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YMCA Day Camp Opens June 20

YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy will open Day Camp June 20. The programming will keep kids exploring and learning all summer long. For additional information, including registration and scholarship information, please visit www.ymcaofmews.org/camp.

Easter Bunny Brunch April 10

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 will hold their annual Brunch With The Easter Bunny Sunday April 10 from 11 AM to 2 PM. at the council on 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Bring your camera so you can take pictures of the Easter Bunny with your children. An Easter Egg hunt will also be included. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$5 for children aged 2 to 12. Under 2 are Free. For more information call Gary at 732-512-89i23 or Jan at 732-553-9060.



South Amboy St. Patrick's Parade Grand Marshal Tom Dempsey (r) was at the wheel of a beautiful Rolls Royce convertible with Bill Brigianu (l) and Tom's sons in the back seat. See more photos on page 24.(Photo by Brian Stratton)

ANNUAL SPRING FISH DINNER

The Camp Dill Foundation and the Old Timers of Troop 91 will be having their annual Spring Fish Dinner on May 3, 2022 in the parking lot of the First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy. Due to COVID, this event will be a totally "drive-by" take-out only dinner. The time of the event will be 5:00PM to 7:00PM and the cost is \$15.00 per dinner.

All tickets must be purchased in advance. For ticket information, call 732-899-6074 or e-mail djsibol@aol.com. Ticket mail orders with payment can be sent to Dan Sibol, 90 Meridian Drive, Brick, NJ 08724.

We thank you for your support as we continue to benefit the youth of the South Amboy/Sayreville area. For more information on the Camp Dill Foundation and its current activities, go to their web-site at: <https://www.campdill.org>.



Pictured in photo (l-r) Mike Green, Past Exalted Ruler, Ed Marczak, Citizen of the Year 2019-20, Phyllis Letteriello, American Chairperson, Ginger Olszewski, Exalted Ruler, Barbara Muller, DDGER South Plainfield Elks, Mickey Gross, Citizen of the Year 2021-22/ South Amboy City Council President. (Photo/story submitted)

Citizen Of the Year Dinner

South Amboy Elks 784 Hosted a dinner for our Citizen of the year. Awards were presented to Edward Marczak (2019-2020) and Mickey Gross (2020-2021) Their awards were celebrated late and together due to the pandemic. South Amboy Elk Members, Americanism Chairperson Phyllis Letteriello

, District Americanism Chairperson Carol Bonura along with our District Deputy Barbara Mueller, and other dignitaries were in attendance. Congratulations Mr. Marczak and Mr. Gross on their awards. And Thank You for your dedication and exemplary service to the community.

SWMHS HALL OF FAME

The Sayreville War Memorial High School 2022 Hall of Fame Annual Awards Banquet is scheduled for 6PM Saturday, April 30th, at the VFW Hall on Jernee Mill Road. Join us as we honor these outstanding alumni of SWMHS. The honorees are: Chris Beagan, Class of 1990: 3-Time State Championship Coach, 2009, 2016 & 2018; GMC Coach of the Year, 2003, 2009 & 2016. Steven Casano, Class of 1985: Founding Executive Director, NeuroSearch, Scientific Search Firm; Sayreville Little League Coach, Sponsorship Coordinator & Board Member. William D'Amico, Class of 1973: Distinguished Military Career/3 Special Operations Commanding Officer Tours of Duty; Post-

military career in Corporate Medical device, consumer goods & industrial manufacturing Industries. Matthew Lynch (Posthumous Award), Class of 1985: President of Friends Of Children's Hospital in Warsaw, Poland; Honored by US Ambassador to Poland for 20 years of service. Farrah Reilly, Class of 1994: New York Times & USA Today bestselling Author under the pen name Emma Chase; Books translated into over 20 Languages Around the world.

Tickets are \$60.00 each (includes dinner & open bar) and \$30.00 for children (under 21) with a choice of meals. For further information, call Elaine Kubacz at 732-727-0192.



Chief Lavigne, Sgt. Kelly, Sgt. McQuade, and Sgt. Moat (Sayreville PD) got the opportunity to Meet Donnie Wahlberg and the rest of the New Kids on the Block crew while they were promoting the release of their new song on March 3rd at Roller Magic. See more photos on page 21 (Photo Submitted)

New Kids On The Block Visit SA

By Steve Schmid

South Amboy's Rollermagic arena on March 3, was the place for pop group, New Kids On The Block, and their worldwide launch of their new music video. "Bring Back The Time" is an 80's theme video and was shown on a large screen before hundreds of devoted fans who came to see their favorite boy band. The crowd was dressed in 1980s fashion since the video was a nostalgic look at that decade. The group was in South Amboy to show the video as a prelude for their MixTape Tour 2022. The 80s nostalgic video features appearances by Rick Astley, En Vogue, and Salt-N-Pepa. The crowd cheered wildly when the group entered Rollermagic arena and cheered again when the video was played on the big screen with loudspeakers creating a concert experience. The big crowd gathered from the front of the arena on North Stevens Ave. all the way around and up Cedar St. South Amboy police provided several officers and patrol cars for security and traffic control. Rollermagic staff member Jaden Soto was glad to see such an enthusiastic crowd. "It's exciting to see an old school group come out. The rink is large and they needed an old school rink," he said. Group leader Donnie Wahlberg and other members Jordan Knight,

Joey McIntyre, Danny Wood, and Jonathan Knight, took turns talking to the crowd and taking questions. They revealed Donnie Wahlberg was scouting for an old style skating rink and crossed the bridge from New York to New Jersey and discovered Rollermagic. The group then took a break to do a film shoot with Rachel Smith from the TV show "Entertainment Tonight." Her interview with the group was aired on March 4 on WCBSTV Channel 2. Viewers could see the Rollermagic background during the interview. Smith asked the group about their video and upcoming tour. Unfortunately South Amboy was not mentioned in the report. Television viewers may recognize Wahlberg from his role as Detective Danny Reagan on "Blue Bloods." He said fellow "Blue Bloods" cast members Vanessa Ray and Marisa Ramirez participated in making the video. Ray plays Officer Eddie Janko and Ramirez plays Danny's partner Detective Maria Baez in the popular crime drama. This is the second time in three months South Amboy has hosted celebrities. You may recall actress Anne Hathaway was here in January to shoot her new film "Eileen" at Lagoda's Saloon.

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On Saturday 3/5/2022 South Amboy Elks along with approximately 100 people at the Woodbridge Elks honored all the Citizens of the Year for 2022. In the Central District, South Amboy Elks honored Jan Williams. Mr. Williams is the Deputy Grand Knight in South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426, is involved in helping veterans at the Menlo Park Veteran Home, and was instrumental in running our first Irish Festival as well as the parade. We would like to thank Mr. Williams for all his hard work and dedication to the community. Pictured with Mr. Williams (c) is Phyllis Letteriello (l), Americanism Chairperson, and our Exalted Ruler Ginger Olszewski (r). (Photo/Info Submitted)

Sayreville Public Library News

Wednesday, Apr. 13, 6:00 pm
Disability Law: Estate Planning and Special needs Trusts (In-Person)
 Join Tina M. James for this workshop on how to create an estate plan for children with disabilities and why such families would benefit from having an estate plan in place. Tina M. James Esp. is a practicing attorney in the Parlin area with experience in estate planning. Registration required. Register online via our events calendar or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112

Thursday, Apr. 14, 6:00 pm
Easter Baking with Vanessa (Virtual)
 Join Vanessa, Chef and founder of Thirsty Radish for another virtual baking demonstration. In this session, learn how to make cookies with lemon filling for a perfect sweet treat for Easter.

This is a virtual seminar. Registration required to get the Zoom Link. Register online via our events calendar or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112

Monday April 18 10AM-5:30PM
Blood Drive
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Tuesday Movie Matinee
Tuesday April 19, @1PM.
 This month: Kinky Boots-The musical starring Cyndi Lauper and Harvey Firestein. Rated PG-13. Running time 107 minutes. Register online or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112.

Ark Encounter and Creation Museum

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip from June 13 - 16, 2022 to the Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum. The cost of the trip is \$825.00 which includes round trip motor coach transportation to Hebron, Kentucky and back to Sayreville, three nights lodging at the Country Inn and Suites by Radisson with hot breakfast every morning. Your trip also includes admission to the Ark with lunch at Emzara's Kitchen and admission to the Creation Museum with lunch at Noah's Café. Three dinners are also included; one upon arrival the first evening, a River Boat Cruise Captain's Dinner, and finally a German Dinner at the Hofbrauhaus. All taxes and gratuities are included. Please contact Teri at 732-727-7639 for information and reservations.

Fish Fry

South Amboy Elks will be running Friday night fish fries during Lent. Eat in or take out. 5:30-7:30pm. For more information call 732-727-7170. Or find us on Facebook for a full menu.

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Pleasant Little TRIVIA By Tom Burkard

- Editor of St. Mary's HS newspaper "The Crown" in 1974-75?
 a.Nora Muchanic b.Warren Rappleyea c.Jake DeFort
- Where was the Sayreville Bar located?
 a.Washington Rd. b.Jernee Mill Rd. c.Cecilia St.
- What year was the first South Amboy City-Wide Yard Sale held?
 A.1976 b.1988 c.1994
- In '97, this Taxi Service was located in Morgan?
 a.Jim's Taxi b.Sayreville Taxi c.Jack's Taxi
- South Amboy Fire Chief in 1997?
 a.Larry McMahon b.Larry Martin Jr. c.Phil English
- Elected President of the South Amboy Historical Society in '97?
 a.Joseph O'Callaghan b.William Marshall c.Mary Mientkiewicz
- Where is the Parlin-DuPont Employees FCU located?
 a.Pulawski Ave. b.Main St. c.Washington Rd.
- Where was Olde Towne Deli & Liquors located in South Amboy?
 a.South Broadway b.North Pine Ave. c.John St.
- South Amboy Fire Official in '97?
 a.Chet Meinzer b.Ed Szatkowski c.Mike Hernandez
- Our Lady of Victories K of C chose this person the 2005 Sayreville Senior Citizen of the Year?
 a.Stella Misiewicz b.John McCormack c.Kennedy O'Brien

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

South Amboy Middle/High School



Throughout the school year, the South Amboy Middle/High School teaching staff nominate students for the student of the month award. The nominations are based on character, school spirit, and academic integrity. For February, we are happy to announce our winners. Pictured from left to right: Principal - Dr. P. McCabe, students: H. Farooq - 6th grade, N. Carrozzo - 7th grade, A. Torrez - 8th grade, A. Vella - 9th grade, S. Bashir - 10th grade, A. Lorenzo-Volquez - 11th grade, and F. Buret-Santamaria - 12th grade. (Photo/Info Submitted)

St. Mary Youths Receive Diocesan Service Awards

By Steve Schmid

Two young St. Mary parishioners have been honored by the Diocese of Metuchen. Steven Evanski and Brianna Herrera received the St. Timothy Award from the Diocese of Metuchen. at a recent ceremony at St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral in Metuchen, Steven and Brianna are members of the 2022 class of St. Timothy award winners from the diocese. Bishop James Checchio presided and gave the homily at a special Mass in which the accomplishments of these high school students were recognized. The 42 high school students were nominated by their pastors, principals, and their catechetical leaders who outlined the ways

they exhibited Christian leadership and set a positive example for other youths. St. Mary Religious Director John Kobiernicki is thrilled with the accomplishments of Steven and Brianna. "They're really good kids and helped out with the food pantry. I'm absolutely proud of them." He added they are outstanding with their performance of community service. Steven is a junior at South Amboy High School and Brianna is a junior at St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Edison. Congratulations to Steven Evanski and Brianna Herrera for their good work in the community.

