University. The dates of the camp are July 12-17, 2015. Campers of all skills levels ages 8-18 are welcomed to register. There is a day session, extended day session and overnite session available.

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Prevent Childhood Drowning

Playing in the water at the beach or pool can be great fun for the summer, and great exercise and should be part of everyone's childhood. But the reality is...that drowning is the second leading cause of accidental death in children. What should parents always remember as they slide on those bathing suits and pack up the car?

1. Teach your child to swim!!

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that swimming lessons should be considered for children ages 1 to 3. Parents should decide about swimming lessons based on their child's physical abilities, emotional readiness, and closeness to water. Families with pools or who live near a lake should consider lessons at an earlier age.

2. Always supervise your child in the water.

Never even for a moment leave small children alone or under the supervision of another young child while in or near any kind of water. This includes bathtubs, toilets, buckets, or irrigation ditches. Keep a young child within arms reach when in the water. Even if you choose swimming areas with lifeguards, you still need to keep an eye on you kids. Lifeguards can't always watch every person at every moment.

3. Make sure your pool is surrounded by a fence.

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, a fence that completely surrounds a pool isolating it from the house can cut drowning risk by half. To really be safe, a fence should be at least 4 feet high, difficult to climb, and have a self latching lock closure. Building codes don't always require fencing around inflatable pools, but many of them contain thousands of gallons of water and stay up for weeks at a time.

4. Learn CPR

All parents should know CPR. Starting CPR immediately can mean the difference between life and death, and can prevent severe brain damage. To find a class near you, contact the American Red Cross or speak with your local emergency first aid squads to see when they offer CPR classes.

5. Some other suggestion for parents to prevent drowning, don't use air filled aids like water wings. Instead use lifejackets. They are designed to keep kids safe. All children should wear a lifejacket in a boat or at the waters edge. Know how deep the water is and what's underneath before letting kids jump in. Never let kids dive in until you know there's enough water, for example a pool should be at least 12 feet deep under the diving board. When at the ocean teach kids what to do in a rip current. Swim parallel to the shore until you can get out of the current, then swim back to shore. Alcohol is a major risk factor when it comes to teen drowning. Talk to your kids about the dangers of drinking and swimming.

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Fishing Flashes

By Teo "Weebles" Weber

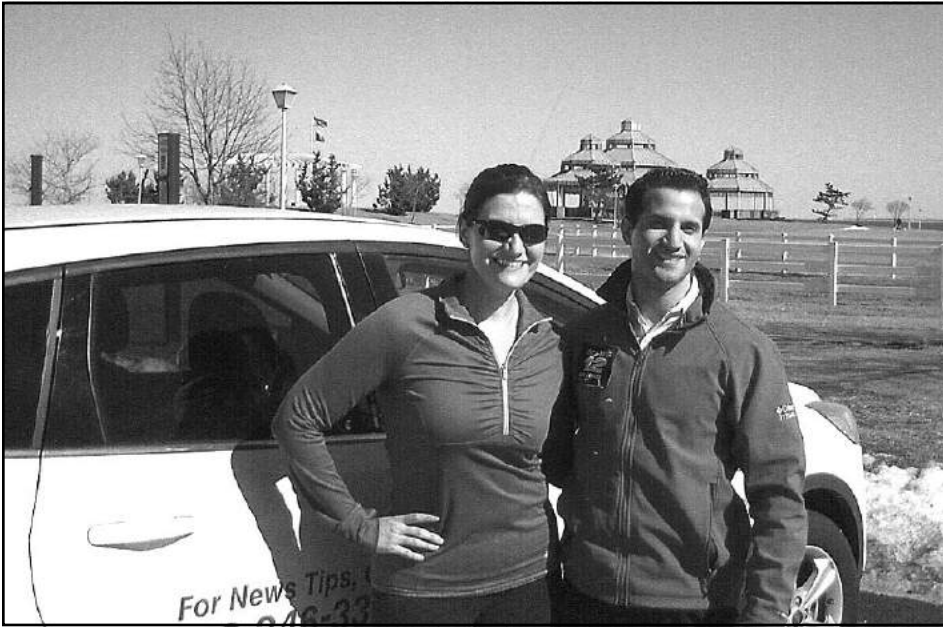
Salt Water

Bluefish are all over Raritan Bay. I saw fish caught at Cliffwood Beach. One nice one about 10 pounds was caught in back of the Lawrence Harbor Sewer Plant. They are all over Barnegat Bay blasting into surface poppers and metal. Fish are ranging from 5 to 10 pounds with some biggies going from 12-13 pounds. Striped Bass are still around but the Bluefish are pushing them out. Party boats are still catching a few Bass but it's mostly big Blues on jigs. There are Strippers

and Blues for the surf fisherman. LBI seems to be the best area if you want Bass. Bottom fishing for Ling and a few Cod is fair for the Party Boats that do it. They went looking for Mackerel offshore, but only one was caught. Flounder fishing is finished-it never really got started. Some early season Fluke have been caught, mostly in South Jersey, but needless to say had to be thrown back as the season doesn't open until May 22nd. In Great Bay Black Drum up to 30 pounds are present.

