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Santa Claus was warmly-greeted by the many who attended the South Amboy Tree Lighting/Emergency Vehicles Parade. (Photo by April Lee)



Williams Honor (Reagan Richards & Gordon Brown) New Jersey's only country duo played their "Willi Ho Ho Ho" Holiday show at the South Amboy Columbian Club #426 to a sold out crowd on December 14th. The night was hosted by Karen Kline and Bill Mattson of Mattssons Auto Tech. An elaborate stage with multiple Christmas trees, a front porch and cozy living room were designed by Karen and Bill. The crowd was treated to country classics, holiday songs including an audience participation of the 12 days of Christmas. The duo also previewed songs from their upcoming new album. Pictured (l-r) Reagan Richards, Karen Kline, Bill Mattsson, Gordon Brown and Taylor Hope. (Photo/Info by Brian Stratton)

South Amboy Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee

To Honor Those Who Serve The City Of South Amboy at Annual Grand Marshal's Dinner
The South Amboy Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee invites you to join them as they formally announce and recognize the 2020 parade honorees for their contributions to the City of South Amboy. The dinner will be held on February 7, 2020 in the Auditorium of St. Mary's Elementary School, N. Stevens Ave., South Amboy.

philanthropy by various local, county and state civic groups, Deputy Grand Marshal - Larry Parsons (member of Protection Engine Company #1) and Special Honored Guests- Karen Robson (South Amboy YMCA) and Mary Szaro (President, South Amboy Historical Society).
Ticket cost of \$50 per person includes dinner, beer, wine & soda and may be purchased at the door or at any of the following locations: Main Liquors 533 Main St, South Amboy, AOH Hall 271 Second Street, South Amboy, South Amboy YMCA 200 John O'Leary Blvd, South Amboy.

Remembering Rich Wendell Of Olde Towne Deli & Liquors

By Tom Burkard

Richard "Rich" Wendell, 67, of Lakewood, who was the former owner of Olde Towne Deli & Liquors from 1982-1996, passed away on December 7th. Rich or Rick as I called him was born in Orange, NJ, and later lived in Cliffwood Beach for many years during the time he owned Olde Towne (OT). A proud U.S. Navy veteran of the Vietnam War era, he served from 1972-75 and was honorably discharged.

He had a wonderful personality and great sense of humor, and became very popular and well-liked by locals who patronized his store. Eventually, he purchased English's Pub, around 1986 or '87, which was two doors over from OT, and named it Tutty Tease (TT). As if running OT wasn't enough for him to do, he now had much more responsibility with a busy bar business, and eventually sold it after a couple of years.

Olde Towne Deli & Liquors, and Tutty Tease sponsored local teams in softball and basketball, and Rick was always generous with local charities or those in need.

Rick was up for it, and did very well with

both establishments, eventually selling TT, and in 1996 sold OT. Following the sale of OT, he became a limousine driver for a large NJ company, and always told stories about famous people who he would drive from the airports to different engagements throughout the area. Two of the most renowned were Dr. Ruth, a famous talk-show personality, and Dallas Cowboys football star Michael Irvin. In addition he drove pro wrestlers, and actors and actresses to and from the airports.

As far as hobbies, we know he was an expert with guns, and also a collector, who was very knowledgeable about all makes and models, no matter how old they were.

He continued as a driver until his health started failing, many years ago, but he continued to keep up with local and worldwide events via computer or television.

Richard "Rich" "Rick" Wendell was one of the really "good" guys"... No he was a "great" guy, and the kind of faithful friend everyone should be lucky enough to have. God bless Rick. You will be missed, but never forgotten.

Kilpatrick Wins Recount For Mayor

Sayreville Democrat Victoria Kilpatrick was once again the winner for the mayoral seat, in a December 5th court-ordered recount, edging Republican Arthur J. Rittenhouse, by 6 votes, 3,634-3,628.

The recount was held by the Middlesex County Board of Elections and the Middlesex County Clerk, at the Middlesex County Board of Elections voting machine warehouse in Edison. Kilpatrick received an additional 5 mail-in votes, while Rittenhouse picked up 2 via the mail-in process.

Rittenhouse said that he plans to continue to contest the result, and will file a challenge, in Superior Court. He felt that there were "irregularities" in the election, including the 41 provisional ballots, voting machine counts, and other problems.

Kilpatrick will vacate her spot on the Borough Council on Dec. 31st to assume the role of Mayor, for which she will be sworn in on January 1, 2020, replacing long-time Republican Mayor Kennedy who did not seek election after serving 20 years in the top post.

Father Krull Installed As Pastor

On Nov. 2nd, Our Lady of Victories former pastor Father Michael G. Krull was installed as pastor of Our Lady of Peace Church in Fords. Father Krull began his priestly career when he was ordained on May 31, 1986 at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen.

Coughlin Chosen Legislator Of The Year

Speaker Craig Coughlin received the Legislator of the Year Award at the N.J. State Policemen Benevolent Association's 123rd annual Valor Awards banquet on Nov. 23rd in Atlantic City. Under his outstanding leadership, the Assembly has passed several pieces of legislation to benefit law enforcement, and much more.

Congratulations!

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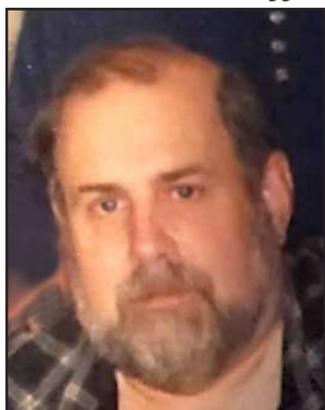
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Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

Locals Celebrate Silver & Golden Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary: Our Lady of Victories-Michael & Theresa Yetsko; St. Stanislaus Kostka-Glenn & Carol Johnson; Sacred Heart-Joel & Lucille Bloom; St. Mary-Dominick & Lorraine Candito (50+); Anthony & Carol Olivieri; Thomas & Rosalie Wudarski.

Celebrating their 25th Wedding Anniversary: Our Lady of Victories-Christopher & Lynn Krieger; Sacred Heart-Mariusz & Renata Jara; St. Mary-Michael & Noreen Kusic.

Reunions Were Great in 2019!

As 2019 ends, there were all kinds of 50-year reunion celebrations both nationally and locally. The biggies on the U.S. scene were: the first man on the moon; Woodstock; the "Impossible Dream" season of the New York

Mets which ended with them winning the World Series, and another 50-year memory, not a pleasant one, was of the Charles Manson family, and all of the sadness, pain and fear they inflicted in California.

In South Amboy and Sayreville, the high school baseball teams had championship seasons. On June 4, 1969, St. Mary's captured the South Jersey Parochial B state title, and unbelievably on the same day, Hoffman HS won the Central Jersey Group I state championship. The Sayreville Bombers, under legendary Coach John Wortley copped the Middlesex County Baseball Tournament.

Over the last couple of months, there were two great 50-year reunions, Sayreville and St. Mary's, and Hoffman held its 20th annual multi-class reunion. Sayreville held their event at The Breakers on the Ocean in Spring Lake, NJ, with a theme "Once In A Lifetime," and everyone had a blast at the 5-hour get-together. St. Mary's reunion was at Doolan's Shore Club in Spring Lake Heights, and old classmates reminisced about those good old days at SMH. The Reunion Committee consisting of Bob Paulukiewicz, Ginny Curato, and Denice Matura Hogan did an incredible job with the planning, decorating and so much more. Congratulations!

The Hoffman HS event, held at Mara's in South Amboy was also a smashing success, thanks to the hard-work and dedication of Committee members Billy Croddick, Helen Mae Stader, Mimi Woznica, and Jill Pappa.

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Pleasant little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

- In 1985, this locksmith was located on North Broadway in South Amboy?
 a.SA Locksmith b.Broadway Locksmith c.Guardian Locksmith
- Topped Sayreville Council candidates with 4,570 votes in 1998?
 a.Jeff Pawlowski b.Paul DeSarno c.George Fred Semoneit
- St. Mary's HS Senior Class President in 1996?
 a.Jose Gamboa b.John Carlos c.Myrna Blonkiewicz
- What year was the Melrose Hose Co. #1 established?
 a.1907 b.1922 c.1945
- St. Mary's HS valedictorian in '88?
 a.Carolyn Rossetti b.Colleen Graham c.Joshua Beckett
- This tavern was located on the corner of Scott Ave. and Ridgeway Ave. in Melrose for many years?
 a.Scott & Suzie's b.Melrose Inn c.Check's
- South Amboy PTA President 1970-71?
 a.Claire Kuhn b.Shirley Aceta c.Shelly Eisenberger
- Who was Fire Chief of Melrose Hose Co. #1 in 1994?
 a.George Gawron b.Alfred Gawron Jr. c.Paul Bulla
- What popular South Amboy barber shop closed in 1970 after being in business for 40 years?
 a.Jerome's b.Vince's c.Greco's
- Where was the legendary Hunka Bunka located in Sayreville?
 a.Jernee Mill Rd. b.Main St. c.Washington Rd.

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

Business Of The Month
Brick House Bar & Grill



Brick House Bar & Grill owner Mary Ann Spisso (c) is pictured with outstanding bartenders who keep the Brick House running smoothly, Lisa Baumann (l) and Corrie Anne Penland (r). (Photo by Tom Burkard)

The Brick House Bar and Grill in Sayreville, recently celebrated their 67th Anniversary. The popular establishment, family-owned and operated by Mary Ann Spisso, brother Wally Rodesko, and sister Donna Amato, was started in 1952, and originally called Kelly's Bar, and later became Wally's Bar. After the Brick House Bar & Grill opened, it 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 Francaise, 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 Rodesko 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 Rodeskos. That consistency is why they have stood the test of time.

Be sure to stop in at the Brick House Bar & Grill, 267 Washington Rd., Sayreville, telephone 732-254-8899, and be part of a truly unique and enjoyable experience. The Brick House motto is, "Remember, at the Brick House—our house is your house."

Giving Thanks



This Thanksgiving Dr. Mariana Blagoev (l) offered free dentistry to veterans to thank them for their service. Dr. Blagoev is pictured with John Brennan who served during the Vietnam War. (Photo/info submitted)

Friends of South Amboy 50-50

The Friends of South Amboy will be selling 50-50 tickets for our annual Friends of South Amboy charity event on December 21. Tickets are \$5 and the winners will be announced during the last game on December 21.

All proceeds will go to the family of Pat Leonard. For tickets please call Mickey Kuhn at 732-310-4204 or Ed O'Connor at 732-570-9691.



15th Annual Dad-Daughter Dance

The South Amboy-Sayreville Rotary Club annual dad-daughter dance will be held on February 21, 2020 from 7pm - 10pm at the VFW Hall on Jernee Mill Road in Sayreville. For more information contact Greg at 732-721-0400 or email greg@customfinancial.org.



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Yearbook-Sayreville 1979

By Tom Burkard

Henry Counsman was the Superintendent of Schools. Some popular teachers were Elyse Gelson, Laura Long, Ellen Shur, Bruce Brindza, JoAnne Pooley, Barbara Albanir, Dr. George Marotta, Kevin Corrigan, Susan Maurer, Susan Jaysnovitch, Steve Cserr, Elena Leone. The yearbook was dedicated to James & Irene Todd. John Klein and Jacqueline Saltzman were Editors-In-Chief of the yearbook. Debbie Richel was 1978 Homecoming Queen. Mary Jane Briody was Student Council President; VP-Karen Brent; Sec.-Gina Guerrieri; Treas.-Kathy Russo. Senior Class officers were President Grace Pohl; VP-Debbie Richel; Sec.-Karen Frezzi; Treas.-Mary Lynn Sollecito. Social events included the school play, "Prisoner of Second Avenue," and "Beatlemania" with The Rubber Soul Band. On the sports scene, the girls cross country team was a perfect (12-0), and the boys (14-0) and 2nd place in the county under Coach Gerry Carney. The winter track team was (11-2); girls basketball (16-6) under Coach Judy Sunski; girls gymnastics (7-2); girls tennis (17-8).

In a poll taken, seniors said "Mork & Mindy" was their favorite TV show, and "Up In Smoke" their favorite movie. Around Graduation '79, "Reunited" by Peaches & Herb, and "Hot Stuff" by Donna Summer were 2 of the biggest hits in the U.S. Dan Luther was Valedictorian and Jo Ann Mulcahy the Salutatorian. Sayreville's Class of '79 was super fine.