Hunterdon Hills Playhouse Comedy Play

The OLV Senior group is sponsoring a trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on Sunday, May 15, 2022 to see the hilarious new comedy, I Left My Dignity in My Other Purse! Starring Joyce DeWitt of Three's Company. The price of the trip is \$120.00 which includes: bus

transportation, bus driver gratuity, a delicious meal, the play and snacks on the bus.

The bus will leave the OLV lower parking lot at 12:15 pm and return approximately at 6 PM. For further information or to reserve a seat, please call Teri at 732-727-7639.

Food Pantry Donation



South Amboy Elks Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks # 784 has selected the Puerto Rican Association for Human Development "PRAHD," To be recipients from our Elks National Foundation Awards Committee, for their commitment to their community service in Perth Amboy, by providing a food pantry that gives hope to the less fortunate in need. It is with great pride that our Lodge has chosen PRAHD to receive a Grant in the amount of \$2,000 along with In a Certificate of Excellence for their commitment to the community. In photo from (l-r) are Elks National Foundation Chairman Valentine Tarr, PRAHD Executive Director/CEO Kim V. Ruiz, and Frank Glenon Past District Deputy, Past Exalted Ruler. (Photo/Info Submitted)

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Yearbook-Sayreville 1977

By Tom Burkard

The Bee Gees' 'You Should Be Dancing' topped the charts as Sayreville's Class of '77 returned for its final year of school in September 1976. .Dr. Marie Parnell was principal. Some of her fine faculty was; Geralyn Kaminski, Barbara Kolojay, Martin Bordak, Joanne Pooley, Don Schmeyer, Robert Gaspertich, Steve Cserr, John Resh... Coed gym was introduced. .Other great activities included Bike-A-Thon with proceeds going to Cancer research; Lollipop Sale for the March of Dimes; Send A Flower To A Friend for UNICEF Day;

Spring Production-"The Music Man.". The school offered many clubs including; Chess; MultiMedia; DECA; FTA, of which Debbie DeSpirito was president. .Diane Doyle was chosen Homecoming Queen.. Senior Class Officers; LuAnn Unkel-President, Eileen Drennan-VP, Jim Wojcik-Sec, Vanessa Barbeito-Treas. . Jeanne Eileen Downs was Editor-in-Chief of the yearbook. . In world news events in '77, Elvis Presley died at age 42, Bing Crosby also died.. "Roots" was on TV.. Gary Gilmore was executed by a firing squad in Utah. .Lou Brock broke TyCobb's lifetime stolen base record of 893...A.J. Foyt became the first to win four Indy 5(X) races... Some of the Sayreville Class of '77 picked randomly; Linda Baranowski, Joanne Best, Carol Bender, Patty Bird, Barry Boehm, Mike Borruso, Timothy Brennan, Cheryl Brown, James Carney, Elsie Castrorao, Cheryl Ciszewski, Nora Coan, Ron Cuomo, Ronald Dicker, Linda DeLucia, Carolyn Doyle, Rich Dunn, Bob Ebinger, Kelly Fleming, Steve Gaul, JoAnne Garnett, Donna Grabowski, Ed Gomolka, Grace Gulick, Barbara Hahn, Ray Janas, Gary Jaskowiak, Donna Jolly, Katherine

Juliano, Robin Keating, Sharon Kiernan, Cindy Komick, Cindy Krainski, JoAnn Kuchta, Maryann Kupcha, Ed Last, Heleen Lenahan, Margie Lockwood, Dan Mahoney MaryAnn McKeon, Judith Makwinski, Barry Marcinczyk, Dawn Mohan, John Murphy, Sharyn O'Connell, Kevin O'Connor, Gail Olszewski, MaryLou Puchala, Keith Romer, Cindy Rudy, Stephen Schmidt, Ann Mari Soos, Stan Sumski, Bruno Szatkowski, Matt Stolte, Donna Stasse, Ron Spencer, Pat Walter, Donna Vargo, Clifford Wiley, Donna Wisniewski, Stanley Wlodarczyk, Kim Worden, Lynn Wiater.. Sayreville had many fine athletes in '77. Here are some selected randomly; Jim Wojcik, Eileen Downs, Janet Lockwood, Eileen Yurish, Jim Paros, Linda Topolancik, Steve DeLeo, Mark Tyler, Bill Foggan, Mike Trischitta, Joe Muroski, Mike Piperato, Lois Gilbert, Linda Hurley, Paul Mickiewicz, Dan Callahan, John Ferraro, Bob Devlin, Gary Czernikowski, Tom Kirk, Tom Holt, Jim Gutkowski, Bill Brugnoli, Gordon Bell, Karen DeSiena, Robert Shorosky, Tom Strain, Deb Szymanski, Lee Szatkowski, Phil Sollecito, Bob Wranovics, John Stanton, Jamie Brent, Rosemary Fischer, Pat Himey, Ken Drwal, Tim Brand, Mark Conroy, Richard McCutcheon. Lee Farfel.. The girls basketball team finished an outstanding 23-4, winning the MCAC title under Coach Judy Wanski, who became the 3rd coach in Sayreville history to win over 100 games... "Sir Duke" by Stevie Wonder was the top hit in the nation, as Sayreville War Memorial High School held its huge 1977 graduation.. Karen McGuire was Valedictorian, and Denise Gavaletz, Salutatorian.. The Class of '77 was truly a fine group of talented and motivated individuals!



Success Bound graduates at the 2021 ceremony. The Perth Amboy program is now expanding into Carteret and South Amboy.

Middlesex College Expands Success Bound Program

The Middlesex College youth summer program known as Success Bound Youth Leadership Academy has enjoyed much success in the City of Perth Amboy, where the College operates its Perth Amboy Center.

Now, the program is set to launch in two additional locations. This summer, high schoolers in South Amboy and Carteret will have the opportunity to receive college readiness workshops, a paid internship experience, and a three-credit student success course all during the program's free summer institute.

Success Bound, which began as a pilot in the summer of 2018, was made possible through a partnership between the City of Perth Amboy and Middlesex College.

Designed to help teens become successful learners and motivated to attend college after high school, the Success Bound program focuses on several key areas: time management, goal setting, applying to college and applying for financial aid,

career exploration, leadership skills, and civic engagement.

School superintendents in both towns are seeking to replicate Perth Amboy's success and eager to launch the Middlesex College program this summer in their respective districts.

"We are excited to partner with Middlesex College in this endeavor that will provide our students additional opportunities to enhance their college and career readiness skills, while also earning college credit," said Jorge E. Diaz, superintendent of South Amboy Public Schools. "South Amboy Public Schools remain committed to expanding learning opportunities for our students, and this is just another example of the meaningful programs we've fostered with our county college."

For more information and to apply for the program, please email successbound@middlesexcc.edu or call 732-906-7755.

Breakfast With The Easter Bunny

South Amboy Elks will be having Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Sunday April 3rd from 9-11 am. The breakfast is buffet style offering pancakes, eggs, and other breakfast delights. Also featuring our made

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Dowdell Library News

April Showers

April showers bring May flowers, but they also bring a fun-filled month of programs at the Dowdell Library.

National Library week is the first week in April, but we celebrate all month long. Stop in and pick up a Scavenger Hunt game card, you can also log onto Dowdell.org to get the game card. Fill in your card and learn about the numerous online programs we offer. The digital scavenger hunt will run through April 30th. Complete your game card and enter to win a 3D printed charm!

Do you want to be more financially savvy or be able to save more money but are unsure where to start? Money Smart Week is dedicated to educating and teaching individuals how to make their money work for them. You can visit www.moneysmartweek.org and attend a new webinar Monday-Thurs the week of April 9-16, for free. Topics covered will include household budgeting, boosting credit scores, buying a home, and more!

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) meets on April 1 and 8. TAB is a teen-led club that invites local teenagers to get more involved at the library. TAB is for teens ages 13 - 17 that live in South Amboy. To join, please fill out an application at the library.

There will also be a teen lock-in on Friday April 29 from 4:30 - 7:30pm. Teens ages 13 - 17 are welcome. There is no cost but space is limited. All participants need their parents / guardians to fill out a permission form at the library. There will be games, food, and of course fun!

In celebration of Earth Day, during the week of April 18, children may stop in the library and plant a live flower to take home. The program will run from April 18 - 22 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm daily.

Storytime will take place on Monday, April 4 from 10:30 - 11:30 am and April 18 1:00 - 2:00 pm. Ms. Maryanne will read stories, play games, and there is always a fun craft.

Please stop in anytime this month to

view our newest art display. Local artist and illustrator Cella Mahoney is a whimsy watercolorist that brings emotions to life in the quirky way she paints characters, color relationships, and lines. Her work has been featured in National Geographic Kids Magazine, and she has a Catholic greeting card line. Her art will be on display through April at the Dowdell library but can also be viewed and purchased on her website, cellabellailuminations.com.

Please check dowdell.org and the library's social media pages for the latest up-to-date information on upcoming programming.

Brainfuse Help Now

Have you heard of Brainfuse Help Now? It's a free online tutoring and learning website offered at Dowdell.org. Brainfuse Help Now is designed for all individuals, children in grades K-12, and includes numerous adult learning programs.

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Adults have access to job search tools and live job coaches. Veterans can utilize professional resume reviews and free anonymous help figuring out a career path. Adult learners that need to prepare for the GED can take practice tests, build skills, and so much more!

Visit Dowdell.org today and click on the Brainfuse logo. All you need is your library card number to access the site.

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



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South Amboy High School Seniors seated (l) Guinevere Kennedy and (r) Joe Jamolawicz signed their letters of intent on March 18th in the school's Media Center. Guin signed to Stockton University, Joe signed to Georgian Court University. Pictured standing are South Amboy Superintendent of Schools Jorge Diaz, Athletic Director Rob Erickson, Varsity Track Coach Anthony Mecca, Principal Dr. Patrick McCabve and Vice Principal Frank Zalocki. (Photo by Phyllis Stratton)

OLV Seniors April Meeting

The OLV Seniors will hold their April meeting on Friday, April 1, 2022 at 1PM in Monsignor Dalton Hall. After the business portion of the meeting, we will have our annual Easter Luncheon. The cost of the luncheon is \$10.00. If you did not sign up at the march meeting and want to have the luncheon meal, please call Carmen at 732-254-9425.

