

## Kilpatrick Elected President

Borough of Sayreville Democratic Councilwoman Victoria Kilpatrick was elected Council President for 2018, and sworn in at the reorganization meeting on Jan. 1. Kilpatrick has been serving Sayreville as a Councilwoman since winning the 2015 election.

## Macagnone, DePinto Honored By Board

Longtime Sayreville Board of Education members Michael Macagnone and Beth DePinto were honored with plaques from Board President Kevin Ciak. Macagnone had been on the Board of Education since 2005, but fell short in the 2017 election. DePinto had been a Board member since 2011, and chose not to run last year.

## An Evening With Seamus Kennedy

Friday, March 16, 2018, 7PM

Community Theatre of South Amboy at South Amboy High School Free Admission. The South Amboy Parade Committee invites you to attend a St. Patrick's Day celebration with Seamus Kennedy. Born in Belfast, Northern Ireland, Seamus Kennedy has been entertaining audiences across the United States for almost four decades combining music with humor.

In this interactive performance, Kennedy invites audiences to sing along to silly lyrics and to jump up and dance to the music of his guitar or bodhrán as he plays a lively Irish jig or reel. Seamus Kennedy's clear baritone voice delivers on cherished Irish ballads like "Danny Boy".

The Community Theatre of South Amboy is located within the South Amboy Middle High School complex at 200 Governor Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy, NJ 08879.

To reserve your free ticket visit [www.southamboyarts.org](http://www.southamboyarts.org).

## Former Governor Brendan Byrne Dies



Former New Jersey Governor Brendan Byrne, 93, died on Jan. 4. The Democrat served two terms as Governor from 1974-1982. Byrne (l) is pictured with South Amboy Major League Baseball legend, and New York Yankee, the late Allie Clark (r) at the New Jersey Sportswriters Association Banquet many years ago. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



The South Amboy St. Patrick's Parade Marshals (l-r) Deputy Grand Marshal George Fuller, Grand Marshal Brian J. Kelly, Honored Guest Joan Antonucci and Honorary Grand Marshal Dennis Doll. Not pictured are Honored Guests Pete and Cathy DiMaggio. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

## St. Patrick's Parade March 18

By Tom Burkard

South Amboy's biggest event of the year, the annual St. Patrick's Parade will be held on Sunday, March 18th. The parade, one of the largest in the state of New Jersey is scheduled to step-off at 1 p.m. at the corner of Bordentown Ave. and Pine Ave. It will head down Bordentown Ave., turn left onto South Stevens Ave., all the way over to Main St., make a right, go to North Broadway, take another right, and end near City Hall.

Brian J. Kelly is the Grand Marshal, George Fuller-Deputy Grand Marshal, Dennis Doll-Honorary Grand Marshal. This year's extravaganza will feature 22 bands, and numerous fire departments, emergency vehicles, and much more from all over.

South Amboy City Council President Michael "Mickey" Gross has also been the

Parade Committee Chairman for 10 years, and this year is the Co-Chairperson with Cathy Schwartz. Gross praised the hard-working committee members for their dedication in making the South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade one of the best around. He mentioned the following: Treasurer-Marilyn Grillo-Springer; Communications Coordinator-Richard Moran; Transportation Coordinator-Jan Williams; Webmaster-Jeremiah O'Grady; Committee Members-Marge Gorczyca, Jack O'Leary, Joe Britton, Ken Schwartz, Donna Williams, Judi Gillingham, Jay Elliott, Karen Chen and Linda Klink; and Committee Volunteers-Dan and Judy McCrone, Dave and Adrienne McGill, Tom Dempsey, Billy Gerrish and Diana St. John.



## Pete Kenny Association 2018 Honorees

On Thursday March 8, 2018 the Pete Kenny Association will hold its 35th Anniversary Awards Day Fundraiser at Sciertino's Harbor Lights, South Amboy from 1:30 - 5:30 pm. This year's honorees are:

Irishman of the Year Joe Britton, AOH. Irishwoman of the Year Anna Mae O'Connor, AOH, Life Saving Award Brian Gay, SPD. Life Saving Award George Gawron, SPD. Meritorious Service Award Captain Dennis Kelly Jr., U.S. Army. Meritorious Service Award Retired Chief J. Charmello, SAFD. Firefighter of the Year Steven Szatkowski, SAFD. Police Officer of the Year Chief Darren LaVigne, SAPD. Samaritan of the Year Ken Smitana, K of C. Outstanding Service Award Michael Burns, SPD. \$22.00 donation includes food, music and refreshments, cash bar.

## Gross Chosen President

Michael "Mickey" Gross was once again selected to be South Amboy City Council President. Christine Noble was chosen to serve as Council Vice President.

## Kennedy Steps Down

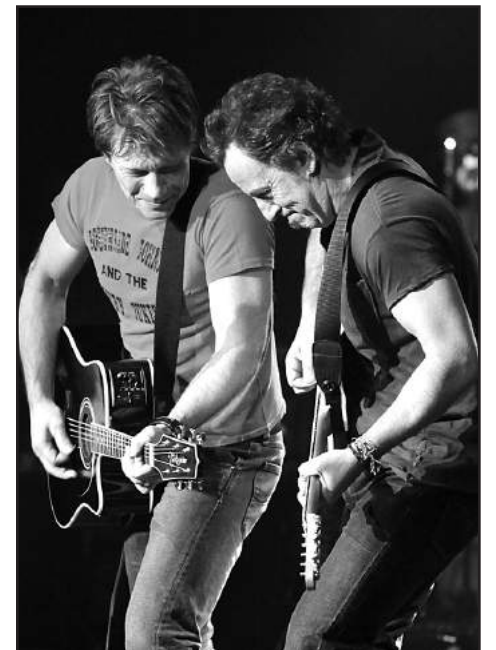
South Amboy Business Administrator Stacey Kennedy resigned from her position last month. Mayor Fred Henry made the announcement at the city's reorganization meeting. Candidates are currently being interviewed for the BA slot.

## Stern To Induct Bon Jovi

By Tom Burkard

Longtime radio DJ and "King of All Media," Howard Stern says he "was honored" to be asked by Jon Bon Jovi to induct the band, Bon Jovi into the prestigious Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on April 14 at the Cleveland Public Hall.

Current band members including leader Jon Bon Jovi, David Bryan, Tico Torres, and Hugh McDonald will be inducted, along with former members Richie Sambora, who left the band in 2013, and Alec John Such, who departed from the group in 1994 will all be recognized by the Hall of Fame.



Jon Bon Jovi (l) who will be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in April with the rest of the Bon Jovi band, is shown with fellow New Jersey native and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame two time inductee (1999 in the performer category and 2014 with the E Street Band) Bruce Springsteen (r). (Photo By Brian Stratton)

## Corned Beef And Cabbage Dinner March 18

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 host a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner Sunday March 18 following the South Amboy Saint Patrick's Day parade at the K of C Hall at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Cost is \$10. Sandwiches and take-out orders are available. Local musician Dan Toyne will provide entertainment. For more information call 732-721-2025.

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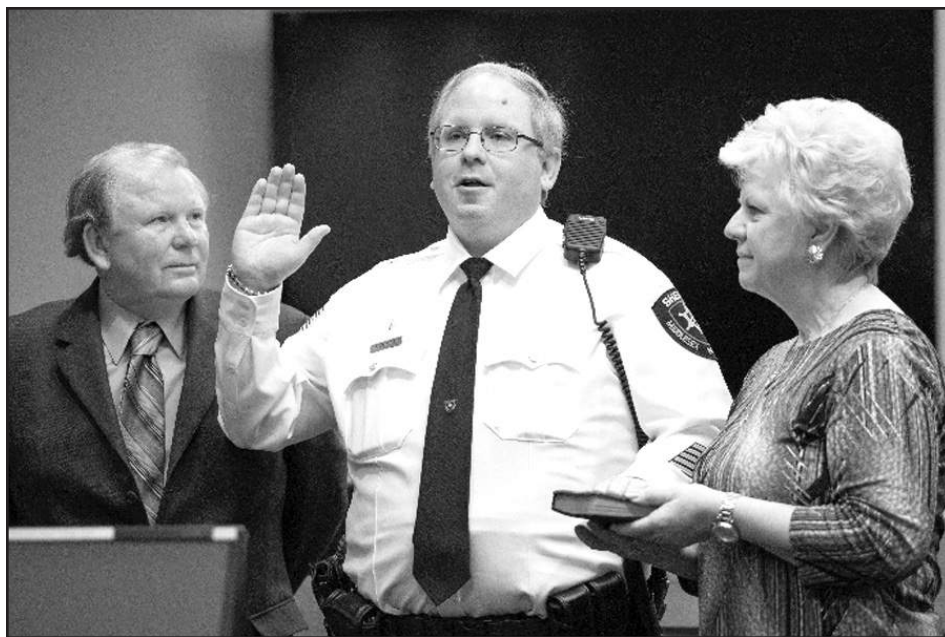
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Robert Jankowski (c) of Sayreville is sworn in as a Lieutenant with the Middlesex County Sheriff's Dept. on Jan. 2, 2018. His mother Nancy Jankowski (r) holds the Bible, as his proud father Robert "Red" Jankowski (l) looks on approvingly. After Graduating from the Police Academy, Robert Jankowski started work at the Middlesex County Sheriff's Department in 1995. He was promoted to Sergeant on October 1, 2013. On Jan. 2, 2018, he was again promoted to Lieutenant. Robert is a graduate of Penn State University with a BA in Administration of Justice. (Photo/info submitted)

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### Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

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#### Sayreville School District Secretary Retires

Linda Kudrak recently retired after serving the Sayreville School District for 12 years, and 10 years of perfect attendance. Her last position with the District was as a part-time secretary at Dwight D. Eisenhower School. Congratulations and have a great retirement Linda!

#### Gloss At St. John Vianney Parish

Former St. Mary's HS Principal John Gloss is currently serving at St. John Vianney Parish in Colonia. Father Gloss has been a priest for many years now, and continues to serve the Lord through his various duties.

#### Dr. Nordling Is Program Director In Hawaii

Former Sayreville resident Mary K. Nordling, who starred in basketball for Sayreville War Memorial HS in the 1990's, and then for George Washington University, has had a very successful medical career, and has been the Program Director of Hawaii Island Family Medicine Residency specializing in Family Medicine since Nov. 2015. Congratulations Dr. Mary K. Nordling, MD, FAAFP!

### Dinner To Honor Veterans

South Amboy Elks 784 is hosting veterans from the Menlo Park Veterans Home for dinner on Sunday, Feb. 25 from 5-8 p.m. at the Elks, 601 Washington Ave., South Amboy. Everyone is welcome join us in honoring our veterans at this dinner. The menu includes stuffed chicken breast, mashed potato, vegetable, cranberry sauce, dessert & coffee. Cost is \$10 per person. Call 732-727-7170, or stop by for advance tickets only. There will also be a Tricky Tray. Sponsor a veteran. Ask us how!