On the national scene, the top movie was "Apocalypse Now." The Susan B. Anthony dollar flopped. 1979 was the first year for using male names for hurricanes. Frederic and David were nasty ones. Some of the seniors selected randomly included: Greg Aich, Judith Adams, John Bartlinski, Thomas Birmingham, Bob Brand, Charles Breitweiser, Robert Burke, Jody Caputo, Maria Cannata, David Carney, Ken Chance, Gary Cohen, Alison Canci, Jeanne Coman, Darleen Coyle, George Coyle, Mark Coyle, Robert Cuomo, Robert DeLucia, Josh Delgado, John Devlin, Stephen Dix, Anthony DiPoalo, Jim Domino, Joanne Farley, Glenn Farfel, Timothy Fee, Rob Flanagan, Susan Fleming, Denise Grabowski, Ed Gorczynski, George Gulick, Lisa Jankech, Jeff Kabat, Kim Kedzierski, James Kenny, Susan Kiernan, Sue Knast, Jeff Kutz, Tom Lakomski, Joe Lenahan, Rob Lockwood, Mary Lytkowski, Denise McGrath, Robert Malik, Theresa Malik, Michael Marcinczyk, Janise Meyertons, Christine Moe, James Moran, Lauren Mills, John Mytnick, Dennis Nowak, Sue Nieto, Lisa Patskanick, Jim Phillips, Donna Prusakowski, Lisa Ruszczyk, Veronica Riveria, Thomas Ryan, Nancy Sedlak, Vince Servedio, Joe Shereyka, Kyle Smith, Laurie Spiecker, Neil Trainer, Timothy Triggs, Scott Unkel, Loretta Weinman, Joseph Weber, Richard Weinman, Deborah Williams, Jane Witkowski, Lisa Worden.

SOUTH AMBOY ELEMENTARY ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT FOR MP 1- 2019/2020

(Article submitted)

FOURTH GRADE-HONOR ROLL WITH DISTINCTION:

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HONOR ROLL:

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FIFTH GRADE-HONOR ROLL WITH DISTINCTION:

Noah Cruz, Gwentyh Friedman, Isabel Gutierrez, Arnav Pillai, Sebastian Roessle and Macy Schuck.

HONOR ROLL:

Megan Chan, Adrianna Cosme, Macy Daniell, Nico Grasso, Madden Gulick, Sophia Hernandez, Brian Ilewski, Adrian Koubek, Kyleigh McGuire, Micah Nemeth, Shawn O'Neill, Jaiden Patrizzo, Oliver Pena, Mikaela Pepe, Katarina Roessle, Jodi Rose, Robert Senape, Lucy Tooker and Chris Yanez Osorio.

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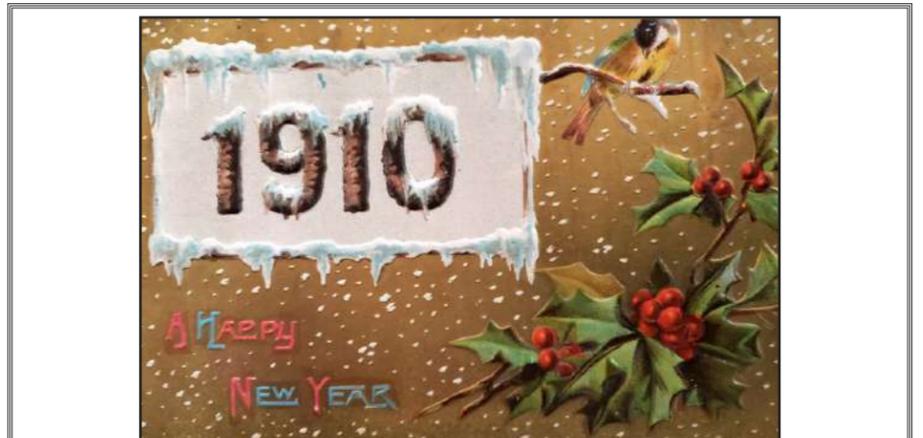


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Pictured at the Eisenhower 50th Anniversary Celebration are past and current principals (l-r) David Tuller, Robert Decker, Scott Nurnberger, Dr. Ed Aguiles, and Mr. William Skowronski. (Photos/info submitted)

50th Anniversary Celebration

On Wednesday, November 20th, Eisenhower School held its 50th Anniversary Celebration with 125 former teachers, staff, students and parents in attendance. The evening's events included a proclamation from Mayor Kennedy O'Brien and a

wonderful performance by the Sayreville Singers of Sayreville War Memorial High School. Guests later walked through the current classrooms, looked at photos from each of the five decades and enjoyed refreshments while reminiscing.

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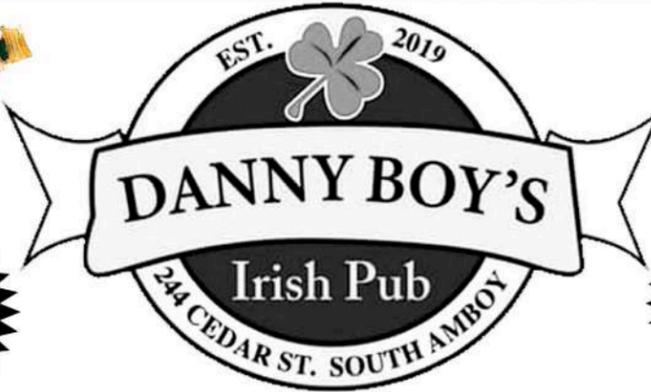
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DuPont Teams with Old Bridge Township for Thanksgiving

On Saturday November 23rd, the DuPont Parlin Site Community Team joined Old Bridge Township Food Bank during their annual Thanksgiving Dinner basket handout. In addition to the volunteering efforts by the team, the Parlin site donated a supplementary 100 baskets; which ensured that the Old Bridge Food Bank would have enough baskets for each one of their clients. Each basket was filled with potatoes, a whole turkey, corn, cranberry sauce, gravy, choice of a pie, milk, eggs, fruits, candy and drinks to round out a complete Thanksgiving meal for the family. The DuPont team worked alongside the Old Bridge volunteers assisting and handing out items at each of the stations.

This was the first time that Old Bridge and DuPont volunteers supported one another in an event so special to the community. This is truly the meaning of the Holiday season. At the end of the event, the DuPont Community team presented Anahita Feltz, Manager of Silver Lining, and Matt Mercurio, Director of Parks and Recreation, with a \$5,000 check to support improvements for Silver Linings at Old Bridge. Silver Linings, formerly known as the Old Bridge Senior Center, is an activity center for adults 60+. The Parlin Team is proud to partner with Silver Linings and will continue their involvement with the organization throughout the 2020 calendar year.

The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, BA, MS

In the last "Smoke Column" of the year we look back on the previous year for any significant fires. Fortunately, this past year we have not had any deaths related to fire in the communities of South Amboy and Sayreville. Nor have we had any firefighters sustain a major injury while fighting fires or working other types of emergency incidents in either the South Amboy Fire Department or the Sayreville Fire Department. Kudos to the chiefs, the line officers, and the members themselves for performing their duties diligently and using the utmost safety.

Chief Brian Tierney of the South Amboy Fire Department reported that there were a few significant house fires in South Amboy during the year especially those occurring on Wilmot Street and Cedar Street. Firefighters responded quickly to these fires and were able to extinguish the flames before full extension of the fire got hold of the structure. Our first priority as fire fighters is to rescue any occupants that are in danger, and at times, at risk to our own lives. Our second priority is to effectively attempt to save the structure but not at the cost of a firefighter's life. A structurally unsafe building will be demolished and can be re-built after the fire. The life of a resident or a firefighter that is killed in a fire cannot.

attic, and other concealed spaces which made it difficult to locate. While the storm was still at its height and under dangerous conditions, firefighters advanced hose lines into the building attempting to locate these hidden pockets of fire. After opening up walls and ceilings, all fires were located and extinguished. The structure fire on Price Street was fully involved while a general alarm of fire was being transmitted. When firefighters arrived on the scene, they found fire was blowing out the front windows, front door, and windows on the right side of the structure. The flames coming out the right side windows were a concern because they were impinging upon the vinyl siding on the house next door causing it to melt away from the home. Fire hoses were immediately applied to the house on fire and to the house on the right to keep it from becoming involved in fire. Unfortunately, the residents could not return to their home as it was totally destroyed in the fire. It is always a sad situation when a fire of this nature occurs around the holidays and in this case, that family lost all their belongings.

Sayreville Fire Chief Kevin Krushinski report that there were a few significant structure fires in the Borough this past year but none resulting in a loss of life. These fires occurred on Wlodarczyk Place, Smith Street, Skytop Garden Apartments, and Price Street. The Skytop Garden apartment fire occurred during a severe electrical storm where the structure itself got struck by lightning causing fires to occur in the walls,

As the year comes to an end, we look forward to new incoming officers to lead our fire departments. We wish them the best of luck and pray that they make the correct decision as they guide their departments/companies throughout the year. With their training and experience we know that they will do their jobs efficiently and effectively with the number one priority always in mind, the safety of all their people.

In closing I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year. I hope that you have found these articles to be interesting and informative.

Trip To Europe

A great trip is planned. We will be visiting the beautiful cities of Rome, Assisi, Siena, Florence - Pisa option, Naples, Padua, Venice, Bologna, Tuscany and the Chianti wine region. We will be also visiting the amazing city of Pompeii. It also includes 2 hotel dinners with drinks, 2 lunches with drinks, 1 pizza lunch with soft drinks, arrival & departure taxes, half-day guides for

Florence, Bologna, Venice and Pompeii; full day guide of Rome, bus service with driver per itinerary and boat transfers in Venice and more. The price is for land is \$3,477.00 and air on Alitalia will be \$916.00 + \$111.00 US taxes. Contact Giuseppe Campbellini ((AKA Joey Campbell) @ 646-483-2883 or Ellie @ Main Street Travel 732-828-8800 for a detailed itinerary and application to sign up.

OLV Senior Trip to Doolan's

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to the St. Patricks' Festival - From Ireland to America on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 from 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM. The cost of the trip

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Santa's Circus will be coming to The Avenel Performing Arts Center with performances from now thru Monday Dec. 23rd. The performance schedule for SANTA'S CIRCUS is as follows: Saturday, December 21 and Sunday, December 22 at 12pm, 4pm and 8pm and Monday, December 23 at 11am, 3pm and 7pm. Tickets are: \$69.50 for Adults, \$66.50 for Senior Citizens (65+)/Active Military and \$49.50 for Children 12 & Under. There is a 10% discounted rate for Groups of 10 or more. The Avenel Performing Art Center is located at 150 Avenel Street in Avenel, New Jersey (located within Woodbridge Township). To purchase tickets, visit www.avenelarts.com or contact the Box Office Tuesday-Saturday from 12pm-5pm at (732)314-0500.

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Bring your little ones to Alphabet Rhyme Time each Monday from 1pm to 2pm! The Wii U will come out after Homework Hour every Monday all month long—don't miss it between 3:30pm and 4:30pm!

Don't miss Drop-in Crafty Tuesdays, when you can put your creative chops to work all day long!

Tot Tales runs from 12pm to 1pm every Wednesday and is always followed by Toddler Magnets from 1pm to 2pm. As always, Wednesdays are three-dimensional! Learn about 3-D printing while the Dowdell's 3-D printer whips up Tabby Slimes, Reptars, Peacocks, and Dorys between 3:30pm and 4:30pm. A different object is printed each week!

Thursdays are a smorgasbord! Try your hand at the Makey Makey Distance Challenge on January 2 from 3:30pm to 4:30pm; slide along with the Lego Zipline Challenge on January 9 and 30 from 3:30pm to 4:30pm; take a sip of MIY Hot Chocolate on January 16 from 3:30pm to 4:30pm; and build your way to victory during the Magformers Challenge on January 23 from 3:30pm to 4:30pm!

Fridays are Club Days! Options include Anime Club, Art Club, Board Game Club, and Gaming Club. Meetings are planned for every Friday and run on a drop-in basis from

3pm to 4:30pm. No registration is required; please contact the library for additional information. Additionally, the Dowdell's Chinese New Year Party will run on Friday, January 24 from 3pm to 4:30pm.

As for adults... The Dowdell's Meditation Series continues with Meditation for Beginners on Saturday, January 4 from 2:30pm to 4pm. In the event that Saturday is snowed out, the program will move to Saturday, January 18 from 2:30pm to 4pm. Have a tech question? Bring your device to the Digital Café, available Monday through Friday from 12pm to 2pm and Thursdays from 6pm to 7:30pm. Finally, celebrate Chinese New Year at this month's adult culinary program! Chow down on Monday, January 27 from 11am to 12pm.

Curious what else is going on at your local library? (We can never fit everything here!) Stop by in-person or visit our website to sign up for our newsletter (available at bit.ly/dowdellnews) and view adult and children's activity calendars, which are updated on a monthly basis.

Comments, queries, compliments? Please visit www.dowdell.org, or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org. The library is located off John O'Leary Blvd, adjacent to South Amboy Middle High School. Library hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10am to 8pm; Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 5pm; and Saturday from 12pm to 4pm

Local Businesses As Best County Establishments

By Steve Schmid

Several businesses in Sayreville and South Amboy have been chosen as best businesses in Middlesex County. The Home News Tribune Best of Middlesex County Readers Choice Awards found that Nunzio's Kitchen of Sayreville was: best: BYOB, Italian food, and best pizza, Arirang Hibachi Steakhouse of Parlin: best happy hour and steakhouse. South Stevens Pub of South Amboy: best sports bar and nightclub. Starland Ballroom of Sayreville: best place to hear live music. Amboy Bank: best bank/financial institution. Pure Event Center in South Amboy: best banquet/reception center. Robert Downey of Sayreville: best general contractor. Garden Friends of Parlin: best childcare/preschool. Dr. Daniel M. Newcomer Spine & Disc LLC of Parlin: best chiropractor. The Hair Shop 2 of South Amboy: best hair salon. Star Nails of South Amboy: best nail salon. The Green Elephant Estate Sales of Sayreville: best antiques. Happy Home Appliances of Sayreville: best appliance center. Paul's Toy Room of Parlin: best toy store. Enterprise Rent A Car of South Amboy: best car service. Shop Rite: best supermarket. The Home Depot: best hardware/building supply/home improvement.