The following trip payments are due at the April meeting: the last payment for the Ark of \$275.00, and Hunterdon Hills play

which is \$100.00. There is still time to sign up for the Under the Boardwalk trip and the Tomasello Winery trip.

Due to the constant presence of Covid 19 wearing of masks is an optional choice if you are fully vaccinated. If you have not been vaccinated, please wear a mask. If CDC rules change our group will follow their guidelines.

Donations of non-perishable food for St. Vincent de Paul are always welcomed.

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

"High Tide Homicide"

St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus Council 8478 is sponsoring a murder mystery dinner show "High Tide Homicide" Saturday April 23 at 7 PM. at Lourdes Center 20 Villanova Rd. Parlin. The show is a 3-hour

tour to hilarity and murder. Cost of \$35 includes Buffet Dinner and Show. Ticket deadline is April 13. No tickets will be sold at the door. For tickets call Mike at 908-770-6041.

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St. Stan's School

(Photos/Info Submitted)



Mr. Anthony Rodriguez, 5th Degree Black Belt Head Instructor at ATA Martial Arts in Parlin, holds a piece of wood as first grade student Madeline Ciesielski breaks it with her hand during an Anti-Bullying assembly.



Eighth grade student, Walter Christian, enjoys a glazed donut provided by St. Stan's HSA, on Fat Tuesday.



St. Stan's kindergarten teacher Mrs. Catherine Mundy poses with her student, Harper Silva as they celebrate Storybook Character Day. They were dressed to the book, *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* by Laura Numeroff. (Photo by Paula Giannace)



St. Stan's pastor, Rev. Kenneth Murphy, distributes ashes to the students, faculty, and staff on Ash Wednesday. Pictured is kindergarten student Charlotte Crilley who is receiving the ashes followed by her classmate, Michael Donnelly.



Students, parents, faculty, and alumni made up the team of thirty-three members of St. Stan's School who braved the cold water and took the plunge on March 5th in Sea Bright. The 16th Annual Polar Bear Plunge for Catholic Education was sponsored by the Ancient Order of the Hibernians Division 2 Monmouth. Sponsors and donations totaled \$4,000.00 with \$400.00 being donated to St. Jude Children's Hospital. The rest of the proceeds will go towards the school's back lot improvement project. (Photo by Jennifer Zappola)



Eighth grade student Kurt Vranica, makes a tasty treat of pretzel, frosting and green M&M's for first grade student, Lucas Soares representing green eggs and ham at one of the daily activities during Dr. Seuss Week.

Visiting Sicily - Covid Style from

By Elaine Holton Scott

When poor European immigrants arrived by ship at Ellis Island, all they had been able to bring was what they could pack into homemade trunks and the recipes they remembered from their beloved homelands. As this global pandemic continues into its 3rd year, the safest and most reliable way to "travel" to Italy is through food, especially by recipes from someone whose family had immigrated here from Sicily three generations ago. Her name is Emily Pallante, my good friend, who has carried on the traditional cooking learned from her mother, who, of course, had learned from her own mother. Below are easy to make recipes for Sicilian food, strikingly different from the way we cook, whose ancestry isn't from "the boot" of Italy near the beautiful Mediterranean Sea.

*Pasta e Fagioli, Italian Pasta and Beans (Pronounced by Sicilians as Pasta Fa-sool)

- 1 - 16 oz. box of small shells
- 1 - 16 oz. can of Cannellini beans, undrained (cans probably shrunk to 15 oz.)
- 2 to 3 cloves of garlic, chopped
- 1 small onion, diced
- 2 - 8 oz. cans of tomato sauce (Emily uses Hunts)
- Olive Oil
- Salt & Pepper to taste

In a good-sized pot, put enough olive oil to saute the prepared onion and garlic. Add tomato sauce (gravy as Italians say) and simmer, covered, for about 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add beans and simmer for another 10 minutes. Set aside. Cook pasta according to package directions in a pot of salted water. Drain cooked pasta, reserving an inch of the salted water. Add pasta to prepared ingredients. Mix well. Season to taste. Serve right in the pot.

*Sicilian Stuffed Peppers - Family Size

- 8 to 10 medium-sized bell peppers
- ½ lb. of Salami, diced

- ½ lb. Swiss Cheese, diced
- 4 large hard-boiled eggs, diced
- 3 cups seasoned breadcrumbs
- 1 cup of olive oil
- 2 raw eggs
- 1 stick of butter (not margarine)

In a large mixing bowl, combine prepped Salami, Swiss cheese, eggs, breadcrumbs, cooked eggs, olive oil, and raw eggs. Mix well. Cut off "caps" from peppers (set aside) and wash thoroughly of seeds. Fill each pepper with prepared mixture. Divide butter and place a slice on top of each pepper. Top with "caps." Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Place peppers in a large pan with about one inch of water. Cover with foil and bake for approximately one hour.

*Cream Cheese Knots

- 6 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 stick of softened butter or margarine
- 3 ounces of softened cream cheese
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 6 tsps. baking powder
- 4 cups of white flour.

In a large mixing bowl, add eggs, sugar, softened butter, softened cream cheese, and vanilla. Stir until well mixed. In a big bowl stir flour and baking powder. Add flour, mix a little at a time to the prepared mixture, stirring until well blended. It will have a doughy texture. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Shape dough either into knots or balls about 1 inch in size. Bake uncovered for 15 minutes or until bottoms are nicely browned. Make the drizzle icing below.

Icing:

- 2 cups of confectioner's sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 tbsp. softened margarine
- enough milk to make it nice and creamy not too thin, not to thick.

Add drizzle icing and serve while still warm.

2022 Margalef Award for Excellence in Education

The Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography presents the Ramón Margalef Award to a scientist or educator for excellence in teaching and mentoring in the aquatic sciences. The 2022 Margalef Award for Excellence in Education will be given to Dr. Michael J. Vanni, professor in the Department of Biology at Miami University, in recognition of his passionate and lifelong commitment to education, and outstanding mentoring contribution from a rare combination of passion for science and compassion for students. Dr. Vanni will receive his award at the 2022 Joint Aquatic Sciences Meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA in May.

Dr. Vanni's reputation for scientific excellence encourages his students in the broad areas of animal mediated nutrient cycling and watershed-lake interactions in agriculturally-dominated systems. He believes in collaborative and supportive research among undergraduates, graduate students, postdocs, and research associates. During his career of more than 30 years, Dr. Vanni has been exceptionally successful at training over 100 undergraduate students in research, many of them going on to publish their research as a first author or co-author or present at conferences. Undergraduates

are able to gain a variety of experiences in the Vanni lab through direct support from his research grants or his longstanding support of the National Science Foundation's REU program at Miami University.

In addition to his involvement in undergraduate education, Dr. Vanni has also advised dozens of graduate students and postdocs who now work in various sectors including academia, K-12 education, government, and private industry. Dr. Vanni's colleagues and former students have noted the considerable impacts his thoughtful and inclusive mentorship style has had on their own approach to mentoring and often evaluate themselves based on his standards.



Michael J. Vanni

"Dr. Vanni truly embodies the spirit of Ramón Margalef through his student-centered approach to mentoring. He is fully committed to his aquatic science trainees, and that is reflected in their success. His infectious curiosity and devotion to aquatic science excellence, combined with his kind and open demeanor make Dr. Vanni a stellar example of what an effective leader and mentor in the field should be" says ALSO President, Roxane Maranger.

Dr. Michael J. Vanni was born and raised in South Amboy, N.J.

Amazon To Expand Career Choices

Career Choice is part of Amazon's Upskilling 2025 pledge - a \$1.2 billion commitment to increasing the skills of more than 300,000 Amazon employees by 2025.

Starting this year, the Career Choice program will include funding full college tuition, and employees are eligible to sign up after 90 days of employment. Through Career Choice, employees can pursue degrees, industry certifications leading to in-demand jobs, or build skills through English language

proficiency and high school completion programs.

"We are very pleased that Amazon is expanding Career Choice," said Middlesex College President Mark McCormick. "We've been working with the program since 2019. Now it has broadened to fully funded college programs including bachelor's and associate degrees, which is a great benefit for students who want to increase their skills."

The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, BA., MS.

Sometimes we wonder how safe we are from major disasters. Are we prepared to manage them when they occur? Our local emergency service agencies train and prepare for the types of incidents that would normally occur in the community. But, how do you prepare for the unexpected if you do not know what to train for? If we knew the answers to these questions, we could become fortune tellers.

In 1994 there was an unexpected natural gas transmission line explosion that occurred at the Durham Woods apartment complex in Edison. This event was unexpected and surprised everyone. Many of our readers and first responders remember this terrible incident as it lit up the night sky like it was daylight. Even at this distance, the escaping gas could be heard as a loud roar as it blew out of the broken pipeline. Unfortunately, an event like this could happen in our communities.

Most of the underground natural gas transmission lines are inconspicuous with few identification markers in place. Markers and warning signs are located at frequent intervals along natural gas and liquid transmission rights-of-way and are located at prominent points such as where pipelines intersect streets, highways, roadways, or waterways.

Could we expect an incident like Durham Woods to occur in our community? Do you know if any transmission lines run through your community? According to the National Pipeline Mapping System there are NO transmission lines running through the City of South Amboy. But this is not the case in the Borough of Sayreville where a few natural gas transmission pipelines run through the Borough. The Mapping System shows a transmission pipeline coming across the river from Edison, splitting into two lines and running on opposite sides of the Towne Lake development. One of these pipelines continues toward the intersection of Bordentown Avenue and Jernee Mill Road where it crosses into Old Bridge, behind

Walmart, under Route #9, behind Skytop and LaMer and terminates at the Morgan Bluff area overlooking the Raritan Bay. It then enters the Bay and travels underwater to New York. Thankfully, there are very few incidents involving natural gas transmission pipelines and the Durham Woods incident was a rarity. There are over 300,000 miles of natural gas transmission pipelines in the lower forty-eight states. Distribution lines that supply homes and businesses account for over two million miles of pipelines. Because gas distribution pipelines are in densely populated communities with both businesses and homes, there is an increase in the opportunity of a pipeline failure. Natural gas makes up one-fourth of all primary energy usage in the U.S. Over sixty-five million homes, 190,000 factories, five million businesses, and 1,900 electric generating units use natural gas. Over a 12-year period there were 498 serious pipeline incidents which seems like a lot but over that period and the coverage area it is minimal unless it happens to us. While not impossible, it is safe to say that the likelihood of a natural gas pipeline failure occurring is incredibly small. It would be impossible for first responders to put a pipeline fire out. The pumps that pressurize the pipeline would need to be shut down and that takes time. In the meantime, first responders would secure the scene and attempt to extinguish fires occurring in the surrounding exposures thus preventing the fire from becoming a conflagration. The safety of the citizens and the first responders would take priority over all strategy and tactics used in the incident. Hopefully, we will not have an incident of that nature in our community but if we do, we are prepared

