



The South Amboy Democrats, all incumbents were re-elected. The victors pictured (l-r) Councilman/Council President Michael "Mickey" Gross, Mayor Fred Henry, and Councilwoman Christine Noble.

Mayor Henry, Dems Sweep South Amboy

Incumbent Democrat Mayor Fred Henry was re-elected for another 4-year term, as he defeated challengers Republican Peter "Pedro" Pisar and Brandon Russell of the We The People Party. Mayor Henry racked up 1,429 votes, Pisar 885, and Russell 392. Incumbent Democratic Party City Council members Michael "Mickey" Gross and Christine Noble were unchallenged. Noble recorded 1,844 votes and Gross 1,766.

Amboy Bank Hosts Annual Food Drive

Throughout the month of November, all 23 offices of Amboy Bank will collect food and household items for food banks in their branch area. Every Amboy office manager has selected a food bank to collect for in their community. In many cases, Amboy has a strong relationship with the organizations, including St. Laurence Food Bank, Lunch Break and Freehold Open Door.

Gregory Scharpf, Chief Operating

Firefighter Appreciation Night

Mechanicsville Hose Co. will hold a Firefighter Appreciation Night Luxury Suite Raffle for a \$25 donation. 4 winners will receive 4 tickets to the Philadelphia Flyers vs. New Jersey Devils game on Sat., Jan. 12, 2019 at 1 p.m., at the Prudential Center in Newark. Winners will be notified

Bethlehem Walk

The first annual "Family Walk To Bethlehem" will be held Sunday December 9 at 2 p.m. at the South Amboy Knights of Columbus 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Stops along the way include Christ Episcopal Church Main St. and Broadway, Everlasting Strength Ministry at 239 Second St., The First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy at 150 North Broadway, St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church 256 Augusta St., Church Of The Sacred Heart 531 Washington Ave., and returns to the Knights of Columbus for light refreshments. Scripture readings, homilies, and Christmas carols will take place along the route. Dress in fashions of old or Christmas attire. For more information call Pat Regan at 732-727-2768, Elaine Lopez at 732-721-7251, or Lois Ann Smith at 732-266-9195.

Brunch With Santa December 16

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are hosting brunch with Santa Sunday December 16 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring your camera to get pictures of Santa Claus with the children. Cost is \$10 adults, \$3 children aged 2 to 12, and infants under 2 are free. For more information call 732-721-2025.

Officer, stated, "At Amboy Bank, we are dedicated to helping our local community prosper, and we are proud to lend a helping hand to our neighbors who need it most. Our annual food drive will help to restock the shelves of the food banks in our area."

Branch locations and details about the food drive can be found on Amboy's website, www.AmboyBank.com.

on Jan. 1, 2019. For more info contact any of the following: Rob Applegate 732-713-2366; Bob O'Connor 908-296-4254; Mike Geraltowski 848-250-9903; Greg Castello 732-501-4025; Mike Galvin 609-351-7865, or any other Mechanicsville member.

THANK YOU  VETERANS



World War I re-enactors Tony Sattilaro (l) and his son Vincent Sattilaro are proud Americans, and were honored to place the memorial wreath during the Veterans Day Service in South Amboy. (Photo/caption by Tom Burkard)

Kasics, Taggart, Dragotta Retain Board Seats

South Amboy Board of Education President Lynn Kasics was the top vote-getter with 1,103 votes, followed by incumbents Paula Lynne Taggart 1,091, and John Dragotta 1,089. Thomas Seig received 895, and David Grasso 607 in the five-way race for 3 seats.

Esposito, Kenny, Ciak Win Sayreville Board Of Ed Seats

In a 7-way race for three 3-year Board of Education seats in Sayreville, Anthony Esposito led the voting with 4,600 tallies, followed by other victors Carrie Kenny 4,424, and Board of Education President Kevin E. Ciak 4,361. Others totals were Bhumi Patel 2,788, Thomas Biesiada 2,368, Ryan C. Chazewski 1,975, Ryan De La Uz 1,282.

Friends Of South Amboy Fundraiser Basketball Games

This year's Friends of South Amboy fundraising event will be held on Saturday, December 15th at South Amboy Middle High School. Proceeds from the event will benefit Chris (Stretch) Szatkowski who is fighting a battle with stage 4 cancer. As in years past the event will feature local high school basketball games, as follows:

2:00 South Amboy Girls vs Piscataway Vo-Tech

4:00 South Amboy Boys vs Piscataway Vo-Tech

6:00 Bishop Ahr Boys vs Calvary Christian

8:00 Sayreville Boys vs South River

If you would like to donate a gift basket or purchase an ad please contact Janet Kern at 732-824-3494.



Dems Win-In the Sayreville election for two council seats, Democrats Damon Enriquez (l) and Kevin Dalina were elected.

Dems Dalina, Enriquez Elected In Sayreville

Newcomer Democrats Kevin Dalina and Damon Enriquez captured the battle for two 3-year council seats over Republicans Joel M. Bloom and Pasquale "Pat" Lembo. The voting went as follows: Dalina 6,809, Enriquez 6,543, Bloom 5,918, Lembo 5,912.

St. Patrick's Parade Fundraisers

The South Amboy Parade committee will hold the following Tip-A-Pint Fundraisers: Tuesday, December 4th 7-9 pm at South Stevens Pub; Thursday January 19th 7-9 pm at Murphy's Shamrock Inn. Tickets for each event are \$20 and only available at the door. The Col. D.B. Kelly Pipes and Drums will be performing at both events.



The annual Veterans Day Service was held in front of South Amboy City Hall on a very cold November 11th. American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62 of South Amboy members, along with South Amboy mayor and council members, are pictured following the service. Congratulations to Commander Bob "Zak" Sekerak, Post members, South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry, and all who participated and helped in making this a very special Veterans Day. (Photo/info by Tom Burkard)

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The South Amboy Democratic Organization held a Get Out The Vote Rally at the AOH Hall on Nov. 4. Pictured (l-r) Rosario Gonzalez, Dr. Jorge Gonzalez, Council President Michael “Mickey” Gross, Councilwoman Christine Noble, Mayor Fred Henry, Councilwoman Zuzette Dato, and South Amboy Democratic Organization Chairman, Bob Dato. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

Local Businesses Celebrate Special
Anniversaries

Several local businesses are celebrating special anniversaries for their years in business, and serving our communities. Congratulations and our wishes for continued success go out to the following: Roller magic South Amboy Arena-60 Years; Sure Hit Home Improvement-50 Years; R & R Printing-50 Years; Delio's Pizza-45 Years; New Life Books & Bible-40 Years; Lagoda's Saloon-35 Years; The South Amboy-Sayreville Times-27 Years; J & S Pizza-1 Year; Stevens Avenue Deli.

Msgr. Celano Started At St. Mary's
Msgr. Joseph G. Celano, was recently installed as Pastor of St. Peter the Apostle University and Community Parish. He is also the head of the diocesan Vicariate for Administration. Following his ordination as a priest in 1987, Msgr. Celano had his first assignment at St. Mary Parish in South Amboy, where he resided for awhile, and was well-received, and much-appreciated by locals during his stay. He was a good guy, and we wish him the best of luck always!

College Honors

The following locals were inducted into the Middlesex County College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges: Sayreville-Brandon Chinchilla, Paul Gonzalez, Nancy Rutledge, Mustafa Sadiq. South Amboy-Donald Delgandio, Hubert Maslowski, Victoria Reilly. Congratulations!

Comedy Night
November 30

South Amboy Knights of Columbus are holding a charity Comedy Night Friday November 30 at the K of C on 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Funds will go towards the New Jersey Dance Academy. Christine Blinn will host, K.P. Burke will also perform and Sean Morton is the headline act. Doors open at 7 p.m. and will be \$40 at the door. For more information call 732-721-2025 or email at : info@njdanceacademy.com.

Christmas Bazaar &
Vendor Sale

Please join us at Trinity United Methodist Church for our annual Christmas Bazaar and Vendor sale on Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 9 am through 3 pm. You will find homemade items, homemade bakery, open kitchen, Christmas shop, Children's room and Baskets for sale. Additionally, we have ~10 vendors selling their wares – Gina's Homemade Soap, Thirty One, Pampered Chef, Touchstone Jewelry, Lipsense, Yountique, and more. Santa will be there for pictures. We will have a small tricky tray and a raffle called at 3 pm. Join us for a fun day to begin your holiday shopping!! We are located at 815 Bordentown Avenue South Amboy.

Hoedown/Bufferet

South Amboy Elks will be holding a Hoedown/Bufferet on Nov. 30th from 6-8 p.m. at the Elks Club, 601 Washington Ave. The buffet will feature chicken, ribs, baked beans, macaroni & cheese, corn, cornbread, dessert, coffee, & tea. Cost is \$15 p/p, and kids under 8 yrs., \$7. For more info call 732-727-7170.

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Pleasant little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

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a.John Smith b.Matthew Ho c.Charlene Giovanni

2.President of Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 4699, Sayreville in 2008?
a.Anne Brigani b.Susan Coleman c.Lorraine Rock

3.Valedictorian of Cardinal McCarrick HS in 2007?
a.Brittany Biesiada b.Ranjit Singh c.Alexia Nwaziri

4.Middlesex County Fire Inspector of the Year in 2008?
a. Kevin Krushinski b. Edward Szatkowski c. John Bateman

5.Sayreville's Mayor in 1998?
a.Kennedy O'Brien b.James Zagata c.John McCormack

6.St. Mary's Regional HS play in 1988?
a.South Pacific b.Oklahoma c.Sound of Music

7.In '98, where was the Dugout Sports Cafe located in South Amboy?
a.John St. b.South Stevens Ave. c.Bordentown Ave.

8.In '95, where was A-1 Service located in Morgan?
a.Rt. 35 North b.Rt. 35 South c.Kath St.

9.In 2000, this fitness club was located on Raritan St. in Sayreville?
a.Champion b.Dolphin c.Top-Line

10.South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 Grand Knight in 1998?
a.Steve Schmid b.Mike Mooney c.Gene Chodkiewicz

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

Business Of The Month Lagoda's Saloon



Lagoda's bartender Jim Keays (l) is pictured with owners Ray Kukulski (c) and Anne Kukulski (r) at the popular South Amboy business establishment. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Lagoda's Saloon, located at 109 South Broadway, South Amboy, is one of the area's most popular establishments. The origins of this business can be traced back to the end of World War II, when it was started by the late Joe Jerome, and called Jerome's Tavern.

Lagoda's Saloon will celebrate its 35th Anniversary. Lagoda's was established by the late Jas Lagoda, and has been under the ownership of Raymond and Anne Kukulski for 34 years. They both have extensive backgrounds in this business. Raymond was the manager and bartender at the old Colonel's Garter from 1979-80, and City Lights from 1981-85, as well as Lagoda's Saloon. Anne was a bartender at Colonel's Garter, and also City Lights.

Lagoda's is proud to sponsor a women's bowling team that competes in area leagues. Sports fans can relax in the cozy surroundings at Lagoda's, and watch their favorite teams in baseball, basketball, football and hockey on Direct TV with the big TV's at one of the last local shot and beer bars. Music lovers have over 5,000 great songs to choose from on Lagoda's Touchtone Digital CD player.