The following businesses were chosen one of the best. Arirang Hibachi Steakhouse

of Parlin: steakhouse, and Asian cuisine. Big Harlies of Sayreville: BBQ. South Stevens Pub of South Amboy: brunch, burger, and happy hour. Nunzio's Kitchen of Sayreville: casual dining, family friendly, and fine dining. Big Wally's Subs & Deli of Parlin: deli. Dave's Hot Dogs of South Amboy: hot dogs. J & S Pizza of South Amboy: Italian food and pizza. Main Street Theatre of Parlin: community theater. Litz Tax & Consulting: accountant/accounting firm. Morgan First Aid Squad: ambulance squad. Sayreville First Aid Squad: ambulance squad. Raritan Bay Federal Credit Union: bank/financial institution. South Amboy Hand Car Wash & Detail Center: car wash. Jammin For Jaelyn: charitable organizations. Jacqueline's Florist of South Amboy: florist. GKB Landscaping of South Amboy: landscaping. Amboy Bank: mortgage company. Sayreville Police Department: police department. Sayreville Free Public Library: public library. Re/Max Dreams of Sayreville: real estate agency. Another Tattoo of South Amboy: tattoo parlor. Budderstown Gifts of Parlin: card & gift shop. Mudjava of Sayreville: coffee. Petco: pet store. Kohl's: department store. Walmart: discount store. The South Amboy Sayreville Times congratulates all the winners who were chosen by the voters.

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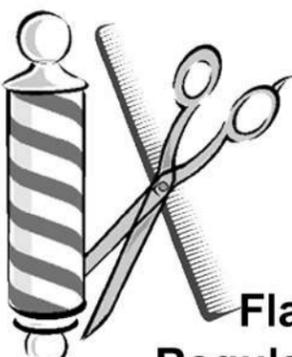


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Pearl Harbor Memorial Service

(Photos/Captions by Joe Lotkowitz)



American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62, South Amboy held their annual Pearl Harbor Memorial Service on Dec. 7th. Veteran Tom Noble (l) is shown tossing the memorial wreath into the Raritan Bay in remembrance of all the men and women killed at Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941, a day that will live on in infamy. Also pictured is Commander Bob "Zak" Sekerak (2nd from left), and other members.



Veteran Phyllis Letteriello leads the American Legion members in a solemn prayer, 78 years after the attack on Pearl Harbor, for all the servicemen and women KIA on Dec. 7, 1941, by Japan.

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American Legion Celebrates 100 Years
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Pictured are some past and present American Legion commanders from various Middlesex County communities, who attended to help American Legion Lenape Post 211 of Sayreville celebrate their 100th anniversary of helping veterans.



American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62, South Amboy was on hand for the celebration. Commander Bob "Zak" Sekerak (r) and several members came out to show their support to their fellow veterans.

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The Members of South Amboy Arts

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It was a great night...we love to see the children working at the task!



Christmas Long Ago

1962-Pictured at the old St. Mary's High School, on the Augusta Street entrance stairway, are students (top to bottom) Kathleen Smereka, Joseph Bulman, James Mangin, Stephen Malcolm, Mary Soltys. Michael Moyle is on the lower left. The students were rehearsing for the 3rd Annual Carol Festival.

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The 3rd grade children from Truman School in Sayreville, under the direction of Jennifer Rice, performed for the Sacred Heart Senior Club on November 25th. (Photo/info Submitted)

South Amboy Arts Announces their Event Calendar for January

As the new year 2020 begins, so do the events at South Amboy Arts, we wish to begin our programming in those areas that have been requested. The mission of South Amboy Arts is to strengthen our community through educating, entertaining and inspiring through cultural and artistic offerings that engage residents, and create new alliances that support artists." So, we start with Craft Day Tuesdays, each week a different skill will be focused on to produce a creation to bring home. Cost will be dependent upon craft. The class will run from 1-4 pm. To make and take home your own painting, a winter theme has been chosen for our first painting event. Cost is dependent upon materials for each age group. This initial painting event is from \$5-\$15. Participants will learn about perspective and

color mixing. The Student Winter Solace Painting Classes will take place on Monday, January 16th students 8-12 years old from 10:30-noon and teens from 1:30-3:30 pm, Adult Class will be Friday, January 24th from 7-9:30 pm. For those who love to move to music and do not want to dance alone, we are suggesting Line Dancing. This event will allow you to make new acquaintances and have some fun, while smiling, tapping and clapping as you learn the simple repetitive moves of a Line Dance. First class will be \$5. Friday, January 31 from 7-7:45 pm. Look for FACES of the CITY will be appearing around our city soon! For our planning for each event you must register two days prior to the event by calling 732-754-7913 or email southamboyartsalliance@gmail.com

Open Mic Jan. 31

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 resume their monthly Open Mic series after the holidays Friday, January 31, 2020, and Friday, February 28, 2020 beginning at 8 p.m. You can use the Christmas

holiday to practice your singing and playing your instruments. Anyone who wishes to sing solo or in a group is invited. No cover charge. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 732-721-2025.

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Truman School Veterans Day Assembly (Photos/info by Joe Lotkowitz)



Sayreville War Memorial HS Junior ROTC did a great job in presenting the colors for the Truman School Veterans Day Assembly.



Truman School Principal Amy Stueber (2nd row left) is pictured with the children after thanking the veterans for another fine Veterans Day Assembly program. Teachers and visitors really enjoyed the ceremony.

The Historical Society Of South Amboy

Old Fashioned Christmas

December 8, 2019

(Photos/Captions by Brian Stratton)



Council President Michael "Mickey" Gross (l) Historical Society President Mary Szaro (c) and Mayor Fred Henry (r) pose for a photo at the concert.



Victorian Era as well as newer Holiday songs were performed by "Spiced Punch Group".

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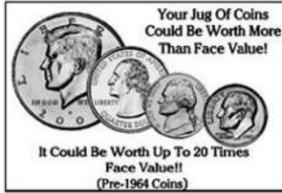
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**BRIAN O'CONNOR SCHOOL OF MUSIC
2019 VETERANS CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

The Brian O'Connor School of Music of South Amboy once again performed an outstanding Christmas Rock Show with a packed house at the Veterans Hospital in Menlo Park on December 8th. Brian and his All Star Band have so far performed 18 concerts for the Veterans hospital with a Spring and Christmas show each year. The band consists of many talented guitar, drums, bass and saxophone players and a number of fine singers. All of which are students of Mr. O'Connor and sound as professional as they come! The performers in the photo are as follows. From left to right, (back row) - Aiden Delaney, Anuraag Godavari, Abhiram Godavari, Lance Kennedy (middle row) - George Giovenco, Arjun Merchant, Michael Ramirez, Nickolas Zonak, Nick Lesniak (front row) Brian McCarthy, Vismitha Prashanth, Brian O'Connor, Gabriel Werts, Trevor Gardea and Jake Wells. (Photo/Info Submitted)

**Rory Kelly Band
Releases New Album**

The Rory Kelly Band has released a new album titled "The Crown" on SPAT! Records. The album is available on Amazon, Google Play, Spotify, and Pandora. For more info go to: RoryKellyBand.com.

**One Hit Wonders
35 Years Ago**

1984-99 Luftballons-Nena; Give It Up-KC; They Don't Know-Tracey Ullman; The Warrior-Scandal Featuring Patty Smyth; Desert Moon-Dennis DeYoung; All I Need-Jack Wagner; Easy Lover-Phillip Bailey & Phil Collins.

Movie Review:

Once Upon A Time In Hollywood

The Quentin Tarantino movie "Once Upon A Time In Hollywood" has received lots of publicity and rave reviews. However, the movie which was set back in 1969, with the Manson murders as a backdrop, seems to be too centered on the main character, portraying a cowboy/Western movie star (Leonardo

DeCaprio), and most of the film seems to drag until the end with not much action up to that point, plus most of it was fiction.

Other big names in "Once Upon A Time" are Brad Pitt, Al Pacino, Luke Perry and Kurt Russell.

Rating: 6.2 out of a possible 10.

**#1 Country Hits
At Christmastime
Through The Years**

- 2004-Some Beach-Blake Shelton
- 1999-Breathe-Faith Hill
- 1994-Pickup Man-Joe Diffie
- 1989-A Woman In Love-Ronnie Milsap
- 1984-Why Not Me-The Judds
- 1979-Happy Birthday Darlin'- Conway Twitty
- 1974-I Can Help-Billy Swan
- 1969-(I'm So) Afraid Of Losing You- Charley Pride
- 1964-Once A Day-Connie Smith
- 1959-El Paso-Marty Robbins
- 1954-More And More-Webb Pierce
- 1949-Mule Train-Tennessee Ernie Ford
- 1944-I'm Wastin' My Tears On You- Tex Ritter

**#1 Top 40 Hits At
Christmastime
Through The Years**

- 2004-Drop It Like It's Hot- Snoop Dogg with Pharrell
- 1999-Smooth-Santana with Rob Thomas
- 1994-Here Comes The Hot Stepper- Ini Kamoze
- 1989-Another Day In Paradise-Phil Collins
- 1984-Like A Virgin-Madonna
- 1979-Escape (The Pina Colada Song)- Rupert Holmes
- 1974-Cat's In The Cradle-Harry Chapin
- 1969-Leaving On A Jet Plane- Peter, Paul & Mary
- 1964-Come See About Me-The Supremes
- 1959-Heartaches By The Number- Guy Mitchell

You Tube-In

Christmas videos to watch: "Blue Christmas"-Bon Jovi; "Santa Claus Is Comin' To Town"-Bruce Springsteen & The E-Street Band; "Run, Rudolph, Run"-Chuck Berry; "Where's The Line To See Jesus?"-Becky Kelly; "The Little Drummer Boy"-Bing Crosby & David Bowie; "Merry Christmas Everyone"-Shakin' Stevens; "All I Want For Christmas Is You"-Mariah Carey.

Did you know that J. Geils originally covered the song "I Do" in '77 on Atlantic Records simply under the name of Geils? He did a fantastic version of this oldie.

New Video-"Blind Spot" by Twin Kennedy is an easy-flowing song that features beautiful voices by these two talented young ladies.

Rumbles from the Rock and Roll Reunion

By Clem Skarzynski

Dedicating this month's column to my dear friend and Alto/Tenor Sax Man Mr. Gary "Tripps" Tripieddi, who is dealing with Chemo and Radiation treatments. We're all here for you "Tripps," Prayers and all! "Take on the Beast" head on, and we'll be playing Rock 'n' Roll again real soon! A tremendous amount of thanks go out to Mr. Jerry Ust, Elyse Barone, and their staffs for another successful "Sayreville Day" and "Blast from the Past" Car Show, back in September! And, many thanks to the crew at Sayreville's OLV School, Teri Yetsko, HSA President Jackie Gluchowski, Carmen Delikat, Father Ryan, and their incredible staff for a super successful Classic Rock/Oldies Benefit Dinner Dance for the OLV School on Saturday October 19th. What a turnout and enthusiastic dance crowd it was! Thanks to all who turned out to make this first time event a true success! So, many thanks for having "Clem and Friends" provide our blend of Rock and Roll from the

50's thru the 80's! Looking forward to doing it again next year! Get well wishes going out to "Clem and Friends" Sax man Craig Hoek who underwent a hip transplant in November! Uh, no more "stage jumps into the crowd Craig! Joe Durnya and "Northstar" are on the local circuit doing the 80's 90's, and more classic "Heavy Rock", at The General Saloon, Butch Kowals, and other venues. Check their website for info. Looking forward to March 2020..Put Saturday March 28th on your rock 'n' roll calenders! The 6th Annual Sayreville VFW Auxillary "Benefit the Troops" Dinner Dance is on tap! More info to follow in the next issue, and yes,"Clem and Friends" will provide the rock 'n' roll music! Stay tuned. Hoping all had a "Blessed Thanksgiving," and wishing you all a very Merry Christmas, and a New Year filled with Love, Peace, and Happiness! Till next Issue, NAZDROWIE.. STO LAT!