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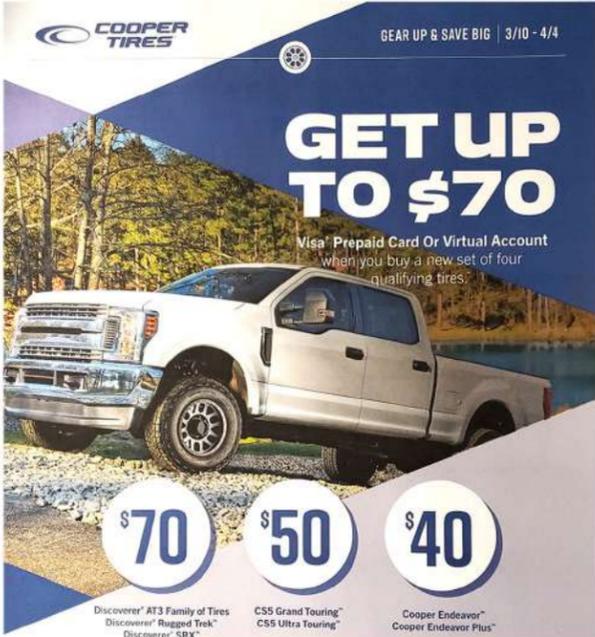


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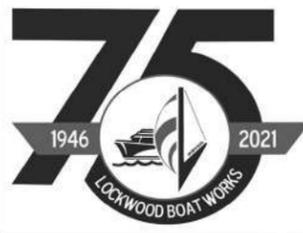
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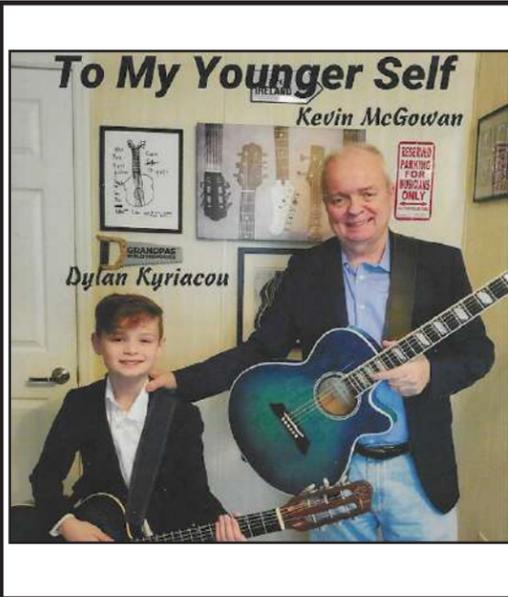
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Kevin McGowan, former long-time resident of Sayreville, has released his fourth CD of original music titled, "To My Younger Self". Sharing the vocals with him on the title track, and pictured with him on the cover, is his 9-year old grandson, Dylan Kyriacou. The title track came about as a response to a challenge; to write the follow-up song to the title track of his first CD, released in 2002, titled, "When I Was a Young Man". McGowan wrote that song in 1977 when he was 24 years old and imagined himself as an older man looking back at his life. The song request was made to him by radio personality Geri Petito, on her radio program when she interviewed him early in 2021; to write a song with the actual perspective of being at that stage of life. Kevin regularly performs in and around Central NJ. His music and upcoming performance schedule are available at www.kevinmcgowan.net.



Two talented musicians took advantage of a beautiful spring day at a local park, filling the air with some cool sounds. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

#1 Pop Hits On March 26

- 2007-Glamorous-Fergie with Ludacris
- 1993-Informer-Snow
- 1989-The Living Years-Mike/The Mechanics
- 1970-Bridge Over Troubled Water
-Simon & Garfunkel
- 1966-The Ballad Of The Green Berets
-SSgt. Barry Sadler
- 1959-Venus-Frankie Avalon

#1 Country Hits On March 26

- 2003-Travelin' Soldier-The Dixie Chicks
- 1998-Nothin' But The Taillights-Clint Black
- 1981-Angel Flying Too Close To The Ground-Willie Nelson
- 1974-There's A Honky Tonk Angel
-Conway Twitty
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- 1957-There You Go-Johnny Cash

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Up My Life-Debby Boone; The King Is Gone-Roddy McDowell; Heaven On The Seventh Floor-Paul Nicholas; Float On-The Floaters; Angel In Your Arms-Hot; Telephone Man-Meri Wilson.

Hangin' With The Stars



Former Parlin resident Walter Krzyzkowski recently attended the "Light of Day" shows in Asbury Park. He said that, "The top photo is with the INCREDIBLE guitar hero, Willie Nile, taken during 'Acoustic Carousel' at Langosta Lounge, and the other is with Miss New Jersey Bri Lobue, taken after she performed a short acoustic series at House of Independents." (Photos/info courtesy of Walter Krzyzkowski)

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Can you identify this music icon? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by April 18th. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

Who is it?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

Last month we had none other than a local guitar wizard (among other instruments including: bass, saxophone, drums and flute) Brian O'Connor. In addition to performing for many people, he has also used his talents to instill a love of music to his many students at Brian O'Connor School of Music! For lessons

you can reach Brian at 732-721-9093. The following correctly identified Brian: Clem Skarzynski, Michael Deitche, Ed Campbell Sr, Bruce Grankowski, Maureen Gosford, Patricia Kanecke, Michael & Irene Kilcomons, Ken Sumski, Eleanore Westerholm, Danny Toye, John DeLucia.



Brian O'Connor

Seeing Double!



On Feb 5th South Amboy Asst. Fire Chief John Dragotta (r) met his look-alike UFC mixed martial artist Chuck "The Iceman" Liddell at Iplay in Aberdeen. The doppelgangers squared off for the photo and then had a good laugh. (Photos Submitted)

Amazon Partners with Middlesex College

Amazon, the multinational retail and technology company, has expanded its program to provide tuition and eligible fees for its hourly employees to attend colleges and universities all across the nation, including Middlesex College.

Overall, Amazon announced it will partner with more than 140 colleges and universities to provide fully funded college tuition to their more than 750,000 hourly

employees as part of the recent updates to CareerChoice, one of Amazon's professional development programs.

Amazon will also partner with GEDWorks for GED preparation and Smart Horizons for high school completion, Voxy EnGen and goFLUENT to provide English language proficiency, and Outlier to provide college preparatory courses.

Annual Tea Party

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Local Law Enforcement Families Through The Years

By Jamie Norek, Jim Holovacko and Tom Burkard

Through the years, the City of South Amboy and Borough of Sayreville have had many hard-working and dedicated Law Enforcement officers. In many cases, the love of serving the communities was passed down through families from one generation to the next. The following will name the law enforcement families, and their members who served as police, and other positions in this field.

*Indicates deceased officers.

Bartlinski- Sgt. John Sr.-Sayreville PD; John Jr.-Middlesex County Corrections Officer; Ptl. Joseph Bartlinski Jr.-Sayreville PD.

Blazas-*Ptl. Charles "Chip"-Sayreville PD; *Ptl. Michael-Sayreville PD; Sgt. Jason-NJ State Police.

Brennan-Det. Lt. Timothy Brennan-Sayreville PD; Ptl. Patrick Brennan-Sayreville PD.

Charmello-*Sgt. August "Augie" South Amboy (SA) PD; Capt. Joseph-South Brunswick PD; Sgt. James Charmello Jr.-SAPD.

DeJoy-Ptl. Patrick-Perth Amboy PD; Ptl. Mike DeJoy-South Amboy PD.

Durski-*Det. Sgt. Ray Sr.-SAPD; Ray Jr.-Monroe PD/Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office; Ptl. Ray- Jamesburg PD (son of Ray Jr.); Ken Kokoszka Jr.- NJ State Police (great nephew of Ray Sr.).

Gawron-Capt. William-Sayreville PD; Lt. Alfred-Sayreville PD.

Gumprecht-Capt. Scott-Old Bridge PD; Ptl. Doug-Sayreville PD.

Halmi-Ptl. Robert-Colts Neck PD; Ptl. Joseph-South Brunswick PD (the brothers grew up in South Amboy/Sayreville, and are nephews of Det. Sgt. Thomas Noble-SAPD).

Holovacko-*James Sr.-SA Police Reserve Officer; Jim-Police Chief SAPD/SA Police Reserve/Police Officer-Sanibel Island, Florida Police Officer (43 years in law enforcement); James Austin-Dispatcher-South Amboy PD/ Special Police Officer Mantoloking, NJ/Police Officer at Middlesex County College/Dunellen, PD; Marie Lagana Holovacko-Senior Probation Officer with

Superior Court of NJ, Somerset County Probation Division; Mike-SAPolice Reserve/ Middlesex County Parks Police Officer; Lt. Daniel-South Amboy PD; Major Tom-NJ State Corrections Dept.; *Ptl. Ed Cieslarczyk-SAPD (Jim & Mike's brother-in-law).

Housman, *Sgt. William-SAPD; Kyle Fuentes-NJ State Corrections/Burlington County Sheriff's Officer (William's grandson); Hector Fuentes-NJ State Corrections (Kyle's dad); Ptl. Nick Fuentes-SAPD (nephew).

Kales-Capt. David-South Amboy PD; Ptl. Tim- South Amboy PD; Ptl. Nick-Sayreville PD.

Keegan-*Lt. Ronald- Middlesex County Corrections Dept.; Det. David- South Amboy PD.

Kelly- *Capt Robert-SAPD.; Ptl. Robert Jr.-Manalapan PD.

Kelly-Gerard-Head of Security, JFK Hospital; Sgt. Mike Kelly-SAPD; Lt. John-Carteret PD; Gerard Kelly-NJ Corrections Police.

Kenny-Peter-NJ Transit Police; Dean-NJ Transit Police.

Kilcomons-Deputy Chief Joe-Sayreville PD; Det. Edward Sayreville PD; Sgt. William-Sayreville PD.

Kurtz-*Chief of Police Leroy Sr.-SAPD.; *Det. Matthew Kurtz-Sayreville PD.

LaVigne-Police Chief Darren-South Amboy PD; Anthony is a Police Officer in California (son of Darren); Ptl. Corey-Old Bridge PD (brother of Darren).

Mackiel-*Capt. Bernie-South Amboy PD; Sgt. Bernie-South River PD; Det. Lt. Tim Brennan-Sayreville PD. (brother-in-law of Capt. Bernie).

Malkiewicz-*Sgt. Steve- South Amboy PD; Sgt. Glenn South Amboy PD.

McCabe-*Capt. John "Jack"-South Amboy PD; Lt. Brian- South Amboy PD; Chief Leo Sr.-SAPD (brother of "Jack"); Ptl. Leo-Florida; Ptl. Eddie-Fla.

McKeon*Capt. Edward- South Amboy PD; (son) Det. Robert McKeon-SAPD.

Mierzwiak-Thomas-NJ State Police;

Christopher-NJ State Police.

Nemeth-Ptl. Carl Sr.-SAPD; Carl Jr.-Police Officer in Florida.

Newcomb-Drew Sr.-Middlesex County Corrections Officer/Middlesex County Park Ranger; Drew Jr.-NJ State Corrections Officer/ NJ State Police Officer.