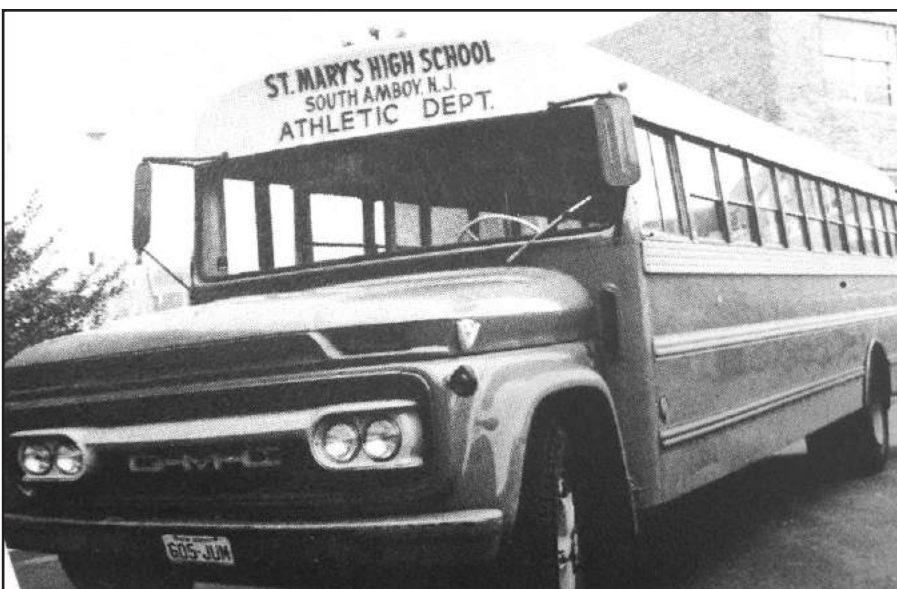
This friendly, neighborhood saloon is a place for good, hometown conversation and company, as well as offering great service and a clean environment. Lagoda's motto is "Good people and good times." If you're in the neighborhood, stop in at Lagoda's Saloon, 109 South Broadway, South Amboy, or call Ray or Anne at 732-727-4134.

Dad - Daughter Dance

South Amboy-Sayreville Rotary will hold annual dad-daughter on Friday, February 8, 2019. It will be held at VFW hall located

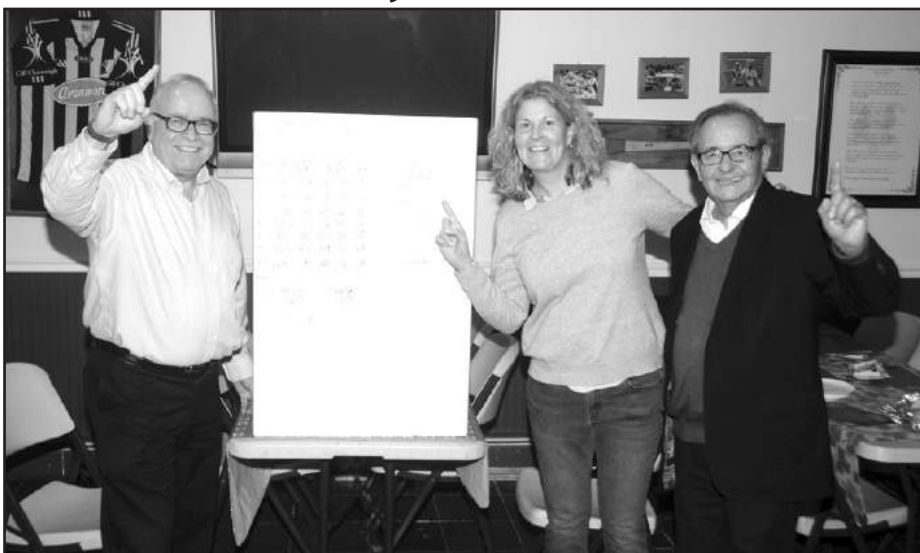
on Jernee Mill road, Sayreville. For more information contact Greg at 732-721-0400, greg@customfinancial.org.

Memories



1982-How many St. Mary's HS athletes remember riding to away games in this vintage team bus? If you have any memories to share, shoot them over to: satimes@aol.com.

Victory Celebration



Victory Celebration-(l-r)South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry, Councilwoman Christine Noble, and Democratic Party Chairman Bob Dato, proudly show that they were winners in the Nov. 6th election. Councilman/Council President Michael "Mickey" Gross also won, but was not present for the photo. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

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1957-Murphy's team, who competed in the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Bowling League is pictured at the Latin Quarter in New York City. Pictured in photo (l-r) Jack Gatz, ?, Gene Sprague, Frank Wojtaszek, Bernie Ruskowski, Stan Sumski, Russ Hahn. (Photo courtesy of Ken Sumski, R & R Printing)

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Yearbook-St. Mary 1993

By Tom Burkard

In September 1992, St. Mary's High School Class of '93 returned for their senior year classes. Ironically, the song, "End of The Road" by Boyz II Men was topping the radio charts at the time. . John Gloss was Principal, and some of his fine faculty included Associate Principal, Sr. Ann Marie Capal, Sr. M. Michael Reding, Sr. M. Angela Beezley, Nancy Fedor, Paul Geitz, Debra Gulick, Barbara Merson, Mary Beth Woolf, Dorothy Tighe. Erika Bobovnik was president of the Senate. . Marie Panigrosso was yearbook editor. The school newspaper was The Eagle Press. . Some of the graduating class consisted of Tami Corlett, Kelly Anne Garnett, Colleen Georges, Judith Golio, Monica Gorhau, Carissa Gundrum, Nathan Heitzenroeder, Kimberly Herbert, Patrick Hetzel, Donna Letteriello, Dawn Nappi, Thomas O'Callaghan, Michael O'Grady, Todd Parillo, Andrea Ray, Cristine Velasquez. . The school offered many extra curricular activities and events such as a play, "Born/Unborn," the March for Life at Washington, DC, in which many students attended, Pep Rallies, the Christmas Concert on 12-11-

92, featuring the new jazz band doing a solo. During their four years at St. Mary, the Class of '93 saw many important events happening in the world. Some headlines and names they read about were; War Declared in Gulf; Berlin Wall: No More; End to the Soviet Union; Bird Retires; Rodney King; Dream Team '92; Giants Win Super Bowl; Aids Crisis; Anita Hill vs. Clarence Thomas; Hurricane Andrew Strikes Miami.

The Class of '93 had many talented senior athletes such as Erica Acevedo, Brian Bohinski, Matthew Cannon, Vincent Costanza, Jamie Fiore, Lawrence Kovacs, George Lucas, John Lyons, Matthew McDow, Christopher Menello, Anthony Nazzaro, Jennifer Novak, Anthony Oliveri, Christine Petrella, Jasmine Ramos, Michael Reddan, Justin Ross, Daniel Seaman, Ian Thomas, Michelle Townsend, Brenda Witt. . 75 seniors graduated in 1993. . "That's The Way Love Goes" by Janet Jackson was the #1 hit in the U.S. at "Pomp 'N' Circumstance" time. . St. Mary's Class of 1993 sure had a lot of diversified talent all pointed in the right direction for future success in life.

Veteran of the Year



St. Stan's School held its Veterans Day program, and selected Ms. Rita Salgado (c) as Veteran of the Year. She is a Navy veteran (OS E-4, U.S. Navy), and is pictured with her husband Joseph Abouata (l) and her daughter Penelope, who is a third grade student at St. Stan's School.



St. Stan's Veteran of the Year Ms. Rita Salgado (c) is pictured with her daughter Penelope, along with her third grade classmates, and their teacher, Mrs. Lisa Grover. (Photos/info submitted)



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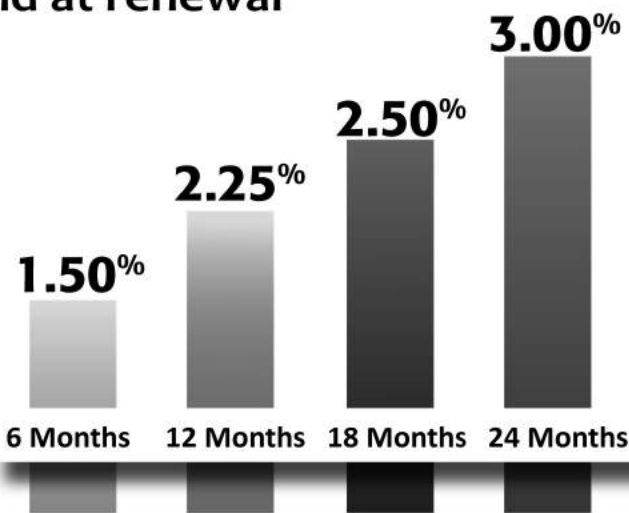


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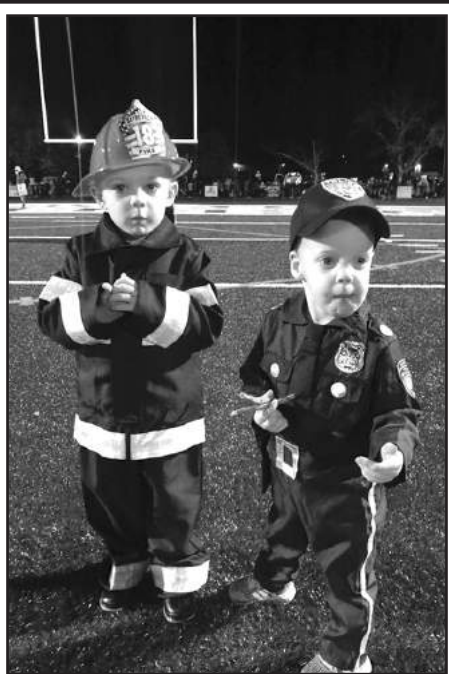


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Liam Humphrey (l), (Former South Amboy Fire Chief Kevin McCarthy's grandson), and Joey Bartlinski (r), (Sayreville police officer Joe Bartlinski's son), had a great time at the Sayreville Trick or Trunk event. (Photo/info submitted)

Pasta Fundraiser January 25

South Amboy Columbiettes will hold their annual pasta fundraiser Friday January 25 at the K of C Columbian Club at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy, before the Open-Mic activities. Proceeds will benefit the food banks at St. Mary's and Sacred Heart Churches in South Amboy.

OLV Dec. Meeting

The OLV Senior Group will hold their December Meeting on Friday, December 7, 2018 at 1:00PM in Monsignor Dalton Hall. There will be a Christmas luncheon free to all members at this meeting. Please call Mary Bouchard at 732-727-5056 no later than Saturday, December 1st to reserve your meal. No reservations will be accepted after December 1st. All dues must be paid to participate in this luncheon. New Members are always welcome until our December meeting. After that date membership is closed. Non-perishable food donations for St. Vincent de Paul will be accepted at all meetings. For further information contact Teri at 732-727-7639.

The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, MS

In the fire service, we are always on the cutting edge of new technology, new equipment, new tools, or a change in the tactics used to suppress fires. Unfortunately, with these new ideas and tools comes the necessity for more training. How else are firefighters going to become proficient in their use if they learn how to use them properly and safely? Training and drilling on specific tasks that are encountered on a routine basis, will give a firefighter the confidence when the time comes to perform that task at an emergency situation.

Unless your department has a mandatory training night, attendance will normally be low. For some reason it is difficult to get firefighters motivated to where they want to train. It doesn't matter whether you like or dislike training, it is a must! There is a saying if basic fire school, "train as you fight and fight as you train."

If you trained the proper way to attack a fire, you will revert back to that training when you find yourself in that type of predicament. The steps and procedures that were learned in basic fire school should stay with you during your entire career. Many a time these basic steps have saved firefighters lives.

How can we make training interesting so that firefighters want to come out and train on their apparatus and equipment? We hear comments from senior firefighters saying that they learned a particular tactic or strategy years ago and there is no need to learn it again. But, when was the last time that they actually used it at a fire scene? New firefighters just out of fire school say that they learned everything they need to know in school, and now they know how to suppress a fire. This type of thinking can't be further from the truth. So many things change in the fire service in a short amount of time. What was learned five years ago might be upgraded or outdated by now and if not keeping up

with the times, we lose that edge and THAT may be the difference between life and death.