Fresh Water

My wife and I returned to the Pequest for more Trout fishing early in May. We caught 6 Rainbows, out fished again, she had 4 and I had 2. Shad fishing is very good now in the Delaware River with more Shad still coming up from the Delaware Bay. The run could last until June. The State recently stocked 3 upstate lakes with Landlocked Salmon ranging from 10 to 20 inches. Limit is 2 at 12 inches.



Jessica Skarzynski Reccoppa of South Amboy (l) is pictured during her interview with Jason Kahn (r) from News 12 NJ. (Photo by Joe Lotkowitz)

The Road to the NYC Half Marathon

By Jessica Skarzynski Reccoppa

When I signed up for the NYC Half Marathon in November 2014, I never could have anticipated the crazy road that would lead me to the finish line in March! I submitted my race application on a whim and promptly forgot about it. So imagine my surprise when I received my "Congratulations!" email in December: I went from looking forward to all the Christmas cookies I could eat to full on training mode in the blink of an eye! But I was so excited – it was a real honor to be selected as one of the lucky 20,000 runners who got to take over the streets of NYC for 13.1 miles of smiles, laughter, and (what I'd later find out) lots of hills!

The New York Road Runners – "the world's premier community running organization" – hosts the NYC Half Marathon. Shortly after the acceptance emails went out, they sent a countdown email and ended their message with an appeal to runners who wanted to share their stories. "Tell us why you're running the NYC Half Marathon", they asked. So I answered!

You see, since 2003, I've lost over 100 pounds through sensible eating and being more active. Back then I suffered from severe anxiety and was on medication that turned me into a person I knew wasn't truly me. But then my mother was diagnosed with breast cancer, and I realized that the only way to beat the odds and tackle my issues was to treat my body with the respect it deserves. So I began to work out and eat right. I tried everything from yoga to kickboxing, but once I found running, I found my passion. I ran my first race in 2010 and haven't looked back. I am by no means the fastest, but I always run with a smile. And that's exactly what I looked forward to doing in the NYC Half: running strong, running happy, and enjoying every moment!

The NYRR folks responded to my email right away – they were just as pumped to share my story as I was. They did a phone interview to get some more details then asked if I was OK with them sharing my story with the local media. I figured it would lead to a

post on their Facebook page and perhaps get my picture in their race guide, so I happily agreed. But I never expected my story to get as much traction as it did!

Within the next few weeks, the folks at NYRR contacted me with interview requests from Shape Magazine, PopSugar Fitness, and News 12 New Jersey! The first two interviews were done by phone and email, and the interviewers were so kind, too. It felt more like chatting with a friend than talking with the editor of a major fitness magazine.

The most surreal experience, though, was being interviewed by News 12 New Jersey down at the Raritan Bay Waterfront Park the Thursday before race day. After snow and rain derailed our plans two days in a row, Jason Kahn and his awesome camera man met me down at the park. They were so friendly and made me feel at ease from the moment we met, even with a camera pointed directly at me! Just like the magazine interviewers they started off by simply asking me about my training, and then the conversation naturally flowed from one topic to another for about 10 minutes. After that they had me run a few yards in different directions for a variety of shots, and before I knew it we were done.

Later that day Jason emailed me for
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You are here with me tomorrow.*

Love and Miss You,
Nan & Pop



Jessica Skarzynski Reccoppa crosses the finish line at the NYC Half Marathon. (Photo submitted)



The new handicap ramp at St. Mary's Church has been completed, and is ready for use by the parishioners who require it. (Photo/info by Joe Lotkowitz)



New Townhouses-Construction at Bay Side of South Amboy Luxury Townhouses at the entrance of Waterfront Park has begun. The heavy equipment pictured, is putting in the pilings that will anchor and stabilize the base for the footings of the townhouses that will be constructed, when all the preliminary rough work is completed. The time table for occupancy has not yet been determined. The townhouses will conform with FEMA construction regulations and guidelines as required after Superstorm Sandy. (Photo/story by Joe Lotkowitz)