#1 Pop Hits-Dec. 21

- 2005-Don't Forget About Us-Mariah Carey
- 1998-I'm Your Angel-R. Kelly & Celine Dion
- 1985-Say You, Say Me-Lionel Richie
- 1974-Cat's In The Cradle-Harry Chapin
- 1966-Good Vibrations-The Beach Boys
- 1958-To Know Him, Is To Love Him-The Teddy Bears

#1 Country Hits-Dec. 21

- 2002-Who's Your Daddy?-Toby Keith
- 1993-I Don't Call Him Daddy- Doug Supernaw
- 1987-Do Ya'-K.T. Oslin
- 1970-Coal Miner's Daughter-Loretta Lynn
- 1969-Afraid Of Losing You Again- Charley Pride
- 1957-My Special Angel-Bobby Helms

General Hospital And Their Musicians

By Tom Burkard

The popular ABC Soap "General Hospital" has featured several actors/ renowned musicians through the years. Most notable is Rick Springfield, who portrayed Noah Drake M.D. In his music career, he has notched 17 Top 40 hits, including the #1 "Jessie's Girl," and "Don't Talk To Strangers." Jack Wagner, (Frisco Jones) scored a #2 hit with "All I Need," and had another excellent tune that didn't chart called "Lady Of My Heart." Jacob Young, (Lucky Spencer) released a CD, and had a cool song "Life Is Good," that did not crack the Top 40.

Super actor/musician John Stamos (Blackie Parrish), who occasionally tours with The Beach Boys as a drummer/guitarist, sang a fine version of "Forever" by late Beach Boy Dennis Wilson. He also has another song on youtube.com "Give A Little More Love." Wally Kurth (Ned Ashton), has teamed with Christian Taylor to form the Kurth & Taylor Band, and have cut a few albums. One of their most recent songs, "Big Sky Country," may help them to crack the Top 100 in Billboard.

*If you care to listen to any of the above, go to youtube.com.



Former South Amboy resident and St. Mary's HS Class of '69 graduate, Judy Kurowsky-Meinzer (r) appeared on the popular TV soap opera, "All My Children" (AMC) in Erica Kane's wedding to Tom Cuddihy. AMC was televised on Channel 7 ABC for 41 years from 1970-2011.



Christmas Music Trivia Special

By Tom Burkard

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| 1. White Christmas | a. The Mormon Tabernacle Choir |
| 2. Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer | b. Band Aid |
| 3. Do They Know It's Christmas | c. Bing Crosby |
| 4. Santa Baby | d. The Ronettes |
| 5. Sleigh Ride | e. John Lennon |
| 6. I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus | f. Eartha Kitt |
| 7. Happy X-Mas (War Is Over) | g. Gene Autry |
| 8. Carol Of The Bells | h. The Oak Ridge Boys |
| 9. Merry Christmas Darling | i. Jimmy Boyd |
| 10. Thank God For Kids | j. The Carpenters |



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



1962-My how times have changed! This is how two of the greatest photographers in St. Mary's HS history Marty Ruszala (r) and Stan Paczkowski (l) had to set up their equipment to prepare for taking pictures. They were probably getting ready to photograph the 3rd Annual Carol Festival at Christmastime for the school newspaper, "The Crown." Fast forward to 2019... Thank God, for digital cameras!

Remembering Melanie Newcomb: Great Athlete, Coach, Leader

By Tom Burkard

Former South Amboy resident Melanie Newcomb passed away on Dec. 6th at 68 years old. "Mel" as almost everyone affectionately called her, was a highly-competitive and extremely-talented athlete growing up in the 1960's in the Mechanicsville section of South Amboy. Living across the street from Mel, I, and many others in our neighborhood, who hung around together, with sports as a common interest, became great friends with her. When school was out for summer, the "gang" would play whiffle ball most of the day, and later switch to steammin' in, with a sponge ball against a neighbor's garage that had a box drawn on it with chalk or coal from the nearby railroad tracks. We played other games such as curb ball, punch ball, and kickball, anything competitive, and Mel was always ready for a sports game with mostly boys in our neighborhood. She not only was a tremendous competitor, but also better than most of the boys, who were all pretty good athletes. Mel was very talented athletically, and a good person, and when she went to St. Mary's HS as a freshman, became an instant scoring sensation on the girls varsity basketball team



Melanie Newcomb

later became a physical education teacher for many years until her retirement. Her coaching credentials included: assistant track coach, boys junior high basketball, junior high cheerleaders, Spotswood High girls varsity softball coach for one season going (14-7) and playing in the state tourney. She also started a girls basketball program and was a high school basketball referee for 2 years.

Mel's greatest coaching honors came in 1995, when she guided the Spotswood boys tennis team to an outstanding (17-2) record, one of the finest in Middlesex County, and was selected Coach of the Year by both The Home News, and also The News Tribune.

She knew sports inside and out, and her vast knowledge combined with her teaching ability, and natural leadership, made her one of the top coaches in Middlesex County.

I think it's safe to say that Melanie Newcomb was the greatest female basketball player at St. Mary's HS during the 60's decade, and if they offered softball, she would have been #1 in that too. In basketball, she could really shoot, dribble, and play tight defense. Everyone would have loved to see her on a softball field--if only the Eaglettes had a team back then!

The kids in my neighborhood and I were blessed to have grown up with Mel, who played sports really hard, and drove us to become better competitors, when facing her each day in our summer games, and also winter, on the Conover Street basketball court, (now John Ciszewski Park). She was a good friend and neighbor who I will certainly miss, but never forget. God Bless, Mel.

*See my exclusive interview with Melanie Newcomb in the June 24, 1995 issue of The SA Times, titled "Coach of the Year-Interview: Melanie Newcomb" which can be found at our website: www.the-satimes.com.

Rayside Selected All-GMC

Sayreville Bombers two-way football star, Jayvis Rayside was selected to Home News Tribune's 2019 All-GMC 1st Team. Chosen as a linebacker, where he paced the team with 87 tackles, and also had an interception and a blocked punt to his credit,

Rayside also excelled on offense, leading Sayreville running backs with 640 yards on 113 attempts for 4 touchdowns. In addition, he caught 11 passes for 71 yards and a TD. Congratulations Jayvis!

College Notebook

Myles Hartsfield (Sayreville) playing for the University of Mississippi football club, (4-7), has 33 solo tackles, 8 assisted tackles, and 1 interception...Linwood Crump (Sayreville) has 3 solo tackles and 1 assisted tackle for Temple University (7-4)...Connor Holmes (Sayreville) at Bucknell University (3-8) has caught 31 passes for 234 yards and 1 touchdown...Sean Rappleyea (St. Joseph's/Sayreville resident), has 1 goal and 1 assist in 7 games for the University of Alabama-Huntsville (0-11-1).

Floyd, Townes Playing Pro Ball

Jehyve Floyd (Sayreville) and Marques Townes (Cardinal McCarrick/St. Joseph's) are both playing basketball in Europe. Floyd is the starting power forward for Ermis Agias Larissa BC in the Greece Pro Basketball League, and has a 2.3 ppg., and 3.5 rebounds per game stat line. Townes, who signed with the Chicago Bulls to play in the NBA Summer League, appeared in only 1 game during the 5 game tourney, and scored 2 points, had 2 rebounds, and 1 assist. He also worked out for Miami Heat and Milwaukee Bucks during the off-season, before signing with Club Balconesto Murcia also known as UCAM Murcia team that plays in the Liga ACB. Townes has appeared in 6 of the team's 10 games, and has a scoring avg. of 7.2 ppg.



Anthony DeToro, Vice President and Branch Admin Deposit Officer, and Danielle Vella, Marketing Specialist, help Old Bridge Food Bank Manager, Anahita Feltz gather the food collections from the Amboy Bank Administration Building and neighboring branches. DeToro said, "Community participation is key when it comes to food banks being able to best serve our neighbors in need. Through the generosity of our staff and clients, we were able to help the Old Bridge Food Bank feed the members of our community who need it most. We'd like to thank everyone for making our annual food drive such a success." Amboy Bank's food drive included all 23 offices making donations to their local community food banks. Also pictured (left to right top): Sean E. Muirhead, Parks and Recreation, and Pete Delucia. (Photo/Info submitted)

Middlesex County College Announces Inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame Class

(Article submitted by MCC)

The Middlesex County College Athletic Hall of Fame Committee announced the names of the inaugural class of the College's Hall of Fame. The first class will feature Robert Edmonds (Track and Field), Dave Meads (Baseball), Jill Romanovsky (Softball), John Sacchi (Wrestling Coach) and Robert Zifchak (Athletic Administrator).

"We are really excited to announce the first class of inductees to the MCC Hall of Fame," said Athletic Director Derrick Johnson. "We have such a rich history of athletics and this recognition really is long overdue."

Edmonds (Metuchen), hailed from Woodbridge and attended MCC from 1974-1976. He was a standout on the men's indoor and outdoor track & field teams. During his freshman year at MCC he claimed the Region Championship as a pole vaulter. Edmonds still holds the pole vaulting record at MCC after 43 years of competition. During his sophomore year he repeated as region champ in the pole vault and competed in the National Championship. Edmonds also qualified for Nationals in the high jump, recording a 6 ft. jump while standing 5'6 inches tall. He placed 8th out of 16 jumpers nationally. While at MCC Edmonds also excelled in the long jump and 4x110 events.

Meads a native of Monroe Township, New Jersey was a left-handed pitcher while at MCC and became the first player in Middlesex athletic history to rise to the ranks of major league baseball. Meads, a Monroe High School graduate, was drafted by the Houston Astros in the 6th round of the 1984 Major League Baseball January Draft. The southpaw harbored a dream to pitch in the big leagues and on April 13, 1987, he appeared in his first game with the Astros. Meads won two-thirds of his major league games, recording an 8-4 overall pitching record. He now lives in California.

Romanovsky, a former J. P. Stevens High School student athlete from Edison, participated in the 1996 and 1997 seasons for Blue Colts Softball, and she was among the most dominant in Region XIX during her time at MCC. A hard-throwing pitcher with a devastating drop pitch in her arsenal, Romanovsky set Middlesex's career records for strikeouts in a season with 256, respectively, along with records in single season (22), career wins (42), single season earned run average (1.61) and career earned run average (2.05) during her time as a student-athlete. Romanovsky was named

a NJCAA All-American, as well as Region XIX Player of the Year, leading the team to the Region XIX postseason in both of her seasons. She now lives in Ocean County.

Sacchi (Edison) served as the head wrestling coach at MCC for over 23 seasons. While at MCC he totaled a 280-59-4 record including three undefeated seasons. With that record he became the second all-time winningest two-year college coach in the nation. Sacchi's wrestling campaigns produced 39 junior college All-Americans and five national champions. His teams won 38 tournament championships, placed second 24 times, and captured 160 individual championships. With Sacchi MCC wrestling found a home in the top 20 polls 17 times and placed fourth in 1973, 1983, and 1986.

Zifchak (Edison) most notably known for his commitment and dedication to MCC athletics for 34 years, was a long-time administrator and coach. Zifchak is considered as one of the trail blazers of two-year college athletics. Zifchak began his career at Middlesex County College in 1968 as an adjunct faculty member and athletic director. Upon arrival he completed the installation of several women's sports into the athletic arsenal, which predated the Title IX of Education Amendments in 1972. During his tenure he accumulated over 60 team championships for several sports.

"The inductees include some of the school's finest athletes from the earliest days of Blue Colt Athletics, and recognizes those who were instrumental in getting our programs off the ground," Johnson said. "I could not have hoped for a more deserving group of inductees for our first Hall of Fame class."

The Middlesex County College Athletic Hall of Fame is dedicated to fostering an appreciation for the role sports play in contributing to the student-athlete college experience. The Hall of Fame honors athletes, coaches, athletic administrators, and community leaders who have brought fame or honor to the Middlesex County College through their involvement in athletics.

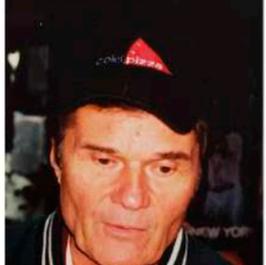
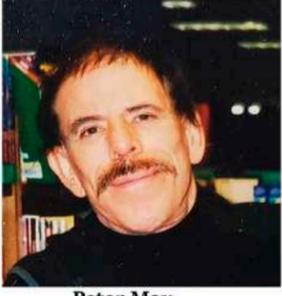
The inaugural class members will be inducted at the MCC Hall of Fame Ceremony on Thursday, April 23, 2020 at West Hall on the campus of Middlesex County College.

For more information regarding the Blue Colt Athletic Hall of Fame, visit the MCC website or contact the athletic office at (732) 906-2558.

The Celebrity Photo Challenge

(Photos by Tom Burkard)

This is hard to believe, but there were no winners in the Celebrity Photo Contest. Guess it was too difficult!

A 	D 
B 	E 
C 	F 

The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

From The Sports Archives



1951-Pictured are many familiar faces from the Pennsylvania Railroad men's basketball team that competed in the YMCA League. Top row (l-r) Charles Dean, John Norek, Elton Selover, Harry Breevort, Fred Henry. Bottom row (l-r) George Selover, Tony Bottita, Ralph Davis (YMCA Secretary), Cliff Voorhees, Russ Newcomb. (Photo/names courtesy of George Selover)

T.H.E. Game

Year-1962

Sport-Boys Basketball

Teams-St. Mary's (3-1) vs. Sayreville (0-4)

Recap-The Eagles romped over the Bombers, 78-56, beating them for the first time since 1958. The Saints placed 4 players in double figures: Joe Jankowski 14 points, Bill Tibbitt 14, Bob Suminski 11, and Tom Fitzmorris 10. Sayreville was led by Tom Lewis with 14 and Joe Demetski 14.