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## PLEASANT LITTLE TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

- A portion of this movie was shot in South Amboy in 1999?  
a. Purple Rose of Cairo b. Coyote Ugly c. Rocky VII
- What year did South Amboy hold its first Annual City Wide Yard Sale?  
A. 1974 b. 1991 c. 1994
- Hoffman H.S. Student Council President for 1963-64?  
a. Jerry Drill b. Chet Meinzer c. Dennis Wood
- Where was Gianna's located in Sayreville?  
a. Washington Rd. b. Bordentown Ave. c. Pulaski Ave.
- This U.S. presidential candidate visited South Amboy in '98?  
a. Bill Clinton b. Bill Bradley c. George Bush
- The author of the great book South Amboy is?  
a. George Francy b. Joe Coakley c. Jerry Smith
- This 1993 Sayreville Council candidate had the most votes in the election?  
a. Howard Griffiths b. John Golaszewski c. Frank Makransky
- Where was Scarpa's Auto & Truck Repair located in Sayreville?  
a. Raritan St. b. Ernston Rd. c. Jernee Mill Rd.
- Pastor of St. Bernadette's Church in 2003?  
a. Rev. O'Dea b. Rev. Smith c. Rev. Szaroleta
- Where is Teddy's Bar located in Sayreville?  
a. South Pine Ave. b. Main St. c. McArthur Ave.

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



## Business Of The Month Broadway Computer Repair

By Steve Schmid



The talented staff of Broadway Computer is pictured (l-r) Brandon Murphy, Owner Frank Bernardi, and Ron Nash. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Broadway Computer Repair Owner Frank Bernardi worked in New York City for years in a high stress environment. He realized he needed to leave the Manhattan rat race, and because he wanted to enjoy life. He dreamed of being his own boss and twelve years ago, he started his own home-based business. He needed space for his growing business and nine years ago founded Broadway Computer Repair at 100 South Broadway in South Amboy. Frank and his team are always ready to take care of all your computer and equipment needs. When a problem occurs, they'll troubleshoot your equipment free of charge. They'll let you know what your options are, so you can make an informed decision. They realize how important it is for you to have your system work properly, and will get your computer or laptop out of the store and back to your home or business as quickly as possible. Broadway Computer Repair will remove any viruses and spyware plus backup and restore your computer. They will upgrade memory, repair, and set up your

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## Students Named to Dean's List at Middlesex County College

A total of 1253 students were named to the Middlesex County College Dean's List for fall 2017. Locals achieving this distinction are from Sayreville: Vitaley Shaulov, Joyce Asante, Mariam Evans, Urmila Imam, Jaileen Saldarregaa, Divya Patel, Thao Phung, Trevor Pucciarello, Thomas Brewer, James Pappas, Nicholas Tsaptinos, Brandon Cenci, Ahmad Elrefahy, Anes Younis, Tetiana Nima, Nicole Porcaro, Jaclyn Samra, Jasmine Urrutia, Mark Sokolowski, Emma Denby, Victor Fierros, Ashley Isip, Maria Aira, Matthew Pestonit, Marcia Separovich, Melissa Adragna, Cierra Talavera, Melanie Bisaha, Sydney Gelpke, Mariyah Moore, Michael Herrick, Benjamin Werb, Dana Derusso,

Ksenia Khlystova, Stephen Samra, Claudia Martinez, Christine Cortese, Amy Tengelic South Amboy: Taylor Mosinak, Robert Garcia, Nikolas Martini, Isabelle Sas, Vincent Romano, Faizaan Siddique, Jake Allen, Nicholas Bonura, Michael Mirra, Patrick Nogaj, Thomas Mastrella, Nicholas Scarola, Keith Stawick, Abigail Perez, Heather Kelleman, Ashley Rodriguez, Daniel Cella, Patricia Cortes, Melissa Hoehman, Elizabeth Kudelka, Amber Morgan, Sarah O'Rourke, Kevin Samson, Hayley Schnyderite, Ian O'Connor, Dana Mellon, Victoria Reilly, Matthew Michalik, Tara Syslo, Amanda Lavigne, Isiah Lozano.

## Celebrate! The Year of the Dog Presented by the Edison Chinese School

The Dowdell Library of South Amboy and the Edison Chinese School will hold a FREE event at the Dowdell Library on Sunday, April 15th from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Fun activities will be available for the whole family, so mark your calendar!

"This will be an opportunity to experience a unique cultural event," said Elaine Gaber, Library Director. "Community members of all ages will have the opportunity to enjoy authentic Chinese culture and refreshments."

The "Celebrate the Year of the Dog" event will begin at 1:30 p.m. sharp with a dazzling Lion Dance performed by students from the Edison Chinese School.

A delightful traditional dance, fashion show, and orchestral performance will follow. Moreover, art stations featuring Chinese brush painting, calligraphy and origami demonstrations will be showcased with several DIY crafts for children and adults.

Attendees with food tickets will be treated to traditional Chinese refreshments at the conclusion of the program.

The library is adjacent to the South Amboy High School on John T. O'Leary Blvd. Directions: www.dowdell.org Free parking. For more information, please contact the Dowdell Library at 732.721.6060 or comments@dowdell.org.

## Corned Beef Dinner

A St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner will be held at the Sayreville United Methodist Church, 406 Main St, Sayreville, NJ on Saturday, March 17, 2018, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Cost: Adults \$12.00, Seniors/Students/Children 5-12 \$8.00, Children under

5 - Free Dinner of Spaghetti & Meatballs. Dinner includes: Corned Beef or Spaghetti Boiled Cabbage & Carrots Boiled Potatoes, Rye Bread or Roll, Beverage, Dessert. For questions or reservations, please contact Winsome Melvin (732)432-9072.

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Participants for the St. Patrick's Day Parade are pictured at the Tip A Pint Night on Jan. 18 at Raise The Bar. From (l-r) George Fuller-Deputy Grand Marshal, Patricia Kanecke-Irish Person of the Year, Brian J. Kelly-Grand Marshal, and Parade Committee Co-Chairman Mickey Gross, who invited individuals and families from throughout the state to join the parade, that kicks off at the corner of Bordentown Ave. and South Pine Ave. at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 18th. (Photo/story by Joe Lotkowitz)

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Middlesex County College is offering a six-week course in becoming a certified personal trainer beginning on Tuesday, February 6 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. The course meets every Tuesday and Thursday evening until March 15 (12 sessions). With a growing emphasis on physical activity, an increasing number of people are making fitness an integral part of their lives. Topics include elements of exercise science, client screening, program design, methods of training, injury

prevention, exercise physiology, cardio/respiratory fitness, nutrition and weight control. Upon completion of the course, the national certification exam will be given. This College is located at 200 Woodbridge Ave., Edison. For additional information and to register, see Continuing Education on the Middlesex County College website at [middlesexcc.edu/continuing-education](http://middlesexcc.edu/continuing-education), or call 732-906-2556.

### FEELING LUCKY!

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### Trip To See "Beautiful" On Broadway

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### Easter Breakfast March 25

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 host their annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny Sunday March 25 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Bring your cameras to take pictures with the Easter Bunny. Cost is \$8 Adults, \$3 Children aged 2 to 12, Children under 2 are free. For more information call 732-721-2025.

### Catholic War Veterans

The Catholic War Veterans, Sacred Heart Memorial Post 578, South Amboy  
On Wednesday, March 7, 2018 11:00 A.M. The Catholic War Veterans, Sacred Heart Memorial Post 578, South Amboy will hold a membership meeting at Sacred Heart Memorial Hall, Meeting Room South Amboy. All Catholic Veterans are invited to attend. On Tuesday, March 20, 2018, 2:00 P.M., the CWW will hold a Bingo, at Menlo Park Veterans Home, Edison, NJ.

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**Amboy Bank Winter Clothing Drive**- Stan Koreyva, Amboy Bank President & COO, and Gregory Scharpf, EVP & Chief Retail Officer, present clothing donations to Tina Foley of the Catholic Charities Diocese of Metuchen and Richard Ferreira of the Catholic Charities Diocese of Trenton. The donations were collected during Amboy Bank's winter clothing drive. Employees and clients from all 24 Amboy offices displayed their generosity in donating over a hundred bags of clothing and coats. "Our client's needs are many and continue after the holidays," said Foley. "We are very grateful to the employees of Amboy Bank for their ongoing support and commitment to serving the needs of its communities." Founded in 1888, Amboy has been voted "Best Bank in Central Jersey" for 20 years in a row. (photo/info submitted)



### Catholic Schools Week At OLV



Bishop James F. Checchio visits a classroom at Our Lady of Victories School in Sayreville during Catholic Schools Week. Also pictured is Pastor Thomas Ryan, Principal Cynthia Casciola-Kitts, teacher and parents, and of course the attentive students.



Bishop Checchio observes OLV students working in their computer class. (Photos by John Batkowski/The Catholic Spirit)

### Amboy Bank Announces Minimum Wage Increase To \$15

Stanley J. Koreyva Jr., President and COO, has announced a staff compensation enhancement program increasing the minimum wage for all full time employees to \$15 an hour.

Commenting on the change, Koreyva stated, "We want to recognize our staff members that serve our clients face to face on a daily basis and reward the skills required to provide our outstanding service. We are proud that Amboy has been Voted Best Bank for 20 years in a row and understand this is due to our outstanding employees and an expectation we will never compromise our high standards." As a special thank you Amboy Bank is ensuring all non-executive employees receive a year-end minimum bonus of \$1,000.

Many employees have served the bank for many years with over 49% having more than ten years of service. Koreyva added, "Banking is changing. Twenty years ago 90% of client activity was transactional in nature. Now we need to focus on educating clients on electronic banking, real estate taxes and fraud plus make sure we are proactively meeting their needs. To be successful we need to ensure we maintain the best people and we look forward to attracting new employees that will offer nothing but the best for our clients."

Founded in 1888, Amboy Bank is a full service commercial bank with assets of \$2.5 billion and 24 offices in central New Jersey. Amboy has been voted Best Bank in Central Jersey for 20 years in row.

### OLV Senior Meeting

The OLV Senior Group will hold their March meeting on Friday, March 2, 2018 at 1 PM in Monsignor Dalton Hall. After our regular business meeting, we will have our Corned beef sandwiches. All luncheon requests must be received by Mary by Sunday, February 25th in order to have an accurate count. No requests will be taken after that date Please contact Mary at 732-727-5056. The cost of the luncheon is \$7.00. Food donations will be taken for the St. Vincent De Paul pantry. For further information contact Teri at 732-727-7639.



School Nurse Mrs. Kathy Housman is pictured back in the 70s when she was a nurse at the South Amboy Hospital Emergency Room. She is pictured holding a baby boy born in the summer of 1976, who was found behind the Claremont building on Bordentown Ave, Sayreville, by a lady going to a doctor's appointment. The baby was brought to the South Amboy Hospital ER by the Sayreville Police Department. According to Kathy, "finding the baby in her arms is on her bucket list." She heard that he had been adopted and living in the area. If anyone has any information please let us know at The SA Times so we can contact Mrs. Housman.

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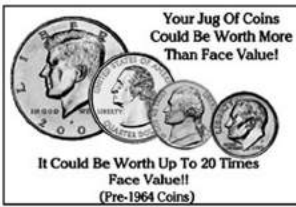
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## Representative!! Representative!!

By Elaine Holton Scott

"People...people who need people...are the luckiest people in the world..." sang the basically unknown Barbara Streisand in 1964 from the hit musical "Funny Girl." All of these years later, there are times when I need people too, but I don't feel lucky at all. What I'd like to know is where have all the people gone??