The Historical Society of South Amboy Invites You to the Unveiling of New Jersey's First Airmail Flight Commemorative Memorial



The News Tribune, November 16, 1914
Perth Amboy Mayor Fred Gamson, with mail sack in his lap, and pilot Oliver G. Simmons preparing for the first airmail flight on July 4, 1912
Come join state dignitaries and South Amboy residents as the Historical Society of South Amboy, along with city officials, unveil a memorial on Broadway to commemorate the first New Jersey airmail flight, between Perth Amboy and South Amboy on July 4th, 1912

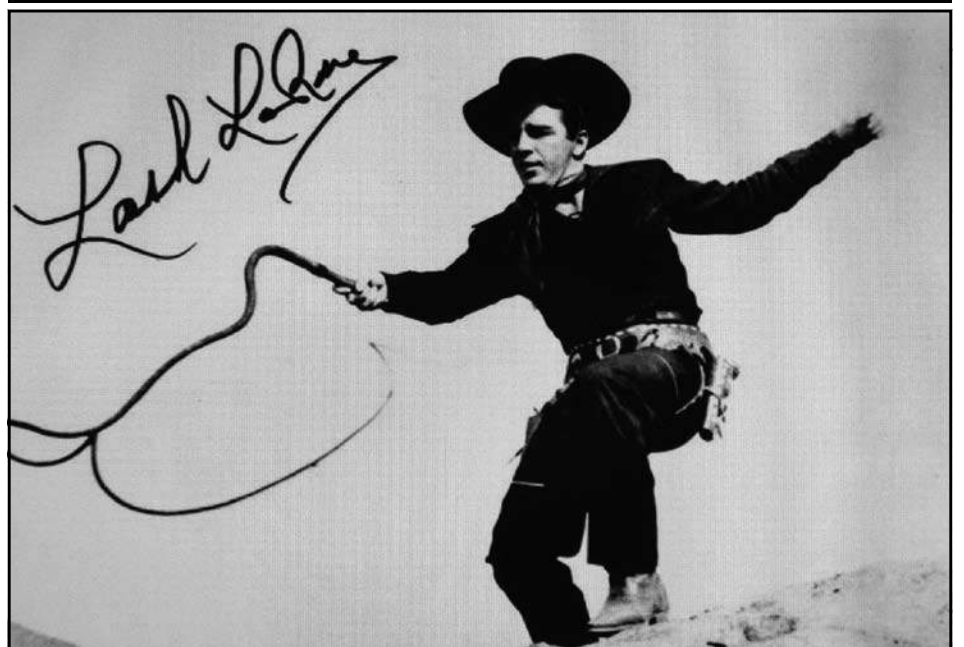


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1950's & 60's TV cowboy star Lash LaRue appeared at a carnival in South Amboy in the mid 1950's. The event was held on the corner of North Stevens Ave. and Fourth St. on a vacant lot, which is now the home of the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426. (Photo courtesy of Joe Lotkowitz)

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Attention Korean War Veterans

(Story submitted by Charles Koppelman)

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To obtain this award, and application must be submitted to: The Adjutant General of the New Jersey Dept. of Military & Veterans Affairs. Applications can be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped (.49) envelope to: Dept. of the New Jersey State Commander Korean War Veterans: Charles Koppelman, 6 Yarmouth Dr., Monroe Twp., NJ 08831-4742.

Concert At Sayreville

The Cultural Arts Council of the Borough of Sayreville is sponsoring a concert featuring The Perry Brothers Band on Wed., June 3 at the Senior Center, Main St., Sayreville. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission is FREE, with light refreshments. All ages are welcome. For more info call 732-257-6510.

Job Search & Networking Techniques

Job search and résumé expert, Dr. Colleen Georges, will share her tips for successfully searching for a job in this tough job market. Join Dr. Georges on Wednesday, June 17 from 6:30 to 8:00PM at Sayreville Public Library.

To register, contact Alaina at alainad@lmaxac.org or call 732-727-0212 ex. 25. You may also register online at www.sayrevillelibrary.org.