The Scoring

St. Mary's 78

Jankowski 14 Tibbitt 14 Suminski 11 Fitzmorris 10 Jay Derent 9 Joe Chodkiewicz 9 Jack Kreiger 6 Ray Selover 3. Also seeing limited action was Frank Kennedy, Art O'Donnell, and Murray.

Sayreville 56

Lewis 14 Demetski 14 Mike Olszewski 9 Steve Gozora 7 Blasza 6 Bob Pawlek 2 Komosinski 2 Hagerman 2. Seeing limited action: Osowski and Paprota.

Player-of-the-Game-All of the St. Mary's Eagles were equally outstanding.

55 Years Ago

1964 Boys Basketball Leaders

*Regular Season Records

St. Mary's (17-4) Sayreville (13-9) Hoffman (11-8)

Total Points-Jay Derent, St. Mary's 408 Jeff Osowski, Sayreville 378 Dennis Wood, Hoffman 368 Joe Chodkiewicz, St. Mary's 314 Jerry Drill, Hoffman 313 Bob Kupcha, Sayreville 279 Bob Nita, Sayreville 239 Ray Selover, St. Mary's 235 John Karlowitz, Sayreville 216 Bob Kukulski, St. Mary's 215.

50 Years Ago

1969 Boys Basketball Leaders

St. Mary's (21-4) Sayreville (11-13) Hoffman (6-14)

Total Points-Jim McCloud, St. Mary's 487 Mark Bratus, St. Mary's 355 Charlie Anderson, Sayreville 320, Larry Kurzawa, Hoffman 306 Ted Krzyzanowski, St. Mary's 259 George Krzyzanowski, St. Mary's 252 Jim Lyons, Hoffman 230 Dan Paone, Hoffman 227.

Scoring Avg.-McCloud 20.3 Kurzawa 15.3 Bratus 14.2 G. Krzyzanowski 14.0 Anderson 13.3 Paone 11.9 Lyons 11.5 T. Krzyzanowski 11.3.

OLV Senior Trip to Finger Lakes/Corning

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to the Finger Lakes/Corning from October 12 - 16, 2020. The five day trip includes: bus transportation, hotel stays at Staybridge Suites and DelLago Casino, all breakfasts, all dinners, 2 lunches- one at The Kitchen with a food demonstration, admission and guided tour at Corning Glass and Rockwell Museum, guided tour and wine tasting at Sonnenberg Gardens, wine tasting at 5 wineries and amenities at the casino and bus driver gratuities and snacks during the trip. The price for the trip is \$875.00. For further information or to reserve a seat, please contact Teri Yetsko at 732-727-7639.

100 Years Ago

Dec. 17, 1919-St. Mary's defeated Highland Park, 43-15, as "Sparrow" Moran 18 points, "D" Delaney 12, Meacham 7, Vail 4, Fitzmorris 2.

80 Years Ago

1938-39 Hoffman Boys Crowned State Basketball Champs

The Hoffman boys basketball team under Coach Eugene "Jimmy" Dobrzynski finished with an outstanding (24-4) record, and captured the Group II State Championship. In the final held at the Elizabeth Armory, Hoffman met a strong Wildwood club, and trailed by 6 at halftime, but turned it around in the second half to bring home the crown, 28-24. The starting lineup for Hoffman was center-Chet Sprague, forwards-Ernie Read and Fred Henry, guards-Andy Dobrzynski and Carl Marks. The ready-reserves were Gene Croddick, Wally Wood, Clarence Bubaltz, John "Bunker" Kelly, Bill Richmond, Wilson Huff, and Pete Ewtushek.

45 Years Ago

1974-The South Amboy Touch Football League (SATFL) held its second and final season. In last month's issue, we said the 1972 League was the first and only year that it existed, and it was halted because of fighting. Apparently, there was no SATFL in '73, but returned in '74 for one final hurrah. We came across an old schedule from that year, and there were 6 teams competing including Lions Den, Presidents, Bombers, Mystic Knights, Mechanicsville A.C., and Frank's Cafe. Unfortunately, there are no statistics available at all from 1974.

CYO Days

50 Year Ago

1969-Sacred Heart CYO Basketball team continued to roll in the High School Division by winning its 6th in a row without a loss, defeating Holy Rosary of Perth Amboy, 78-59. Coach Gene Lopez' club was paced by Gene Cross and Dan Weinman, who fired in 21 points apiece...The Hearts continued their winning ways improving to (9-1) with a 69-61 victory over St. John Vianney. Bob Duffy paced the locals with 16 points, and was followed by Gene Cross 15, Dan Weinman 15, Gilbert Stankiewicz 12, and Rich Tanchyk 11. Bob Norman, Paul Mauro, and Tony Mauro also saw action in the contest.

Nemeth Remembered

Kevin Nemeth, 65, formerly of South Amboy died on Nov. 10. He was a fine athlete at Hoffman High School in the early 1970's, and went on to become one of the top Slow-Pitch softball players in the area. Kevin was a fierce competitor, and one of the really good guys. He was also a firefighter with Enterprise Hook & Ladder Co. in South Amboy, and worked as a track supervisor for Amtrak in Sunnyside, Queens.



Glory Days In Local Sports

1951-St. Mary's slipped by St. Rose, 51-46 in the South Jersey Group B Parochial semifinals. Bob "Don" "Pep" Bennett paced the Eagles scoring with 23 points, George Spiecker hit for 13, and Frank O'Brien 10.

Dec. 11, 1961-St. Mary's boys basketball squad won its first opening game since 1957 by ripping Roselle Catholic, 70-55. Jack Kreiger led the scoring attack with 21 points, followed by Bill Tibbitt 15, Joe Jankowski 14, and Bob Suminski 13. 1974-Hoffman smashed Somerset Vo-Tech, 79-54, as Bob Besner burned the nets for 24 points, and

Tom Suau scored 18. 1981-Hoffman boys basketball team defeated Montgomery, 55-51. Steve Richmond pumped in 22 points, and Bob Aucone 16. 1994-Sayreville girls basketball team blasted Edison, 57-28, as Dana Feltz scored 10 points, grabbed 10 rebounds, and had 6 steals, while teammate Stephanie Allocco popped in 13 points and hauled in 6 rebounds. 2003-John Wojcik swished a 3-pointer with less than 3:00 left to give Sayreville boys a thrilling 34-31 victory over Carteret. He finished with 10 points, and teammate Pat Ryan popped in 13.

South Amboy Men's Senior Basketball League: 1969-70

Army Vets-Leading scorer-Tom Holovacko 189 points, 21.0 avg.; other players-Bob Jones, Joe Zailski, Joe Gatyas, Don Wernett, Carl Wernett, Szatkowski, Joe Jaskowiak, Fred Henry, Bob Paulukiewicz, Buckalew, Dan Prasnal, Heimall, Szymanski. J & B Trucking-Jim Lyons 142 points, 15.7 avg.; others-Jerry Disbrow, Gene Kaboski, Gerry Freeman, Jack Mason, Frank Chonsky, Ken Blaha, Jim Tingle, Bob McKeon, "Bumper" Parisen, Bill Ward. Sanitary Fuels-Leading scorer-Ron Ciszewski 136 points, 22.4 avg.; others-Billy Clayton, Ken Wahler, Gene Lopez, Henry "Henny The D.J." Conroy, Bob Martin, Clarence Reed, J. Jankowski, Paul Jankowski, Brian Flanagan, Jack Brennan, John Conroy, Rock, O'Connor, Claffy. English Chevron-Leading scorer-Steve Flanagan 123 points, 13.6 avg.; others-Rick Ferguson, John Lange, Jerry Drill, Ed Suchcicki, Tom Farrell, Fran Fitzmorris, Bill Connors, Jack Kreiger, Reick,

Tom Fitzmorris, Rick Jarusiewicz, Mike "Woody" McCarthy, Sullivan. Bay City Liquors-Leading scorer-Dennis Bratus 117 points, 14.5 avg.; others-Chet Meinzer, Bill Masterson, Tom Gorman, Leo Dohan, Harold McLaughlin, Jim Cleary, Tom Kelly, Dave Stolte, Joe Crowe, O'Brien, Gary Kosovich, Mullane, McQuade, Frans. South Amboy A.A.-Leading scorer points-Jim Higgins 109; avg.-Ed Paczkowski 11.2; others Curt Wood, Tom Downs, George Ogborne, Adam Lovely, John Ciol, Bill "Biff" McKeon, Greg Havlusch, Tabasko, Molyneaux, Tellerman, Joe Brinamen, McCue. Colonel's Garter-Leading scorer-Shawnhouse 129 points, 18.3 avg.; others-Ray Selover, Art Stock, Bob Kukulski, Brian O'Brien, Sal Buckatino, Salow, Benna, DeSantis, Adams, McCann, Joe Smith, Kennedy, Baggadi.

*Leaders for regular season play. Stats for playoffs, and the team that won the championship were not available.

Yogi-isms

The late New York Yankee Hall of Famer Yogi Berra said some of the smartest things in a funny way.

The following are several of Yogi's famous quotes:

"Thank you for making this day necessary."

"You can't think and hit at the same time."

"Nobody goes there anymore. It's too crowded."

"A nickel ain't worth a dime anymore."

"The only reason I need these gloves is 'cause of my hands."

"We were overwhelming underdogs."

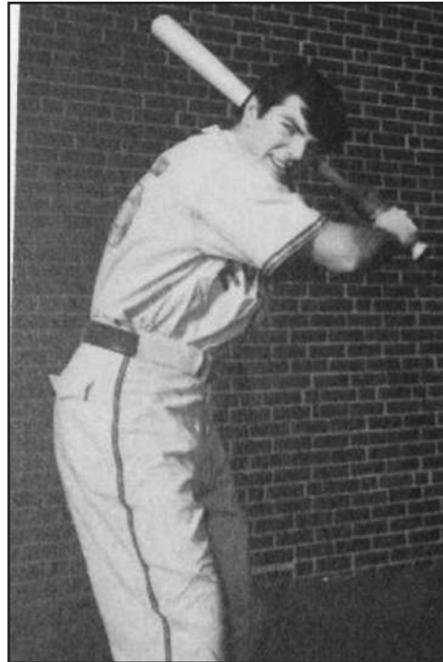
Tingle Remembered

By Tom Burkard

We just found out the news that an old South Amboy athlete, Jim Tingle died back on March 17, 2011. Jim was a talented baseball player, who started playing in the South Amboy Little Fellas League on manager Frank Parisen's Rotary team around 1960. He moved up to Babe Ruth League, and was a star pitcher for manager Joe McCarthy's legendary Mechanicsville Fire Co. team, that captured 3 consecutive championships.

At Hoffman HS, Jim was the winning pitcher in the CJ Group I state championship game back in '69. He was such an outstanding pitcher, and was selected to All-State Group I, 1st Team. He also played varsity basketball for the Governors. Following graduation, Tingle was one of the finest softball players around, and a member of several South Amboy championship caliber teams.

I will always remember Jim Tingle as a great teammate/ baseball and softball player, who was very competitive, and always put his heart and soul into the game.



Jim Tingle

Take the Plunge!

Ready to take a challenge for a good cause? Come join us at the Polar Plunge for Catholic Schools week 2020. OLV will be participating in the Annual AOH Polar Plunge to support Catholic Education. If you are ready to dive into the ocean, you are more than welcome to meet us at Sea Bright Municipal Beach on Sunday January 26, 2020. Don't want to get into the frigid water? That's ok too, you can donate to have someone else take the plunge, or just come join us on the sideline and cheer us

on with your friends!

All proceeds collected go to the school to help assist with Catholic Education expenses, so 100% of your donation will greatly help OLV. This year's plunge is hosted by: Ocean House Tap & Grill, 1072 Ocean Avenue, Sea Bright, NJ 07760. For more information, please contact David O'Connor at (908) 510-4226 or dfojls@gmail.com. School website <https://olvnj.com> Facebook page <https://Facebook.com/ourladyofvictories>



First Aid Training

Recently members of South Amboy First Aid Squad held a training night. Older members Rob Sekerak, Betty Leveille and Jim Ryan are pictured in below photo re-certifying in CPR on infant victims, while new members (top photo) learn CPR skills on adult victims. SAFA is always looking for new members. Free CPR, first aid or EMT training is available. (Photos/Info Submitted)



Front Page News At Christmas Time

10 Years Ago

2009-South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee announced that Tom Tighe of Sayreville was chosen to be the 2010 Honorary Grand Marshal of the parade...The beloved Michael Madura, longtime owner of Madura's Pharmacy was honored with a front page tribute.

15 Years Ago

Sister Mary Madeline McCarthy, former St. Mary's HS principal died and was remembered in a tribute by Cheryl Ruszczyk Schmid...Rich Kosmoski of Parlin was re-elected President of NJ Volunteer Fire Chiefs...Tom Burkard, author of "Jack McKeon: Baseball, Cigars, and St. Theresa" donated some of the proceeds from his book signing at Our Lady of Victories, Msgr. Dalton Hall to help a 4th grader with expenses for chemotherapy.