Noble-Det. Sgt. Thomas Sr.-SAPD; Ptl. Thomas Jr. Old Bridge PD. Ptl. Paul- South Amboy PD; (nephew of Thomas Sr.); Sgt. Brian- South Amboy PD (nephew of Thomas Sr.); Robert-NJ Transit Police (nephew of Thomas Sr.); Mark-Middlesex County Sheriff's Dept. (nephew of Thomas Sr.); John-NY/NJ Port Authority Police (nephew of Thomas Sr.); Ptl. Robert Besner-SA PD (nephew of Thomas Sr.); Ptl. Larry Lenahan-Sayreville PD (nephew of Thomas Sr.).

Norek-*Sgt. Francis "Frank" "Inky"-SAPD; Sgt. Jamie Norek-SAPD (son of "Inky"); Ptl. Christopher Norek-SAPD (son of Jamie); George Cattano Jr.-Middlesex County Corrections (nephew of "Inky"/cousin of Deputy Police Chief Larry Cattano-Perth Amboy PD).

Novak-Lt. James III-Sayreville PD; Ptl. Charles Novak-Sayreville PD.

O'Leary-*Ptl. John "Jack" Sr.-SAPD; Ptl. John "Jack" O'Leary Jr.-SAPD.

Pauloski, *Frank-NJ State Police Officer; Det. Tyrus Hicks- West Milford PD (nephew of Frank); Sgt. Jacob Murray-SAPD (brother-in-law of Tyrus).

Plizzillo-Police Chief Jerry-SAPD; Ptl. Thomas-Sayreville PD; Ptl. James-Sayreville PD.

Popowski-*Sgt. Terry-Sayreville PD; Ptl. Mike-Sayreville PD.

Repsha-Brothers *Mike, John, and Robert all were NJ State Police Officers.

Rutkowski-Ptl. Gloriann-SAPD; Ptl. Anthony-Jersey City PD.

Schwarick-*Sgt. William Sr.-South Amboy PD; William Schwarick Jr.-U.S. Secret Service Agent; William Schwarick (son of William Jr.)-Morris County Sheriff's Dept.

Skarzynski-Capt. Glenn-Sayreville PD; Sgt.

Peter-Sayreville PD.

Sprague-*Douglas Sr.-Police Chief Sayreville; Det. Douglas Jr.- Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office/Sayreville PD; Det. Sgt. Jeff-Sayreville PD.

Szatkowski-Sgt. Kenneth-SAPD; Ptl. Brett Raritan PD; Ptl. Thomas-SAPD; Ptl. Donald Szatkowski Jr.-SAPD; Ptl. Kyle Szatkowski-West Long Branch PD; Jim Micier-NJ State Police; Charlie Honimar-NJ Corrections Dept.

Szkodny-Chief Edward-Sayreville PD; Sgt. Raymond-Sayreville PD; Ptl. Raymond Jr.- Sayreville PD; Det. Brian-Sayreville PD.

Tarallo-*Capt. Anthony "Tony"-SAPD; Chief of Police Darren LaVigne-SAPD (is Anthony's son-in-law); Sgt. Richard "Chip" Wojaczyk-SAPD (Anthony's nephew); Ptl. Anthony-California (Anthony's grandson).

Vona-Capt. Patrick-NJ State; Lt. Gary Vona-NJ State Police; Lt. Glenn-NJ State Police.

Zebrowski-Police Chief John-Sayreville PD; Det. Matthew-Sayreville PD (John's son).

-The above list was put together based on our research, if we missed anyone, made errors, or you have updated information please email us at satimes@aol.com



Fish Fry

The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville will be having a Fish and Chicken Fry on Friday, April 1. Tickets are \$16 in advance and there are limited tickets available at the door. Chicken is available by advance order only. We will once again be offering take-out only. Each meal comes with a 6 oz. piece of cod or chicken, French fries, green beans, coleslaw, roll and slice of fruit pie. For tickets please call 732-257-6353 or email us at churchoffice172@optimum.net.

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Pictured: Left: B. Brown
 Right: I. Mercado, A. Lee & P. Mickens



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South Amboy Elementary School art teacher Georgann Tice (r) sponsored a district wide fundraiser to support the South Amboy Arts Alliance. With the participation of South Amboy Education Association, a donation was made to director Joan Conway (l) to bring additional visual and performing art events to the community. The SAAA is a non-profit group with a studio located at 114 N. Broadway. (Photo/Info Submitted)



United Roosevelt Savings Bank Executive Vice President David Van Steyn and Senior Vice President of Lending Gary McEldowney present a check for \$6,000 to South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade committee member Jan Williams for the city's parade scheduled for March 20. A \$6,000 check was also presented for the July 2, 2022 South Amboy/Perth Amboy fireworks display to its committee member Yolanda Flores as South Amboy mayor Fred Henry (3rd from left) looks on. (Photo/Info Submitted)

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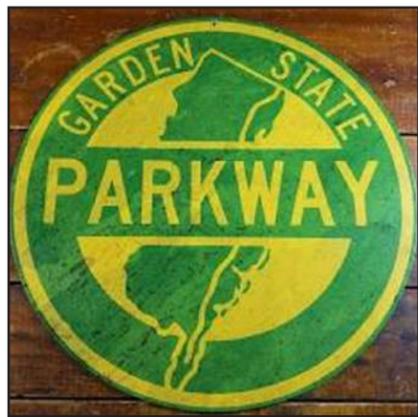
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What Exit?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton
February What Exit:
 Last month's exit was 162 and 163 which will take you to Paramus/ The following knew where they were going! Pete McIntyre, Vincent Farina, Berry Leveille, Michael & Irene Kilcomons, Gary Feret, John & JoAnn French, Pat Scully, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Edna Mazur Pilch, Mary Agnes Morris, Dermot Scales, Mark Moniello, Dane Colburn, Steve Villig, Craig Yetsko.

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By Brian Stratton

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5. The Addams Family
6. Family Feud
7. All in the Family
8. Family
9. Family Affair
10. The Partridge Family

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- b. Buffy
- c. Danny
- d. Meat Head
- e. Gloria Delgado-Pritchett
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The Spinal Column
By
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Walking For Your Good Health

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Walking is a surprisingly effective strategy for lifelong health. It is accessible to almost everyone. You've done it all your life and you can continue to do it well into old age. Walking also delivers proven benefits to all of the body's major systems... muscles, bones, heart and circulation. You can walk almost anywhere without special facilities or equipment. Studies show that walkers traveling faster than five miles an hour actually burn twice as many calories as runners going the same speed.

When you begin a walking program, keep in mind that you're in no big hurry. This is lifetime health, not overnight magic. At first, forget heart rates and stop watches. Just go walk at a comfortable pace slightly above a stroll.

You don't have to walk any particular way, but there comes a point when refinements offer definite benefits. The correct posture, arm swing and stride add up to higher intensity exercise and lower risk of injury.

Posture – when walking, lean slightly forward, from the ankles, not the waist. Leaning from the waist will only tire your back and make breathing harder. Keep your head level and your chin up.

Arm swing – keep your elbows firmly bent at a 90-degree angle, and swing your arms from the shoulder. Your hand should end its forward swing at breastbone height. On the backswing, if you're moving fast, the upper arm is almost parallel to the ground.

Stride – make your stride long and smooth. Borrow some moves from competitive race walkers: keep your supporting leg straight as your body passes over it, and let the hip rise and relax. As the leg moves to the rear, keep its foot on the ground as long as possible before pushing off.

Remember – the proper technique is not as important as getting out there and doing something. Keep in mind that healthy people are well overall; their activities help fend off heart disease and circulatory problems. The key is to stay active.

Keep it up – to make walking a habit, takes will power and sometimes a strategy. Schedule regular walks with a friend if you need an extra push, or walk first thing in the morning before other commitments crop up, or vary your routine to keep it interesting or get a dog!

Finally, try not to think of it as exercise. It's time you've set aside for yourself. Enjoy it.

"i Am"

By Al Gomolka Jr.
Times Poet Laureate
C.2022

God calls Himself
"I Am"
Me...

i am my father and mother's son
i am my brother's and sister's sibling
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i am what I am as Popeye says
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LETTERS

Letter To The Editor

Referencing last month's article about Mechanicville, which I totally enjoyed, I believe the Rogers Brothers Walt / Ken plus their father S/A Police Capt. Walt Rogers lived in Mechanicville off Raritan Street. Wasn't Alfie Clark from this area of South Amboy, N.J.? I remember as a young boy going up Raritan Street and playing Hit Them Out with Walt Rogers, while he was still actively playing professional baseball in some vacant lot / field that probably has homes occupying this open space now.

PS. I also enjoy all the articles within the South Amboy Times by you and your exceptional writers, mostly from the below the tracks guy, John Philips who has a terrific memory, and brings back memories of being home in the Pleasant Little City. Thank You Tom, for your South Amboy-Sayreville Times newspaper, as it is a refreshing day when it arrives in Elberfeld, Indiana!

Bill "Biff" McKeon
(Formerly of South Amboy/Sayreville) Indiana



SOUTH AMBOY ELEMENTARY ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT - SECOND TRIMESTER 2021/22

FOURTH GRADE-HONOR ROLL WITH DISTINCTION: Arianna Kross

HONOR ROLL: Arianna Aronowitz, Ayden Brexel, Logan Cerria, Journee Freeman, Dante Gavino Sanchez, Olivia Hernandez, Austin Holovacko, Kylie McCloud, Nevaeh McLeod, Sarah Murphy, Kyrie Piper, Jacob Romaniuk, Avry Roque, Antonio Sambucci, Mohammed Shamma, Emma Smith, and Gavin Zeleniak.

FIFTH GRADE-HONOR ROLL WITH DISTINCTION: Adam Koziej, Alyssa Pellet, Caleb Sipsis, and Holden Vecchione.

HONOR ROLL: Abigail Berecsky, John Bixby, Matthew Curran, Aiden Diaz, Rafael Espinosa, Nevaeh Godfrey, Robert Guthrie, Mateusz Kosinski, Malani Lombardi, Calvin Manion, Valentina Moura, Jonti Pizarro, Raymelis Rincon, Zailey Ross, Wesley Rucker, Lianna Shilleh, Brooke Sofilkanich, and Matthew Soto.

Poppy Sale

The Catholic War Veterans, Sacred Heart Memorial Post 578, South Amboy, will hold a Poppy Sale: Saturday, April 30th 3:00 PM till 7:00 PM and on Sunday May 1st, 6:00 AM till 2:00 PM in front of Sacred Heart Church, Washington Ave., South Amboy, NJ.

The Vintage Car Contest

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Can you identify this car? Henry Ford's son could! Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by April 18th

The vintage car last month was a Chevrolet El Camino, Royal Knight edition. Part car, part pickup truck the El Camino was produced from 1959 - 1960 and 1964 - 1987. The Royal Knight package replaced the Black Knight for the 1979 model year. It featured a distinctive exterior décor treatment like the El Camino SS. Most apparent was a large, bold hood decal.