Car Show

RJC Charities, Inc will be hosting their 5th Annual Car Show. Antique, Custom, Race Car, Street Rod, Muscle Cars, Restored, Motor cycles and many more are welcome. Pre-registration is \$5 the day of the show is \$15. Spectators are FREE. Proceeds will go to Jaclyn Squillace Olsen and The Monmouth Titans. The date is June 7th from 10am to 3pm. Rain date is June 14th. It will be at Sayreville War Memorial High School 820 Washington Road Sayreville. There will be food, music, tricky trays, 50/50 drawings and a raffle for 4 Mets tickets which includes batting practice on the field and an additional 4 tickets for the Brooklyn Cyclones. For raffle purchase prior to show please call Denise 732-525-9536. To register for the Car Show please call Robert J. Caramella 908-307-4214 or visit www.rjcharities.com

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Marty Schneit is a licensed New York City Tour Guide. He has lectured at the New York Public Library, The 92nd Street Y, National Council of Jewish Women, The Institute of Judaic Studies, and the Health Outreach program of New York-Presbyterian Hospital.

To register, contact Alaina at alainad@lmaxac.org or call 732-727-0212 ex. 25. You may also register online at www.sayrevillelibrary.org.

Acing the Interview

Join Dr. Colleen Georges at Sayreville Public Library on Tuesday, June 30 from 6:30 to 8:00PM as she discusses critical interview tips to ensure that you impress your potential employers. She will also provide answers to some of those tricky interview questions.

To register, contact Alaina at alainad@lmaxac.org or call 732-727-0212 ex. 25. You may also register online at www.sayrevillelibrary.org.



St. Stanislaus Kostka Mother of the Year, Amy Biebel (r) and Father of the Year Carlos Santiago (l) were honored recently along with all the past mothers and fathers of the year. (Photo/info submitted)



Captain Joseph M. Pizzillo, new commanding officer for Headquarters and Service Company, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, speaks to his Marines during a change of command ceremony April 16, 2015, at Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base, Romania. (Photo courtesy of Sgt. S.T. Stewart)

Captain Pizzillo New Commanding Officer

By Sgt. S.T. Stewart

Captain Joseph M. Pizzillo assumed command of Headquarters and Service Company, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, from Capt. Todd Richardson, during a ceremony at Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base, Romania, April 16.

Currently deployed as the Black Sea Rotational Force, approximately 500 Marines from 2nd Bn., 8th Marines are postured in Romania to provide theater security cooperation with NATO Allies and partners in Eastern Europe with the ability to respond to a broad range of military operations in the U.S. Marine Corps Forces Europe area of responsibility.

The Headquarters Company provides support to the battalion.

"The infantry battalion lives and breathes from the H&S Co., because we provide the robust capabilities for the infantry Marines to fight," said Pizzillo, a native of Sayreville, N.J. "Without an H&S Co., the rifle and weapons companies of infantry battalions can't succeed. It is an important position to be in. For me it is a double edged sword where I am improving myself and having an impact on Marines."

Pizzillo, recently promoted to captain in March, joined the unit as the H&S Co., executive officer Jan. 5, after recently returning from a deployment with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit.

His appointment to commanding officer of a company marks a first for Pizzillo.

"What I look forward to most, is having the ability to impact a Marine's life and change him for the better, make him a better Marine and a better person," said Pizzillo. "If I can impact my Marines' lives, if I can impact them to make a better citizen and a better American, then we are improving the

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some before & after photos, and the very next day the interview aired. It was so cool to see how they turned a rambling 10 minute chat and random running footage into an inspirational little :45 second spot that aired every hour the Saturday before my race! It was just the motivation I needed to toe the starting line on Sunday morning, too.

I've run plenty of half marathons before, but none of them can compare to the NYC Half! People who had run it before have said that the 13.1 miles course from Central Park to the South Street Seaport is the most memorable course they've ever run – and now I can say they're right! No matter how many times you envision something like running through an empty Times Square while crowds of people line the streets cheering for you and 20,000 other athletes, nothing can compare to the reality of it. And while those hills in the park and that long, windy stretch along the West Side Highway tested my strength both physically and mentally, I crossed that finish line just like I said I would: strong, and with a smile, all thanks to the amazing opportunities I had to share my story through the New York Road Runners!

country overall."

Richardson joined 2nd Bn., 8th Marines in March 2012, and has served in multiple company-level commander roles throughout his tenure. He was appointed to his most recent position, June 2014.

"I learned that brilliance and the basics are important," said Richardson, speaking to his time with the battalion, during which he deployed to Afghanistan and the Black Sea Rotational Force. "Both are very different environments; however, in both environments you have to understand basic (military occupational specialty) proficiency. If you can do that, than you can really do anything."

Richardson said his time with 2nd Bn., 8th Marines, reinforced the need to focus on the basics with the Marines in order to be successful.

"You have to be able to respond to whatever support requirements and support request there are," said Richardson. "If you want to be a responsive force you have to have a flexible support plan. The Marines of H&S always provided a flexible support plan, and they performed magnificently."