20 Years Ago

1999-St. Stanislaus Kostka honored Edwin

Michalik with the Veteran of the Year award....Sayreville War Memorial HS Marching Band finished 3rd place at USSBA competition at Giants Stadium...Memorial Medical Center announced plans to reopen in January 2000.

25 Years Ago

1994-Pat Olexa was appointed to fill her husband's seat on the South Amboy Board of Education. Her husband John Olexa, former Superintendent of Schools passed away in October...Frank T. Kurzawa Jr., owner/director of Kurzawa Funeral Home was elected Business Leader of the Year for South Amboy by the Old Bridge-Sayreville-South Amboy Chamber of Commerce.

30 Years Ago

1989-South Amboy Recreation Superintendent Mary Lou DeBlis was appointed Director of South Amboy Youth Center by Mayor John T. O'Leary.



Sayreville Seniors Celebrate Birthdays...And More

(Photos/info by Joe Lotkowitz)



Mayor Kennedy O'Brien wishes a Happy Birthday to Julia Gomez (l) and Addy Derubis (r) at the final birthday party given by Mayor O'Brien, whose term concludes at the end of the year.

Mayor O'Brien (l) and Joe Soos (r) were performing "Irish Eyes Are Smiling" at the mayor's farewell birthday party on Nov. 13th for the residents of Sayreville, before his final term of mayor ends on Dec. 31st.



Mayor Kennedy O'Brien, who has served Sayreville for 20 years, waves farewell to his constituents. He probably has held the mayoral post for the longest time in the Borough's history. The South Amboy-Sayreville Times wishes him well in all his future endeavors. Good luck, Kennedy, from all of us on the staff, and a big THANK YOU!



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The Vintage Car Contest



Here's another tough car to identify, even for the experts! Good luck! Send your answer in to satimes@aol.com. Deadline is January 6th.

Vintage Car winners for November

Last month's vintage car was a Chevy Corvair from the early 1960's. The following submitted the correct answer: Steve Laskiewicz, Dane Colburn, Kim Hulsart, Pete McIntyre, Don Munn., Mark Moniello, Chuck Pickard, Gregg Alexander, Eleanor Wterholm, Jan Williams, Anthony Carlo,

An incorrect answer for the vintage car was 1959 Chevy Cavalier Model 700.



Local Past Businesses-Part 2

(Photos by Tom Burkard taken 15 years ago in 2004)



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Dugout Sports Cafe

Bill "Biff" McKeon MLB Baseball Scout - Part 6

By John "Flip" Phillips

After Bill finished up scouting for the KC Royals another opportunity came up. "Big" brother Jack, who was now the GM of the San Diego Padres, asked him to consider becoming a part-time scout for the Padres. Bill said yes and was back in the game. Old friendships would be renewed, and new ones made. Bill continues:

"I accepted the offer and re-birthed my scouting career as a part time scout with unlimited coverage. I scouted the AAA International League and the AA Eastern League, and some Major League during the 1981 season. During one of my scouting visits to Syracuse, New York along with my friends Buddy Kerr and Pete Gabrand, a chubby little fellow comes up and asks who I was. I told him I was Bill McKeon with the San Diego Padres. He then said he knew the Padres GM. He was in the Air Force with brother Jack and went on to relate some interesting stories. This got Buddy and Pete laughing. Later in the game, the guys came back and asked if I was related to the Padres GM? A lot of baseball people did not know we were brothers.

During the 1983 World Series brother Jack and I got into a "discussion" about who was the best catcher in the majors. Then he asked me if I wanted to come to the Padres spring training and be a coach, working with the catchers. I didn't say yes or no at that time, as I was still a High School Administrator. Later during the Christmas holidays, I had my second heart attack and had to step down from my High School Administration duties. So, I decided to take his offer and go to Spring Training in warm Yuma, Arizona. I finally made the majors, and was coaching future major league catchers Benito Santiago and Sandy Alomar Jr. I even dressed in the coaches' room, and manager Dick Williams would invite me into his office for a beer. One day I went into his office, and took some beer out to the other coaches and told them if they wanted more to just go into Dick's office and get one. I was told that no one went into the

manager's office unless invited, and I was the only one invited in for a beer."

(I can imagine that "discussion" between Jack and Bill since both were "pretty good" catchers in their day).

"After I recovered from my heart issues, I went back to High School Administration and part-time scouting. Jack later asked me if I was interested in scouting full time in the major leagues with the other Padre major league scout Dick Hager. I said no at first, but later changed my mind. One of the best decisions I ever made. During my tenure as a major league scout and special assistant to the GM, I met and associated with many Hall of Famers: players, managers and coaches as well as GMs and owners." (More on this next month).

"My career as a Major League Scout ended in 1990 when Joan Kroc sold the team. Mrs. Kroc ran the team after her husband Ray Kroc (the man who gave us McDonalds) died in 1984. With new ownership a lot of organization personnel did not have their contracts renewed, including me and the GM "Trader Jack".

In 1988 Lady Elizabeth (Betty) and I moved from South Amboy/Sayreville to Evansville, Indiana. My mom and dad had passed away, and I wanted Betty to be close to her father who was ill. Her mother had passed away. I met my Lady L in 1956 while playing for the Evansville Otters, and we were married in 1957. She was the sister of our outfielder Joe Unfried. Joe was a power hitter who eventually played AAA in the Pacific Coast League. In today's baseball world Joe would have made the majors. After I retired from scouting, I became the principal of a Catholic high school, and coached the Ashville University baseball team in Clinton Iowa from 1990 to 1996."

Next month: Some highlights from Bill's long scouting career, and life "Back Home in Indiana", and his time with the Evansville Otters.

OLV School

(Photos/Info Submitted)

The Our Lady of Victories School students led by their teacher, Joanne Hockenjos, recently held an assembly and luncheon honoring our Veterans at their school.





Sayreville AA & Sayreville Rec Dept.

NEW SOCCER LEAGUE!



The Sayreville Athletic Association in conjunction with The Sayreville Recreation Dept. is forming a new Soccer League for this Spring Season!

Available Leagues: Recreation Teams for Boys & Girls ages 4 to 16

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Where: All games will be played at the **Sayreville Sports Complex** on Bordentown Ave. **5 grass fields and 1 (NEW) turf field**

When: Starting in April.

Registration: Starts in January at Sayrevillerec.com

Info call: 732-390-7096 / 7092



This NEW League will be the only Municipally Sponsored Soccer League in Sayreville and play at the Soccer Complex.



Indoor Winter League Workouts!

When: Saturdays starting Jan 11th to Mar 14th 9am to 1pm

Where: Arleth Gym on Washington Rd.

Cost: \$30 / child includes Reversible uniform shirt and Insurance

Registration: On-Line at Sayrevillerec.com

Info Call: 732-390-7096 / 7092



St. Bernadette's Youth Group Serves Thanksgiving Meal

(Photos/info by Joe Lotkowitz)



St. Bernadette's Youth Group and advisors are pictured preparing their annual Thanksgiving meal for the South Amboy seniors of McCarthy Towers and Robert Noble Manor. As usual, it was another great holiday event.

Pictured are some of the seniors enjoying another outstanding Thanksgiving celebration provided by St. Bernadette's Youth Group and advisors.



After serving the seniors a fine Thanksgiving dinner, the Youth Group along with advisor Jim Flores got a chance to catch their breath. A big thank you to the Youth Group and advisors was given by the seniors in attendance.

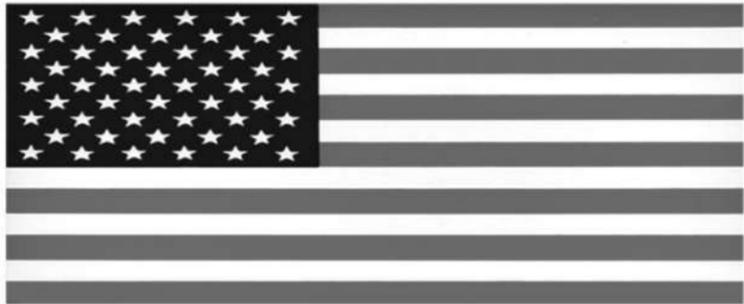


The family of Michael "Mickey" Mauro are pictured at the memorial service/remembrance of his life at the Armory in Perth Amboy. In photo (l-r) Mickey's wife, Donna, and children Charlene, Anthony, and Michael, "Mickey" Jr. Donna and the entire Mauro family would like to thank everyone for their outpouring of condolences, prayers and love during this difficult time. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

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Where in New Jersey?



Recognise this place in NJ? Hint look to the trailer. Send your answers to satimes@aol.com by January 6, 2020.

**October Information
Where in New Jersey?**

By Brian & Phyllis Stratton

The correct answer to the November Where in NJ? is the Salem Municipal Building located in Salem, NJ. It was built in 1888 and used as the Salem National Bank and was located on East Broadway (New Jersey State Highway 49) In 1924, the bank was purchased by Salem City and was moved to its current location behind several businesses on New Market Street For years following the move this location was used as Salem City government offices, then these offices were moved to another location and now this building sits unoccupied except when City Council and other groups have their meetings. It is an exuberant example of the Queen Anne style, designed by Philadelphia architect David Evans. Two grants in the 1990's helped fund comprehensive exterior restoration works, and helped fund a restoration of original interior features and finishes, while upgrading electrical and mechanical systems.

Where in NJ? Winners for November

Winners who correctly answered were: Dennis, Quinlan, Judy Guilfoyle, Eleanore Westerholm, Marie English, Ed English, Dane Colburn,



November-Where in New Jersey
Salem Municipal Building, Salem
New Jersey



WWW.?



Do you recognize this building if so send your answer to satimes@aol.com by January 6, 2020. (Photo by Tom Burkard).

WWW.? Winners For November

Last month's picture was of the American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post 62, South Amboy, which was located on lower David St. in South Amboy.

Those who correctly identified it were: Chuck Pickard, Don Zrebicc, Judy Guilfoyle, Dennis, Quinlan, Gerry Sherry, Leon Credico, MaryBeth Chodkiewicz, Bob "Zak" Sekerak (Post Commander), Jack & Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, Estelle Pluskota, Pat & Bill Scully, Peggy and Steve Yuhas, Steve Laskiewicz, Joan Gorczyca, Joan Fulham, Elizabeth Leveille,

Marie English, Ed English, Mary Agnes Morris, Dane Colburn, Lisa Grankowski, *Estelle Pluskota correctly identified Dr. Younes' office in the WWW.? photo contest, but was not listed as a winner. Sorry, Estelle, but now we have it corrected, and you are a winner for Oct.

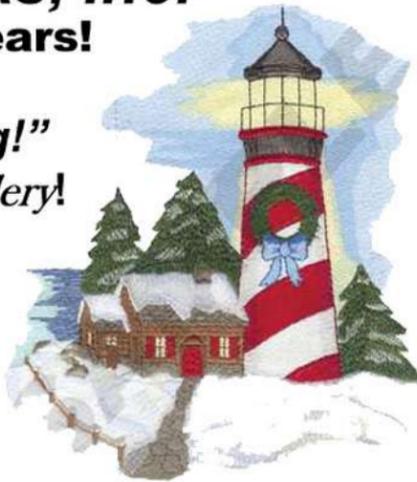


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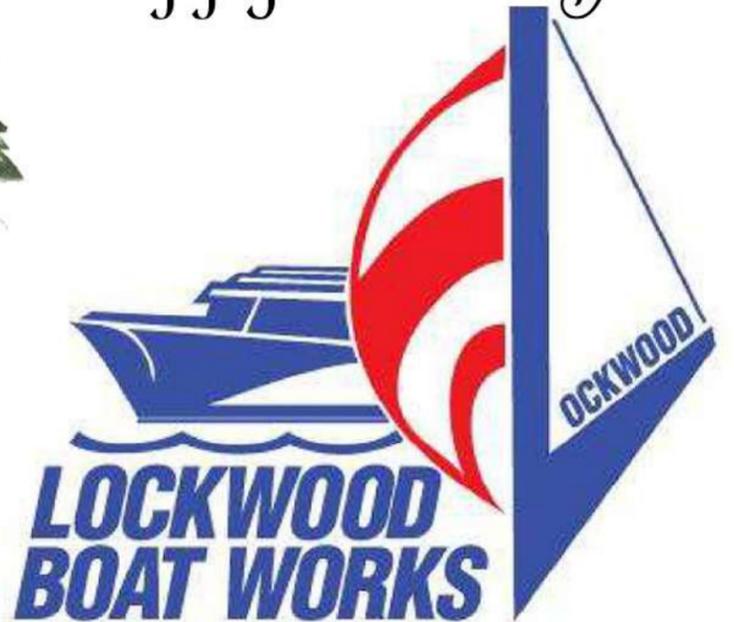
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Amboy Bank Celebrates Metuchen Branch With Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Metuchen Mayor, Jonathan Busch, assists Gregory Scharpf, President and CEO of Amboy Bank, in cutting the ribbon to celebrate the anniversary of Amboy Bank's Metuchen Branch located at 665 Middlesex Ave in the Whole Foods shopping center.

