

SWMHS Hall Of Fame Nominations Needed

The SWMHS Hall of Fame Committee is seeking nominations for its 2019 induction program, scheduled for spring of 2019. Nominees must be graduates of Sayreville High School who have made outstanding contributions to their profession, organization, or community. Briefly list the individual's accomplishments, year of graduation, and contact information, including email address. Nomination forms can be found on the Hall of Fame link on the Sayreville High School website, or call Elaine Kubacz at 732-727-0192. Nomination letters may also be submitted to: SWMHS Hall of Fame Committee, 20 Holly Drive, Parlin, NJ 08859, before November 9, 2018, or emailed to: barb.anderson2@verizon.net, or epkubacz@verizon.net.

Former Fire Chief Dies



Kenneth M. "Whooper" Walczak, a lifelong resident of South Amboy, and Fire Chief of South Amboy in 1996, died on September 17, 2018. See obituary on page 26.

Rotary Evening With A Medium

The South Amboy-Sayreville Rotary will present "An Evening With A Medium" featuring Lee VanZyl on Friday, October 19th at Christ Church Memorial Hall, 257 Fourth St., South Amboy. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. and program begins at 7:30 p.m. Desserts & refreshments are also included for the \$35 per person event.

For advance registration, please make checks payable to: South Amboy-Sayreville Rotary, P.O. Box 3001, South Amboy, NJ 08879, and they must be received no later than October 5th. For more information, please text or call: Rocco Cuoco at 908-413-1301 or Email: sasyrotary@gmail.com.

Attending the event does not guarantee a personal reading. All proceeds of the event will benefit Rotary Club's Annual Dictionary Project.

Fish and Chicken Fry

The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville will be having a Fish and Chicken Fry on Friday, October 19, 2018. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance and there are limited tickets available at the door. Chicken is available by advance order only. Take-outs will begin at 5:00 and dining room seating will be from 5:45-7:00pm.

For tickets please call 732-257-6353 or e-mail us at churchoffice172@optimum.net.

Reagan Sworn In As Deputy Attorney General



Matthew Reagan (r), South Amboy High School Class of 2010, was sworn in as Deputy Attorney General on Monday, September 19, 2018. Attorney General Gubir S. Grewal (l) officiated the ceremony while Matt's parents, Gene and Trish Reagan and grandmother, Betty Lee Reagan witnessed. After graduating from SA High, Matt completed his undergraduate studies at Rutgers University in New Brunswick with a double major in Political Science and History, and received his law degree from Rutgers Law in Newark. (Photo/Info Submitted)



Local Girl Scouts bring flowers to be placed at the 911 monument, as South Amboy Firefighters salute to show their respect, for the victims of 911, who were remembered. See other photos on pages 2 and 4. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

NJ Education Commissioner Discusses PARCC Changes

Plans for New Statewide Assessment at Joint Assembly & Senate Education Committee Hearing

With changes slated for the PARCC test as part of the plan by the Murphy administration to transition to a different statewide assessment, the Assembly and Senate Education committees held a joint hearing on Monday to hear from the commissioner of education about the proposed changes to ensure they do not interfere with the delivery of education in the state.

The committees invited New Jersey Commissioner of Education Dr. Lamont Repollet to discuss the department's current policy on statewide assessments, its plans to transition into a new generation of tests and the use of student test scores to evaluate teacher performance.

"While education has placed an overemphasis on standardized testing in recent years, these assessments still serve

as a critical tool in gauging student growth, and are one of the only objective measures in assessing teacher performance," said Assembly Education Chair Pamela Lampitt (D-Burlington). "We need to ensure that whatever direction the department takes, takes this into account. We cannot help students if we don't know what areas they are struggling with."

Plans to reduce the weight of PARCC test scores on teacher evaluations have been put on hold. Lampitt expressed concern about the move, stating "without proper evaluations for teachers, it is much harder to ensure that our children are receiving the high quality education they deserve."

The PARCC test has been a contentious issue since it was implemented by the Christie administration in 2015. The test was heavily

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Noble Selected Grand Marshal

The South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee has selected South Amboy Councilwoman Christine Noble as its Grand Marshal for the 2019 parade, which will be held on March 16, 2019. South Amboy City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz will serve as Honorary Grand Marshal, South Amboy Fire Chief Michael Toth will be the Deputy Grand Marshal, Jorge Gomez Gonzalez, and Yolanda Flores will both be Special Honored Guests.