With his selection to major, Richardson will move on to attend the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, Calif., to become a foreign area officer with a focus on the Asia-Pacific region. He will also attend the Defense Language Institute to study Mandarin prior to assignment to the U.S. Embassy in Beijing.

DANDELION

By Rev. Rhea Carol

It is dark, moist and warm. There is movement and I move up very slowly. There is light. I feel very warm, there is a bright yellow light, and it is the sun. A slight breeze moves me gently. It is spring. I am yellow and bright like the sun. Sometimes the rain and wind blows very hard and it is hard to hold on but I do. Sometimes the rain is gentle and feeds me. The wind is caressing me as tender as a baby's kiss. I am fed and I am glorious, peaceful, wonderful. I bask in this idea for awhile. It is warm and I know that a magnificent summer will be here soon.

Things are changing; my beautiful yellow color is slowly turning into white magnificence. I feel light and open. The wind blows and I feel a movement. I am flying gracefully through the air, feeling the warmth, feeling the beauty of all there is, knowing I have it all. I slowly come down to earth and go back into that warm dark place grateful to be on this wonderful journey. The journey continues infinitely. I AM the dandelion.

Yoga Classes

Yoga classes at the Knights of Columbus in South Amboy, 308 fourth street, are on going.

Tuesdays at 6:30pm-7:20pm a mat is required. Part of the proceeds benefit the Columbian Club council No. 426. Drop in rate is \$10. Packages available at a reduced rate. Pre-registration required. Please call Denise 732-525-9536 or email healthandfitnesswithdenise@gmail.com

Long, Long Ago

(Photos courtesy of Mary A. Snover)



1941- Ladies posed by the Protection Fire house in this vintage photo. Pictured (l-r) Alice Bachman Snover, Anne Johnson, Gertrude Johnson Hunter, Loretta Bachman Wiebking, Grace Bachman. The two Bachman sisters were from Pine Ave., and the three other women were out of town cousins.



1941-Guy Bachman is pictured driving the Protection Fire Company's fire engine. Guy was the grandfather of Mary A. Snover of Sayreville.

Bombers Advance To GMCT Title Game

Coach Mike Novak's Sayreville Bombers captured a thrilling 4-3, 11-inning victory over St. Joseph's in the GMCT baseball semifinals.

In the top of the 11th inning, Josh Guarnera led off the 11th by reaching on an error, and ended up scoring the winning run on an RBI single by Jayson DeMild. Ryan Sheryka pitched a strong game in relief of Connor Johnson, giving up 5 hits and an earned run in 5 2/3 innings to notch the victory. The Bombers were getting ready to meet Monroe for the GMCT championship on Friday at TD Bank Ballpark.

ASSEMBLYMAN WISNIEWSKI KICKS OFF DOWDELL LIBRARY'S SUMMER CLUB

Parties @ Dowdell Library? Yes, please join the library for the Children's Summer Kick-Off Party on Friday, June 12th from 3 – 5 pm. Assemblyman Wisniewski will kick off the summer club and act as our first community Storyteller at 3:30 pm. The South Amboy Library was where the Assemblyman received his first library card and he will return to South Amboy to share a fun story. At 4 pm, make-it-yourself smoothies, fun tech and a Minecraft competition will also take place. Free Minecraft computers are available. In addition to these activities, delicious refreshments will be served. It's an event not to be missed, so mark your calendar today.

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Teens and adults are invited to the Summer Club Party on Monday, June 15 from

5:30 to 7:30 pm. Intriguing flavored iced teas and a fun chocolate tasting will be one of the highlights of the evening. Also – join Dave Pierce of South Amboy, as he presents the fascinating program: "New Technology Coming to the Library! How 3D Printing has revolutionized the Robotics Industry." Additionally, Miriam Baresh of South Amboy, will present the valuable program: "Money and You!" These free programs are not to be missed – come early to reserve a seat.

Also, those interested in getting "that" job should mark their calendars for: "Make an Impact: Get that Job," which will be presented by Garret Gega of the Middlesex County Workforce Development group. It is scheduled for Monday, June 22 from 2 – 4 pm.

Adults and teens are welcome to join the Knitting Club, which meets the first and third Tuesday of each month. Free, drop-in eBook help is available every Thursday from 6:15 -7:45 pm.

In addition, the fun Adult Code4Fun programs have been scheduled. Find out more at www.dowdell.org

For more information, contact the library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org. The library is adjacent to the South Amboy High School on O'Leary Boulevard.