Scharpf.

"This anniversary celebration marks our second year as members of the thriving community of Metuchen. We have also expanded our services available in this market, and we look forward to serving our new neighbors with our quality customer service and innovative products," said

Pictured (l-r) Kathy Romano, New Brunswick Branch Manager; Joe Razzano, Metuchen Chamber Member; Dorothy Rasmussen, Metuchen Chamber Councilwoman; Gregory Scharpf; Jonathan Busch; Brendan Flynn, Metuchen Chamber President; Jason Conway, Metuchen Branch Manager; Lorraine Mulligan, Metuchen Chamber Member; and Patricia Lucas-Scherner, Metuchen Chamber Member. (Photo/Info Submitted)

NEW ART EXHIBITS NOW ON DISPLAY AT THE SADIE POPE DOWDELL LIBRARY

The Sadie Pope Dowdell Library is thrilled to announce its latest art installments: the photography of Joshua Lisojo and sports paintings by Nick St. Clair!

has had a passion for cartoons since he was two years old. St. Clair's knack for drawing became obvious at a young age, and his social skills developed in tandem with his abilities as an artist. His work "The World Series of Autism" has been displayed in more than ten different New Jersey libraries. St. Clair hopes the people of South Amboy and the rest of New Jersey enjoy viewing his "World Series" as he did making it.

Joshua Lisojo was born and raised in Perth Amboy, NJ, where he resides today. His life changed forever on December 15, 2001 when he suffered a devastating spinal cord injury while wrestling for Perth Amboy High School. His body was instantly paralyzed and, since he lost his ability to walk, he now depends on a motorized wheelchair to get around. This injury hasn't stopped Lisojo from pursuing his passions and chasing his dreams—especially photography. He purchased his first DSLR camera in 2016 and has been taking pictures ever since. The majority of his work is in street and landscape photography, but he experiments with other styles as well. A self-taught artist, Lisojo is guided by an abiding interest in beautiful light, sincere people, nice architecture, and breathtaking landscapes.

Don't miss upcoming arts exhibitions at the Dowdell Library! Scheduled displays include quilting from Gail Thompson in February; the comic and caricature art of Edwin Yuan in March and April; and the painting and calligraphy of Joyce Mo and Lao Mo in May and June.

For additional information about this exhibit, please visit www.dowdell.org or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org. The library is located off John O'Leary Blvd, adjacent to South Amboy Middle High School.

Nick St. Clair is a man with autism who

Memorial for Joe "Moose" McCarthy

November 30, 2019
Veterans Park Home of Jack McKeon Field
(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Banner on the ballfield fence honoring Joe "Moose" McCarthy.



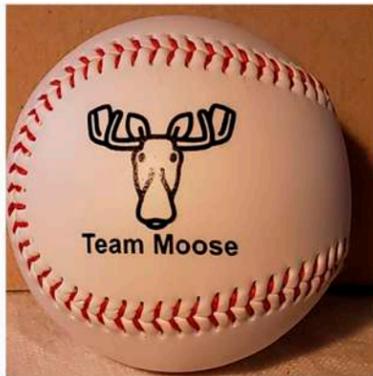
Family and friends who turned out for the memorial tribute posed by second base, where "Moose" threw out many base runners attempting to steal.



"Moose" was the best catcher in New Jersey in 1975 as a senior for Hoffman HS, and a real power hitter as well.



Joe "Moose" McCarthy as he appeared in a photo taken not too long ago.



Specially stamped baseballs, softballs and hats were given out to all who attended, as remembrances of "Moose," with the inscription "Team Moose."

Joe "Moose" McCarthy's children (l-r) Jamie, Allison, and Michael are pictured behind the backstop at the field where their dad spent much of his time playing baseball.



Long Ago



1999-The South Amboy Knights of Columbus held their annual Past Grand Knights (PGK) dinner, and many of the men who served in that role through the years attended the gala event. Pictured top row (l-r) Gene Reagan, Gene Armstrong, Allen Chodkiewicz, Joe Pittel, Jim McCoy, Willie La Fontaine, George Kardos. Middle row (l-r) Vic Grieco, Henry Sager, Ted Raczkowski, Bill McAndrew, Dominick Gasparro, Bill Coman. Bottom row (l-r) Ray Wesley, Marty Lampart, Mike Mooney, Vinny Perry. Many have passed away through the years, and were all great men, who will never be forgotten. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

We would love to hear from you!



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Show a little love and caring
Give someone your time.



The Birth of That Little Baby Boy

by Al Gomolka Jr.
Times Poet Laureate
c.2001

He is the reason for this season of Christmas
He is the reason for this season of joy
There'd be no Santa, there'd be no presents
Without His presence . . .
And the birth of that little baby boy
There are silver bells and candy canes
Christmas trees with railroad trains
There are carols piped thru shopping malls
Colored lights to deck the halls
There are Christmas cards and flowers red
Cookies made of gingerbread
There are hopes of snow with stockings hung
Toasts of cheer and party fun
He is the reason for this season of Christmas
He is the reason for this season of joy
There'd be no Santa, there'd be no presents,
Without His presence . . .
And the birth of that little baby boy
Hearts are tickled, eyes aglow
Everywhere this magic flows
All due to one Nativity
And none the wiser it should be
He is the reason for this season of Christmas
He is the reason for this season of joy
There'd be no Santa, there'd be no presents,
Without his presence . . .
And the birth of that little baby boy
Happy Birthday, Jesus.

A Gift Card For Christmas

c. 2016

If you're Christmas shopping
And don't know what to get
Give a gift card
It's the easiest thing yet
Christmas shopping is not so hard
When you buy friends and loved ones
The perfect gift card
It saves a lot of time and stress
If you're not sure what to get
And on Christmas Day
Your loved ones will confess
The gift card is their best gift yet.



The Christmas Countdown

c. 2010

It's the Christmas countdown
As the big day draws near
The Christmas countdown
The happiest time of the year
Shoppers scurry all around
As large snowflakes fall to the ground
Kids are waiting for that special night
To see the man in red
With a beard snowy white
Just watching the calendar every day
Til December 25th comes our way
It's the Christmas countdown.



Christmas Calling Again

c. 2016



It's Christmas calling again
For a world full of peace
Where everyone can be friends
It's Christmas calling again
When families can come together
And make their lives
So much better
It's Christmas calling again
When the old can feel young again
Holiday songs on the radio
Pretty decorations
Wherever you go
It's Christmas calling again
Telephone calls and Christmas cards
From far away
Seem to pour in each and every day
Christmas calling again
It's a White Christmas treat
As snow falls to the ground
Everyone's so happy
Love is all around
It's Christmas calling again.



The Best Things At Christmas

c. 2016

The three best things
At Christmas time
Are family, friends and memories
They're so important
And mean the world to me
Family, Friends and memories.



A Simple Christmas Prayer

By Al Gomolka Jr.
Times Poet Laureate
c. 2012

A babe was born on Christmas Day
To save us from our sins
All we have to do is believe
And everybody wins!
Merry Christmas, Christ is with us
And everybody wins!



The Christmas Scene

c. 2015

Let's go downtown
And do some shoppin'
Downtown where
Everything's hoppin'
Everyone's all around
On Broadway
In our hometown
The stores look so nice
Decorated in red and green
Christmas trees all in lights
It's the downtown Christmas scene
Everyone's all around
Christmas music is playin'
In our hometown
At every store
It's Christmas time
Who could ask for more?
And sidewalk Santa
Is doin' his thing
While young carolers
Go door to door
Bringing joy and sing
It's the Christmas scene.



Christmas Time Again

c. 2016

The lines are crowded
At all the malls
Because kids are coming
To see Santa Claus
It's Christmas time again
A time for family
And long lost friends
It's Christmas time again.



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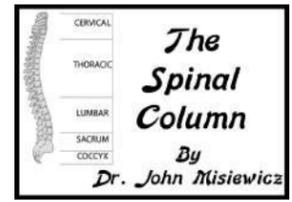
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Does Santa Have Back Pain?

Santa Claus may be able to travel around the world in a single night, but when it comes to his health, he's no Superman. That bowl full of jelly, a diet rich in fatty cookies and a lack of regular exercise all put Santa at risk for back pain.

Santa is a perfect candidate for back problems - He's overweight. The same holds true for us mortals. Sometimes the cause of your back problems is not your back, but your front: your "spare tire" may be the cause of your aching back. And the solution to your back problem may not involve a pill or surgery.

You spine is the central support of your entire skeletal system. It is designed for strength to support your body weight and flexibility to allow movement. When health, your spine is S shaped with three natural curves. When these curves are in balance, you body weight is evenly distributed. To maintain this alignment, you need to have strong and flexible muscles in your back, legs and abdomen. The abdominal muscles are especially important in supporting the spine.

A potbelly changes the curvature of the back. The stomach pulls the backbone forward, stressing muscles and ligaments and putting pressure on discs. If you have ten extra pounds on your abdomen, you are putting an additional 100 pound strain on your back. This additional strain occurs because the lower part of your spine is not receiving adequate support from your weakened abdominal muscles. Your back muscles try to maintain the proper spinal balance, but after end up strained or sprained.

Although excess weight does not cause back problems, you can do something about it. Follow a diet and exercise program to maintain a healthy weight and strengthen your muscles. Develop healthy eating habits that work for you, and make exercise, diet and proper spinal-hygiene an important part of your day.

OLV Seniors December Meeting

The OLV Seniors will hold their December meeting on Friday, January 5 at 1:00 PM in Monsignor Dalton Hall. After the business portion of the meeting, we will have cake and coffee.

Any questions please contact Teri Yetsko at 732-727-7639.

Walk To Bethlehem December 22

Come join your fellow church-goers for a wonderful Walk To Bethlehem. It is sponsored by the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426. The event begins Sunday December 22 at 2 p.m. from the parking lot of the K of C at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Join us as we celebrate Christmas by visiting all five churches in South Amboy. After our last stop, we'll return to the K of C for light refreshments. For more information call 732-821-2025.

Cornhole Tournament To Fight Colorectal Cancer

The 4th Annual "Friends of Rose" Co-Ed Cornhole Tournament will be held at the Knights of Columbus #2061, 775 Washington Rd., Parlin on Saturday, Feb. 29th. Registration begins at 4p.m. Donation is \$60 per male/female team. There will be prizes, cash bar, and music.

To sign up, please call Keith Rybak 732-261-1025 or Eric Hausmann 908-420-5470. 100% of donations go to "Fight Colorectal Cancer." An organization dedicated to fighting colorectal cancer. www.fightcolorectalcancer.org.



St. Mary's Food Pantry would like to thank Sabret Co. on Main St. in Sayreville for their generous donation of over 1,300 assorted canned goods and baby products for Thanksgiving. (Photo/info by Maryanne Matarangolo)

Congratulations



Haleigh Croddick, daughter of Ron and Heidi Croddick of Sayreville, graduated on Dec. 21, 2019, from the Pennsylvania State University, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Materials Science and Engineering. Congratulations Haleigh! (Photo/info submitted)

St. Stan's Christmas Bazaar
(Photos by Marissa Barbieri)



A giant-sized snowman greeted the people who entered the beautifully decorated Christmas Bazaar.



Santa Claus was on duty to take on all requests from youngsters for Christmas presents, as well as posing for some memorable photos.



Vendors, with their fine products, were also a popular stop for those who attended.



Hey Santa how fast does this thing go?

South Amboy Tree Lighting/Emergency Vehicles Parade



Mayor Fred Henry (r) addresses the crowd before presenting the trophy for best decorated vehicle to Mike Geraltowski of Mechanicsville Hose Co. (Photo by April Lee)



Craig J. Coughlin, Speaker of the N.J. Assembly also spoke to the crowd. (Photo by Joe Lotkowitz)



South Amboy Middle School students entertained the crowd with Christmas carols during the Christmas tree lighting on Dec. 6th.



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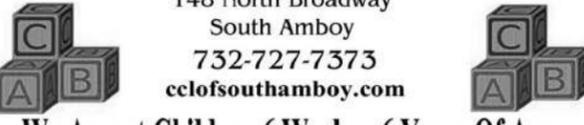


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Fishing Flashes

By Teo "Weebles" Weber



Salt Water

Striped Bass jig fishing on Party Boats has been pretty good. More shorts are mixed in but there are enough keepers to make a trip. Bluefish seem to be gone with the cold weather and storms that we had chasing them away. These weather conditions, however, improves Bass fishing. It's good in the surf at Island Beach and LBI. Here it is mostly shorts, but there are some keepers around to make it interesting. Lures like the needlefish plug and other long bodied lures are hot at this time. Fishing in Raritan Bay is slow. I only heard of a few shorts caught. Party Boat Blackfish is good with 5 fish common for those skillful anglers, as it takes a certain amount of skill to catch them. Offshore bottom fishing is mostly Ling. Unfortunately the Dogfish have moved in and taken over many of the spots normally fished. There are also Winter Flounder off the Belmar docks with anglers catching the limit of 2 fish. New regulations for Striped Bass will come out next year. They do not look good!