Just like the guy on the old credit card commercial, I find myself screaming, "Representative!! Representative!!" into the phone quite regularly...in fact, every single time I want to speak to someone on any of my accounts. Try calling a credit card company, TV and/or internet provider, and you'll find out very quickly what I mean. Instead of having a living, breathing human being, preferably an American, answering your phone call, you get a recorded message telling you to press or say a number to explain the reason for your call. Unfortunately, more often than not, the reason for your call isn't mentioned. That's when you can feel your blood pressure start to rise as the nightmarish journey into the land of robots or whatever it is behind those voices begins. Of course, this is after you're requested to "press one for Spanish; press two for English." I'm still learning everything I never wanted to know about this subject when I recently switched from one TV/internet/phone provider to another.

It appears we are now living in a world of people pretenders...voices which try to fool us into thinking they're human like us and not just recorded messages. If, perchance, a real

person does answer our calls, he/she may be living and breathing, but just not in America, no matter how hard they pretend to be...and they try very hard to do that. The reason is outsourcing. The really big companies have taken away paychecks from Americans to increase their already burgeoning profits, all at the expense, time, and frustration of their customers.

Telemarketers seem to have also lost their jobs to automated messages, using programmed voices trying to sell us something. Just think how many times you've told "the voice" you're not interested before realizing there was just a machine on the other end? In the past (and if there are any left), people took the telemarketing jobs trying to earn some much needed money. Now, a computer is able to schedule thousands of phone numbers to call, one after the other.

There was a time when selling anything at all had required human interaction, from the insurance salesman coming to collect monthly premiums to the Fuller Brush man hoping to get a commission selling as many products as he could. Trying to make a living, men would even go door knocking, hoping to sell vacuum cleaners, Bibles, and sets of Encyclopedias. Person to person... that's the way it once was, with no programmed robots calling us relentlessly on the phone or answering our Customer Service calls.

Sounds like these "fake people" would be a good plot for a Twilight Zone episode; doesn't it?

### Music Trivia Special-St. Patrick's Day "Green"

By Tom Burkard

- |                                  |                                 |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. __ Green Tambourine           | a. Tom Jones                    |
| 2. __ Green, Green Grass Of Home | b. Gary Lewis & The Playboys    |
| 3. __ Green Green                | c. O.C. Smith                   |
| 4. __ Green River                | d. The Lemon Pipers             |
| 5. __ Green Eyes                 | e. SSGT. Barry Sadler           |
| 6. __ Little Green Apples        | f. Jim Lowe                     |
| 7. __ Green Onions               | g. Sugarloaf                    |
| 8. __ Ballad Of The Green Berets | h. The New Christy Minstrels    |
| 9. __ Green Grass                | i. Brothers Four                |
| 10. __ Greenback Dollar          | j. Booker T. & The M.G.'s       |
| 11. __ Green-Eyed Lady           | k. Coldplay                     |
| 12. __ Greenfields               | l. The Kingston Trio            |
| 13. __ Green Door                | m. Creedence Clearwater Revival |



Answers

1d 2a 3h 4m 5k 6c 7j 8e 9b 10l 11g 12i 13f.

### Fish And Chicken Dinner

The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville will be having a Fish and Chicken Fry on Friday, March 16, 2018. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance and there are limited tickets available at the door. Chicken is

available by advance order only. Take-outs will begin at 5:00 p.m. and dining room seating will be from 5:30-7:00 p.m. For tickets please call 732-257-6353 or e-mail us at churchoffice172@optimum.net.



Middlesex County College formally opened its new food pantry, called MCC Cares, on Feb. 9. in College Center 170B. The pantry serves food-insecure students and is open Mondays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Thursdays from 2-6 p.m. Those wishing to donate should bring non-perishable nutritious items to the Student Life Office, College Center 213. Students, faculty and administrators mixed with members of the Food Pantry Committee, who proposed the venture. At the ribbon-cutting, from left: Mark McCormick, vice president for academic and student affairs; Arianna Illa, committee member; Kathy Shay, committee chair; Dorothy Bitetto, committee; College President Joann La Perla-Morales; Timothy Hack, committee; Mary Tutalo, coordinator; and Jennifer Altman, committee. (Photo/info submitted)



**Congratulations Kristen!**



Kristen Babulak, daughter of Cheryl (right photo) & Greg Babulak of South Amboy and granddaughter of Margaret Gorczyca (left photo), recently graduated from the JFK Medical Center Muhlenberg Harold B. and Dorothy A. Snyder Schools School of Nursing on January 7, 2018. Congratulations Kristen! (Photos Submitted)

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**Pancake Breakfast**

Saint Lawrence Knights of Columbus will hold a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 15th in the basement of the church from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Admission is adult-\$8, Child

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**The Smoke Column**

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, MS

As a writer, I find that most of the time it is easy to write about the fire service, first responders, and community news. But, unfortunately there are other times when an article is difficult to write, and this is one of those times. For years I have been writing about the importance of having early warning devices installed in your homes, yet some fail to heed that warning.

In each October "Smoke Column" I provide information on the hazards of carbon monoxide (CO). I reminded our readers of the causes of CO poisoning and the observable symptoms. The point of that article was to have CO detectors installed in every home. Apparently not everyone takes CO poisoning seriously! In late November, a residential home in our local community became charged with excessive amounts of CO. Two senior residents of the home received CO poisoning and unfortunately, one of them succumbed to the deadly gas. Following an investigation, it was determined that the home lacked a working CO detector!

Then on January 4th, the inevitable happened again, this time in Perth Amboy on a much larger scale. Forty-one victims, including 7 police officers, were treated for CO poisoning as deadly gas traveled throughout this multi-family apartment building. The entire building was evacuated to the outside where they were met with frigid temperatures and a raging snowstorm. Unfortunately, a 13-year-old girl succumbed to the deadly effects of this poison gas, while three others are in very critical condition. An investigation into the cause of this disaster let officials to believe it was a blocked chimney. Some thoughts to ponder because of this incident: If the building was charged with CO, why weren't detectors sounding to alert the residents? If alarms were sounding, why didn't the residents leave on their own? Why did the police have to alert and evacuate the residents if CO alarms were working? Aren't working CO detectors mandatory in every apartment as required by law? There are just too many questions and not enough answers.

Unbelievable! In this day and age, these types of hazardous incidents should not be occurring. Early warning CO detectors are cheap, usually under \$20 and come with a Lithium battery already installed that will last the lifetime of the detector which is approximately 10 years. Do the math, for less than 2 cents per day you and your family

can be protected from the deadly effects of CO poisoning. If for any reason you cannot afford a device or have questions regarding the installation or maintenance of a detector, call your local fire marshal or the fire department. These two valuable resources will help you and respond to any concerns that you may have and at no cost to you. If you rent in an apartment or single-family home, it is the responsibility of the landlord to provide you with both smoke and CO detectors. For those of you who do have detectors installed, take the time to check and replace the batteries if necessary. If you rent and your detector has a dead battery and you can't get hold of the landlord, for your own safety you should replace the battery.

If you have parents who are seniors and living alone, they need working detectors also. When checking CO detectors, don't overlook the smoke detectors because they to are a valuable resource.

As first responders, we are still seeing fires occurring in residences that did not have working smoke/CO detectors. Unfortunately, if a fire breaks out overnight, the outcome of the incident may have a tragic ending. Single station residential smoke detectors have been available for over 40 years and it is unbelievable that we are still not 100% compliant. In an interview with Fire Marshal Kevin Krushinski, he stated that he had concerns about homeowners who have had gas stoves, hot water heaters, clothes dryers, and furnaces replaced (either by the homeowner or a professional) and did so without obtaining a permit. Homeowners may not obtain a permit because of the monetary reasons; while other thought that they really didn't see the necessity of a permit. Not obtaining a permit could have deadly consequences! Once you apply for and obtain a permit to have an appliance installed, either by yourself or a professional, you can guarantee that a code enforcement officer will visit your home and verify that the installation is done correctly, safely, and meets the current codes. The permit and inspection process will give you the satisfaction and a sense of security that everything is safe. The permit fee is a small price to pay for this protection.

If you have any questions or concerns on CO/Smoke Detectors, or on any articles that have appeared in the "Smoke Column", you can email me at SATIMES@aol.com.

**YMCA Community Needs Campaign**

The YMCA OF METUCHEN, EDISON, WOODBRIDGE & SOUTH AMBOY launched its annual campaign on January 9, 2018 at an event held at the JFK Social Center in Edison, NJ. The campaign's goal is to raise \$300,000. The funds raised by the YMCA will ensure that everyone in the communities served by the YMCA of MEWSA have access to vital community programs and resources that support youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.

Every day, the YMCA of MEWSA works to support the people and neighborhoods that need it most by addressing community issues, such as school readiness, chronic diseases like Parkinson's Disease, diabetes and cancer, child care for working families, and programs for elder adults who need to stay active and socialize.

"Throughout the communities we serve, countless people know the Y. But there's so much more to our Y than one might think, said Bruce Peragallo, Chief Volunteer Officer of the YMCA of MEWSA. "The Y is more than a gym. It's a cause. We're dedicated to nurturing the potential of every child and teen, improving the nation's health and well-being, and giving back and providing support to our neighbors."

At the Kick Off Event there were speakers who shared how the YMCA has impacted their lives. Vivian Z., ESL Program participant, spoke of arriving in America knowing very little English and knowing only one other person—her husband. Taking matters into her own hands, she googled "ESL Programs" and found a new family at the Y who helped her assimilate into

American culture and learn to communicate more effectively. Judy R., a participant in the LiveSTRONG® at the Y Program for cancer survivors, spoke about how taking classes at the Y gave her the confidence and ability to navigate in a world so no longer felt a part of. "I found strength in me I didn't know existed", said Judy. "I was intimidated walking into the gym, but Dean Seda, Edison YMCA Health and Wellness Director, took my hand and told me everything was going to be fine. And it was."

Last year, charitable gifts from donors strengthened the YMCA of MEWSA making it possible for the Y to open its doors to over 1,500 kids to have a safe place to learn and build confidence in summer camp, for 2,470 youth and teens to join the Y as members and program participants, for 575 volunteers to invest 16,950 hours in service to Y members and programs, for 42 cancer survivors to get strong in the LiveSTRONG® at the YMCA Program, and for 1,200 people to have access to YMCA facilities and programs.

To learn more about how you can support the Y's cause, please contact Katie McAdoo at 732-516-2089 or by email: katie.mcadoo@ymcaofmewsa.org or visit www.ymcaofmewsa.org/give for more information.

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The members of the St. Bernadette's Youth Group and adult advisors, along with Father John Hillier, who works with the program for People with Disabilities in the Diocese of Metuchen, are pictured at the annual Christmas party on Dec. 16th at the St. John Neumann Center in Piscataway. This was the second year the group was invited back to assist with serving food, snacks, and gifts that were presented to those who attended. It was truly a great experience for the youth of the parish to see, no matter the disabilities of those that were in attendance, and the smiles on their faces show how much they enjoyed the day that was made especially for them. (Photo/story submitted)

**SOUTH AMBOY ELEMENTARY ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT FOR MP 2 - 2017/18**

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## Exhibit At MCC To Explore Rich History Of Oświęcim

An exhibit on loan from the Museum of Jewish Heritage will focus on Oświęcim, Poland – the town the Germans called Auschwitz – through photographs that trace the life of the town and its Jewish residents, from the 16th century through the post-war period. The exhibit is open weekdays through March 9, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday, and 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Fridays. A reception will be held Thursday, February 8 at 2 p.m. It is in the Studio Theatre Gallery on the College's main campus, 2600 Woodbridge Ave., Edison.