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Obituaries

Anghelone, Ethel M. Morris, 91, formerly of Sayreville died on May 6.
 Barlow, Matthew R., 70, of South Amboy died on April 30.
 Boychuk, Helen T., 90, formerly of South Amboy died on May 14.
 Burch, Edwin R. Jr., 82, of Sayreville died on April 16.
 Check, Peter P. Jr., 68, formerly of South Amboy died on May 7.
 Dougherty, Lillian M. Sisko, 87, of South Amboy died on April 28.
 Dragotta, Olive A. Barry, 86, formerly of South Amboy died on April 24.
 Higgins, John J., 83, formerly of South Amboy dies on April 23.
 Hogan, Joseph, 65, of Parlin died on April 23.
 Jacobi, Thomas E., 90, of Parlin died on May 15.
 James, Joseph M., 71, of Morgan died on May 13.
 Levay, Norman, 73, of South Amboy died on April 29.
 Makar, Evan, 62, of Sayreville died on April 27.
 Martinelli-Dedicos, Josephine, 82, of Sayreville died on April 16.
 McCarthy, Kyle D., 22, of South Amboy died on May 1.
 McCarthy, William D., 79, of Parlin died on May 3.
 Moran, Patricia A., 78, formerly of South Amboy died on April 26.
 Omielski, Victoria, 48, of South Amboy died on May 1.
 Philippe, Jean C., 52, of Sayreville died on April 16.
 Poland, Robert J., 89, of Sayreville died on April 20.
 Reh fuss, Raymond, 64, of South Amboy died on April 27.
 Rogers, Margaret L., 88, of Parlin died on May 5.
 Schlask, Kenneth, 64, of Morganville died on May 7.
 Sheehan, Laura Lynch, 83, formerly of Sayreville died on April 27.
 Sucharenko, Anna, 86, of South Amboy died on April 13.
 Travisano, Valerie R., 79, formerly of Morgan died on April 21.
 Vogel, Joan M., 80, of Sayreville died on May 2.
 Wolfe, Daniel A., 35, of Parlin died on April 21.

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*This day is remembered and quietly kept
 No need for reminders,
 We will never forget.
 Deep in our hearts you will always stay
 Loved and remembered every day.
 No one knows the grief we bear
 When the family meets and you're not there.
 Wishing today as we wished before,
 That God could have spared you many years more.
 Missing you,
 Love,
 Joanne And All The Family*



The South Amboy High School Players presented Lip Sync 30 this month at the Middle/High School Theatre. 25 performances were presented over two acts. The audience and performers had a great time! Pictured (l-r) are the winning performers, Act 1, 3rd place Angelina Vella, 2nd place Michayla Piperato, 1st place Arianna Noble, Host Franchesca Sambucci, Act two, 3rd place Andrew Reyes, 1st place Alison McLaughlin, Emily Drill, Lexi Zaretsky, Alexis Moakler and 2nd place C.J. LaVigne. Congratulations to all that performed.

Growing Up in South Amboy

John Phillips

I introduced my home town in a prior issue of the Link. Now I would like to relate what it was like growing up in this small "Pleasant Little City". It will cover my early years down by the Raritan Bay up to the time I left to join the Marines.

The Coal Docks

When I was growing up, South Amboy was one of the biggest coal depots in the New York/New Jersey area. Coal trains would come in from the Pennsylvania coalfields all hours of the day. It was nonstop. Once the coal trains got to the coal yards, they would line up to be dumped into coal barges that were also lined up. The dumpsters would actually pick the car up and turn it over so that the coal fell into the barge. This happened over and over until the barge was filled. Then it went off to the many coal yards and power plants on the northeast coast. People actually lived on these barges. My father and mother lived on one for a couple of years until my older brother Jimmy got too big and it became dangerous. There was always plenty of coal to be "found" along the tracks leading to the dumpsters, so we urchins would grab a sack and fill it up and bring it home to be used in the small coal stoves a lot of us had.

We lived below the tracks that ran through town, and those tracks separated the "haves" from the "have-nots." The area was affectionately known as the "Bowery". However, being close to the water (Raritan Bay), there was always something to do, especially in the summer. And the coal docks and barge slips were great places to catch crabs. A lot of row boats were always at anchor by the water so we would "borrow" one to go out on the bay to swim and fish. Someone always had a set of oars and oar locks so that we could "borrow" the boat.... but we always made sure it was back at anchor by late afternoon. And, we never "borrowed" a boat on week ends because that's when they were used the most. We would spend a morning in the summer gathering as many crabs as we could to sell to the fish market for a nickel or dime a piece, depending on size. Hey, fifty cents or more was good money back in the late 1940's, when a Tastykake and a big Pepsi cost only a nickel. When we could get enough guys for a baseball game, we would head out to the "Back Field" to choose up sides for a game. I was always one of the younger guys so I had to play right field....which was out in the sea weeds. Before we took control of the field I am told it was called "Star Field", and back in the 20's and 30's was very active. I liked baseball but my real sports passion was basketball. I spent many, many hours practicing and playing in any game I could find. I guess I got pretty good at it because I made the varsity team as a freshman. It was also during these early years that I fell in love with something that has stayed with me all through life: music. My mom decided