Skarzynski, Pete McIntyre, Tom Harrigan, Berry Leveille, Edward Szkodny, Michael & Irene Kilcomons, Gary Feret, Bruce Grankowski, Karen Kieselowski, John & JoAnn French, Pat Scully, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Edna Mazur Pilch, Steve Laskiewicz, David McCleery, Eleanore Westerholm, Dermot Scales, Dane Colburn, Steve Villig.

The following know their cars: Clem

February Vintage Car



1979 Chevrolet El Camino, Royal Knight Edition

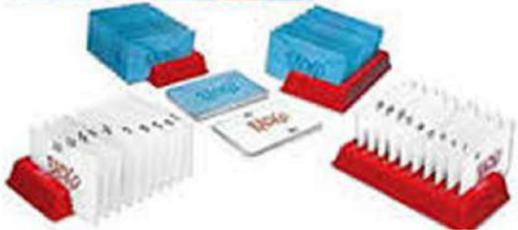
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parking lot! You can find more information on what items are accepted at www.turnkey-enterprises.com/.

WHAT IS IT?????

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

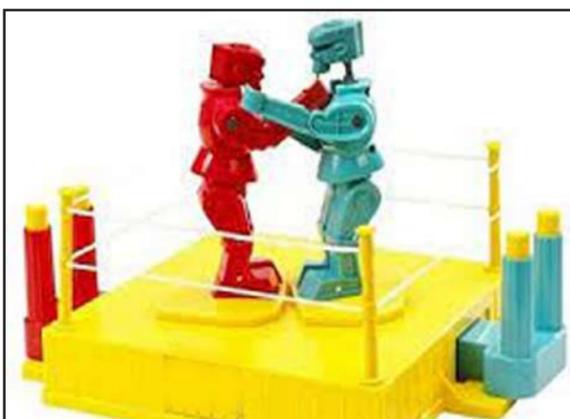


Have you ever played this game? Let us know what it is, send your answer to satimes@aol.com by April 18th.

January What Is It? Phonograph Cartridge

Last month's what is it, was Mattel's Rockem Sockem Robots. The toy was inspired by boxing games that appeared in arcades in the early 1960s, using mannequins made of metal that would fall over if a player managed to hit the button on the chin of the opposing player's dummy. The following correctly identified it:ers: Clem Skarzynski, Pete McIntyre, Madeline Pettus, Ed Campbell Sr, Berry Leveille, Maureen Gosford, Roman Sohor, Rosemary Albach, Patricia Kanecke,

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Mattel's Rockem Sockem Robots

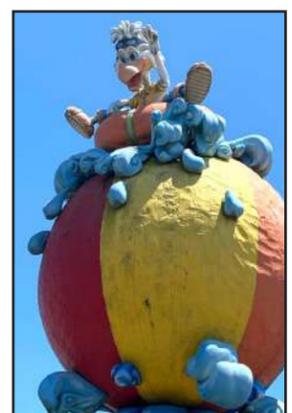
Where in NJ?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Do you know where this building is located? If you rolled down your car windows when driving by you could smell the sweet aroma of Oreos and other delicacies being baked. Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by April 18th.

Last month's where in NJ was located at the front of Morey's pier in Wildwood, NJ. The mascot on top is Sunny. The following correctly identified it: Berry Leveille, Michael & Irene Kilcomons, Gary Feret, Pat Scully, Edward Downes, Edna Mazur Pilch, Jim & Debbie Sissick, Sandra Fallon, Mark Moniello, Dane Colburn.



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Salt Water

Striped Bass and Winter Flounder fishing in rivers and bays has opened. Some Stripers have been caught in back areas of Barnegat Bay along with a few Flounder. In Raritan Bay some Bass have been caught by private boats. It's slow from the shore but it should pick up soon. I checked Ideal and Cliffwood beaches, but the people I talked to didn't get any bites. The fall hot spot in Perth Amboy by the Victory Bridge didn't produce any fish so far but that may change any day. Party Boat fishing so far is fair, a few Blackfish, not too many Ling and very few Cod. Shark River always produces a few flounder at this time. I have no info if Stripers are being caught in the surf as of yet. As of now, new regulations proposed by our friends at the NMFS indicate a few more pounds of Fluke for the recreational sector which won't change things that much. Sea Bass, which are plentiful, will take a cut with a 15 fish bag limit and possibly a 14 inch size limit. They also want to cut the Porgies by raising the size limit to 10 inches.

Fresh Water

The fishing didn't last too long with the fluctuating weather this season. Streams and lakes stocked with Trout will be closed the last two weeks of March and the first week of April and will be reopening on Saturday, April 9th, opening day at 8AM. A few Largemouth Bass, some Pickerel and Panfish were caught in lakes and rivers in central and southern Jersey.

Congratulations!



USPS Mail Carrier, Glenn Smith is pictured delivering mail in South Amboy during his last week prior to retiring after 38 years of hardwork and dedication throughout "The Pleasant Little City." Congratulations Glenn, on your excellent career, and best of luck and enjoyment during your retirement! (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Lenten Take Out Fish Fry

OLV Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes Lenten Take Out Fish Fry at Sayreville Knights of Columbus, 775 Washington Rd, Parlin. Our menu includes Fried Flounder Platters, Shrimp Platters, Combo Platters all which include Salad, Vegetable, French Fries & Dessert. Also available are Fish Sandwiches which includes French Fries. Time: 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. Dates: 3/25, 4/1, 4/8, & 4/15/2022. Reminder: this is a Take Out Only dinner.



The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

From The Sports Archives



1999 - Gold Division Champs - South Amboy's Gold Division Champs (l-r) Asst. Coach George Gundrum, Melissa Rainone, Karen Felice, Nicole Silva, Suzy Smith, Danielle Ball, Joanne Tomaszewski, Kristen English, Michelle Szatkowski, Kim Peterson, Elaina Bajkowski, Kelly Brady, Jamie Maliniak, Regan Rone, Angelica Vargas, Melissa Poulsen, Coach Mary Ann Lewis. (photo by Tom Burkard)

T.H.E. Game

Year-1994
Sport-Basketball
Teams-Sayreville vs. St. Mary's

Recap-At the end of the first quarter, the score was tied at 12-all, and John Kugel fired in all 12 points for the Eagles. The Bombers went to work, and kept adding on throughout the contest, pulling away with a 65-55 victory. The Sayreville attack was paced by Mike Clark and Bilal King, who scored 20 points apiece, while the Saints were led by Kugel and Ross Hull, who also popped in 20 apiece.
Co-Players- of-the-Game-Mike Clark and Bilal King.

30 Years Ago

1992-Hoffman HS senior basketball standout Jen Ingstrup joined the elusive 1,000 points scoring club...

In first round action of the South Jersey Parochial B basketball tournament, St. Mary's boys stopped Sacred Heart, 63-55. Leo Cannon poured in a career high of 37 points, while connecting on 16-for-27 from

25 Years Ago

1997-St. Mary's girls basketball squad downed South Amboy, 55-48, to sweep the City Series, as Janine Swanson took game scoring laurels with 19 points. The Lady Guvs were led by Kristen English with 11 and Hanna Glomska 10 points...

St. Mary's boys hoopsters shocked South Amboy, 61-47 to sweep their City Series. The Eagles scoring attack was paced by Eddie McCabe with 16 points, Tom Rizzo 13, and Billy Oels 12. The Guvs received 16 points from Kevin Cushing, and Eric Gromadzki added 13.

the field, and also pulled down 18 rebounds to pave the way to victory. Brian Thomas added 10 points for the Saints...

Sayreville's Tom Martinez was crowned champion of the GMCT in the 119-lb. Class, by decisioning Andy Barnett of North Brunswick, 5-2.

Glory Days In Local Sports

1979-Hoffman boys beat East Brunswick Vo-Tech, 59-49, as Bill Lewis fired in 18 points, and John Dragotta added 17...1984-Sayreville girls nipped East Brunswick, 42-41 in basketball action. Kate Briody scored 16, Terry Lockwood 10, and Caryn Lukie had 10 rebounds...1997-St. Mary's blasted Metuchen in boys hoops, 59-46. Eddie McCabe poured in 22 points, Tom Rizzo 16, and Billy Oels 9 points...2000-South Amboy boys basketball superstar Ed Behnen captured the county scoring championship by firing in 751 points, with an incredible 32.6 ppg. Tom Boychuk topped St.

Mary's with 460 points (#6 in the county), and 20.0 ppg. (#5 in the county). In girls hoops,, Kaitlyn Katko of the Lady Eagles was #5 in Middlesex County with 420 points and #6 with a 17.5 ppg. Lady Guvs Kim Peterson scored 416 points, #6 in county, and averaged 18.1 ppg., #5...2011-Sayreville boys downed Dunellen, 65-54 in basketball play. Cody Van Note led the Bombers with 18 points, and was followed by Trey Johnson 14, and Justin Luna 12...2021-Sayreville standout girls basketball player Stephanie Van Note joined the school's exclusive 1,000 point scoring club.

15 Years Ago

2007-Cardinal McCarrick boys basketball team jolted JFK, 80-58, as Mike Burwell fired in 44 points, ripped 17 rebounds, and dished off 5 assists to lead the way. Jose Rosario chipped in with 13 points...

South Amboy HS standout junior, Katey Charmello hit the 1,000 point scoring mark on January 29th...

Cardinal McCarrick senior guard, Jessica Pruiti scored her 1,000th point on February 8th...

Five Sayreville wrestlers captured District 20 championships: 125 lbs.-Eric Tsang; 135-Ramon Santiago; 145-Scott Poore; 152-Mike Deluco; 160-Michael Knight.

20 Years Ago

2002-Kaitlyn Katko finished her outstanding schoolgirl career at Cardinal McCarrick by tossing in 31 points in a 59-54 state semifinal loss to powerhouse St. Rose. Meaghan Langan, the Lady Eagles center added 10 points and excelled on defense.

Katko won the Middlesex County scoring title with a 22.1 ppg., 7.6 rebounds, 6.8 steals, and 5.1 assists. She also finished her career with a grand total of 1,641 points...

Sayreville boys basketball star Samir Sanu averaged 15.3 ppg., 7 rebounds, and shot 70% from the free throw line. He was a 1st Team All-Middlesex selection.



Sal Angioletti (r) and Kevin Wall, co-hosts of the popular radio show "Talking Baseball With Sal Angioletti" are pictured at the Brick House in Sayreville, at their live-on the air show. The program was a big success, and enjoyed by baseball fans everywhere. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



Recently elected USSSA Softball Hall-of-Famer Chuck Prusakowski, is pictured in action at a Vintage Bombers softball game last season, when the Bombers captured another Middlesex County Over 50 Senior League A Division championship. (Photo by Phil Brennan)



Early 1990s-Chuck Prusakowski is pictured before a softball game in South Amboy. (Photo from the Tom Burkard Archives)



Prusakowski Elected To Hall Of Fame

Chuck Prusakowski of Sayreville was recently elected to the USSSA New Jersey Hall of Fame for Slow Pitch Softball. Prusakowski started his outstanding softball career in the early 1980's and has been one of the top players on just about every team he has played for through the years. Chuck has excelled in various leagues and tournaments throughout the United States, while facing some of the stiffest competition on the face of the earth.