The exhibit is called "A Town Known as Auschwitz: The Life and Death of a Jewish Community."

The program is supported with funds from the New Jersey Council for the

Humanities and The Holocaust and Human Rights Center at MCC.

"I think the best thing about this exhibit is it is a combination of Jewish culture and Jewish history," said Terrence Corrigan, history professor at MCC. "It's a history of this thriving Jewish community that was in existence for centuries."

Floor to ceiling murals of Oświęcim's buildings help set the scene, evoking the feel of bygone eras. In addition to shedding light on the peaceful pre-war years, the exhibit documents why the town was chosen as the site for the camp and details how the Nazi's plans for the camp and the town changed over the course of the Holocaust, causing devastation for the Jews of Oświęcim.

## Evolution of English

By Steve Schmid

Over the years the English language has evolved where old words and occupations are changed to improve people's perceptions. For example a jail guard is now called a correctional officer. A prison is a correctional facility. People are no longer imprisoned. They are incarcerated. A thief is now a shoplifter. Here in New Jersey, Rahway State Prison is called East Jersey State Prison. Trenton State Prison is now West Jersey State Prison. The town of West Paterson is known as Woodland Park. The new expressions continue with solid waste, as a garbage dump is now a landfill. Garbage collectors are sanitation engineers. The New York City Garbage Collection Department is called the Department of Sanitation. When you go to a store you don't buy cheap items, you buy inexpensive items. While we're still in the store we buy blue jeans not dungarees. When we need to relieve ourselves, we don't go the toilet, we use the restroom. When we purchase a car, we're buying a previously owned vehicle, not a used car. Back in the occupational world, a secretary is now an

administrative assistant. A stewardess is a flight attendant. A waitress is a food server. A mortician is now a funeral director. They handle people who pass away, not die. On the labor front, people are not fired from their job. They are terminated. They are not unemployed. They are between jobs. In the sports world, exhibition games are now called preseason games. When players fumble, they put the ball on the ground. In baseball, a game winning hit is a walk-off hit. It will be very interesting to see what other changes come to our English language in the future.

## Lenten Fish Fry

OLV Columbiettes & Sayreville Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry in Victorian Hall. Flounder Platters (broiled/fried), Shrimp Combo Platters, Salad Bar, Children's Dinners, Desserts, Coffee & Tea. 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. Dates: 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, & 3/30. Take Out available 732-257-2061.



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Dotty French (c) of Parlin and friends Arlene McGillis (l) of Spring Lake, and Marian Petersen (r) of South River are pictured at the White House in Washington, DC at Christmas time in front of one of the 55 Christmas trees. They all enjoyed seeing many rooms all decorated for the holidays. The trip also included a guided tour of the Capitol with lunch in the Capitol cafeteria. In addition, they dined in Old Ebbitt Grill, a restaurant which is a historic landmark since 1856, and has been a gathering place for presidents, generals, and lobbyists. (Photo/info courtesy of Dotty French)

## SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY PAINT & PARTY FUNDRAISER

The Our Lady of Victories Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society will hold a Paint on Glass Party Fundraiser at Monsignor Dalton Hall, 42 Main Street, Sayreville, on Friday, March 9th from 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Everyone will be painting a floral design on either a wine glass or vase guided by a professional artist. Additional items can be painted for \$5.00 each. All those age 18

and over are welcome. BYOB/food/snacks. Doors will open at 7 pm. Cost is \$20 per person with pre-registration by mail, or \$25 at the door (cash only). All proceeds, after expenses are being donated to OLV SVdP. Register by mailing check payable to: OLV SVdP, 42 Main Street, Sayreville, NJ 08872. For questions, call Carole Leppig at 732-254-1277. Registration is limited to 50 people.

## Wills & Power of Attorney Seminar

There will be a Wills & Power of Attorney Seminar at Sayreville Public Library on March 14 starting at 6:30 p.m. The event is open to the public and you do not need to be a Sayreville resident.

Author Kenneth Vercammen, Esq., from Edison is the featured speaker. His main topics will be NJ Estate Tax eliminated under \$5,400 as of Jan. 1 & Veterans Tax credit;

2018 changes in Federal Estate and Gift Tax; the new Digital Fiduciary Act & New law permits Executor to resign if all parties consent; Power of Attorneys; Living Will; Administering the Estate/Probate/Surrogate. Complimentary material will be furnished, brochures on wills and much more. For more information call Sayreville Public Library 732-727-0212 ext. 25.

## The Wearing Of The Green

By Al Gomolka Jr.  
Times Poet Laureate  
C.1995

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

## Trip to Historic Virginia

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Historic Virginia from June 5 to June 8, 2018. The cost of the trip is \$735.00 which includes accommodations, bus transportation, daily breakfast,

Daily dinner with a dinner at a Williamsburg tavern with evening entertainment, wine tasting, and lunch at the historic Michie Tavern in Monticello. For further information or to reserve a sea please contact Teri at 732-727-7639.

### A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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

## Polish Night Celebration

Our Lady of Victories Knights of Columbus Council #2061 will be holding its 2018 Polish Night Celebration on Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 7 pm – 12 am at the Victorian Hall – 775 Washington Rd. Parlin (the Council Home). Tickets are \$35.00 per person and include Buffet Dinner, Open Bar and music by "THE POLKA FAMILY BAND" from Pennsylvania.

Contact Joe Halmi at 732 721-4563 or Jim Poltrictzky at 732 254-8896 to reserve your spot or table today!

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comes just once a year  
Sing an Irish song and raise a glass  
To toast St. Patrick  
who brought us here  
On his very special day  
just once a year.

## St. Stan's School

(Photos Submitted)



Kindergarten teacher, Miss Catherine Eber, takes a picture of student Gianna Delgado on their 101st day of school celebration. →



Kindergarten students Maximillian Bednarz, Meaghan Taylor, and Olivier Czarnecki pose with special glasses to celebrate their 100th day of school.



1st Penance: Second grade student, Penelope Abouata and principal, Mrs. Elena Malinconico, watch a piece of paper containing a list of sins burn after Penelope received her Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.



Rev. Ken Murphy blesses the throat of Elizabeth Bera during the celebration of the feast of St. Blaise.



Eighth grade student, Bella Shi, teaches the fourth grade students during Catholic Schools Week.



Mrs. Elena Malinconico, principal at St. Stan's School, congratulates eighth grade student, Joshua Laguerre, who competed during the annual Catholic Schools Week Spelling Bee at the school. He was also the winner in 2016.



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The South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 Columbiettes received a plaque from the Cheer Dream Scoliosis Foundation for their fundraising efforts for their recent pasta fundraiser with all proceeds benefiting the organization. The Columbiettes pictured (l-r) are JoAnne Luccarelli, Carol Wilson, Cheryl Schmid, Toni Suchcicki, Daniela Mieczkowski, Nancy Smetana, Myrna DeFoe. (Photo by Joe Lotkowitz)

## Fundraiser/Raffle For Animal Rescue

New Beginnings Animal Rescue will host a "Night of Shenanigans" fundraiser and Pot of Gold Raffle on Friday March 9 at the 4-H Center, 645 Cranbury Road, East Brunswick. Enjoy a relaxing night out with friends including a delicious hot buffet, soft drinks, coffee and dessert, BYOB welcome. Entertainment by DJ Mike the Apeman with dancing, trivia contests, name that tune and some fantastic prizes! Mini-tricky tray, 50/50, door prizes, much more. Event runs

from 7 PM to 11 PM with Pot of Gold Raffle pulled at 9:30 PM for \$1,000 grand prize! Tickets are \$25 each and may be purchased by contacting Joanne at 732-261-1887 or via email joanne@itsurwrap.com, or at New Beginnings Animal Rescue, 706R Cranbury Road East Brunswick. Tables may be reserved for parties of 8 or 10 only. For more information please visit our Facebook page or call New Beginnings at 732-238-1348.

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## Trip to Sight and Sound Play - Jesus

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

## Retired/Active Police/Firefighters To Meet

An Annual Review of the Major Municipal Court Cases affecting Law Enforcement 2017-2018, will be held on March 7, 2018 at South Amboy Ancient Order of Hibernians AOH, 271 2nd St, South Amboy, NJ 08879.

The event is sponsored by Retired Police & Fire Middlesex & Monmouth Local 9. This is an opportunity for both Retired and active Police and Fire to meet members of Local 9 and receive a quick update in cases affecting law enforcement. The 15-minute discussion on recent cases will be followed by monthly meeting of Retired and active Police can also discuss issues regarding COLA and the pending legal battles in Trenton.

For information or membership in Local 9, contact President Mike Burns mcbkc@aol.com 732-721-7474. Retired Police & Fire Middlesex & Monmouth Local 9 meeting NJRPFA. This pre-business meeting is not limited to just Middlesex & Monmouth. Any interested active and retired law enforcement can attend the update on Municipal Court.

### A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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



## Always At The Ready



All five companies of the South Amboy Fire Dept. as well as Sayreville Truck 2 participated in a walk-through and truck placement training at the new Woodmont Estate development on So. Broadway and O'Leary Blvd.

The purpose of the training is to make the firefighters aware of the building layout of the residential units and placement of fire apparatus within the parking complex in the event of a fire. Members were accompanied by Woodmont officials as well as Middlesex County fire marshal's office. (Photo/info submitted)

## Mets Trip July 7

Calling all baseball fans, The South Amboy Knights of Columbus are sponsoring an outing to beautiful Citi Field Saturday July 7 to see the Mets battle the Tampa Bay Rays in a 4:10 p.m. game. Cost of \$135 includes reserved seats in the Caesar's Box section, roundtrip motor coach transportation, snacks, sodas, and water. Guests will receive a Jacob deGrom Bobblehead Doll. Motor coach will leave the Knights of Columbus parking lot at 12 noon. For more information and reservations, call Steve at 732-727-1707.

## Christ Church Thrift Store

We are open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 12 noon to 3:00 pm and have clothing, shoes, linens, toys, books, kitchen items and general merchandise for sale. Donations are also accepted on those days. Phone 732-727-3151. We are located at 257 Fourth St. South Amboy, N.J.



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Chris "Stretch" Szatkowski and family.