If your fire company doesn't have a mandatory training schedule, maybe now is the time to develop one. If your department has poor attendance during training drills what should you do to raise the percentage of participants? Food and refreshments after the drill usually helps. If it is a hot and humid day, how about going over the apparatus and its equipment inside the fire station. You now have a controlled atmosphere that is conducive to training. Same goes during the cold months, where instructional videos and inside search and rescue drills can suffice.

During the fall and spring, when the weather is reasonable, not too hot or too cold, is the time to plan outside live burns where is firefighters feel comfortable being outside.

Try also mentoring a senior firefighter with a junior or probationary firefighter. If you are planning to do this, you must pick the right people for the position. Many senior firefighters will gladly pass down the information they have gained over the years to someone new. That new person must have an interest in learning otherwise there will be a conflict. If your cadets or probationary firefighters are allowed to ride the apparatus to the fire calls, have them remain with the engineer and learn everything there is about using the apparatus and the equipment at the scene.

There aren't as many working structures as there were in the past so many times we lose our edge because of lack of experience. This is where we must schedule a live burn drill at a local fire academy. Here we get to hone up on our skills in water supply, fire suppression, search and rescue, ventilation, etc. Better to learn these traits in a training facility before they are needed at a working fire scene where life and death becomes a reality.

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Mr. Christmas is now also known as Mr. Halloween. Adam Scapatempore winner of the South Amboy Christmas decorating contest a few years ago proved he can decorate for more than just Christmas with his scary but beautiful Halloween display that included a remote controlled 4 foot spider. Adam is excited to start decorating for Christmas in the coming weeks. Great Job!! (Photo by Brian Stratton)

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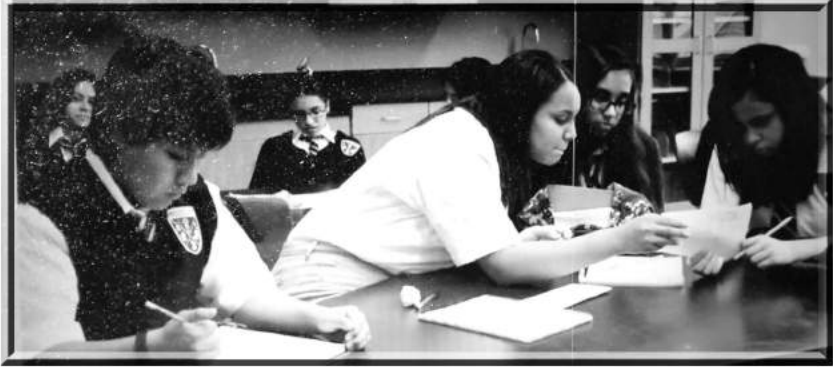
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The Bordentown Ave Gazebo

By Jerry Pizzillo
Historical Society of South Amboy

While planning the upcoming “Victorian Christmas Event” for the South Amboy Historical Society, I pondered the history of the park area and gazebo located within the park. With the new additions of homes and townhouses in the city, hopefully our new and established residents will enjoy this part of South Amboy’s History.

The area where the park is located was an open parking area for the Raritan Diner which was across the street at the location where the Barber Shop is. The back side of the undeveloped area has been always designated as Catharine St, while the front part is Bordentown Ave. After the diner closed and was moved away in 1985, then Mayor Jack O’Leary and the city leaders decided to enclose the area with curbing, fill in the area and cover with grass. At that time, Department of Public Worker employee, Darren LaVigne, (our current Chief of Police) took the initiative to design and create this beautiful addition to the city’s landscape. He designed a prototype, drawing a picture of the park with his design in mind, utilizing the old concrete light poles from the former city hall which was located on John St., and incorporating the famous cannon which had been a focal point in South Amboy since World War 1. He presented this design to the

mayor and superintendent of public works who endorsed the project wholeheartedly. Using the light poles and cannon were a critical addition, as they were just sitting down at the city garage not being utilized.

Included in the design of the park, Chief LaVigne used a wooden gazebo to accent the largest section of the park. He had experience designing and building gazebos, and with the help of recently retired Captain of Police, Anthony “Tony” Tarallo, they went to work on building the gazebo in sections, and reassembling them at its current location. The construction of the project was under the watchful eye of DPW Superintendent Joe Kudelka, who was on board with the project from its inception. As with any park, trees need to be a part of the landscape. The well-developed Christmas Tree next to the cannon was a donation from the late Edmund J. Paczkowski (aka Foodtown Eddie). Mr. Paczkowski dedicated this tree to his late father, Frank Paczkowski who established “Frank’s Market” back in 1928 where the former Foodtown was located.

The City of South Amboy owes all who were involved in this project a well-deserved “Thank You” as it adds beauty to the Pleasant Little City.

Students Participate in Clean Ocean Action



On Saturday, October 20, the National Junior Honor Society volunteered for the Clean Ocean Action Organization. The 8th and 9th graders joined other students around the state to clean up the Raritan Bay Waterfront in South Amboy. They picked up old tires, 157 bottle caps, and lots of lumber, while documenting all their findings on a data card. They cannot wait to participate again for Earth Day! (Photos/Info Submitted)

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Sacred Heart Holy Rosary Holiday Craft Fair

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Joanne Durski (l) of South Amboy and Barbara Sebok of Parlin, are ready to assist customers with their food purchase.



Chris Deibert, Christopher Soaps, LLC (and organist at St Mary’s Church) of South River, selling his all natural soaps and scrubs at the Craft Fair.



Lynn Altobello, of Parlin, selling her book, “The Secret Life of Brook, Coming Home.”

The Sacred Heart Rosary Society held its first Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair on November 3. A dreary day outside, it was bright and cheerful inside Memorial Hall at this sold out event. Rosarians in red shirts welcomed exhibitors and shoppers. Members of Boy Scout Troop 95 and Confirmation candidates from Sacred Heart Church assisted exhibitors with carrying their merchandise to their assigned spots. Shoppers were attracted to the colorful displays of the vendors, the lighted Christmas tree, and food, being prepared in the kitchen. Some looked forward to having a Polish platter for lunch. Everyone seemed pleased with their purchases and happily showed their friends what they bought.

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The SA Times November News

10 Years Ago
2008-On Nov. 2nd, Century Productions, after 38 fantastic years, of recording, closed its doors on Washington Rd. in Sayreville for the final time...In the Sayreville election for Council seats, Republican Kenneth Kelly Sr., and Lisa Buchanan Eicher were elected... Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary’s standout basketball player, Chrissy Keir signed a letter of intent to attend the University of Charleston...Sayreville Recreation Director and World War II hero Michael “Mickey” Sedlak, was honored with a new sign at the Mickey Sedlak Recreation Center.

20 Years Ago
1998-Jeffrey Pawlowski topped all candidates for three Borough of Sayreville Council seats. He was followed by running mates Paul DeSarno and George Semoneit...In the South Amboy election, the Democrats ran unopposed, as Mayor John T. “Jack” O’Leary retained his mayoral post, and Fred Henry and Beverly Samuelson won council seats.

25 Years Ago
1993-Sayreville Republican Frank Makransky garnered the most votes for the council, and Democrat Howard Griffiths was also elected to the council.

Holiday Movie December 2
South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are showing the family friendly movie "The Star" on Sunday December 2 beginning at 2 p.m. The movie is the story of a small but brave donkey and his animal friends who became the unsung heroes of the first Christmas. A dollar menu will be served that includes hot dogs, french fries, and chicken nuggets before the film. For more information call 732-721-2025.

NJ Devils Holiday Outing December 29
For all of you hockey fans, St. Mary's Church and the South Amboy Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Christmas holiday outing to see the New Jersey Devils battle the Carolina Hurricanes in a 1 p.m. matinee at the Prudential Center. Cost of \$60 includes lower level reserved game ticket, and \$10 worth of food and beverages. If you're interested, the deadline to purchase tickets is November 22. For more information call Chris at 732-735-1737 or Steve at 732-727-1707.

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Thanksgiving – 1910 Style

By Elaine Holton Scott

With Thanksgiving Day right around the corner, I started thinking about what my Irish great granny may have served to her family on this holiday in the early 1900's. After deciding the best place to find information like this would be from newspapers of the time, "off I went" to the Sadie Dowdell online library, just as I had physically gone to "Sadie's" library on Augusta Street when I was in grammar school.

On the library's website under Historical Archives, the old Citizens can be accessed all the way back to 1910, two years prior to the sinking of the Titanic. So, I clicked on the papers in the month of November to see if anything had been written about a Thanksgiving menu...but except for two or three references to turkeys in general, there was hardly any mention of food at all. Instead, what I did find were ads about kitchen ranges, those big old cast iron stoves needing either coal or wood to operate. In her home at 417 Conover Street in Mechanicsville, my great granny would have seen those ads in the Citizen and so, too, my Polish great granny living on Elm Street with her own family, according to the 1910 Federal Census..

108 years ago, electric stoves and gas stoves were still in the future, so was running water. Water had to be hauled inside from backyard wells...and every house had one. There were, though, "refrigerators" constructed mostly of tin and insulated with sawdust, just none operating yet on electricity. By 1910, selling and delivering blocks of ice had long been a big business during the spring and summer months. Not being easily accessible, turkeys probably

weren't on many tables in South Amboy for Thanksgiving...but oysters probably were to round out the meal, as oysters were abundant and cheap back then. In fact, oysters had been so prolific, many men in South Amboy listed "Oysterman" as their job on the 1880 Federal Census. Over harvesting and polluted water would later have oystermen looking for other ways to earn a living.

The main entrée for the Thanksgiving meal for my Irish great granny could have been a leg of lamb or maybe a roasted chicken or two from her backyard chicken pen. Since she was Irish, there would have been boiled potatoes taken from baskets she had stored in the cellar for the winter months. Bowls of vegetables she had canned when in season would have been served too. Maybe she would have baked a few pumpkin pies because pumpkins, like oysters, were also cheap and abundant...but somehow I feel apple pies were on the menu instead. Without any doubt, homemade beer would have filled many a glass. Meanwhile, on the other side of town, my Polish great granny would have had a Thanksgiving feast including three kinds of pierogi: potato & onion, sauerkraut, and cheese, plus stuffed cabbage (golabki, with the "l" pronounced as a "w"), and plenty of fresh and smoked homemade Polish sausage. For dessert, I'd lay a bet that along with a platter of paczki, she'd have made a big cheesecake, as the Poles and Russian immigrants were known to have made the best....and all of it washed down with glasses of Vodka, straight, no ice.

Happy Thanksgiving...2018 Style!!!!

RING OUT 2018 AT THE SADIE POPE DOWDELL LIBRARY!

Winter is nearly upon us, and with it the season for food, festivals, and family fun! Round out your 2018 with a December to remember at South Amboy's Sadie Pope Dowdell Library!

As always, the Dowdell is host to a number of ongoing programs and events! Between December 1 and 7, stop in to create holiday cards for our armed forces. Your heartfelt letters will be sent to on-duty soldiers deployed around the globe.

Need help troubleshooting or learning to use your computer, phone, tablet, e-reader, or other device? Swing by the library! Our ongoing Digital Café program offers tech assistance three times weekly: Mondays and Wednesdays from 12pm to 2pm, and Thursdays from 6:30pm to 8pm.

As we move from pumpkin spice to ginger spice, add a little zest to your life with the Dowdell's special December programs! Cook up something scrumptious at the library's bimonthly Culinary Workshops! At this month's adult culinary event, unwind from work, school, shopping, planning, and meal prep by decorating holiday-inspired cocoa peppermint cookies. (Need we even mention our festive ambient music?)

Alzheimer's disease is the most common cause of dementia, a general term for memory

loss and other forms of cognitive decline serious enough to interfere with daily life. On Monday, December 10, from 6pm to 7:30pm, the Dowdell will host a workshop on Alzheimer's Residential Options. Attendees will learn more about the process of selecting a new home for themselves or their loved one through an overview of care settings and introduction to key options worth considering. Registration is required!