Longtime parade Committee Chairman/organizer Michael "Mickey" Gross, who is also the South Amboy City Council President proudly stated that "Next year's parade will be the biggest, and better than ever before." Don't forget to mark your calendars for the South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade-March 16, 2019.

Lembo, Bloom To Run For Council

(Article submitted)

Art Rittenhouse, Chair of the Sayreville Republican Municipal Committee is pleased to announce the Republican Slate for Sayreville Borough Council for the November 6, 2018 General Election.

Councilman Pat Lembo will seek reelection and the other candidate is Joel Bloom.

Lembo has served on the Sayreville Borough Council for the past three years is an independent business man who owns and operates a Tastykake distributorship. Lembo is married to his wife of over 40 years and has two daughters educated in the Sayreville school. Over the past three years Lembo has served as a Commissioner on the Sayreville Economic Redevelopment Agency, member of the Planning Board and liaison to Public Safety. Lembo looks forward to serving all the residents of Sayreville.

Bloom is a resident of Sayreville for over 46 years. Bloom has three children who attended Sayreville schools. His wife Lucy is a retired teacher at Sayreville War Memorial High School and currently serves on the Sayreville Board of Education. Bloom has worked in the private and public sectors prior to retirement and has just completed a 2-year term as President of the Sayreville Lions Club. Bloom also is a volunteer at the Sayreville Share and Care Food Bank and a certified Medicare Volunteer Counselor for the NJ SHIP. Bloom is ready to serve all the residents of Sayreville in the capacity of Councilman.

Rittenhouse indicated the candidates will be meeting the residents of Sayreville at different events and encourages the residents of Sayreville to contact the candidates or Republican Committee at campaign2018@sayreville.com or call 732-525-3208.

Barbieri Promoted

Borough of Sayreville Police Officer Tom Barbieri was recently promoted to Captain. Congratulations and continued success Tom!

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Pictured following the 911 memorial service are (l-r) South Amboy Councilman Tom Reilly, Councilman Brian McLaughlin, Councilwoman Christine Noble, Commander Bob "Zak" Sekerak, Council President Michael "Mickey" Gross, Mayor Fred Henry. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

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Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard



Quirk Signs With Circle Of 10
Former South Amboy resident and Hoffman HS alumnus Mike Quirk recently signed with Circle of 10 Talent in Burbank, California. The talented actor has been seen on TV many times over the last few years, and we're sure we will see him even more in the future as he continues on his successful road.

Dr. Richard Therkelsen Retires
Dr. Richard Therkelsen, DC, who is a 1972 graduate of St. Mary's HS recently retired from Chiropractic after 40 successful years in the business. Congratulations Dr. Rich!

Maxfield Retires
Len Maxfield, formerly of South Amboy recently retired from the Monmouth County Courthouse after serving as a Sheriff's Officer for 21 years. Congratulations, Len and enjoy your retirement!

College News

Recent Graduates

Hofstra University
Kristen Misak (Sayreville), master's degree in marketing; Samantha Prekeris (Laurence Harbor), advanced certificate in applied behavior analysis.

Ramapo College of New Jersey
Caitlin Crabbe (Sayreville), bachelor's degree; Kathleen Fasulo (Sayreville), bachelor's degree; Hallie Meister (Sayreville), bachelor's degree.

Spring Dean's List
Seton Hall University
Sayreville-Patrick Astarita, Zil Modi, Tommy Rinaldi, Ashley Scales, Jonathan Zebrowski, Matthew Zebrowski.

Parlin-Christina Bellardino, Jessica Donohue, Jason Inganamorte, James Lopez, Joseph Palo, Michelle Pazdur, Jasmine Pellot, Adrianna Satorski, Raeanne Suchcicki, Carol Tinio, Lauren Vega.

South Amboy-Anthony Cabahug, Michelle Colombo, Zachary Corby, Jordan Drevelus, Ralph Feola, Kayla Grillo, Brianna Kaminsky, Andrew Kenny, Thomas O'Leary, Victoria Pecoraino, Areeba Rehman, Rhiannon Smith. Laurence Harbor-Lauren Magnus.

The College of New Jersey
Sayreville-Ralph Betancourt, Alexa Garcia. Parlin-Kelly Bobchin, Gabriella Cardoso, Nicole Cena, Nicole Cornejo, Alexandra Rizzo, David Stolte, Rajbir Toor. South Amboy-Caitlyn Connelly, Kaitlyn Klosek.

Loyola University Maryland
Sayreville-Hayley Allen, Katelyn Allen, Paul Tomaszewski.