In recent years, Chuck has played in the Middlesex County Over 50 Senior League for the Vintage Bombers, and is currently

the team's career leader in batting average with a blistering .658. He also holds the club's season records for batting average .800 (2016), hits 76 (2016), and at-bats with 110 (2021).

Congratulations Chuck, on being selected to the most prestigious USSSA New Jersey Hall of Fame for Slow Pitch Softball! You truly deserve this honor, and anyone who has played against you or was a teammate of yours, will testify that you're THE BEST!

*The induction ceremony will be held in February 2023, with more information to follow.

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The Sayreville Youth Athletic Association proudly marched in the South Amboy St. Patrick's parade. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

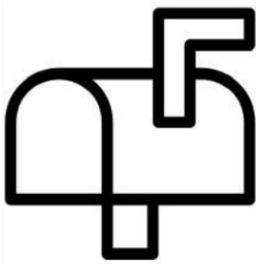
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School Sports
By Tom Burkard



Guinevere Kennedy of South Amboy ran her 2nd Disney Princess half marathon held in Orlando, Florida. Out of 12,766 total men and women who competed, she came in an impressive 67th place. Out of 10,484 women she placed 27th and in her age group (18-24) she placed 5th. Congratulations! (Photo/Info Submitted)

Boys Basketball
2021-22 Final Statistics

Sayreville (11-14) Coach John Wojcik
Total Points-Peter Luster 236, Max Negron 228, Kyler Crespo 209, Jaden Hargrove 186, Santino Whitaker 173.

South Amboy (7-16) Coach Matt Wiater
Total Points-Brandon Gasiewski 315, Gavin Pelkey 289, Jianny Caraballo 163.
Rebounds-Anthony Vella 136, Pelkey 115, Josiah Floyd 95.
Assists-Pelkey 62, Gasiewski 33, Vella 33, Angel Barillas 25, Caraballo 20.
Steals-Barillas 30, Pelkey 29, Gasiewski 18, Vella 15.

Wrestling

Sayreville (15-7) Coach Marcus Ivy.

Marlboro Belts Sayreville

The Sayreville boys basketball went up against powerhouse Marlboro (25-2) in the First Round of CJ Group 4 action, and were spared no mercy, while dropping an 86-50 contest, in their season finale. The Bombers placed 3 players in double figures with Max Negron leading the way by pumping in 17 points. Peter Luster had 13, and Santino Whitaker added 12.

Shore Hammers South Amboy

In CJ Group 1 First Round play, Shore annihilated the South Amboy Governors, 74-33, despite 13 points, and 6 rebounds from Gavin Pelkey. Brandon Gasiewski scored 12 points, and Josiah Floyd had 7 rebounds.

Girls Basketball

Sayreville (8-14) Coach Janet Cook
Total Points-Brooke Holland 350, Chisom Ejikeme 122, Janai Negroni 92.
Rebounds-Ejikeme 187, Holland 177, Ashley Ament 149.
Assists-Negroni 39, Holland 32.
Steals-Holland 27, Ejikeme 27, Ahmet 26, Negroni 26.
Blocked Shots-Ament 22, Holland 16.
South Amboy (1-19) Coach Kathleen Salardino
Total Points-Faith Nemeth 241, Taylor Gliese 227.



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



Jessica Zebrowski



Ryan O'Leary



College Notebook

Jessica Zebrowski, (Sayreville), a freshman swimmer with Fordham University (7-0) varsity swimming & diving team, has had an outstanding first-year on the collegiate level. On February 18th, she turned in the team's fastest time of the year in the 100-yard butterfly, with a fine 54.99 showing. The following day, Jessica turned in the quickest time of the season for the

200-yard butterfly with a 2:02.80. She was also a contributing member of the 400-yard medley team, which had the fastest time of the season with a 3:42.57.

Jessica was a 1st team All-Shore and All-Monmouth County selection last year, while competing for state champion Trinity Hall HS of Tinton Falls.

Congratulations Jessica on a great

freshman year, and best of luck in the future!

Ryan O'Leary (South Amboy), a junior guard for Rowan University (23-6) has played in 13 games, scored 70 points-5.4 avg., ripped 51 rebounds-2.2 avg. Ryan a graduate of Sayreville War Memorial HS, is a member of the Bombers elite 1,000 points scoring club.

Middlesex College Earns 2022-2023 Military Friendly Designation

Middlesex College has earned the Military Friendly® School designation for 2022-2023.

The list was developed by Viqtory Media, which annually highlights colleges, universities and employers that are military friendly. Institutions earning the Military Friendly School designation were evaluated using both public data sources and responses from a proprietary survey. More than 1,800 schools participated in the 2022-2023 survey with 665 earning the designation.

The 2022-2023 Military Friendly Schools list will be published in the May and October issues of G.I. Jobs magazine and can be found at www.militaryfriendly.com.

Methodology, criteria, and weightings were determined by Viqtory with input from the Military Friendly Advisory Council of independent leaders in the higher education and military recruitment community. Final ratings were determined by combining the institution's survey scores with the assessment of its ability to meet thresholds for student retention, graduation, job placement, loan repayment, persistence

(degree advancement or transfer) and loan default rates for all students and, specifically, for student veterans.

Joel Adams, coordinator for Military and Veterans Services at the College, said he was proud of the designation, which the College has earned numerous times, and he was grateful for the generous support of the Willard T.C. Johnson Foundation, which has funded the Center since its inception in 2012.

"The Foundation has allowed us to make a huge difference in the lives of these men and women," he said. "I'm so proud of them and their success."

Adams highlighted several center initiatives.

"First is the formal training we give to faculty and staff that allows them to understand what our military-affiliated students have been through," he said. "We also offer academic advising and tutoring. All this helps our students succeed, and it also alleviates stress as they map out their future."

Another plus is the Veterans and Servicemembers Association, a student organization that develops extracurricular

activities for veterans and promotes community service opportunities. In the past the group has visited veterans in local nursing homes and participated in Operation Shoebox, in which they packed food and hygiene items that were delivered to troops overseas.

Kayla Lopez, national director of military partnerships for the Military Friendly program, said schools that achieve this designation have much of which to be proud.

"Military Friendly is committed to transparency and providing consistent data-driven standards in our designation process," she said. "Our standards provide a benchmark that promotes positive outcomes and support services that better the educational landscape and provide opportunity for the military community. This creates a competitive atmosphere that encourages colleges to evolve and invest in their programs consistently. Schools that achieve awards designation show true commitment in their efforts, going over and above that standard."



David McGill (l) friend and longtime member of the AOH poses with Tom Dempsey 2022 Grand Marshal of the South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade after his sash presentation. (Photo/Info Submitted)

Plays -In-The-Park Returns

By Steve Schmid

Good news for theater goers. The Middlesex County Commissioners have announced that the popular Plays-In-The-Park summer theater is back for live performances. The shows will again be performed at the Stephen J. Capestro Theatre in Edison. Performances will begin with "Something Rotten" which runs from Wednesday June 22 to Saturday July 2. The show is about two brothers in the 1590s who are working very hard to write a musical about the superstar of that era William Shakespeare and their challenges. The next show "The SpongeBob Musical," will be performed from Wednesday July 13 to Saturday July

23. This show is based on the popular animated kids TV show on Nickelodeon. The beloved characters will appear and try to defeat the bad guys. The season wraps up with the production of "A Chorus Line" This show will run from Wednesday August 3 to Saturday August 13. This show captures the spirit and tension of a Broadway chorus audition by performers who could use those jobs. Many well-known songs will be sung and danced to. Ticket prices are \$7 per adult, \$5 per senior citizen. Children 12 and under are admitted free. The box office will open at 5:30 p.m. on show nights. Curtain is at 8 p.m. for all shows.

WWW.?

By Tom Burkard



Does this business located in Sayreville or South Amboy look familiar to you? Let us know if you think you can identify it. Send your answer in to: thesatimes@aol.com by April 18th. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

WWW.? Winners January

The correct answer was the Munckee Bar & Grill in South Amboy. Winners were: Pete McIntyre, Berry Leveille, Jimmy McCain, Leon Credico, Dennis Quinlan, Michael & Irene Kilcomons, Gary Feret, Joan Fulham, Chuck Pickard, Pat Scully,

Laurie & Gary Loftus, Barbara Bockus, Edna Mazur Pilch, Jim & Debbie Sissick, Steve Laskiewicz, Lynn Loy, Michael Greenhaus, Mary Agnes Morris, Mark Moniello, Lisa Grankowski, Dane Colburn, Seve Villig, Craig Yetko.



February's WWW - Munckee Bar & Grill

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NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

Come To South Amboy March 3, 2022



New Kids On The Block fans are pictured waiting in a long line, running from Cedar St. to the front of Rollermagic on North Stevens Ave., where they were going to see their heroes in person, at the launch of their new video. (Photo by John Dembowski)



Donnie Wahlberg leads, New Kids On The Block, band members into Rollermagic, for the worldwide launch of their new music video, "Bring Back The Time" (Photo by Steve Schmid)



Several hundred fans cheer wildly for Donnie Wahlberg, leader of New Kids On The Block. (Photo by Steve Schmid)



Donnie Wahlberg, leader of New Kids On The Block, speaks to the band's many fans, who showed their support at Rollermagic. (Photo by Steve Schmid)



Middlesex College Celebrates Community College Month With a Return to In-Person Events

Community colleges across the country will host events throughout April to celebrate Community College Month in order to raise awareness about the broad impact community colleges have in their respective communities and beyond.

At Middlesex College, the main campus in Edison will be abuzz with activities throughout the month to share in the nationwide observance. This year's month-long celebration, "Your Community's College," coincides with the return of in-person events.

The College will hold its annual Open House from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on April 3 in-person for the first time since the pandemic shut down most in-person activities two years ago. This annual event offers prospective students the most comprehensive opportunity to learn more about Middlesex College. Students and parents can speak one-on-one with advisors, counselors and staff about admissions, academic and workforce training programs, degrees, transfer opportunities, financial aid and scholarships, and much more. Visit middlesexcc.edu/open-house for more information and to register.

The following week, the Middlesex College Foundation will host the always popular Casino Night on April 8. The Friday evening fundraiser, open to adults 21 years of age or older, will feature Blackjack, craps, poker, roulette and raffles. In addition to the gaming activities, guests will enjoy food and beverage offerings, including hors d'oeuvres, food stations, dessert, along with wine and beer. Proceeds from the \$100 per person event will go toward student scholarships and other forms of student aid, as well as support for educational programs. More information about Casino Night, including how to purchase tickets, can be found at middlesexcc.edu/casino-night.