And, of course, join us for our 'Tis the Season Community Holiday Open House on Monday, December 3 from 6pm to 8pm! Learn more about the library, including our plans for the coming year, while enjoying our signature holiday punch and other refreshments. Adults can unwind during our "Holiday Pampering with Essential Oils" session while kids, tweens, and teens participate in a Make-It-Yourself party including craft and tech activities! We'll also be announcing prize winners for our Local Business Photo Contest! You don't want to miss out on our largest event of the year!

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.

Freeholder Rios's Classroom Visit



Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios shared his experience in County government first hand, as he visited students in one of South River High School's Social Studies courses on Oct. 29. Director Rios also talked with the students about their plans after high school, encouraging them to further themselves through education and doing what they love. (Photo/Info Submitted)

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A GREAT NIGHT OF MUSIC (Photos by Brian Stratton)

Karen Kline and Bill Mattsson of Mattsson's Auto Tech hosted a night of great music at the South Amboy Columbian Club Hall on October 20th. Performances by Old Bridge based Punk Rock Band "Fence", Tuscon Arizona Blues Rock Band "Mason" and special guest appearance by Country Music Duo "Williams Honor" filled the hall and thrilled the capacity crowd!



"Fence" with their energetic punk rock set got the crowd charged up!
(Photo courtesy of Karen Kline)



Jacob Acosta, Lead Vocalist and Lead Guitarist for "Mason" performs one of the bands new songs from their latest CD.



Reagan Richards (l) and Gordon Brown (r) also know as the Country Music Duo "Williams Honor" perform their hit song "No Umbrella" that hit number 27 on the Country Music Charts last year.

#1 Country Hits- November 17

- 2003-I Love This Bar-Toby Keith
- 1998-Wide Open Spaces-The Dixie Chicks
- 1983-Somebody's Gonna Love You- Lee Greenwood
- 1977-More To Me-Charley Pride
- 1962-I've Been Everywhere-Hank Snow
- 1959-Country Girl-Faron Young

#1 Pop Hits- November 17

- 2007-Kiss Kiss-Chris Brown with T-Pain
- 1993-I'd Do Anything For Love-Meat Loaf
- 1988-Wild, Wild West-The Escape Club
- 1979-Still-The Commodores
- 1963-Deep Purple-Nino Tempo & April Stevens
- 1955-Autumn Leaves-Roger Williams



MUSIC TRIVIA! Thank, Thanks, Thank You By Tom Burkard

1. __ Thank You Girl

2. __ Thank The Lord For The Night Time

3. __ Thank You For Being A Friend

4. __ Thank God I'm A Country Boy

5. __ Thank You (Falettinme Be Mice Elf Again)

6. __ Thank God It's Friday

7. __ Thank God I Found You

8. __ Thank You Pretty Baby

9. __ Thanks For Saving My Life

10. __ Thank U.
- a.Alanis Morissette

b.The Beatles

c.Billy Paul

d.Brook Benton

e.Andrew Gold

f.Sly & The Family Stone

g.Neil Diamond

h.John Denver

i.Love & Kisses

j.Mariah Carey W/Joe & 98

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



At Carnegie Hall-Kash Kim (l) and his wife, Christine, owners of Fred's Bait & Tackle Shop on Rt. 35 South in Morgan, are pictured at the world-renowned Carnegie Hall in New York City, prior to performing with Praise Presbyterian Church Choir (Somerset, NJ), live on stage on Sept. 23rd. (Photo/info courtesy of Kash & Christine Kim)



South Amboy musician Kyle Bielinski is pictured performing at Espresso Joe's in Keyport during his new CD release party. Best of luck, Kyle! (Photo/info courtesy of Sandor Schneck)



Breakfast With Santa

The Sayreville United Methodist Church at 406 Main St., Sayreville, NJ will be having Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 8, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Cost-Adult \$7:00, Children under 12-\$5.00. Breakfast includes:

Pancakes, Sausages, Eggs, Cereal, Coffee, Tea and Juice. Join us for Fun, Fellowship, Food & Gift. Bring the whole family.. Please contact Winsome Melvin at (732) 432-9072 for more information.

One Hit Wonders-50 Years Ago

1968-Judy In Disguise (With Glasses)- John Fred & His Playboy Band; Nobody But Me-Human Beinz; Green Tambourine-The Lemon Pipers; Love Is Blue-Paul Mauriat; Playboy-Gene & Debbie; Sweet Inspiration-The Sweet Inspirations; Summertime Blues-Blue Cheer; The Good, The Bad And The Ugly-Hugo Montenegro; Master Jack-Four Jacks & A Jill; Reach Out Of The Darkness-Friend & Lover; MacArthur Park-Richard Harris; I Love You-People; The Horse-Cliff Nobles & Co.; Angel Of The Morning-

Merrilee Rush & The Turnabouts; Tip Toe Thru' The Tulips With Me-Tiny Tim; Here Comes The Judge-Shorty Long; Grazing In The Grass-Hugh Masekela; Here Comes The Judge-Pigmeat Markham; Pictures Of Matchstick Men-Status Quo; Classical Gas-Mason Williams; Journey To The Center Of The Mind-The Amboy Dukes; Harper Valley P.T.A.-Jeannie C. Riley; Girl Watcher-The O'Kaysions; Fire-The Crazy World Of Arthur Brown; All Along The Watchtower-Jimi Hendrix; Little Arrows-Leapy Lee.

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 Open Mic



Kash Kim, who recently performed at Carnegie Hall with his wife, turned in an outstanding solo performance to begin the Open Mic evening. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



Ed Vassallo did a beautiful job with his set of songs. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



This group of locals jammed together for the first time, and had lots of fun doing some memorable hits including "Hanky Panky," "Gloria," Johnny B. Goode," "Do You Wanna Dance," "Hey Baby," "Knockin' On Heaven's Door," and "Boys." Pictured (l-r) Jerry Smith, Emerson Jones, Sandor Schneck, Ray Suchcicki, Tom Burkard. (Photo by Debbie Carling)

School Sports

(As of Nov. 1)
By Tom Burkard

Boys Soccer Leaders

Sayreville (10-10)

Goals-Frankie Astarita 20 Matias Rosario 7 Sebastian Cardoso 4.

Assists-Michael Lubeski 8 Cardoso 5 Rosario 4.

Saves-Lev Milan 91 Dylan Clerigo 28.

South Amboy (3-10)

No stats available.

Girls Soccer Leaders

Sayreville (7-7-1)

Goals-Jacqueline Ventricelli 17 Lauren Attardi 10 Stephanie DeOcampo 9.

Assists-Attardi 12 Samantha Szymanski 5 Ventricelli 3.

Saves-Jordan Wilson 122 Ashley Herndon 55.

Field Hockey

Sayreville (1-15)

Goals, Assists info not available.

Saves-Julia Capriglione 230.

Girls Tennis

Sayreville (14-1)

No individual records available.

Top players-Singles-Katherine Sudol; Liana Masangkay; Steph VanNote. Doubles-

Samantha Gagnon/Jasmie Yehudaioff; Grace Ekpe/Shrusti Sheth.

South Amboy (1-16)

No individual records available.

Top players-Singles-Wiktoria Radon; Salina Maisonnott; Victoria Tierney. Doubles-Jelissa Carabello/Mikayla Masionett.

Bombers Trounce Hillsborough 42-7

In the CJ Group 5 quarterfinals, the Sayreville team proved too powerful for Hillsborough, and hammered them, 42-7. Connor Holmes led the way with 3 touchdowns, 2 via the air route, and 1 rushing. He compiled 116 yards on 7 pass receptions from quarterback Mark Whitford, and also added 23 yards rushing. Savon Kirksey rushed 15 times for 82 yards and a TD, while Whitford connected on 13-of-16 passes for 172 yards and 2 touchdowns.

GMCT Boys Soccer

The Sayreville boys soccer club nipped previously unbeaten Highland Park 4-3 in the first round of the GMCT. Michael Lubeski scored the game-winner with 10 minutes left, to give longtime Coach Nick Cifelli his 200th career triumph.

The Bomber boys bowed in the quarterfinals to a strong East Brunswick team, 2-0 and saw their 2-game winning streak snapped.

College Notebook

Erin Wimmer (Sayreville), Georgian Court University (13-3-1) midfielder, has scored 1 goal for this talented soccer club... Myles Hartsfield (Sayreville), has a total of 25 tackles, including 18 solo, and 7 assisted for the University of Mississippi (5-3)...Linwood Crump (Sayreville) has 3 solo tackles and an interception for Temple University (5-3).

*If anyone has any information on other Sayreville or South Amboy athletes playing varsity sports in college, please let us know.



Erin Wimmer

Sayreville Bombers Football Update

The Bombers football powerhouse upped its record to (7-1), by blasting South Brunswick (SB) 34-28, and clinched the top seed in the CJ V playoffs. Coach Chris Beagan's charges are currently ranked #10 in the USA Today Network NJ Statewide Top 20.

Mark Whitford scored the winning touchdown on a 3-yard keeper play with only 1:33 left in the game.

Sayreville's powerful rushers Savon Kirksey had a big game notching 117 yards in 19 carries, and scored a TD. Zuriel Wright rushed 18 times and garnered 75 yards. The Vikings took a quick 14-0 lead in the opening quarter, but the Bombers bounced back with 3 touchdowns to take a 20-14 lead to the lockers at halftime. South Brunswick fought back and took a 28-20 lead with 8:11 to go. Bombers' Anthony Jackson broke loose for a TD, to make it 28-20, SB, but Anthony Jackson broke loose for a score, and Whitford scored the tying conversion, and it stood 28-28, which paved the way for Whitford's game winning touchdown.

The big dream for an unbeaten season was ended by the highly-potent Piscataway team, 27-6, as they were held to 91 yards from scrimmage, and the unbeaten Chiefs scored 2 touchdowns on interceptions.

The Chiefs win over the Bombers evened the Piscataway-Sayreville season at 17-17, with the first contest dating back to 1966.

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"Holiday in the Park is the biggest event in the region with 13 themed areas and more holiday thrills than ever before," said Park President John Winkler. "This one-of-a-kind festival brings families and friends together for a magical, immersive experience that has quickly become an annual holiday tradition."

Opening for its fourth season in 2018, Holiday in the Park runs weekends and select days Nov. 17 through Jan. 1, 2019 and features new attractions, shows, rides, games and dining options. Each section of the park features a distinct character through sights, sounds, scents and experiences. This enchanting holiday adventure is included with all Season Passes and active Memberships

New in 2018:
Wonder: A Cirque Spectacular Show – This dazzling, new theater production features astounding acrobats with song and dance that illustrates the moments of hope, joy and celebration the holiday season brings.

Deck the Halls: Feel like a kid again surrounded by massive, illuminated, iconic images of the holiday season in this newly-themed section. Walk through an enormous ornament, stand next to a towering stack of presents, and pose for a selfie with gigantic toys.

Holiday Craze Mirror Maze – Holiday magic and mayhem abound in this walk-through, mirror adventure maze. Fee required.

The Elf Who Saved Christmas! – Come watch the delightful elves Tinsel, Twinkle, Jingle and Doug save Christmas as they remind us that the holidays are all about togetherness. This high-spirited comedy is filled with unexpected surprises and fun for all ages.

More Rides – In addition to more than 30 favorites like Nitro, BATMAN™ the Ride, SUPERMAN™: Ultimate Flight and JUSTICE LEAGUE™: Battle for Metropolis, guests can now catch a bird's-eye view of the lights on Parachute Training Center and spin like a gyroscope on the new CYBORG™ Cyber Spin. All rides are weather permitting. Frontier Adventures including Safari Off Road Adventure, Bugs Bunny National Park and Plaza del Carnaval do not operate during the festival.