Fresh Water

Winter Trout stocking has begun with selected lakes in mid and upstate being selected on November 25th. Spring Lake was stocked with 200 Trout. Some leftover Trout prevail from the last fall stocking. A good place to try would be Round Valley Reservoir from the shore near the launch.



OLV Senior Trip to Hunterdon Playhouse

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see Sherlock Holmes Returns, an all new immersive musical-mystery comedy on Wednesday, April 8, 2020 for the afternoon matinee. The cost of the trip is \$105.00 which includes the show, lunch, bus transportation and all gratuities. For further information or to reserve a seat, please contact Carmen Delikat at 732-254-9425.

Our Lady Of Peace Had Local Connection

By Tom Burkard

Our Lady of Peace (OLP) Church in Fords recently celebrated its 100th Anniversary. Looking through the history of the church, we found some locals who had very prominent roles at OLP including Msgr. John Grimes (South Amboy) served as Pastor from 1947-56; Msgr. Robert J. Zamorski (Sayreville) was Pastor from 1986-2009; Msgr. Andrew Szaroleta who served as Pastor from 2009-2017. Prior to his service at OLP, Msgr. Szaroleta was at Sacred Heart South Amboy in the late 1970's, and went on to become Pastor of St. Bernadette Church. On Nov. 2nd, Father Michael G. Krull, former pastor of Our Lady of Victories Church in Sayreville was installed as pastor of OLP.

OLV Senior Trip to Esther at Sight and Sound

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to see the play Esther at Sight and Sound in Lancaster, Pennsylvania on Thursday, April 23, 2020 for the 3 PM Matinee. The cost of the trip is \$180 which includes the play, the luncheon at Shady Maple, bus transportation, bus gratuity and snacks on the bus. We also have priority seating for the play. Contact Teri at 732-727-7639 for reservations or questions.

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May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank You St. Jude. -K.S.

Home for the Holidays, Part One

By Elaine Holton Scott

I had waited a long, long time to return to the state where I had been born...never honestly believing I really ever would return. For a total of 28 1/2 years, I had lived as a Yankee in the South...a Yankee whose Jersey accent was recognizable everywhere I went whenever I said words like cawfee, tawk and wawk, and, of course, Nork instead of Newark. Like a fog horn going off, just these words alone "shouted" Jersey girl...and I was very proud of it. Instead of the southerners influencing my accent, I seem to have had an influence on them by bringing phrases like "you guys" and "take good care" into their vocabulary. Once in a while, though, I'd make a slip and say "y'all" instead of "all of you," but those slips were few and far between...I think. Other than that, I proudly remained the woman who had been born and raised in the peaceful little city when actually it wasn't so peaceful, partly due to the almost ridiculous number of bars/taverns which got South Amboy into the Guinness Book of Records. I have learned through Ancestry.com that the earlier settlers in town had been more than just neighbors, as "the older families" have a cumulative DNA which seems to have a connecting root system like a big old oak tree. I know firsthand as I had dated someone I later learned was my third cousin. No, he wasn't my first love mentioned in last month's article. As for the aforementioned third cousin, not being able to pronounce his Polish last name without sounding drunk had made me "kick him to the curb" too after a few months. I did, though, meet my Polish cousin, Jill Furia, on ancestry. Her grandmother and my grandmother were Wiczorek sisters. Since then we have become the best of friends, probably because we are so much alike in

so many different ways, obviously thanks to our shared DNA. I really do think I'm related to over half the town and maybe that's what had been calling me home...all of my many ancestors wanting me to come back where I belonged. Whatever it was, it worked. No longer young...scratch that...being a senior citizen made driving home in a U-Haul truck with our old toothless cat in a cat carrier in the front seat and an obese Chihuahua squashing my legs as she sat on my lap made the journey to New Jersey seem like a journey to hell and back...except may times I didn't think getting back was in my future after all. Three days it took us to travel the 833 miles...three long days of problems. "Hitting the road" as some people used to say had come true for me, except the "road" was actually a truck parking area paved with blacktop, mixed with crushed stones, the kind which can do a lot of damage if you fall out of the truck. "How did you fall out of the U-Haul truck?" my cousin, Ro Naughton whose mother was a Holton, asked, obviously a little envious. "Easy," I replied...and went on to tell her how she, too, could do it! Holtons had seemed to be able to teach rabbits how to breed...especially after my great great grandfather survived a penal colony in New South Wales, Australia and came to South Amboy prior to 1850. "He should have stolen a compass," my smartie pants cousin, Ro Naughton, said. Yes, the cow thief was her 2 times great grandfather too. So, between the extremely long roots from the Poles in Bergen Hill and the Holtons throughout the town, my DNA didn't just call me home...I do believe I heard it say..."Get your butt home, Missy. You've been away far too long."

Students Learn About The Suffragettes

(Photos/Info Submitted)

Our Lady of Victories students had an opportunity to learn about the Suffragettes and their fight for women to have the right to vote. The Sayreville Historical Society hosted a presentation by a re-enactor Alice Paul, a New Jersey born native and Suffragette. The presentation discussed various aspects of the struggle to get the vote and the life of Alice Paul. In addition, it discussed the arrests, imprisonments, hunger strikes, and force feeding the Suffragettes underwent. Students Molly O'Connor, Shane Prichard, Daniella Verlingo, Robert Noble, Erin Noble, Joseph O'Grady, Natalia Munoz, and Connor McKeivitt attended the presentation with their teacher Mrs. Pawski, who serves as a Trustee for the Sayreville Historical Society.



St. Stan's School

(Photos/Info Submitted)



St. Stan's students gather around to pray, sing and light the Christmas tree.



St. Stan's eighth grade students smile together after receiving their school rings.



Beth Poulsen, Co-President of St. Stan's HSA, joins her children for a picture with Santa at the school's annual Christmas Bazaar.



St. Stan's choir members perform for the school's benefactors.



St. Stan's kindergarten students enjoy a delicious meal at their Thanksgiving feast.

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OLV Senior Trip to Riverdance

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Letters

To Our South Amboy Community,

As we approach a new year, we think of all those who played an important part in our lives. Today I think of all the great supporters we have in our city who appreciate what the arts can bring to them and the city. Those individuals who saw their children's work hanging in our gallery space, those who contributed to our cause to help us create a viable space to showcase artists and to create artistic venues to bring our community together. Those individuals who stepped up and helped us bring back the Artsfest 2019 which began 10 years ago and was discontinued after three years. But, importantly, we appreciate those individuals who told us they want the event to continue because it was a great day.

Comments inspire us to move ahead; hopefully, we have started a new vision of what the artistic eye can bring. Start to look for 'Faces of City' around town near the end of the month ... Look for film segments on SATV after the South Amboy Middle/High School after school video production class starts in January...

Our mission is to strengthen our community through educating, entertaining and inspiring through cultural and artistic offerings that engage residents, and create new alliances that support the artists.

We ask for your help and inspiration in our endeavors; this is your city and let us work together make it the best that we can!

Thank you for all your help!
Joan Conway,
South Amboy Arts

To The Editor,

In the last edition of The SA Times, I calculated total victories (all levels) of various coaches at St. Mary's/Cardinal McCarrick. It listed Joe Lewis on top with 335. However, my calculations did not include the fact that Charlie Eppinger did not only coach basketball, but in the 1930's, also coached football, baseball, and track. Although we do not have records of those teams, it seems obvious that Eppinger's total wins most likely add up to between 375-400.

Ed Twomey
 (St. Mary's/Cardinal McCarrick Athletic Hall-of-Fame Member/School researcher/historian)

Sayreville Recreation Winter Festival

(Photos/Info Submitted by Peggy Yanuzzelli)



Sayreville Rec Board members and other dignitaries pictured at the reviewing stand are (l-r) Elyse Barone MC Rec Board, councilwoman Mary Novak, councilwoman-Elect Michele Maher, Councilman Damon Enriquez, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, Mayor-Elect Vicky Kilpatrick, BOE Carrie Kenny and BOE Kevin Ciak.



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In Memoriam



Julia Zebrowski, 26, of Parlin died on Nov. 16. She helped at her father Carl's garage, C & H Auto in Morgan. Robert Downey, 77, of Sayreville died on Nov. 19. He was a talented craftsman who worked and taught his trade through his lifetime, teaching at Middlesex County College. Patricia Pogers Pogroszewski, 81, of Sayreville died on Nov. 20. She was the first crowner in the newly built Our Lady of Victories Church. Anthony "Tony" Moskal, 73, formerly of South Amboy died on Dec. 1. He served the country in the U.S. Army, as a Lieutenant Colonel for 32 years.



Michael A. Kosanovich

Michael A. Kosanovich, 21, of Sayreville died in a tragic and sudden motor vehicle accident in Queens on Saturday December 7, 2019. Born in New Brunswick he was employed by Barclay Environmental, Edison. A graduate of Sayreville War Memorial High School he loved skateboarding and riding ATV's and dirt bikes.

He is survived by his mother Joyce Kosanovich; his brother Aidan Friedman; his grandparents Joyce and Ken Elyea; his girlfriend Melanie Perez and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services were held on Thursday December 12, 2019 at 10am at The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy followed by interment in Christ Church Cemetery, South Amboy. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Morgan First Aid Squad, 1960 NJ 35, South Amboy, NJ 08879 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Novena Prayer to St. Anthony of Padua
O Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and charity for His creatures, made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers. Miracles waited on your word, which you were ever ready to speak for those in trouble or anxiety. Encouraged by this thought, I import you to obtain for me (request). The answer to my prayer may require a miracle. Even so, you are the Saint of Miracles. O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of Sweet Infant Jesus, who loved to be folded in your arms; and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. Amen. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be. -P.S..

PRAYER TO ST. ANTHONY
O Holy St. Anthony, reach down from heaven and take hold of my hand. Assure me that I am not alone. You are known to possess miraculous powers and to be ever ready to speak for those in trouble. Loving and gentle St. Anthony, reach down from heaven I implore you and assist me in my hour of need. Obtain for me (mention request here). Dearest St. Anthony, reach down from heaven and guide me with thy strength. Plead for me in my needs. And teach me to be humbly thankful as you were for all the bountiful blessings I am to receive. - L.P.

ST. ANDREW
Hail and blessed by the hour and the moment in which the son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of his Blessed Mother. Amen. -- B.S.

Obituaries

- Basara, Brian, 26, of Parlin died on Dec. 1.
- Collins, Bridget, 85, of Sayreville died on Nov. 23.
- Collins, Gerard F. "Jerry," 92, of South Amboy died on Dec. 9.
- Diaz, Melissa, 35, of South Amboy died on Nov. 22.
- Creed, Dennis "Ray," 76, of Parlin died on Nov. 20.
- Downey, Helen I., 74, of Sayreville died on Dec. 8.
- Downey, Robert E., 77, of Sayreville died on Nov. 19.
- Fabijanska, Krystyna, 74, of South Amboy died on Dec. 7.
- French, Wanda M., 101, of Morgan died on Nov. 25.
- Hoffman, Elaine Ash, 82, formerly of Parlin died on Dec. 6.
- Kane, Gerald, 83, of Parlin died on Nov. 20.
- Kosanovich, Michael A., 21, of Sayreville died on Dec. 7.
- Kulpa, James T. "Jimmy," 63, formerly of Sayreville died on Dec. 2.
- Kwiatowsky, Tessie Kuchta, 97, of Sayreville died on Dec. 1.
- Michalik, Mary Ann, 85, of Sayreville died on Aug. 26.
- Mombaur, Ronald, 68, of Sayreville died on Nov. 27.
- Moskal, Anthony "Tony," J., 73, formerly of South Amboy died on Dec. 1.
- Newcomb, Melanie, 68, formerly of South Amboy died on Dec. 6.
- Piscitelli, Frank Jr., 73, of Parlin died on Nov. 19.
- Plewa, Richard A., 57, formerly of Sayreville died on Nov. 27.
- Pogroszewski, Patricia Pogers, 81, of Sayreville died on Nov. 20.
- Reich, Richard, 69, of Sayreville died on Sept. 27.
- Simcox, Pauline J., 87, of Parlin died on Dec. 1.
- Summerer, Edna M. McNeal, 83, formerly of South Amboy died on Nov. 24.
- Tekel, Mary, 88, of South Amboy died on Nov. 30.
- Tingle, James P., 60, formerly of South Amboy died on March 17, 2011.
- Wendell, Richard, 67, former South Amboy businessman died on Dec. 7.
- Zebrowski, Julia, 26, of Parlin died on Nov. 16.
- Ziemiński, Lawrence "Larry," J., 72, formerly of Sayreville died on Nov. 27.

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 -L.P.

To St. Jude
May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored and glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude gave me hope. -S.S.

Prayer to St. Therese
St. Therese, the little Flower, please pick me a rose from the Heavenly Garden and send it to me with a message of love. Ask God to grant me the favor I thee implore and tell him I will love him each day more and more. -M.L...

ST. JUDE
May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray us. Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank You St. Jude. -E.P.

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