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**WWW.?**



What was the name of this popular local business? Where was it located? Send your answers to: satimes@aol.com. Good luck! (Photo by Tom Burkard)

**January WWW.? Winners**

The answer to the January "Mystery Photo" was Miklos Florists which was located on Washington Rd. in Sayreville. Congratulations to the following winners: Estelle Pluskota, Chuck Pickard, Debbie Carling, W. Tom Kross, Ed Puchalski, Yvonne Kronowski, Dave Krempecki, Paul Sohayda, Ed and Kathy Kultys, Dennis Quinlan, Adele O'Hara, Michael Kilcomons, Nancy Berry, Lee Szatkowski, Judy Guilfoyle, Lisa Grankowski, Jennifer Larsen, Jim Poltrietzky, Laurie and Gary Loftus, Eleanore Westerholm, John Malik, Elizabeth Leveille, Edna Mazur Pilch, Walter Starzec Jr., Joanne Niestemski, Joan Fulham, Charlotte Sadowski, Pat & Bill Scully, Marie English, Pete McIntyre, Leon Credico, Jim Malkiewicz, Peggy and Steve



**January-WWW.? Miklos Florists**

Yuhas, Joan Gorczyca, Gerry Sherry, Jack & Keith Piskorski, & Lorraine Krause, JoAnn & John French, David Reilly, Mark Haney, Joseph Jay Jurkiewicz, Justine Dineen, Steve Laskiewicz, Maryanne Matarangolo, Ed Rappleyea, Dane Colburn, Susan Frank, Kathy Ahrens, Mary Agnes Morris, Jeffrey Georgiana, Lynn Loy, Marlene Letwenski, Lynn Freyer, Glenn Fallon, Dennis & Kathy O'Leary, Gary Feret, Chelle Martin, Debbie Zakrzewski, Ed English, Ron Twardos.

**War Veterans Seek Stamps, DVD'S**

(Article submitted by Charles Koppelman)

Monroe Twp. Post #609 is collecting U.S. and Foreign stamps, both "ON" and "OFF" envelopes. The stamps are used by Veterans as hobbies and as a therapy to support medical staffs at VA Medical Centers nationwide in the treatment and rehabilitation of disabled, homebound, shut-ins and outpatient veteran patients. We do

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DVD's suitable for veterans at these locations are also requested. Please send all item to: J.W.V. Post #609, % Charles Koppelman, 6 Yarmouth Dr., Monroe Twp., NJ 08831-4742.

**Paulukiewicz Appointed President**

The New Jersey State Safety Council, Cranford, NJ is pleased to announce the appointment of Robert Paulukiewicz of South Amboy, New Jersey as its President.

Prior to his appointment, Robert was employed by AIG as a Senior Risk Consultant in the Casualty Risk Solutions/ Liability Risk Consulting Division with a specialty in the Energy Industry. With over 37 years in the Safety/Loss Control profession, Robert has experience in the public and private sectors, service and manufacturing industries, and the insurance/risk management fields.

In addition to having been employed by AIG, Robert was the Director, Occupational

Safety and Health for the New Jersey State Safety Council. He also spent time with the Lynn Insurance Group, New Jersey Turnpike Authority, and Kremmentz & Co.

Robert has a BS in Management Science from Kean University, Union, New Jersey and a Master's in Business Administration from Monmouth University, West Long Branch, New Jersey. He holds the Certified Safety Professional designation, is a member of the New Jersey State Industrial Safety Committee and a Professional Member of the American Society of Safety Engineers.



Father Dennis Wezorak, Pastor of St. Mary's Church admires the stained glass memorial in the back of the church, following the dedication ceremony in honor of his friend and colleague, Father Kevin P. Duggan. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

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## Sayreville VFW Post 4699 sets date for "Classic Rock/Oldies Dinner Dance"

The Ladies Auxiliary's "Support the Troops" annual benefit Dinner Dance has set its date for Saturday April 21st at the Post Home, 575 Jernee Mill Rd., Sayreville. Doors will open at 6 pm, and \$50 per person gets you an open bar, buffet dinner, and live music from 7 to 11 pm, featuring "Clem and Friends," Central Jersey's premier musicians playing your favorite Oldies and Classic

rock from the 50's thru the 70's! This is the post's 3rd year hosting this event, so, mark your calendar, let your friends know, get a table or two of them together, and c'mon out and support our troops, while dancing "close" to the oldies, or rockin out to your favorites of years gone by...for more info and tix call, Carmen@732-254-9425, or Val @ 732-727-0174.

## Rumbles from the Rock and Roll Reunion

By Clem Skarzynski

Friday Jan.26th, The South Amboy Knights, along with their monthly "Open Mic Nite", hosted a Benefit Spaghetti Dinner for The Cheer Dream Scoliosis Foundation. The Event was a huge success, with a huge turnout to make it happen. Congrats to the Columbiettes for putting such a great event together. The Foundation offers support for children and families of children with Scoliosis. Go to their Website. www.cheerdream.org.

The nites entertainment brought out the best in a lot of the local musicians, who also got together to celebrate the 60th Birthday of our friend, fellow musician, and the man at "Basement Audio" Mr. Emerson Jones. Acoustic masters Danny Toye and Jerry Smith joined forces with a set of originals and covers. Knights members Ed Vasallo, and Jack Mieczkowski opened the show with a new Acoustic show...And long overdue at the Hall, members of The Rockdaddys, and Clem and Friends got 8 rockin' musicians up to do a quick set of classic rock, with Emerson Jones joining on the bass. Thanks to the Fee Brothers, Tim and Fran, Scott Bishop, Craig Hoek, Jerry Mokar, Matt D'esposito, Richie Standowski, for joining me the writer, to rock out with some fun rock 'n' roll...Later on I, had the pleasure of playing some awesome "blues" with none other than my good friend, Mr. Spider Daniels, Matt D'esposito and Ray Suchicki..Up again to rock the crowd, Jack Mieczkowski, Ray Suchicki, Ami Hornbaker,

Rob Mieczkowski, and frontman James Machado, gave the crowd some great 80's 90's classic rock..Been awhile since there's been such a great lineup at the hall...lots of talented rockers! It was great to see and jam with all again. Oh yeah, I made a visit to Sayreville VFW on Friday Feb.9th to witness an awesome Karaoke Show, with the "ladies" stealing the show with awesome 60's girl groups songs. Great job Carmen, Val, Jolyn, and Barbara! And I know I missed a few more ladies who were just awesome! Hey, coming up April 21st, Sayreville VFW, "Support Our Troops" 3rd Annual benefit fundraiser, sponsored by the Post #4699 Auxiliary, 575 Jernee Mill Rd., Sayreville... Doors open at 6pm..\$50.00 per person gets you a Buffet Dinner, Open Bar, and the best "Classic Rock and Oldies" live music from 7:30 to 11p.m. by "Clem and Friends" with the best of the best of Central Jersey's musicians.. Contact Carmen at 732-254-9425, or Val at 732-727-0174..Don't miss this one kiddies! It's a rockin' time with all your friends, and for a great cause-Our Troops! More info to follow as we get closer to the date. Till then, be as well as you can be!

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(Top) Emerson Jones (l) and vocalist/guitarist Fran Fee (r) performing at Emerson's surprise birthday party at the South Amboy Knights of Columbus #426 hall.

(Right) A very happy birthday boy, Emerson Jones gets ready to play bass guitar with local super bands, Clem & Friends/The Rockdaddys at a surprise birthday party which was held for him. (Photos by Tom Burkard)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



## You Tube-In

Check out "Party Town" by the late Eagles great Glenn Frey...A local group from the Bayshore area called The Wag has a couple of really fine song/videos on youtube: "Your Eyes," and a song/video that came out for

Christmas (Sorry, we just found out about now) "Feels Like Christmas..." "As Long As You're Mine is a beautiful country duet by Jennifer Nettle & Annaleigh Ashford that deserves a listen.

## St. Patrick's Day Parade

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## Music Trivia States



- By Tom Burkard
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| 2. __ Indiana Wants Me    | b. Johnny Horton         |
| 3. __ California Girls    | c. Lynyrd Skynyrd        |
| 4. __ Massachusetts       | d. The Bee Gees          |
| 5. __ California Dreaming | e. Ray Charles           |
| 6. __ North To Alaska     | f. Bruce Springsteen     |
| 7. __ New York, New York  | g. Frank Sinatra         |
| 8. __ Sweet Home Alabama  | h. The Beach Boys        |
| 9. __ Georgia On My Mind  | i. Mountain              |
| 10. __ Mississippi Queen  | j. R. Dean Taylor        |
| 11. __ Kentucky Woman     | k. Elvis Presley         |
| 12. __ Arizona            | l. Mark Lindsay          |
| 13. __ Kentucky Rain      | m. Neil Diamond          |

Answers: 13k. 12l. 11m. 10i. 9e. 8c. 7g. 6f. 5e. 4d. 3h. 2j. 1f



## School Sports

(As of Feb. 10)  
By Tom Burkard

### Girls Basketball

Sayreville (13-8) took 2nd place in the White Division with a (10-2) record. Jackie Ventricelli is the leading scorer with 251 points, 13.9 avg., followed by Lyssandra Delacosta 208, 10.4, Janeva Holland 120, 6.3, and Stephanie Van Note 120, 6.3.

South Amboy (6-12) Julie Olivieri leads the team in scoring with 168 points, 9.3, rebounds-181, 10.0, blocks-55. Alexis Calisti is #1 in assists with 43, and has scored 140 points, 7.7 avg. Renee Piazzolla has 51 steals to lead the team, and has 131 points, 7.3 avg.

### Boys Basketball

Sayreville (14-6) captured the GMC White Division championship with a fine (10-2) mark.

South Amboy (2-20) Kyle Gasiewski topped the scoring list for the season with 374 points, 18.7 avg. He was followed by Louie Martinez 126, 7.8, John McCleery 117, 6.1, and Steve McLaughlin 110, 5.5.

### Wrestling

Sayreville (19-5) Coach Marcus Ivy's Bombers have turned in an outstanding season so far, and clinched the GMC White Division title.

## Bombers Boys Cop Basketball Crown

The Sayreville Bombers boys basketball team, under the coaching genius of John Wojcik, have captured the GMC White Division championship with a (10-2) record in divisional play. The Bombers, (14-6) overall, are led in scoring by Elijah Clark with 185 points, 11.6 avg., Zac Kaczmarek 166, 9.2, and Zaire Jackson 145, 7.6.

Other contributing members of the White Division champions include: Derek Astarita, Jaijuan Macklin, Patrick Sekman, Luca Ventricelli, James Reick, Anthony Gambardella, Bobby Krolick, Kaime Byers, Curtis Morris, Eric Sokolowski, Joseph Gottstine. Congratulations Coach Wojcik, and Bombers!

## Sayreville Wins White Division Title

The Bombers (19-5) overall, clinched the GMC White Division wrestling crown, with a (4-0) record, by staging an amazing comeback to down Colonia, 37-31. Sayreville trailed by 6 points with two matches left, but Antonio Oneto, wrestling in the 182 pound class, notched a first-period pin, and teammate Savon Kirksey also racked up a first period pin in the 195 pound class to give the Blue & Gray a thrilling victory and the title. Other key members of the championship team include: 106 lbs.-Dylan Acevedo, 113-Darren Figueroa, 120-Joseph Gonc, 126-Brandon Alicea, Christian Deen-Jah, 132-Jake Wegner, Bryan De Oliveria, 138-Trevor Mastorio, 145-Marcos Moreira, 152-Aaron Bartlett, 160-Elijah Ade-Festus, 170-Mykhaylo Khalabudnyak, 182-Anthony Esposito, 220-Jalen Roman, 285-Benedict Arthur. Congratulations to Coach Marcus Ivy and his talented wrestlers!

## Bouchard Wins Title

Blake Bouchard of Sayreville captured the 152-pound GMC wrestling championship for the Large School Division. Congratulations Blake, and good luck in the future!

## Bozzella Wins 400th Game

Tony Bozzella, Seton Hall University Women's basketball coach recently racked up his 400th career victory, as his club topped Georgetown, 70-65. His milestone came in his 26th season as a head coach and 5th year at the Setonia helm. Tony began his coaching career with the girls basketball team at St. Mary's HS back in the late 1980's. Congratulations, Coach Bozzella!