that I would play the accordion and that was that....I had no choice. What a wonderful gift she "forced" on me. Every time I sit down to play my keyboard I think of her. I miss the accordion but my arthritic hands just can't do it any more.

The Railroads

South Amboy has a long, long history involving railroad transportation. It goes back to the 1830's when the Camden and Amboy Railroad and Transportation Company (C&A) was formed. This is an interesting story in itself that I hope to write later. But for now I'll concentrate on how it was when I was growing up in the late 1940's and 1950's.

Back then, most of the trains coming down the coast from New York were electric-powered. Since the electric lines ended in South Amboy, the engines had to be changed from electric to steam (the coal-fired ones for the trip down to Bay Head). There was a big roundhouse in the coal/railroad yards that housed the steam engines. And the electric engines were lined up on the off tracks. The changing of the engines was a big event. I remember being amazed at the number of people from out of town that would come to watch and take pictures and films of the activities. The whole process took about twenty minutes, and we kids took advantage of that time. Along the tracks there several taverns that had back doors open to accommodate the commuters. Things were really good on Thursdays and Fridays in the late afternoon or early evening. This is when the guys (mostly guys) would hop off the train for a quick "belt." It was fun to watch the stampede, and a lot of change was dropped on the way coming or going. After the train continued on the journey down the shore, we would "patrol" the area looking for the droppings. And, a nickel here, a dime there --perhaps a quarter -- it all added up. I think the most I found was around sixty cents. That bought a lot of junk food back then. The best time was between 5 and 7 PM when the after work trains were full of commuters.

The railroad and coal yards were huge, but open; and security was provided by plainclothes railroad detectives -- at least that's what we called them. So, what do you think we kids did? We jumped on the coal and boxcars as they moved throughout the yards. We loved getting access to a caboose since they were always "locked," to liberate a lantern, flag, or some of those loud dynamos (at least that's what we called them!) that made a loud bang when the train engine went over them on the tracks. It was a love/hate affair with the detectives. They almost always caught us, and if/when we did something dangerous or stupid -- I guess doing something stupid is dangerous -- they would show up at our home with a warning. And so it went... And here I am watching the snow fall with a grin on my face. (To be continued...)



A total of 124 students were recently inducted into the Middlesex County College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges. From Sayreville, seated, left to right: Brittany Robinson, Barbara Roberts. Standing: Heather Doran, Carly Galasso.

OLV Senior Group Trip to Myrtle Beach

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Myrtle Beach from September 20 - 26 2015. The seven day - six night trip includes lodging, bus transportation, 5 breakfasts, 4 full course dinners and three shows. In addition there will be a Charleston harbor Cruise with a visit to fort Sumter and time to stroll through the Historic Charleston Market. For further information or to make a reservation please contact Carmen at 732-254-9425.

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting

The Ladies Auxiliary #4699, located at 575 Jernee Mill Rd. in Sayreville, will hold its monthly meeting on May 26th at 7 p.m. at the Post Hall, where there will be a memorial service for their deceased members, and the installation of new officers. A light refreshment will be served at the meeting. For more info call 732-264-3041



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Shirley D. Quirk
(1939 - 2015)



Shirley D. Dill Quirk, 75, of Whiting died Monday February 23, 2015 at home. Born in South Amboy, she moved to Whiting in 1991. She was a member of the Whiting Bible Church and a volunteer at America's Keswick for the past 7 years. Before retiring in 1990 she was employed by B & B Market, South Amboy

Daughter of the late James and Sue Brennan Dill, she is also predeceased by her brothers, William, James, Leo and LeRoy Dill and her sisters Anne Lotkowitz, Claire Dyer and Kathy Jobe. She is survived by her husband, George Quirk, Sr.; her son, George Quirk, Jr.; her daughter, Diana Lynn Rinear; her brothers, Louis and Eddie Dill; her sisters, Jane Adametz, Lois Spencer, Mary Boudreaux and Peggy Marczak; her granddaughters, Michelle Ann Quirk and Shannon Kathleen Agard and her husband, Andy and her grandsons, Eric W. Rinear and Kyle D. Rinear.