More information about Holiday in the Park is available at www.sixflags.com/greatadventure.



Our Lady of Victories Christmas Bazaar

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Sayreville Police Officer Joe Bartlinski (l) had a great time at the Bazaar with his wife Aline and their son Joey.



A sister from South River is pictured with her dog, who is all dressed up in his Christmas outfit.



Maureen Sekerak (l) purchased some top-quality items from vendor Christopher Deibert (r).



The gift card wheel had plenty of business, and these ladies did a fine job running the stand.



OLV Pastor Father Ryan is pictured with some of the many volunteers, who did an outstanding job.



One of the many vendors is pictured with her excellent holiday merchandise.

The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

Champions



1965- The South Amboy Knights of Columbus Little Fellas League champions are a happy team after defeating Rotary for the title. Pictured kneeling (l-r) Batgirl Kathy O’Connor, Regis Bulman, Frank Trpisovsky, Leroy Kurtz, Dave Keenan, John Musoff, Jim Lenahan, Lee Matarangolo, Mike Kusic, Wayne Kreiger. Top (l-r) Coach Charles Steuber, Ron Croddick, Charles Steuber, Don Volosin, Kevin Bergin, George Morgan, Neil O’Connor, Jim Croddick, Joe Wallis, Jim Fitzmorris, Marty Bergin, Manager Jerry O’Connor. Missing from photo: Brian Flannery, Scott Davies. (Photo courtesy of Ron Croddick)

Columbus Day Football Classics

Starting in the late 1940’s St. Mary’s and crosstown rival Hoffman played an unsanctioned football game each year on Columbus Day, and the tradition continued until the late 1970’s. The Eagles and Guvs did not have football programs at their schools, and this one game was a “big deal,” and meant the whole season for them. Everyone looked forward to this once a year showdown, and the stands were always packed at Veterans Field, as fans cheered their favorites on.

The following are recaps from some great football games between Hoffman and St. Mary’s.

1948
70 Years Ago-The Eagles mauled the Guvs, 45-0. Archangelo “Moon” DeMattia ran around end for the first TD, and Jerry Connors found Jerry Hoban for the extra point to make it 7-0, St. Mary’s. DiMattia scored again on a run around right end, and Connors passed to Jack Noble for the extra point-14-0, Eagles after one quarter. In the second quarter Bob Kenny fired a long TD pass to Jerry Hoban, making it 20-0. Connors scooted up the middle for a touchdown, and the Saints led 26-0 at halftime.

In the third quarter, Alfie O’Connor broke loose for a 6-yard TD run, and Connors ran for the extra point. Vince Abbatiello then found the end zone on a pretty 4-yard jaunt, to give the Eagles a 39-0 spread after three stanzas. Joe Claffy scored on a 7-yard run

for the final score of the game.

1958
60 Years Ago-St. Mary’s talented end, Steve “Ducky” Flanagan led the Blue & Gold to a 27-0 romp over Hoffman, by scoring 2 touchdowns on runs of 25, and 65 yards, and also blocking a kick that enabled Joe “Pinger” Phillips to recover it, and run for the final TD. Pat Mullane also raced for a touchdown in the 4th quarter. Bob Borbely and Cliff Carr each contributed extra points.
The Lineups:
St. Mary’s 26
Flanagan re Zaleski rt Graber rg Quinlan c Lukie lg Phillips le Charlie “Nonnie” Nonnemacher rhb Carr fb Borbely qb.
Hoffman 0
Gominger re John Jarusiewicz rt Gorczyca rg Ryan c Ritter lg Adams le Archie Moore rhb Bob Martin fb Berry qb.

1968
50 Years Ago-St. Mary’s under Coach Ray Slapikas, was upset by Hoffman, 22-16. After a scoreless first half, the Guvs racked up 3 TD’s in the third quarter. Nick Charmello and Mark Bratus scored touchdowns for the Saints in the final quarter, while teammate Jim Pearson excelled on defense, registering an unbelievable 15 first half tackles, and a recovered fumble. Jim McCloud and Bernie Mackiel sustained injuries in the trenches of this rugged battle.

T.H.E. Game

Year-1993
Sport-Boys Soccer
Teams-St. Mary’s vs. Hoffman
Game-City Series Game #2
Recap-Eagles ace Mike Russo had a huge game by blasting in 4 goals to lead the Saints to a 6-4 victory, and the City Series sweep over Hoffman. Dan Krulikowski and Leo McCabe also scored goals for the Blue & Gold. Gus Torino topped the Guvs with 2 goals, while teammates Gerard Finnegan and Bob Matthews added one apiece.
Player-of-the-Game-Mike Russo, St. Mary’s.

Trip to Grounds for Sculpture

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 to Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton New Jersey. The cost of the trip which is \$145 includes a guided tour of the grounds with individual time on your own to enjoy, luncheon at the Rat’s Restaurant, bus transportation, bus gratuity, and snacks on the bus. For further information or to reserve a seat please contact Finita at 732-721-5081.



Glory Days In Local Sports

1963-Sayreville boys basketball beat Metuchen, 57-50. Jeff Osowski poured in 21 points and ripped 18 rebounds, while teammate Bob Pawelek scored 13. **1979-**Hoffman girls basketball team bombarded Jamesburg, 76-8. Jamie White led the scoring with 13 points, followed by Sue Check and Jackie Buckalew, who tossed in 12 apiece. **1984-**Hoffman girls basketball squad blasted New Brunswick, 86-24. Kim Reick paved the way with 22 points, Nancy Garsick popped in 20 and had 13 assists, and Lynn Ust scored 15.

60 Years Ago

Opening Game
Dec. 2, 1958-Rutgers Prep came to town, and stopped St. Mary’s basketball team, 74-65. Pat Mullane topped Coach Woodrow “Woody” McCarthy’s Eagles with 19 points. Tom “Tex” Leonard hit for 14, Tim Gelsinon 9, Joe “Pinger” Phillips 9. Also seeing action for the Saints was Henry “Henny” Conroy, Ray Cavanaugh, Dan Bailey, Len Lawson.

30 Years Ago

1988-St. Mary’s Regional HS roster of coaches for Fall sports included: Girls soccer-Jay Ross; Boys Soccer-Mr. Bohinski; Boys, and Girls Cross Country-Ed Twomey; Girls Tennis-Matt Green.

20 Years Ago

1998-South Amboy standout, freshman Regan Rone captured the Middlesex County soccer scoring title by scoring 80 points, with 32 goals (#1 in county), and 16 assists (#3 in county). Her sister Randi led the county with 22 assists, marking the first time in history that sisters topped Middlesex County in those two categories.

St. Mary’s football team won its first game on the field since 1932, as they dropped St. Peter’s, 21-6. Troy Mellios broke loose for 3-yard TD run, the first for the Eagles since they defeated Hoffman, 7-2 on Thanksgiving Day, ‘32. Rich Starega scored 2 touchdowns on long runs of 28 and 30 yards. Edwin Perez scored the conversion point on a pass from Anthony Pennello.



1996-1997-St. Mary’s soccer whiz, Melissa Furey was the Middlesex County scoring champion for 2 straight seasons. **2008-**The Sayreville football squad captured a first round CJ Group IV victory over Colts Neck, 27-21. Javon Hodges scored on a 4-yard touchdown run to win it. Other scoring for the Bombers included Sean Callahan, who blocked a punt, and ran 11- yards for a TD, James DeMild caught a 7-yard TD strike from Mike McLafferty, and Matt Gruytch, who scored from 1-yard out.

40 Years Ago

Season Opener
1978-Hoffman girls basketball team annihilated East Brunswick Tech, 86-19 in the season opener for both clubs. Mary Chris Moskal and Jamie White led the way with 14 points each, followed by Mary Beth Bowlby 12, and Sue Check 11 for the Lady Guvs.

25 Years Ago

1993-The Sayreville football team which was ranked #1 in the county and #8 in New Jersey, slaughtered South Plainfield, 26-0. Mike Clark had a huge game with 3 touchdowns, scoring on a 70-yard punt return, 85-yard kickoff return, and an 8-yard touchdown run.

Shannon Kemble blasted in 2 second half goals to lead St. Mary’s girls’ soccer club to a 5-2 victory over hometown rivals Hoffman. Eagles rookie Coach Rob Lozzi also received a goal apiece from Kristen Palomo, Lynette Aucone, and Tammi Redd. Melissa Paul scored 2 goals, both in the first half, as the Lady Guvs took a 2-1 lead at halftime.

St. Mary’s junior soccer sensation Mike Russo hammered in an unbelievable 9 goals, and added 2 assists to lead the Eagles to a 13-1 pounding over Piscataway Tech. The record-breaking performance was never topped in the school’s history. Also contributing for the Saints was Leo McCabe 2 goals and an assist, Dan Krulikowski 1 goal and 3 assists, and Jay Lucas, 1 goal.

Back In Those College Days

Mike Osowski (Sayreville), was co-captain of the Delaware University basketball team in 1965-66.

25th Anniversary Of Eagles Best Boys Cross Country Team

(Article/photo submitted)



1993-Pictured is the best-ever St. Mary’s/Cardinal McCarrick boys cross country team. Front row (l-r) Tom Coppola, Mark Stolte, Joe Demeraski, Rob Neuhoﬀ, John Kugel, Ben Zmigrodski, Jeff Zmigrodski. Back row (l-r) Coach Ed Twomey, Joe Majkowski, Bryan DeYoung, Craig Haberman, Andy Ahern, Jim Dellatocoma.T

This November marks the 25th Anniversary of the greatest boys cross country team in the 45-year history of the St. Mary’s/Cardinal McCarrick High School program. Coached by Ed Twomey, the 1993 squad finished with a superb (15-1) record. The Eagles had their best ever finish (9th) in the GMC county championships (out of 31 teams), and 6th in the Parochial B state championships (out of 24 teams). Their only loss was to Metuchen, which finished 6th in the county championships.

The boys cross country program was founded in 1969 by Coach Steve Nestinger, and ended with the 2014 team. The top 7 runners on the 1993 team were John Kugel, Andy Ahern, R.J. Neuhoﬀ, Ben Zmigrodski, Joe Demeraski, Jeff Zmigrodski, and Joe Majkowski. Five of these runners-Kugel, Ahern, Neuhoﬀ, Demeraski, and Majkowski were named All-Division, either in 1993 or in later years.

Luck I Need

By Al Gomolka Jr.
Poet Laureate
C.2003

I’ve climbed a tree
and I can’t get down
Played hide and seek
and I can’t be found
Buried in the sand
with a raising surf
Keep buying stock
that loses its worth
I need luck, luck I need
In this hectic world I plead
Each has our problems
I concede
But I need a little luck,
luck I need
In fish filets I get the bones
In cherry pies
I find the stones
I’m a target for birds
-they hit their spot
Wrong side of the bed,
both sides I’ve got
Broke the camera at a photo shoot
Split my pants of a new bought suit
Asked for a kiss,
and she socked my jaw
I’m top of the list for Murphy’s Law
I need luck, luck I need
In this hectic world I plead
Each has our problems I concede
Just a little luck, luck I need.

100 Years And Counting!



100-Year Old Veteran-South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry (r) presented a letter of thanks to World War II veteran Anthony Keller, and participated in the Venetian's radio podcast on Nov. 9th. Keller was at D-Day and the Battle of the Bulge, and met General Patten. The event was organized by Annette Abolt, Director of Recreation at Venetian. (Photo/info submitted)



On this past Veterans Day, Father Stanley Gromadzki, Pastor of the Church of The Sacred Heart, celebrated a special Mass which was dedicated to all Veterans. He prayed for those Veterans that had given their all in support of freedom and democracy. He also prayed for those who are currently serving in harms way around the world and for their families who await their safe return. Following the Mass, Father Stanley hosted a breakfast for those Veterans that had attended the special Mass. (Photo.Info Submitted)



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WWW.?