## College Notebook

Jehyve Floyd (Sayreville) Holy Cross University (8-16) continues his banner season, and leads the team with 11.6 points per game (ppg.), 5.6 rebounds per game (rpg.), and 46 blocks...

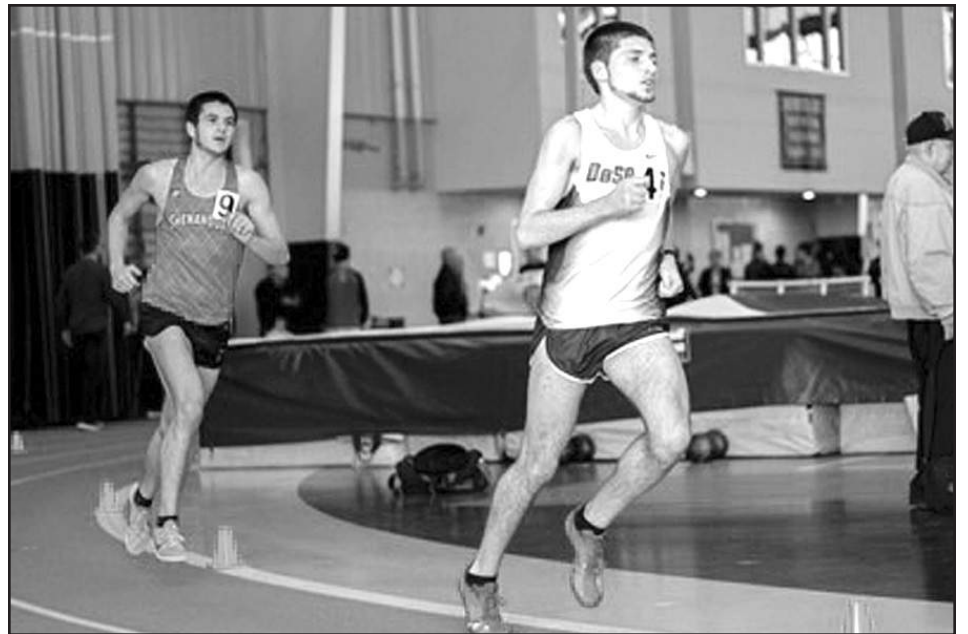
Capt. Steve Herdman (South Amboy) FDU-Florham (1-21) averages 4 ppg., and 2 rpg... Joe Duffy (South Amboy resident) FDU-Florham scores 3 ppg., and gets 0.8 rpbg...

Marques Townes (Cardinal McCarrick/St. Joseph's) Loyola Chicago (20-5) is a major contributor to this basketball powerhouse. In a recent 80-57 romp over Drake, he poured in 17 points. Anthony Bozzella (St. Mary's Coach) Seton Hall University (15-10) in addition to winning his 400th collegiate game, he has molded another strong SHU women's basketball team...Alissa Bikowski (South Amboy) has scored 107 points, 6.3 avg., with 47 rebounds and 38 steals for Middlesex County College (MCC) women's basketball team (18-9)...James Bryant (Sayreville) is a member of the men's basketball team at (MCC) (17-11).

## Taite Scores 1,000th Point For Goldey-Beacom

On Jan. 16th, Sayreville alumnus Corey Taite scored his 1,000th collegiate point for Goldey-Beacom (GB) College (Del.) (14-8), connecting on a free throw with 1:18 left in a (GB) 75-65 victory over Georgian Court University. Taite finished the game with 24 points, hitting 7-12 from the floor, and 8-9 on the free throw stripe. Playing in his 72nd (GB) career game, he became the 10th player in school history, 9th in the modern era (starting in 1998) to accomplish the magical mark. Corey currently leads the team in most major offensive departments including scoring avg. 19.9 ppg., steals-49, assists 3.6 app., 3-point field goals made-51, 3-point field goal %-459, free throws made-124.

Corey Taite also holds the distinction of scoring over 1,000 points during his basketball career at Sayreville War Memorial HS. Congratulations, Corey on a job well done!



Joe Wells excelled at his college indoor track and field debut by winning the 5k at the Collegeville Classic at Ursinus College. (Photo Submitted)

## Wells Has Super Debut

Former South Amboy high school standout Joe Wells wins the 5k in his indoor track debut at the Collegeville classic at Ursinus College in a time of 16:29.4 Joe made his return to running after missing 5 weeks due to patella tendonitis in his left

knee. His 34 second last lap propelled him to the win over Ryan Harris from Delaware Valley University. Along with his victory, Joe also qualified for his first MAC conference championship which will take place at Lehigh University in February.

## Volleyball Tournament

The National Honor Society of South Amboy High School is holding its annual volleyball tournament on Thursday, March 22, 2018. The tournament will take place in the South Amboy Middle High School Gym and starts at 6 P.M. Entrance fee per team of ten is \$50.00, payable to South Amboy Middle High School. Admission for spectators will

be \$3.00 at the door. All proceeds to benefit the South Amboy High School National Honor Society Scholarship Fund. Entrance fees and team rosters are due by March 19 to Nancy Kovacs at the high school. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Nancy Kovacs nkovacs@sapublicschools.com or (732) 316-7665.

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

## Congratulations!



The 3rd and 4th grade Saint Stan's Basketball team captured 2nd place (Runner Up) in the Saint Bart's Basketball Tournament on 1/30/2018. Saint Stan's lost in the championship game to Saint Bernadette's 27-21. (Photo/info courtesy of Brian Maher)



Despite a rainy, 49-degree day at Sea Bright, Our Lady of Victories had lots of fun at the AOH Polar Plunge for Catholic Schools. Pictured are students from Kindergarten to 8th grade, along with their parents, teachers, alumni, and OLV Principal Ms. Kitfs. (Photos courtesy of Jennifer O'Connor)





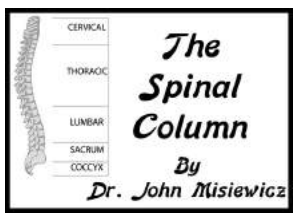
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## Valentine's Day is for Chocolate Lovers

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

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

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

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

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

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## Fishing Flashes

By Teo "Weebles" Weber



**Salt Water**  
Right now, our fishing is in the winter doldrums as you can tell by the cold weather we have been having. Striped Bass fishing in the ocean along the entire coast is practically nonexistent. The season reopens in the bay on March 1st, but don't look for any big bonanza as the fall fishing was terrible. Winter Flounder, which wasn't too bad in the fall, also opens March 1st, but the water, will be too cold-it will not be that great. That leaves us with a slow pick of Blackfish and Ling for any party boats that do get out past the lousy weather. Some Mackerel were caught but it does not look like a big run of these fish will happen. Dogfish are a real problem when deep water fishing. Only a few Cod and Pollock are around.

**Fresh Water**  
Ice fishing was good for Pickerel and Perch in Lake Hopatcong and Budd Lake. The problem now is finding safe ice as the alternating weather patterns are causing this safety issue. Some Pike have been caught through the ice at Budd Lake. Some people have fished Trout streams up north but no results have been reported. This year the State will stock Merrill Creek and Round Valley Reservoirs with Landlocked Salmon. There will be a 2 fish bag limit with a 15 inch minimum size limit.

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## The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

### Glory Days In Local Sports

1952-Sayreville plastered St. Mary's, 71-40, as 4 players hit double figures. Joe Rudy led the way with 16 points, Charlie Kolakowski 15, Gene Malkiewicz 12, and Rudy Balaskiewicz scored 10. The Eagles were paced by Frank O'Brien with 13, and Bob "Don" "Pep" Bennett 10 points...1965-Sayreville smashed South River, 65-50 in basketball action. Bob Nita led the way with 25 points followed by John Karlowitz 20 and Jeff Osowski 13...1979-Hoffman girls jolted Jamesburg, 65-10 in hoops play. Sue Check led the balanced scoring attack with 14 points, Jamie White scored 13, and

Mary Chris Moskal added 12 points...1988-Manalapan upset the Sayreville Bombers girls basketball club, 57-55 in the CJ Group IV quarterfinals. Mary K. Nordling topped our locals with 23 points in her final high school game...1999-Junior Ed Behnen became the first player in South Amboy HS history to score 1,000 points in a career...2000-Chris Dobrowolski hit a clutch 3-point field goal with 0:11 left to play to give St. Mary's a thrilling 46-44 victory over Bishop Ahr. Tom Boychuk copped game scoring honors with 25 points, and Kevin Burns added 10. Gary Read scored 7 for Bishop Ahr.

### T.H.E. Game Sport-Boys Basketball Year-1997

**Teams**-St. Mary's (SM) (2-1) vs. South Amboy (SA) (3-0) in the South Amboy Tournament championship game.

**Recap**-The Saints jumped out to an 18-11 first quarter lead as soph Tom Boychuk poured in 10 points. SA cut the lead to 29-24 at halftime, and even closer, 43-40 after 3 stanzas. The fourth quarter was a wild one, as the lead exchanged hands several times. Nick Sas, who was the tourney MVP finished with 18 points, 9 big ones in the deciding quarter. All 5 Eagle starters hit for double figures. Ed McCabe, an All-Tourney selection tossed in 13, Boychuk 12, Billy Oels 11 and Tom Rizzo 10 points. Guvs center Kevin Cushing took game scoring honors with 23 points. SA's soph sensation Ed Behnen fired in 20 points and Matt Martins 11.

**Tournament MVP**-Nick Sas

### 15 Years Ago

2003-Cardinal McCarrick senior, Toni Ann Marini was the only girl playing on the Eagles varsity football team. Only 5-foot tall, she also was a varsity bowler for 4 years, and played JV softball for 2 seasons.

### 20 Years Ago

1998-Coach Rich Klein's talented girls soccer club finished (13-4-1) the school's best winning percentage in history at the time. Other team records for a season set were most goals scored-92, and the fewest goals allowed-27. Freshman Regan Rone set a school mark for most goals in a season-32, and most points-80, while her sister Randi racked up 22 assists to set another season record for the Lady Guvs.

### 75 Years Ago

1943-John "Swede" Johansen became the first lineman in Sayreville history to score a touchdown, by racing 35-yards to score after recovering a blocked punt.



### Pink Night Scores Big Win for Cancer Awareness

"Pink Night," a program in which the Middlesex County College and Brookdale Community College basketball teams supported cancer awareness, was held at Middlesex on February 8. Before the women's game, Thomas Bikowski, a throat cancer survivor and the father of freshman guard Alissa Bikowski (South Amboy), officiated at a ceremonial tipoff. He is tossing the ball, and is flanked by Middlesex forward Nicole Baudendistel (Dunellen, left) and Brookdale's Katie Molloy (Ocean Township). MCC dropped both contests, 84-60 (women) and 97-81 (men).