A graveside service was held on Thursday February 26, 2015 at 11am at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Parlin, NJ.

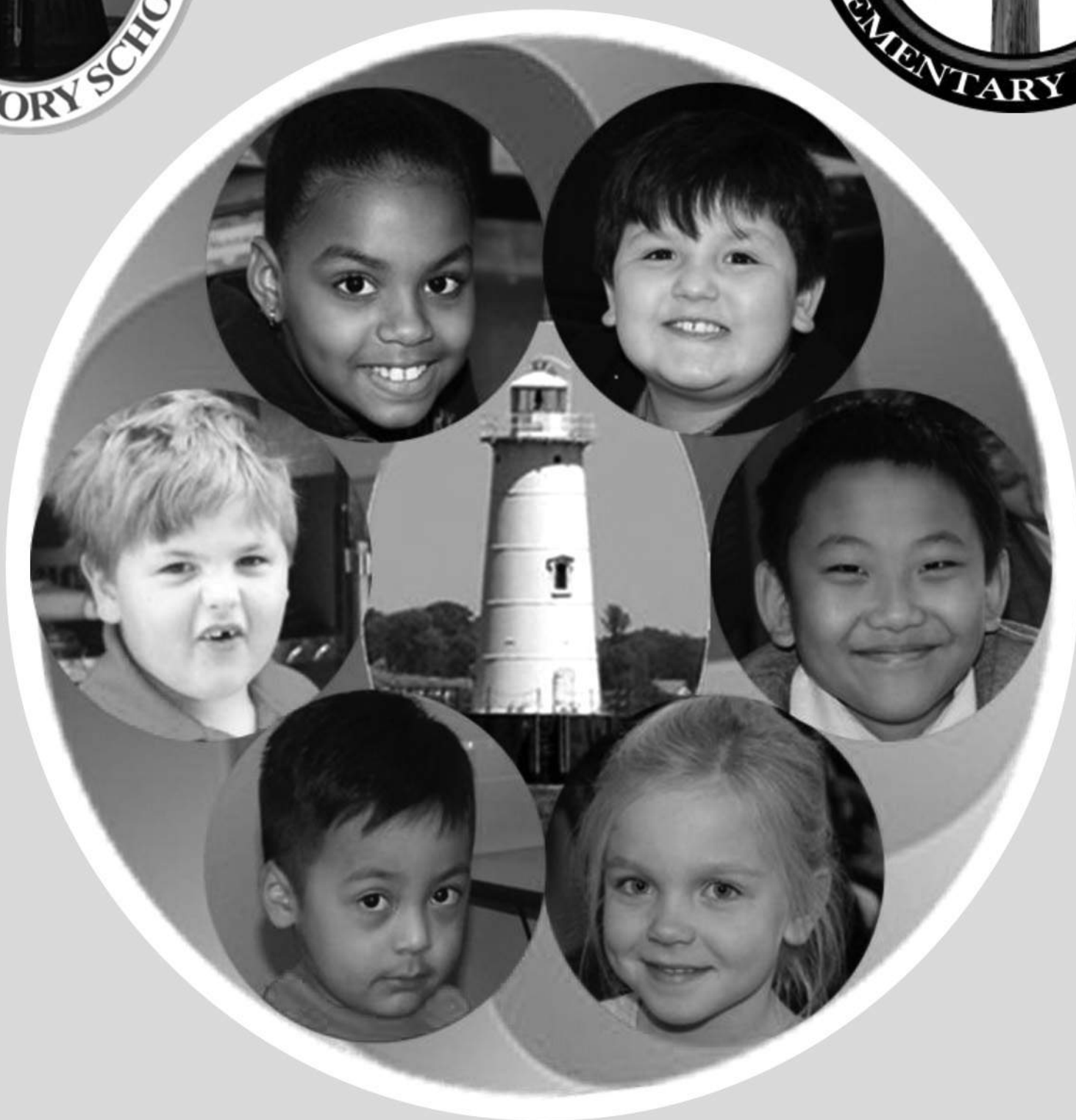


Grand Opening-Colleen's Kitchen & Catering held its Grand Opening on Saturday, May 16 at 115 South Broadway, South Amboy. Pictured is owner Carol Johnson with family and staff. The store offers delicious hot & cold sub sandwiches, sub platters, homemade salads, 3, 4, and 6 foot subs, breakfast sandwiches all day, catering for all occasions, and much more. Order now at 732-525-9262. (Photo/story by Tom Burkard)

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