Here's a tough one for all of the Mystery Photo experts, who faithfully follow this feature each month. If you think you know what and where the structure is, send your answer in to: satimes@aol.com. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

WWW.? October Winners

The answer to last month's Mystery Photo is the Mike's Tavern on Cedar Street in South Amboy. Winners who correctly identified it were: Estelle Pluskota, Chuck Pickard, Jack Piskorski, Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, Pat & Bill Scully, Dennis Quinlan, Michael Greenhaus, Peggy and Steve Yuhas, W. Tom Kross, Joan Gorczyca, Joan Fulham, Marie English, Ed English, Stephen Laskiewicz, Gerry Sherry, Mario Oliveira, Nancy Jasko, Kathie Brown-

Godoy, Kathy & Dennis OLeary, Jim Malkiewicz, Elizabeth Leveille, Gary Feret, Mary Agnes Morris, Lisa Grankowski, Dane Colburn, Don Zrebiec, Mary Ann Martenak,



October-WWW.? Mike's Tavern Cedar Street, South Amboy

WWW.? Letters

Hi Tom!
The www in South Amboy is Mike's Tavern on Cedar St. www in NJ is Oyster Creek Power house in Lacey Township both of these places are now closed. Congratulations Tom on 27 years of producing an excellent paper!
Best Regards,
Betty Leveille



Military Life From A Woman's View

By Carmen Delucia-Delikat
President of Sayreville VFW Post Home 4699 Auxiliary

It was June 1967, I had just graduated from Sayreville War Memorial High School, and now it was time to decide on what to do with my life. I've always liked caring for others and the medical field always interested me. I had always wanted to go to Nursing School but with financial difficulties at home plus only having average grades in school, it would have been difficult to get into a School. With the Vietnam War constantly being on the news, I thought why not some sort of "military training" or career? Always admiring the Marines, I went to the recruiter in Perth Amboy. When asked what field I was interested in, I mentioned a medical field. He informed me that the Marines did not have a medical field to offer, and that the U.S. Naval Medical Corps took care of the medical needs of the Marine Corps, so I went to the next desk and signed up with the Navy. At that time, being that I was a female I first had to wait for my 18th birthday plus my parents had to sign a consent form. I took the forms home with me, excited at the prospect of at least realizing some of my dream of becoming a Nurse.

September came, as did my 18th Birthday, and with my parents signed consent forms, I went back to the Navy Recruiter to start the enlistment procedures, and in February 1968, I left for basic training in Bainbridge, Maryland. There I began 10 weeks of regimental task, early rise, classwork, physical training and early to bed every weekday; weekends were a little more relaxed to get ready for the upcoming week, to repeat the routine. You learned what it meant to be a team as well as disciplining yourself while working with others.

After basic training and a 20 day leave, I was finally off to Hospital Corp School in Great Lakes, Illinois. I really enjoyed it there getting a hands-on training in the medical field plus classroom. Hospital Corp is a co-ed training and with the Vietnam War going on, the women and men worked side by side, training for out in the field (battleground) excursions in the trenches, hills, plus MASH units. Upon completion of Hospital Corp

School training each graduate was assigned a "permanent station" where you again trained and worked for a minimum of 2 years. I was fortunate to be reassigned to Bainbridge, Maryland. There I worked in the dispensary on the OB/GYN and medical units. It was like a regular job with 3 shifts, 1 week day (7-3), 1 week 2nd (3-11) and 2 weeks of 3rd shift (11-7). Your time off-duty was your own to do as you wish. Being that I was so close to home (less than 200 miles one way), I was able to come home on weekends when off.

Today's military is different, women fought for equal rights and won. Since 1975 Basic Training is co-ed with women and men side-by-side which continues in the field after basic training no matter what field you choose. They both go thru the same exercises together, no favoritism. Women in the military have come a long way since I was enlisted, today they can go overseas and fight alongside their male counterparts, and, can remain in the service when becoming pregnant with maternity leave after giving birth like a regular civilian job. It was a lot different in 1970! In February of that year, I had my yearly physical on a Friday and was confirmed I was pregnant, as my husband and I had already known, and following protocol, I notified my Units Officer. Monday morning I had to report to Chief of the Days' office, and was informed I was being discharged with Honors due to medical reason, pregnancy.

Although military life may not be a good experience for some I strongly feel everyone should enter one branch of military field. Especially if undecided what road to take after high school graduation. You will learn a trade with experience to pursue later after discharged while achieving self-discipline, teamwork and organizational skills. Also, if you wish to pursue an education, the G.I. Bill becomes available for education. Remembering all of my experiences while in the U.S. Navy, to all of you recent and soon to be graduates, give it a lot of thought. You'll have an experience that will last you a lifetime, and possibly a lifelong career, and you'll be serving your country proudly.

Assembly Approves "Nosey's Law"

Mukherji, Zwicker & Holley Bill Provides Protections to Elephants and other Exotic Animals in NJ
New Jersey Would Be the First State to Ban Traveling Circuses

Concerned about the abuse of elephants and other exotic animals in circus acts, legislation sponsored by Assemblymen Raj Mukherji, Andrew Zwicker and Jamel Holley prohibiting the use of these animals in traveling acts such as fairs, carnivals, circuses and flea markets in New Jersey advanced by the Assembly Monday by a 71-3 vote. New Jersey would be the first state to ban traveling circuses.

The bill (A-1923) is designated as "Nosey's Law," in honor of Nosey the elephant, who is forced to travel the country and give rides at events despite being virtually crippled by arthritis. The arthritis has likely caused unnecessary suffering and permanent disability for Nosey, but the U.S. Department

of Agriculture has failed to take action to protect Nosey, and Nosey's owners continue to use her in shows.

"These are wild, endangered animals, and they should be cared for according to the highest ethical standards to ensure the survival of their species," said Mukherji (D-Hudson). "We cannot allow ill-equipped handlers of traveling animal acts to mistreat and exploit endangered species."

A number of other states are considering bans on wild animal circus acts, including Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Hawaii and New York. A federal bill - the Traveling Exotic Animal and Public Safety Protection Act (TEAPSPA /H.R.1759) - has gained bipartisan support in the US House, to end

the use of wild and exotic animals in traveling shows nationwide.

"The mistreatment of any animal is inhumane and wrong," said Zwicker (D-Somerset/Mercer/Middlesex/Hunterdon). "But it is particularly disturbing when wild, endangered animals are captured, misused, and exploited for profitable entertainment." "The conditions some of these animals are forced to endure is deplorable, not fit for any animal," said Holley (D-Union). "Many of the elephants, large cats and others are among our most endangered species, with only a few remaining. We should be protecting and preserving future generations instead of exploiting them."

Any violations would be subject to

the penalties provided in section 10 of "The Endangered and Nongame Species Conservation Act," which would include administrative penalties, civil penalties and injunctive relief, but not the criminal penalties described in the law.

This legislation does not apply to a non-mobile, permanent institution or facility licensed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and permitted by the Division of Fish and Wildlife in the Department of Environmental Protection, institutions of higher education exhibiting wild or exotic animals for educational purposes or outreach programs conducted by government entities.

The bill now heads to the governor's desk.

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Where in New Jersey?



The Where in NJ this month may have housed those that we show our appreciation to this month. Send your answers to satimes@aol.com by December 10th. Good luck!

October Information
Where in New Jersey?
By Brian & Phyllis Stratton

The Where in NJ for October was the now closed Oyster Creek Nuclear Plant in the Forked River section of Lacey Township in Ocean County. The plant first came online on December 1, 1969, and was licensed to operate until April 9, 2029, but Oyster Creek shut down on September 17, 2018. It was one of the oldest operating commercial nuclear power plant in the United States and one of four licensed nuclear power reactors in New Jersey. The plant got its cooling water from Barnegat Bay, a brackish estuary that empties into the Atlantic Ocean through the Barnegat Inlet. The plant kept the nearby water warm which did attract marine life to the Creek.

The winners were Dennis Quinlan, Peggy and Steve Yuhas, Dave Krempecki, Marie English, Ed English,



October - Where in New Jersey?
Oyster Creek Nuclear Plant
Forked River, NJ



Pat & Bill Scully, Stephen Laskiewicz, Gerry Sherry, Jim Malkiewicz, Jack Piskorski, Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, Elizabeth Leveille, Gary Feret, Mary Agnes Morris, Dane Colburn, and Peter McIntyre.

Where In NJ Letters

Hi Brian and Phyllis,
Oyster Creek Nuclear Power Station in Forked River, Lacey Township.

The crabs come out of the water already cooked. Just sprinkle with Old Bay!

Dave Krempecki
South River



Brian and Phyllis,
That's the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station on Rt. 9 in Forked River, Lacey Township NJ. I pass it twice every day going to/from work for the past 34 years.

Jim Malkiewicz



Veterans Day Services



Members of the Sayreville Alliance, American Legion Lenape Post 211, and VFW Memorial Post 4699 conducted Veterans Day services at Calvary Cemetery in Parlin. These services were conducted at the grave site of the first American Legion Post 211 Commander, Joseph Weber. Past Commander Joseph Weber served from 1922 until 1927. These services were held in conjunction of the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War I. They were held at the 11th hour, on the 11th day, of the 11th month precisely 100 years to the minute that the Armistice was signed at Compiegne Forest in France to end the "War To End All Wars". Pictured: VFW Post 4699 Past Commander Kenneth Kelly (l) and American Legion Post 211 Past Commander Richard Kosmoski, Co-Chairmen of the Sayreville Veterans Alliance, prepare to place the Memorial Wreath on the grave of American Legion Post 211's first Post Commander, Joseph Weber. (Photo Info Submitted)



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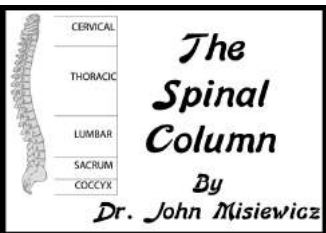


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Some kind of exercise is good for almost everyone! For many years it was thought that people with arthritis should not exercise because it would damage their joints. Now doctors know that people with arthritis can improve their health and fitness through exercise without hurting their joints.

If you have arthritis, exercise is especially important. Here are some of the ways exercise can help:

- *Keeps your joints moving and keeps the muscles around the joints strong.
- *Keeps the bone and cartilage tissue strong by increasing circulation.
- *Gives you more energy.
- *Improves your balance.
- *Prevents further joint damage.

If you don't exercise, your joints can become even more stiff and painful. The role of chiropractic is one of providing our patients with a form of service that will take the stress from a joint, making the patient's life more comfortable. This is accomplished throughout a broad range of treatments, including manipulative techniques, heat treatments, exercise and diathermy. Educating patients in proper posture while walking, sitting, standing and diet control when undue weight puts too much pressure on over-taxed joints. Even though arthritis is a degenerative disease, we can play an important role in maintaining and increasing mobility.

As always, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure!

If I Were A Plant

By Al Gomolka Jr.
SA Times Poet Laureate
C.1978

If I were just a houseplant
Resting on some windowsill
With someone to take care of
me
With water and sun to my fill
All I'd do
is sit there pretty
With nothing
but a simple life
Not worrying
about hustles and bustles
Or any other human strife
Whatever beauty
I might show
Due to my masters'
loving me
Some satisfaction
she may gain
But that's all
I'd need to be
Day to day
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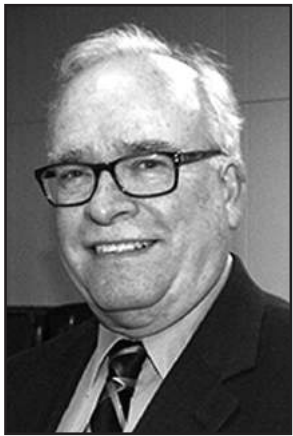
Letters to the Editor



Post Election Comments

Statement From Mayor Fred Henry

“I would like to thank the voters of South Amboy for putting their faith and trust in me again. I want to thank Bob Dato, Chairman of the Democrat Party,



Mayor Fred Henry

and the entire Democratic Committee for all the hard work they put in to elect myself, Chrissy, and Mickey. I’d also like to thank my wife Linda for all of her constant support.”