### The "Fake" Brings Football Title To Sayreville

By Tom Burkard

1997-The talented and determined Sayreville Bombers brought home the school's first sectional championship since Coach Vince Abbatiello's unbeaten 1948 team, as they downed Middletown South, 14-10 in a thrilling, pressure-cooker, to capture the coveted Central Jersey Group III football title. Quarterback Charlie Bowden scored a first quarter touchdown from one yard out, and John Bell kicked the extra point, to give the Big Blue a 7-3 lead, which they held until the final stanza, when the Eagles hit paydirt, and an extra point to take a 10-7 lead, and had Sayreville in big trouble. Before a cheering crowd of 2,200 at Sayreville's home field, the Bombers had the ball on their own 28-yard line with 3:52 remaining in the game. John Bell came in to try for a field goal that

could tie the contest at 10-all, as Bowden was the holder. The scenario was set for quite possibly the biggest play in Bombers football history. Center Danny Unkel snapped the ball to Bowden, and Bell put on an academy award winning performance with a fake kick. Bowden got up from his knee and rolled right, and tossed to Lennie Carter across the field for the game winning 11-yard touchdown pass. Bell booted the extra point, for the final tally. John Farinick intercepted a Middletown South pass on the Bombers 20-yard line with :07 left, to thwart the Lions, and give Sayreville their long-awaited state football title. The champion Sayreville Bombers finished (8-3) on the season, under the coaching genius of George Najjar.

### 55 Years Ago Sacred Heart Wins League Title

1963-Sacred Heart Grammar School and St. Stephen's of Perth Amboy finished the 1962-63 Amboy Area Parochial League tied for first place with identical (10-1) records. Coach Ray Tomaszewski's Hearts were fired-up for their crucial playoff for the crown. Don Szatkowski paced the Hearts with 15 points, as they won the championship, 32-

27, over the Perth Amboy quintet. The late Edwin Witkowski tossed in 9 points, Dave Marciniak 6, and Jack Trenta 2. Talented reserves for the champs were Bob Zukowski. Vince Zebro, Jack Opiola, Fred Bergold, Ken Giglieilo, John Clark, Art Birmingham, Joe Castellano, and Jim Gordon.

### 45 Years Ago

South Amboy Men's Senior Basketball League

The 1972-73 South Amboy Men's Senior Basketball League featured 13 teams with some of the greatest players in local history competing. The teams and their records were as follows: English Chevron 12-0; Far Out Trucking 11-1; Bay City Liquors 10-2; Mike's Corner 8-4; Poncho's Pilots 8-4; White Eagle 6-6; The Bowery 6-6; The Halfway House 5-7; Hot Dog City 4-8; South Amboy A.A. 3-9; The Highlanders 2-10; Mountaineer Spartans 1-11; Pillar's Poppers 1-11.

Scoring Leaders-Mark Jendrzewski, The Halfway House 272, 22.8; Gary Lange, English Chevron 241, 20.1; Fran Fitzmorris, English Chevron 220, 18.3; Greg Havlusch 220, 18.3; Billy Clayton, Mountaineer Spartans 200, 18.2.

Other team leaders points/average: Pillar's Poppers-Mark Abbatiello 94 points, Ed Campbell 10.1 avg.; South Amboy A.A.-George Osborne 160 points, Ed Paczkowski 13.9 avg.; Poncho's Pilots-Gene Cross 157 points, Bob Howarth 13.4 avg.; Hot Dog City-Gene Lopez 84, Tom Pristavec 12.3 avg.; Mike's Corner-Danny Paone 153 points, 15.3 avg.; White Eagle-Joe Zailski 137 points, 12.5 avg.; Bay City Liquors-Doug Buckalew 195 points, 16.3 avg.; The Highlanders-Jimmy Croddick 139 points, 17.3; The Bowery-Tom Boychuk 184 points, 16.8 avg.

High Games-Jendrzewski 35 points

### 90 Years Ago

1928-St. Mary's blasted Bound Brook, 37-24 in basketball play. Stan "Sweets" Jankowski was top scorer with 13 points, followed by Johnny Grimes 11, John Zdanewicz 8, and Gelsinon 5.

### Pop Warner Football

1962-Sayreville Leprechauns 6 Plainfield 6-Tim Rhatican fired a 36-yd. touchdown pass to Rich Beagan...South Plainfield 27 South Amboy Sabres 14-Clem Skarzynski scored both TD's for South Amboy, one on a spectacular 75-yd. kickoff return, and the other on a 30-yd. dash to paydirt...1964-Sabres Co-Captains were Al Gomolka Jr. and Marty O'Connor.

### Grammar School Days: 30 Years Ago St. Mary's Grammar School Wins Title

1988-St. Mary's 7th and 8th Grade basketball team breezed to the St. John Vianney Colonia Father Sergei Basketball Tournament championship. In first round action, the Eagles topped St. Helena of Edison, 45-39, as Corey DeBlis and Tom Kelly pumped in 13 points apiece. Al D'Agostino added 6. SM went on to trounce St. Bartholomew's of East Brunswick, 38-25 in the semis. Leo Cannon and DeBlis tossed in 12 points each to lead the way. Host club St. John Vianney of Colonia met the Saints of South Amboy in the championship game, and it turned out to be a pretty easy 42-28 Blue & Gold romp. Joe Reilly came off the bench to

in 2 straight games, against Pillars Poppers, and South Amboy A.A.; Jimmy Croddick 33 vs. Pillars Poppers; Fran Fitzmorris 31 vs. The Bowery.

**English Chevron Won 6th Straight Title**

English Chevron continued its basketball dynasty by capturing the 1972-73 SA Men's Senior Basketball League championship, finishing with a perfect (12-0) record. The title was an unprecedented 6th in a row for the Franklin English sponsored club. Rick Ferguson, the Player-Coach, was selected "Coach of The Year" in a poll by league coaches and refs. Rookie Gary Lange was the phenom of the league, and topped English's with 241 points (2nd in league), and average 20.1 (2nd in league). He was a 1st team All-City selection, and sharp-shooting guard, Fran Fitzmorris, also a 1st team All-City choice, finished 3rd in points with 220, and avg. 18.3. Ed Sucheicki 117, 13.0. and John Lange 100, 9.1 dominated the boards, while Nick Charmello 103, 9.4, Jerry Drill 89, 7.5, Bill Connors 69, 7.6, and Ferguson 52, 5.2 all helped with tremendous teamwork. St. Mary's legends and Hall-of-Famers, Jack Kreiger saw spot duty in only four games, and George Krzyzanowski, who was away playing college ball, played in one game and scored 13 points.

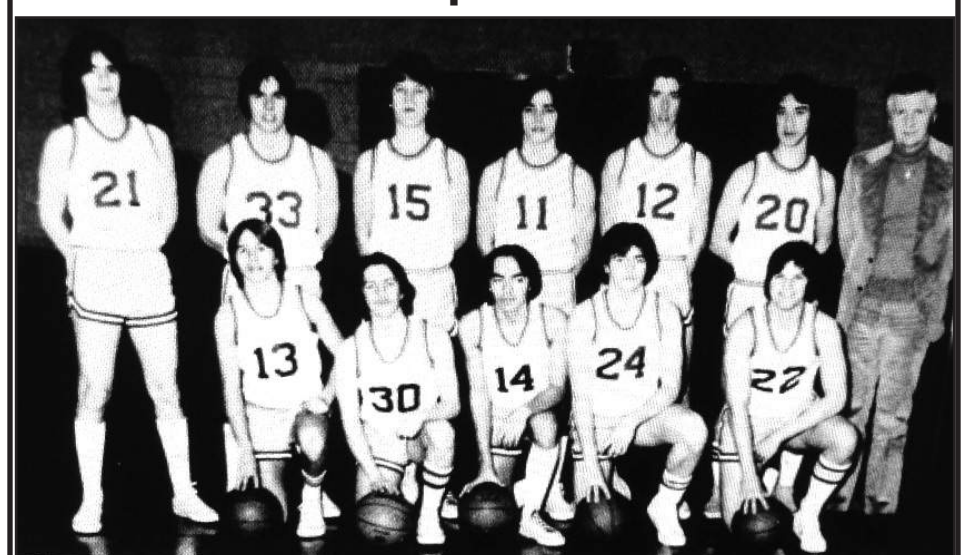
### Theismann, Pearson Won Super Bowls

If you happened to play high school sports in Middlesex County back in the late 60's, there's a good chance you faced two of South River High School's greatest athletes, Joe Theismann and Drew Pearson. Both standouts went on to highly-successful careers in pro football, and each won a Super Bowl.

Theismann quarterbacked the Washington Redskins to back-to-back Super Bowls, winning Super Bowl XVII over Miami, and losing to the Raiders in XVII. Pearson played for the Dallas Cowboys in 3 Super Bowls, and won XII.

score 10 points, and St. Mary's held St. John to only 9 points in the second half. DeBlis was selected M.V.P. of the tourney, and All-Tourney team, and Cannon to the All-Tourney team. In the tournament, DeBlis scored 34 points and ripped 17 rebounds, Cannon 22 points, 29 rebounds, Kelly 21 points, 26 rebounds, Chris Bratus 17 points, 27 assists, D'Agostino 15 points, 15 steals, Brian Noble 2 points, 8 rebounds. Other members of the club included Reilly, Matt Cannon, Anthony Oliveri, Dan Seaman, Michael Miccucci, John Chiarini, D.J. Salmon. Coaches were Jim Cleary, and Jim Pavlounis.

### From The Sports Archives



1977-78-The Hoffman Governors boys basketball team top (l-r) Guido Sessa, Pete Toth, John Pyonteck, Frank Kuziemski, Bob Clayton, Marty Veilleux, Coach Ray "Butch" Tomaszewski. Bottom (l-r) Alex MacNeil, Rich Norek, Jim Bright, Bill Lewis, Wayne Deak.





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**Trip to Jersey Boys on Broadway**  
 The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to see Jersey Boys on Sunday, April 8th at the 2 P.M. matinee. The price of the trip is \$215 which includes the ticket, dinner at Carmine's on Broadway and 91st Street, bus transportation, bus gratuity, and snacks to and fro. For further information or to reserve a seat, please contact Teri at (732-727-7639).

**The Music Of Life**  
 By Al Gomolka Jr.  
 Times Poet Laureate  
 c.1997

The alarm's clanging off  
 A "goodmorning" whispered soft  
 I awoke to the music of life  
 The traffic's blaring horns  
 Crying babies are being born  
 All around plays the music of life...  
 God gives us the good, but also the bad  
 He brings happy, but allows the sad  
 He leaves us to decipher thru  
 hopes and fears  
 The song each day we may  
 ike to hear.  
 Crashing waves of the shore  
 Bustling shoppers in a store  
 A pity, to some, may be  
 guns of war...  
 The cheers at a ballgame  
 The calling out of someone's name  
 A chorus or acapella lays claim...  
 The orchestra plays to the  
 conductor's wand  
 The audience entranced  
 as instruments bond  
 To hear is a gift of  
 melodious sounds  
 If we just listen,  
 life's music abounds.  
 The snoring begins  
 The night's quiet hums again  
 In the concert of  
 the music of life.

**Green Everywhere**

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

**Trip to Indian Head Resort- New Hampshire**  
 The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Indian Head Resort in New Hampshire from July 16 - 19, 2018. The cost of the trip is \$592.00 which includes accommodations at the lodge, Welcome Reception, breakfast and dinner at the lodge, train ride, boat ride and lunch, use of all the amenities at the lodge. For further information or to reserve a seat please contact Carmen at 732-254-9425





**Cruising!**



The Sacred Heart Senior Club along with St. Stan's Senior Club, a group of 39 people went on a cruise out of Baltimore, Maryland on the Royal Caribbean, Grandeur of Sea, from Nov. 9-18, 2017. Stops included Port Canaveral, Grand Bahamas, Coco Cay and Miami. A great time was had by all. (Photo/info submitted)

**Where in New Jersey?**



This month's Where in NJ had such a memorable commercial on television. Send your answers to satimes@aol.com by March 12, 2018..