In addition to Open House and Casino Night, Middlesex College will host the

following events in the month of April:

- April 4 and 6: Educational Opportunity Fund Q&A Sessions
- April 5, 12, 19: Explore, Grow, Thrive Alumni Speaker Series available in-person and via Zoom (bit.ly/virtualcollegecenter)
- April 21: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Induction Ceremony (West Hall, Parkview Room)

Middlesex College President Mark McCormick noted that the month-long observance is an important reminder that community colleges serve as drivers of social mobility and economic growth.

"New Jersey's community colleges play a critical role in helping people from all walks of life transition to the next phase of their lives, providing opportunities for everyone," President McCormick said. "High school graduates seeking an affordable path to a college degree, immigrants who want to learn or improve their English as they adjust to life in America, mid-career professionals seeking to move up in their careers, budding entrepreneurs looking to start a business, retirees looking to pursue an interest or hobby, and employers looking to upgrade their workers' skills in a fast-changing economy can find what they need at Middlesex College. Your community's college truly addresses the complex needs of students, employers, and local communities."

To learn more about Middlesex College, its offering and upcoming events, visit middlesexcc.edu.

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Coughlin Bill to Help Food Pantries with Transition to Reusable Bags Clears

Committee Legislation to Give 6-Month Extension, Donate 500,000 Reusable Bags

Food banks and pantries have faced several challenges over the past two years with rising demand for food, supply chain disruptions, labor shortages, and inflation straining operational capacity.

Recognizing that the ban on single-use carryout bags could further hamper food aid operations, Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin (D-Middlesex) sponsors legislation (A-2065) to give food banks and food pantries another six months to prepare for compliance with New Jersey's ban on single-use plastic and disposable paper carryout bags beginning on May 4.

"The demand for food assistance persists and so what this legislation does is balance the desire to become a more environmentally friendly state with our ability to support

organizations which continue to be critical in keeping people fed," said Coughlin.

Cleared by the Assembly State and Local Government Committee on Thursday, the bill would also provide 500,000 free reusable carryout bags for the State's food banks as part of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's information and education campaign.

"By creating this extension in addition to distributing 500,000 reusable bags, we're providing both the time and resources that we recognize pantries facing high demand need in order to be successful in making the shift," said Coughlin. "We simply can't leave our food insecure families behind and this bill thoughtfully ensures that we don't."



Remembering Art Davey

Art Davey, 92, who was born and raised in South Amboy, passed away on Feb. 12. After serving in the U.S. Navy as an engineer during the Korean War, he founded Dependable Fuel Co. in 1958, where he served as president until retiring in 1991. He moved to Holmdel in 1975, and was instrumental in helping with fundraising to build the new St. Catharine's Church and Religious Education Center.



Art Davey

Davey went on to pursue a career in public service, and served on the Planning and Zoning Boards. He was elected Deputy Mayor in '99,

and served as Mayor for 2 subsequent years. His most notable accomplishment was creating the Six Flags Memorial at the Holmdel Town Hall to commemorate the 9/11 tragedy in 2001.

Art was Commander of VFW Post 5918 from 1998 through the present. He worked to obtain the Nike Base in Holmdel for the VFW, and spearheaded the creation of the veterans' memorial at Philips Park.

The Veterans Park Memorial honors all residents serving in conflicts from the 1600's up to present day.

Charles Wiley: Journalist, Writer, Lecturer

Former Sayreville resident Charles "Charlie" Wiley, 95, died on March 9. A best-selling book or top-rated movie could be produced about this brilliant man, who led a most interesting and diversified life. He was a child actor, and at age 7 was cast in two Pulitzer Prize winning Broadway productions. At age 15, he joined the USO and entertained at bases throughout the U.S. Charlie then enlisted in the Navy, and served during the battle of Okinawa, and took part in the initial occupation of Japan. He also participated in the operation of Bikini Atoll prior to the atom bomb test.

Following the war, he studied Journalism at NYU. He went on to travel over 100 countries and cover 11 wars, writing for publications including The New York Times, U.S. News, World Report, Time, and Newsweek. His reporting also appeared on NBC, UPI, and The London Express. Wiley spent 4 tours in Vietnam, covering the war in 1962, 1964, the Tet

Offensive in '68, and the Easter Offensive in '72.

Over the last 50 years, he was a well-known radio/TV talk show personality and commentator. He appeared on hundreds of network and local programs, appearing many times on CNN and C-Span. Until his passing, he was an active lecturer in all 50 states and on 6 continents. Charles was also on the AIM Speakers Bureau for over 30 years. He loved to educate young people, and spoke at dozens of colleges, high schools and youth organizations all over the country.

Wiley ran for political office in New Jersey many years ago, but was not elected. Many locals will remember him for the men's softball team which he organized/played for, many years, The Federals in the Sayreville League. He was very proud of the fact that he played quarterback in neighborhood football games when he was in his seventies.



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PRAYER TO ST. JUDE

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

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Novena Prayer to St. Anthony of Padua

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

Obituaries

Baumann, Kevin, 63, of South Amboy died on Feb. 28.
 Chin, Chuck M., 84, of Sayreville died on Feb. 19.
 Chrzaszcz, Patricia Norek, 80, of South Amboy died on March 3.
 Davey, Arthur F., 92, formerly of South Amboy died on Feb. 12.
 Dudek, Gertrude, 83, of Parlin died on March 7.
 Falke, David P., 55, of Sayreville died on March 3.
 Ganschow, Elizabeth "Betty," 92, of South Amboy died on Feb. 26.
 Gibson, Joan Gutkowski, 72, formerly of Sayreville died on March 10.
 Hauser, Rhoda, 62, formerly of Sayreville died on Feb. 20.

Kerr, Sean M., 51, of South Amboy died on Feb. 25.
 Kurpiewski, Stanley F., 90, of Morgan died on Feb. 19.
 Natale, Mary, 82, of Parlin died on March 3.
 Piscitelli, Kathleen M., 62, formerly of Sayreville died on March 9.
 Reagan, Betty, 89, of Parlin died on Feb. 18.
 Santos, John F., 66, of Morgan died on Feb. 10.
 Wiley, Charles W., 95, formerly of Sayreville died on March 9.
 Zaleski, Joseph S. Jr., 61, formerly of Sayreville died on March 9.

There is truly only one thing that can be done once.....your loved one deserves the best!



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A SOLEMN REMEMBRANCE



SERGEANT FIRST CLASS BENJAMIN L. SEBBAN

15th ANNIVERSARY

March 17, 2007 U.S. Army Sergeant 1st Class Benjamin L. Sabban was killed in action, attempting to save fellow soldiers, while serving as the Senior Medic with 82nd Airborne Division in Iraq, during Operation Iraqi Freedom. For his actions in combat Sgt. Sabban was awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

Sgt Sabban grew up in South Amboy and attended the local schools. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery and was given full military honors.

(Photos/Story by Jamie Norek)

In Memoriam

Betty Reagan, 89, of Parlin died on Feb. 18. She and her late husband Gene ran their business Triple R Maintenance for many years in the area. Stanley Kurpiewski, 90, of Morgan died on Feb. 19. He was a past president and life member of the Morgan

First Aid Squad, and also an active member in many local organizations. Stanley worked for 30 years as a letter carrier for the U.S. Post Office prior to his retirement. Stan was one of the good guys from Morgan who will be missed.

Patricia Chrzaszcz

Patricia Chrzaszcz (Nee: Norek) 80, lifelong resident of South Amboy passed away on Thursday, March 3, 2022.

Patricia was employed by Parkway Fabricators manufacturing scuba diving suits, and was also a homemaker for many years taking care of her loved ones. She enjoyed cooking and baking for her family and friends. They especially loved her famous Swedish meatballs, pistachio



niece Kathleen Cattano.

Patricia is survived by her devoted husband Leonard Paul Chrzaszcz, loving sons Lenny (his fiancé Lydia), Michael (his wife Annie), Joe, and Stephen (his partner Rocio). She is also survived by her cherished grandchildren Paige Michelle, Ashley Lynn, Joey Robert, and Justin; her niece Ann Marie Cattano, her nephew David Bryson and many family members who

will miss her dearly.

In lieu of flowers please make donations in Patricia's name to Melrose Firehouse, Sayreville, NJ.

Funeral services were held from the Kurzawa Funeral Home, 338 Main Street, South Amboy. A funeral Mass was held at Sacred Heart Church, South Amboy, followed by a burial at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Parlin.

The Miraculous Prayer

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked for many favors. This time I ask you this my special one (mention favor). Take it, Dear Jesus, and place it within your own broken heart, where your Father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes, it will become your favor, not mine. Amen. (Say this prayer for 3 days, promise publication and your favor will be granted. Never known to fail.) -S.R..

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MIRACULOUS INVOCATION TO ST. THERESA

O Glorious St. Theresa, whom Almighty God has raised up to aid and counsel mankind, I invite your miraculous intercession. So powerful are you in obtaining every need of body and soul, our Holy Mother Church proclaims you a "prodigy of miracles, the greatest Saint of modern times." Now I fervently beseech you to answer my petition (mention here) and carry out your promise of doing good upon earth of letting fall from heaven a shower of roses, henceforth, Dear Little Flower, I will fulfill your plea to be made known everywhere and I will never cease to lead others to Jesus through you. Amen. Say prayer every day for 9 days. By the 4th day ask for a sign, if prayer is to be answered between 4th and 9th day you will see a rose in a magazine, tv, picture or receive roses. Must promise publication. M.L., LF

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South Amboy St. Patrick's Parade

March 20, 2022 (Photos by Brian Stratton)



American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62 South Amboy



Irish American Association Irish Person of the Year Jessica Lopez



AOH Hibernian of the Year James Riehl



South Amboy Police Chief Darren LaVigne



South Amboy Fire Department



Pictured (l-r) NJ Senator Frank Pallone, SA Councilwoman Zusette Dato, NJ Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez, SA Councilman Brian McLaughlin and his wife Amy, SA Councilman Tom Reilly, SA Mayor Fred Henry and his wife Linda.



SWMHS Bombers Marching Band



Col. David B. Kelly AOH



All Aboard!



Col. D.B. Kelly Pipes and Drums



Members from the Historical Society of South Amboy



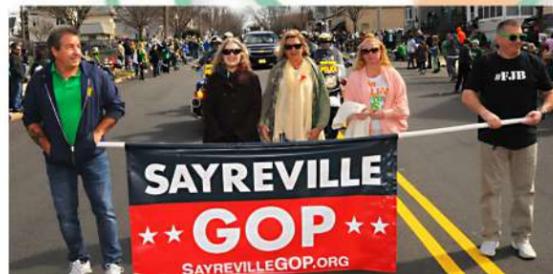
Vintage vehicle provided by the Historical Society of South Amboy



A view from the top!



The crowd heading toward the AOH



Sayreville Republican Party



Great Performances



South Amboy Superintendent of Schools Jorge Diaz (c) with members of SABOE and their families



The Mummer's String Band



South Amboy Schools Marching Band



The Ragtimers



Another Great Parade!