A Message from Peter Pisar to the Residents of South Amboy

My campaign for South Amboy mayor was truly a humbling experience. It was also very rewarding, exciting and eye-opening and I was very fortunate to be a part of it this past year.

Throughout the course of my door-to-door canvassing, attendance at events and chance meetings at the local convenience store or gas station I met so many wonderful residents. I want to thank all of you who supported me during my campaign and worked so hard to help me spread my ideas. While I came up short of winning the election, I believe that together we made a strong impact in getting our message out throughout the city.



Peter Pisar

I want to extend a hearty congratulations to Mayor Fred Henry for winning another term as mayor, Brandon Russell for running a good campaign, as well as congratulate all the other candidates for council and school board for their successful victories. While many of us may have disagreed in our own unique visions and philosophies on how to go govern and lead South Amboy, the one thing that I think we can all agree upon is that all of us want to see the city prosper and move in the right direction.

South Amboy is a very special place and one that I am proud to call home. I am hopeful that my run for mayor may in some small way help serve to move this wonderful place forward. No municipality is perfect and all towns and cities can improve. Together, through collaboration, dedication and passion we can make South Amboy almost as close to perfect as it can become.

Happy holidays to all of you, my friends and neighbors.

Sincerely,
Peter Pisar South Amboy



We would love to hear from you!



or



or



Official Statement from the Committee to Elect Brandon Russell

While we are disappointed with the outcome, we would like to offer an enthusiastic congratulations to Mayor Henry and the Democratic Party as well as every other candidate who put their name in the hat.

We would also like to say that Brandon's work isn't finished and he will keep working to create a better South Amboy that works for all of its residents.



Brandon Russell

has yet to indicate where he stands on this issue. We wholeheartedly believe that our Board of Education deserves a seat at the table during these negotiations.

Brandon is looking forward to bringing community initiatives to the City Council as a citizen and he is hopeful that his candidacy has made our city government more willing to accept suggestions.

Again, a huge congratulations to Mayor Henry and his team as well as the Republican team.

Committee to Elect Brandon Russell



Letter to the Editor;

John “Flip” Phillip’s referencing his PHILLIPS IRISH History story was paramount and beautiful written. I enjoyed his story and wish I had the same insight about my McKeon Irish History who also settled in the Pleasant Little City South Amboy, New Jersey. My Great Grandfather Patrick Thomas McKeon settled in South Amboy back in 1800’s migrating from Ireland and worked as a Labor and raised several children with one of those being my Grandfather Thomas Patrick McKeon. I always relish “Flip’s “ stories whereby he loves to include the fact his Polish Mother insisted on him learning to play the Accordion helping enriching his overall talent. As John “Flip” Phillips infers he will be 80 this November lets hope “Flip” continues to contribute his South Amboy Times Newspaper stories into his 90’s as “Flip” is a gifted Writer/Basketball/Baseball Player/Husband/Father/Friend.

Bill “Biff” McKeon
(Formerly of South Amboy & Sayreville)
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The Geologic History of South Amboy and Vicinity

Part 1 - The First Four Billion Years

By James O. Brown, Ph.D

Wow! Four Billion Years! That’s a Four, followed by zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero or simply 4,000,000,000. One would think that the amount of history covered in that amount of time would fill several issues of The South Amboy-Sayreville Times, never mind half a page. Unfortunately, South Amboy, just like every other place on the planet, does not have a complete, undisturbed record preserved in our local rocks. [Translation: the Earth is very old and its history incomplete.]

The reason for this missing history is due to what’s called the “Rock Cycle”. The Rock Cycle is basically the perpetual natural processes that both create and destroy rocks. The volcanic activity currently going on in Hawaii is one example of this: real estate being destroyed while new real estate is being created. A relatively recent local example is what happened with regard to Superstorm Sandy: beaches were eroded and then sand and other “stuff” were deposited elsewhere. [Translation: South Amboy’s geologic history is incomplete from Earth activities.]

One way to understand and appreciate the Rock Cycle is to know the three main rock groups (referred to as igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic) that help to explain the creation, destruction and re-creation of different types of rocks. So, does South Amboy have any of these different types of rocks that also represent Earth’s first four billion years? Good news, Yes! Notably large gravel and cobble size rock fragments dredged from the bay and excavated from certain hill tops in town. Bad news, they are carpetbaggers having travelled into town from elsewhere. We have no “original” bedrock (“country rock”) in South Amboy from earth’s first four billion years. However, we can learn from rocks that occur elsewhere, whether in New Jersey or other places on the planet, and infer what went on during this time. [Translation: Even with no original rocks from the first 4 billion years, we can learn a little of South Amboy’s geologic history by looking elsewhere.]

First, life for the first four billion years was literally very simple: mostly single-cell organisms. This conclusion is based on the presence of Fossils (the remains of once living organisms) found in sedimentary rocks. During most of this time, life was so simple that these microscopic organisms did not even have a nucleus in their cell structure (think bacteria). Eventually, more “complicated” microorganisms, like amoeba, appeared and ultimately plants and animals with multiple cells, like jellyfish or sponges made the scene. One notable thing about this time, referred to as either the PreCambrian (“before Cambrian”) or Proterozoic (“first life”) Eon, is that all forms of life were basically very small and “soft”. “Soft” refers to the body of these critters not having any “substantial” hard parts such as shell or bone, but mainly tissue that can readily decay over time. Consequentially, this is a great challenge to geologists (or biologists) who study fossils (sometimes called Paleontologists, other times Paleobiologists). It means that the Geologic Record (history of Earth as preserved in rocks) is very incomplete due to an incomplete Fossil Record (history of Life on Earth as represented by fossils). [Translation: Life in South Amboy has changed even before there were people!]

Second, the Rock Cycle was very active, albeit at fast rates of weathering and at slow rates of mountain building and their subsequent destruction. Although South Amboy itself does not have bedrock of PreCambrian age, we know from rocks found elsewhere that the PreCambrian Era involved several cycles of creation and destruction of mountains and oceans along with everything that occurs between these events within the Rock Cycle. [Translation: Not only Life in South Amboy, but the landscape too has changed over time.]

A final philosophical question concerns WHERE is South Amboy in the PreCambrian? Do we define our square mile area as a

geographic location based on latitude (400 28’ 38.3”) and longitude (740 17’ 0.6”) at the corner of Bordentown and Pine Avenues? Or do we define it based on the prehistory of its rocks (its “bedrock”) that represent South Amboy today? IF it is the latter, then South Amboy a billion years ago was somewhere well south of the Equator beyond the Tropic of Capricorn. (As noted, no rocks of Precambrian exist today in South Amboy, but we can look elsewhere in New Jersey to understand our history.) The movement of South Amboy to its current location is explained by Plate Tectonics, which involves the movement of the Earth’s outer layers of rock (also called the Crust or Lithosphere). Anyone who has experienced an earthquake knows how “unstable” solid rock can be. I will not go into all the physics of how the Earth moves due to Plate Tectonics, but it also helps to explain how the Rock Cycle. [Translation: geographers and geologists do not agree on “where” South Amboy was in the PreCambrian.]

OK, so I didn’t “specifically” talk about South Amboy’s first four billion years. However, I am hoping that you can better appreciate the challenges that a geologist, who focuses on Earth’s history, or an archeologist, who focuses on human history, faces while trying to understand the past. Much is “lost”. Highlights of the last 500 million years will be the focus of upcoming parts of this series of articles where the Geologic Record is a little more complete.

A special thank-you to Gerry Maresca (a Rutgers-Newark college buddy) for reviewing an earlier version of this article.

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About the author: Although born on the other side of the terminal moraine in Perth Amboy (see Part 5 of this series), Jim Brown was raised in the Bowery section of South Amboy. He is a registered geologist (AR) who earned his Ph.D. at City University of New York and also has a M.S from Oregon State University and a B.A. from Rutgers-Newark. His graduate work involved Devonian paleontology, notably conodonts: first in Nevada and then in Pennsylvania and New York. Some of his early p/t work as a geologist included the looking for “no-see-em” gold in Nevada and as a mudlogger on oil rigs in the Gulf Coast. He spent 20 years as an environmental consultant mostly in the New Jersey area, but also worked in such states as New Mexico, Michigan and Louisiana. For a year and one-half, he worked as an Environmental Engineer at a ductile iron pipe factory in New Jersey. Prior to his recent retirement, he spent 12+ years as an adjunct professor teaching Paleobiology; Natural Disasters; Physical Geology and various types of general Environmental courses at several state universities in New Jersey. He is the current President of the Geological Association of NJ as well a former Vice-President and Treasurer of the New York Paleontological Society. Along with being a current member of those organizations, he is also a dues-paying member of The Geological Society of America and The Paleontological Society. He is locally involved with the Camp Dill Foundation and Troop 91.

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Fishing Flashes
By Teo "Weebles" Weber



Salt water
The recent drop in water temperatures has changed the fishing. Large Striped Bass are now moving down the coast. Party Boats are catching them, snagging bunkers and live lining them for Bass over 30 pounds. Jigs also work especially in the mouth of Raritan Bay. They are catching Stripers from the surf at Island Beach and LBI. Casting plugs seems to work for this type of fishing. In Raritan Bay, shore fishing is slow. I went down to Cliffwood and Ideal Beaches a few times but didn't see any fish, but this could change at any time. Bluefish are still around but their numbers are thinning. In Shark River, Winter Flounder are being caught in good numbers. Some fish are big up to 3 pounds. Remember the limit is 2 and a foot long. The State Wardens are in the areas frequently. The party boats are bringing in on a regular basis, Porgies, Sea Bass and Ling.

Fresh Water
When the rains and high water settles down, it is worth it to try upstate streams for fall Trout. My wife and I tried our luck in the lower Pequest for a few hours at the end of October. We ended up with 4 Trout. I had 1 and she had 3 with one over 15 inches. I returned to the same area at the beginning of this month, limiting out with 4 fish. The largest one being 16 inches and another 14 inches.



TV Actors Who Starred In More Than One Show
By Debbie Carling

Through the years, many television actors starred in more than one show. The following is a list of the actors, and TV shows that they appeared in: Tony Danza-Taxi; Who's The Boss; Kelsey Grammer-Cheers; Frasier; Ted Danson-Cheers; Becker; The Good Life; Jerry Mathers-Leave It To Beaver; Still The Beaver; Don Knotts-The Andy Griffith Show; Three's Company; Buddy Ebsen-The Beverly Hillbillies; Barnaby Jones; Dick Van Dyke-The Dick Van Dyke Show; Diagnosis Murder; Carroll O'Connor-All In The Family; Archie Bunker's Place; In The Heat Of The Night; Lucille Ball-I Love Lucy; The Lucy Show; Andy Griffith-The Andy Griffith Show; Matlock; Johnny Galecki-Roseanne; Big Bang Theory; Mayim Bialik-Blossom; Big Bang Theory; John Ritter-Three's Company; 8 Simple Rules; The Ropers; Jackie Gleason-The Honeymooners; The Jackie Gleason Show; Greg Evigan-BJ & The Bear; My Two Dads; Ed O'Neill-Married With Children; Modern Family; Katey Sagal-Married With Children; 8 Simple Rules; Sally Field-Gidget; The Flying Nun; Elinor Donahue-Father Knows Best; The Andy Griffith Show; Tom Selleck-Magnum P.I.; Bluebloods; Bob Denver-Gilligan's Island; The Many Loves Of Dobie Gillis; Neil Patrick Harris-Doogie Howser; How I Met Your Mother; Larry Hagman-I Dream Of Jeannie; Dallas; Patrick Duffy-Dallas; Step By Step; Suzanne Sommers-Three's Company; Step By Step; David Duchovny-X-Files; Californication; Bea Arthur-Maude; Golden Girls; Betty White-Mary Tyler Moore Show; Golden Girls; Mary Tyler Moore-The Mary Tyler Moore Show; Dick Van Dyke Show; Michael J. Fox-Family Ties; Spin City; Robert Blake-Baretta; Hell Town; Jim Nabors-The Andy Griffith Show; Gomer Pyle U.S.M.C.