**January Information  
Where in New Jersey?**

By Brian & Phyllis Stratton

January's Where In NJ? Was the little beach train located in Pt. Pleasant that for almost 5 decades made the trip from Jenkinson's Pavilion to the boardwalk pier at the end of Broadway. Orlo Jenkinson Sr bought the train after seeing one operate in Brighton England. At one time there were three shiny locomotives that pulled seven, two seat cars each and a pair of them always ran in seven-minute intervals often passing each other at 20 MPH.

The trains ran until the mid 1990's and at that time parts were hard to find and keeping them all running became impossible and the trains were put into retirement, but those little trains still remain a great memory for many of us.

**Where in NJ Winners.**

Dennis Quinlan, Adele O'Hara, Jennifer Larsen, Gregg Alexander, Jim Poltrictzky, John Malik, Elizabeth Leveille, Judy Guilfoyle, Pat & Bill Scully, Marie



**January  
Where in New Jersey?  
Pt. Pleasant Beach Train**



English, Leon Credico, Jim Malkiewicz, Gerry Sherry, Dane Colburn, Steve Laskiewicz, Nonnie Nonnemacher, Marjeme Letwenski, Lynn Freyer, Bill Madeline, Chuck Pickard, Dennis & Kathy O'Leary, Gary Feret, Bob Fell, Jack & Keith Piskorski, Lorraine Krause, Ed English, and Michael De- itche.

**The South Amboy Scene On  
St. Patrick's Day**

The South Amboy scene On St. Patrick's Day

The huge parade and kids at play

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At the South Amboy scene On St. Patrick's Day



**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 -M.L.

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**PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light allroads so that I can achieve my goal, you who gave me the Divine gift to forgive and to forget all evil against meand that in all instancesof my life are with me, I want this short prayer to thank you for all things and to confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you, even in spite of all material illusions. I wish to be with you in eternal joy and thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. Thank you Holy Spirit. -P.S..

**Local Businesses Long Ago**



This is a one-of-a-kind photo of the Robert E. Lee in the Morgan section of Sayreville believed to have been taken in the late 1930's or 40's by Marion Gomolka, a commercial artist from South Amboy.



The buildings on the left are where the current South Amboy YMCA is located. This photo was probably from the late 1940's or early 1950's also taken by Marion Gomolka. The sign on the building appears to read 'Federal' something, but it is difficult to read the other print even with a magnifying glass. The site was also the old Terra Cotta Works, and in the late 60's early 70's was known as Spiral Metals Co. One of the last businesses before being demolished was an auto/motorcycle repair shop. Does anyone have any more information on any of the names of the businesses or who owned them? Please let us know at The SA Times.

\*A special thank you to Al Gomolka Jr. for sharing these priceless photos from his grandfather's excellent photography work.



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**Obituaries**

Bailey, Norman E., 87, formerly of Sayreville died on Jan. 4.  
 Black, Patricia A., 70, of Parlin died on Dec. 23.  
 Boland, Joseph A., 102, of South Amboy died on Jan. 12.  
 Carey, Dennis J., 61, formerly of South Amboy died on Dec. 31.  
 Casey, Donna, formerly of Sayreville died on Nov. 29.  
 Cohoon, Michael, 64, of South Amboy died on Dec. 20.  
 DeLucia, Madeline, 89, of South Amboy died on Jan. 9.  
 Durnye, John M., 92, of South Amboy died on Jan. 8.  
 Fenwick, Dorothy Peterson, 91, formerly of South Amboy died on Dec. 23.  
 Grabowski, Adela M., 88, of Parlin died on Dec. 12.  
 Guiamano, Kathleen McNulty, 74, of Sayreville died on Dec. 28.  
 Halifko, Pearl D., 91, formerly of Sayreville died on Dec. 20.  
 Helal, Omar, 23, of South Amboy died on Dec. 24.  
 Jaken, Agnes, 94, of Sayreville died on Jan. 4.  
 Johnson, Marjorie L., 89, formerly of South Amboy died on Dec. 19.  
 Keenan, Marilyn "Lynn," 92, formerly of Sayreville died on Dec. 18.  
 Keister, Helen, 90, of Sayreville died on Dec. 11.  
 Klein, Karen Munck, 58, of South Amboy died on Dec. 29.  
 Koy, Scott, 46, of Parlin died on Dec. 22.  
 Malik, Francis J., 80, of Sayreville died on Jan. 9.  
 Maliszewski, Leon, 85, of Parlin died on Dec. 20.  
 McCarthy, Michael "Woody," 70, formerly of South Amboy died on Dec. 18.  
 McCloud, Marian Heath, 70, of Parlin died on Dec. 18.  
 McNamara, Rose M. Charmello, 94, of South Amboy died on Jan. 3.  
 Melnick, Mary, 91, of Sayreville died on Dec. 24.  
 Morris, James, 72, of Parlin died on Dec. 25.  
 Pytel, Edward J., 88, of Sayreville died on Dec. 1.  
 Quinlan, Dennis F., 74, of Parlin died on Jan. 11.  
 Redford, Jane, of Parlin died on Dec. 23.  
 Ruszczuk, Albert, 82, of Parlin died on Dec. 12.  
 Timko, Robert "Bob" J., of South Amboy died on Dec. 22.  
 Turner, Bruce, 61, of South Amboy died on Jan. 7.  
 Ulrich, Ethel, 82, of Morgan died on Dec. 20.  
 Wesley, Raymond F., 77, of South Amboy died on Jan. 10.  
 Wisniewski, Felix, 92, of Sayreville died on Dec. 19.

**Maureen Freeman**

Maureen Freeman (Applegate), 81, of South Amboy died on Friday January 26, 2018 at Venetian Care & Rehabilitation Center, South Amboy. Born in South Amboy she lived there all her life. She was a former mail lady in South Amboy before working as a Registered Nurse at the Woodbridge State School for over 25 years.

Daughter of the late James Roy and Pearl Lytka Freeman she is also predeceased by her son James Applegate. She is survived by her son Don Applegate; her daughters Shari Scarfi and her husband John, Patti Ziemba and Terilyn Dahl; 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. A terrific lady, who was friendly to all, she will never be forgotten.

Cremation was private. Arrangements were under the direction of The Gundry Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy.

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. -P.S.





**In Memoriam**

Lester Francis, 94, of Parlin died on Jan. 16. He was a proud World War II veteran, and also served for over 40 years as an usher at St. Bernadette's Church, in addition was a CCD Crossing Guard. Caryl Poetsch Bailey, 75, of Parlin died on Jan. 30. She was a wonderful lady, and always had a kind word for everyone. Mike Orlowicz, 65, formerly of Sayreville died on Jan. 17. He was instrumental in first bringing Bruce Springsteen to Rutgers University, where tickets to the concert were sold for 25 cents! Joseph "Bud" Lockwood, 92, formerly of Morgan died on Jan. 31. He was a member of the first graduating class from Sayreville HS in 1943. He saw action in the South Pacific with the U.S. Navy in World War II. After the war, he continued working in the bait and tackle business with his parents. He went on to become a very successful mason in the construction field, and built many houses, businesses, and anything else involving cement, block, stone and concrete. James Batissa, 77, of Sayreville died on Feb. 7. He was a fine, upstanding gentleman who retired 25 years ago as an auditor for PSE&G in Newark. Jim was a U.S. Navy veteran and also a 4th Degree member of K of C Council 2061. Donald "Don" Unkel Sr., 85, of Sayreville died on Feb. 11. He was a Master Carpenter and Millwright with United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners Local #1006 (now Local #254). He was Superintendent of Brennan Bros. of Avenel until retiring over 20 years ago. Madeline Suchowiecki, 89, of Sayreville died on Feb. 14. She was Past President of the following: St. Stan's Rosary Society; St. Stan's PTA; Sayreville Columbiettes. In addition a member of Sayreville Cultural Arts Council; Sayreville Historical Society. May God bless them all.

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One of Dowdell Library's previous locations, on Second Street, the current home of the AOH.

Haven't filed your taxes yet? Sign up NOW to reserve one of the limited spaces provided by VITA (United Way). VITA free tax preparation assistance for individuals earning less than \$64,000 per year is available on the following dates. Wednesday, March 21 from 10-2:30 pm, Monday, March 26 from 4-8 pm and Monday, April 9 for drop off service only from 10 am-12 noon. Pick up return on Wednesday April 11. Registration is required: 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org

Stop in for the 3rd annual Maker's Day on Monday, March 5 from 2:30-6:30 pm. Choose from a variety of hands-on interactive kits and activities to work on. Fun for all ages, even parents!!

Join us for Alzheimer's 101 presented by Alzheimer's New Jersey on Monday, March 19 from 6-7:30 pm. This program will provide a comprehensive overview for

anyone who wants to learn about memory loss, Alzheimer's disease, and other forms of dementia. Registration is required. Please

call 732-721-6060 to reserve a seat.

Attend a FREE presentation by the State Department of Treasury for Creating an Online Business on Monday March 26 from 4:30-6:15. In this workshop, you will learn about Taxable products and services, Sales inside and outside of New Jersey, Shipping products, Collecting New Jersey Sales Tax and Filing Sales and Use Tax returns. This workshop is limited to 25 participants. To register, please call the library at 732-721-6060 or email comments@dowdell.org.

Experience Chinese Culture with Celebrate! The Year of the Dog event on Sunday, April 15 from 1:30-3:30 pm. Fun activities will be available for the whole family. Celebrate! The Year of the Dog event will begin at 1:30 p.m. sharp with a dazzling Lion Dance performed by students from the Edison Chinese School. A delightful traditional dance, fashion show, and orchestral performance will follow.



Dowdell Library's current location at HG Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy.

Art stations featuring Chinese painting, calligraphy and origami demonstrations will be showcased. Attendees with food tickets will be treated to traditional Chinese refreshments at the conclusion of the program. Directions: www.dowdell.org Don't forget to stop in to view the special Year of the Dog exhibition, which will be on display starting March 1. For more information call 732-721-6060.

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## Historical Society of South Amboy Sports Day

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Joe Szaro gave an excellent portrayal of South Amboy's late and beloved Allie Clark, who played for the New York Yankees.



Mike Reilly (c) shows a vintage catcher's chest protector to George Fuller (l) and Al Gomolka Jr. (r). The piece of equipment is believed to be from the late 1800's to early 1900's, very rare and valuable.



Claire Kuhn of South Amboy shows an original South Amboy Sabres banner which she and her sister Anita Semoneit created when their sons were playing on the Sabres Pop Warner football team many years ago.



This is the antiquated catcher's chest protector, which was the oldest sports artifact at the Sports Day.



Officers of the Historical Society and those who volunteered to display sports items and collectibles, gathered together for this photo.



Russ McIver, captain of the Monmouth Furnace Baseball Club was a very interesting guest speaker at the Sports Day. In this photo, he is showing the type of baseball bat that was used back in 1864. The Monmouth Furnace plays by official rules from that year, and will take on a team from South Amboy on June 9th.