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Middlesex County YMCA's Recognize Youth Volunteers of the Year

The Raritan Valley YMCA, YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge, and South Amboy, and The Raritan Bay Area YMCA recently honored three youth volunteers from their respective communities at the 18th annual New Jersey YMCA State Alliance Annual Recognition Celebration on October 15th at the Hyatt New Brunswick. The youth were recognized for their service and commitment to the community as they all make significant volunteering contributions to programs and people at their local YMCA. “Our volunteers allow us to sustain many of the programs that we offer to the community,” said Rose Cushing, President & CEO of the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge, and South Amboy, “Their efforts also give our communities insight into the work that our organization does and educates community members about our mission.”

Raritan Valley YMCA Youth Volunteer of the Year, Gabriella Deliglio, offers her time to volunteer for the Y’s swim lesson program, supporting the Y’s Safety Around Water initiative which focuses on water safety and drowning prevention. Connie Ying, a volunteer and member of the Leader’s Club with the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy, holds the #1 spot for the most volunteer hours for cause-driven community service projects, setting the bar for her peers and making a real difference in the community. Raritan Bay youth volunteer Jose Medina provides leadership skills through his involvement with the Student Entrepreneurial Educational Y’s Farmers Market, teaching basic business principles and providing greater health awareness and education into nearby communities.

These young people have been selected for being positive role models among their peers and for modeling the Y core values of honesty, caring, respect, and responsibility. “The teens have made ongoing commitments to their local Y’s”, noted Gina Stravic, President & CEO of the Raritan Valley YMCA. “They are gaining valuable skills and experiences that prepare them for personal growth, employment, and college and are hopefully beginning a lifelong promise to volunteerism.”

Also recognized at the event were John McManus, Vice Chairman, Somerset County YMCA (SCYMCA) Board of Directors, and Gloria Ron-Fornes, Trustee of the Summit Area YMCA. McManus received the Social Responsibility Champion award, presented to a leader dedicated to giving back and providing support to our community. His ardent leadership, inspired volunteerism and passion for philanthropy allowed the SCYMCA to expand its support of the community through direct financial assistance and cause-driven programs. Ron-Fornes was the recipient of the Martin Bartner award, which is presented to a diverse YMCA staff or volunteer leader whose efforts epitomize the Y’s core values and dedication to diversity and inclusion. When the Summit YMCA became the first Diversity, Inclusion and Global (DIG) YMCA in New Jersey, Ron-Fornes led the Y’s efforts to implement diversity and inclusion practices to ensure that they are integral to the Y’s everyday operations.

For information on volunteering at the Y, contact your local Y or visit www.njymca.org for a listing of Y’s and their contact information.

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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.) -M.S.

Ten Years Ago In Times

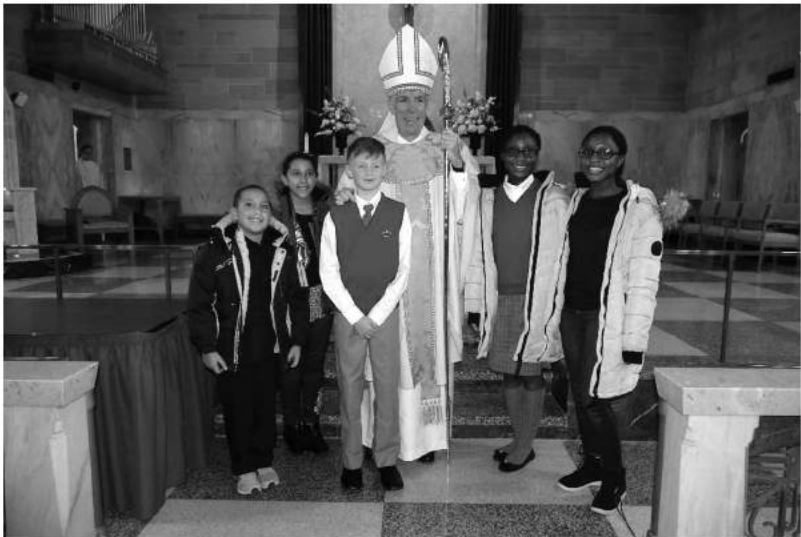


South Amboy HS held their annual Homecoming Dance on Nov. 14 at the school dining room which was transformed into a Tropical Paradise. The 2008 Royal Court pictured left to right are: Freshmen, Nick Biesiada (Prince), Sarah Mako (Princess), Sophomores, Steven Breeden (Prince), Van Chi Le (Princess), Juniors, Connor Anderson (Prince), Katie VanAllen (Princess), Seniors, Kyle Septor (King) and Hannah Riley (Queen). (Photo by Brian Stratton)

St. Stan's School
(Photos/Info Submitted)



Mr. Poll from the South Amboy/ Sayreville Rotary Club and his brother, Mr. Poll, visited the 3rd grade class at St. Stanislaus Kostka School. Each student received a dictionary, and the class learned a special lesson about Braille. (Photo by Lisa Grover)



Students from St. Stan's School participated in the annual Walkathon celebrating World Mission Sunday. Representatives from the school that participated during the Mass gather for a picture with Bishop James Checchio.



Principal Elena Malinconico, Ellie Taylor (left) and Catalina Tricoles (right) greet onlookers during the traditional Halloween parade at St. Stan's School.



Baby Oliver James and his mother, Kali take part in the fun activities at St. Stan's Trunk or Treat. (Photo by Ronald Madeira)

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Along with Professor Aimee Mitacchione are professional choreographers Alicia Giglio and Lees Hummel. The MCC student and alumni choreographers include Elana Bain, Laura Buongiovanni, Jennifer Echevarria, Anna Nicole Gracia, Wilson Inoa Tejada, Alonzo Magsino, Manuel Odar, Nikola Palivoda, Sarah Wells, and Catherine Yorke.
"The performers range from advanced dancers to absolute beginners," said Professor Mitacchione, the artistic director of the Ensemble. "The MCC Dance Program prides itself on offering students a chance to dance who may not have otherwise been given the opportunity. We strive to provide a professional concert that will be thought provoking and inspirational."
To follow the MCC Dance Ensemble via social media, go to the Facebook page, "Middlesex County College Dance," and click 'LIKE' or follow on Instagram at dancemccnj. For more information email Professor Mitacchione at Amitacchione@middlesexcc.edu.

Thanksgiving Blessings
Author Unknown
Perhaps we have not counted
Our blessings one by one
Perhaps we have not bothered
Remembering whence they come
And maybe we have taken
For granted all the things
The good Lord has created
And by His hand he brings.
The autumn hills all glorious,
A golden field of grain,
A sunset's dazzling splendor,
The starry sky's sublimity,
The ocean's mighty power,
The wonder of creation
In the petal of a flower.
If we've failed to clearly show
By word or act or deed
A thankful heart unto Him
Who fills our daily need,
May we show our gratitude
Today and count the sum
Of all the blessings that we have
And name them one by one.



Thanksgiving
(Author Unknown)
For the hay and the corn
and the wheat that is reaped,
For the labor well done,
and the barns that are heaped,
For the sun and the dew
and the sweet honeycomb,
For the rose and the song
and the harvest brought home
Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!
For the trade and the skill
and the wealth in our land,
For the cunning and strength
or the workingman's hand,
For the good that our artists
and poets have taught,
For the friendship that
hope and affection have brought
Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!
For the homes that
with purest affection are blest,
For the season of plenty
and well-deserved rest,
For our country extending
from sea unto sea
The land that is known
as the "Land of the Free"
Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!



In Memoriam



Elizabeth "Betty Jane" Ust Semenza, 76, of South Amboy died on Oct. 8. She was employed by the Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Cemeteries. She was a big fan of the New York Mets, Giants and Jets, and also enjoyed listening to Neil Diamond music. John "Jas" Jankowski, 70, formerly of South Amboy died on Oct. 20. He was employed as a Systems Engineer at AT&T prior to his retirement. John was a really good guy, and back in his high school days in the 1960's, played basketball for Hoffman HS, and in addition was a talented musician, who played bass guitar, keyboards, and accordion, and was a member of the band known as The Blue Notes. Richard McCaig, 58, of South Amboy, died on Oct. 20. He was PGK and Deputy of Knights of Columbus #2061, and also a member of the AOH. Martha Hartle, 100, formerly of Sayreville

died on Oct. 20. She was Sayreville Senior Citizen of the Year in 2000, and worked as office manager for Hartle Instruments in Sayreville. In addition, she worked at DuPont Film for many years, was chairperson for the Commission on Aging, and a Troop Leader of the Sayreville Girl Scouts. Stella Stasiak, 86, of Sayreville died on Nov. 3. Prior to retiring, she was employed by the Borough of Sayreville as a secretary for the Building Dept., and also a member of the Sayreville Historical Society. Glenn Van Pell Jr., 75, of Sayreville died on Nov. 4. Before retiring he was an electrician for 35 years at DuPont in Parlin. Judith Harkness, 72, of Parlin died on Nov. 5. She was a letter carrier for USPO in South Amboy for 30 years and retired at age 70. Robert Posik, 88, of Sayreville died on Nov. 5. He was the owner/operator of the Getty Gas Station in Old Bridge before retiring. May God bless them all.

Obituaries

Barclay, Elizabeth "Betty," 80, formerly of South Amboy died on Oct. 16.

Deliman, Teresalynn, 56, of Laurence Harbor died on Oct. 26.

Dzergoski, Alfreda, 73, of Sayreville died on Oct. 25.

Gecek, Carol A., 71, of Sayreville died on Nov. 4.

Harkness, Judith, 72, of Parlin died on Nov. 5.

Hartle, Martha A. McKeon, 100, formerly of Sayreville died no Oct. 20.

Jankowski, John "Jas," 70, formerly of South Amboy died on Oct. 20.

Janson, George, 83, of Sayreville died on Nov. 5.

Kindlick, John J., 94, of South Amboy died on Oct. 20.

Krieger, Brenda R., 66, of Sayreville died on Oct. 31.

Lefand, Philip, 93, of Parlin died on Oct. 23.

Lozito, Maureen Schnyderite, 54, of Morgan died on Nov. 3.

McCaig, Richard A., 58, of South Amboy

died on Oct. 20.

McCarthy, Mary, 100, of Parlin died on Nov. 2.

Mroz, Wayne E., 71, of South Amboy died on Nov. 5.

Pampaloni, Doreen, 63, of Parlin died on Oct. 17.

Posik, Robert, 88, of Sayreville died on Nov. 5.

Semenza, Elizabeth "Betty Jane" Ust, 76, of South Amboy died on Oct. 8.

Stasiak, Stella, 86, of Sayreville died on Nov. 3.

Switzer, Kaja C., 94, of Sayreville died Oct 29.

Trojanowski, Florence, 93, of Sayreville died on Oct. 27.

Truszkowski, Regina, 97, formerly of Sayreville died on Oct. 26.

Van Pell, Glenn Jr., 75, of Sayreville died on Nov. 4.

Venezia, Joann, 62, of South Amboy died on Oct. 18.

Yesuvida, Joseph, 64, formerly of Sayreville died on Nov. 3.



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