Ramapo College of New Jersey
Sayreville-Kathleen Fasulo, Kyle Ferlita. Parlin-Emily Lamonica, Constance Marion, Megan Quinlan, Nicholas Juenemann, Kyle Karpinski.

South Amboy-Vahid Drazanin, Erin Fitzsimmons, Zainab Kassim, Nicholas Maffei, Ashley Rodriguez.

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Pleasant Little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

- Named Chairman of the Borough of Sayreville Planning Board in 1994?
a. Robert Redford b. James Robinson c. Miguel Torres
- Who did John Gloss Jr. succeed as principal of St. Mary's Regional HS in '8?
a. Frank Ianniruberto b. Sister M. Madeline c. Sister Margaret Waldron
- Who was President of Our Lady of Victories CYO in '87?
a. Michael McGwire b. Mary Comstock c. Dawn Castellano
- What year did Raritan Bay Waterfront Park officially open in South Amboy/Sayreville?
a. 1985 b. 1992 c. 1998
- In January 1984, parts of this movie were shot in South Amboy?
a. Purple Rose of Cairo b. Coyote Ugly c. The Longest Yard
- South Amboy Knights of Columbus #426 Grand Knight in '98?
a. Steve Schmid b. Gene Chodkiewicz c. Marty Lampart
- How many fire companies does the Borough of Sayreville have?
a. two b. four c. five
- What street did Jon Bon Jovi live on in Sayreville?
a. Standiford Ave. b. Quaid St. c. Robin Hood Dr.
- Selected Sayreville Business Leader of the Year for 2003 by the Chamber of Commerce?
a. Ronald Moyal b. Rashawn Kemp c. Hovita Esteban
- Where was Bake & More located in South Amboy?
a. North Broadway b. Bordentown Ave. c. South Broadway

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

Business Of The Month
John Auto Center, Inc.

By Steve Schmid



John Auto Center has been serving local communities for 11 years. Pictured (l-r) is Pantal Singh, owner Surgit Singh, Chris Hagelgans, Alex Shevtsov. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

More than ten years ago, Surjit Singh achieved his dream of opening an auto repair business and found an attractive property in South Amboy. He opened John Auto Center in January 2008. It is located on 272 North Stevens Avenue near the Rollermagic skating rink across from the Knights of Columbus. Surjit and his mechanics are ready to take care of your car or truck, and will even help if your lawn mower or snow blower needs attention. They're all professionally certified to repair foreign and domestic vehicles and their repairs are 100% guaranteed. They are certified to perform New Jersey state inspections and will make necessary repairs and adjustments to make sure your vehicle passes inspection. John Auto Center is a licensed auto repair and emissions repair facility. Surjit loves working on old and new cars, and he especially feels good about solving problems and getting customers' cars back on the road as quickly as possible. Surjit has been working on cars since his junior high school days when he changed oil, fixed brakes, and replaced burned out lights for his family and friends. His mechanics share his passion for repairing cars and trucks and getting them back on

the road. No job is too big or too small for them to handle, from replacing a light bulb to replacing an engine. When you have a problem, they will thoroughly examine your vehicle and come in with a diagnosis. They'll let you know what they discovered before they start repairs, so you can make an informed decision. Winter will be here before you know it and you should consider winterizing your car at John Auto center. They'll check your antifreeze, wiper blades, and cabinet filter. You'll also be ready for a fall foliage trip. The next time you need an oil change, stop in. It's only \$24.95 for most cars. Surjit and his staff will always give you a friendly greeting and make sure you're happy with the work. Surjit enjoys South Amboy's small town atmosphere where people know their neighbors and there is a strong community spirit. John Auto Center is well known in the community and is a strong supporter of local police and civic organizations. His team likes to say "Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall, we basically can do it all." John Auto Center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. To make an appointment, call 732-727-8500 or stop in and say hi. You'll be glad you did.

Trinity Methodist Church Roast Beef Dinner

Trinity United Methodist Church is hosting their annual Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday, October 20 from 5 pm to 7 pm. The address is 815 Bordentown Avenue. Dinner includes all you can eat Roast Beef, mashed potatoes, vegetables, salad, rolls and homemade desserts. Tickets are \$15 for

adults and \$8 for children under 12. You can also order take out and deliveries. Call Lori at 732 763-6232 if you have any questions. There will also be a Tricky Tray held at the dinner. All proceeds are donated to various missions.

Sayreville Resident Represents NJ

(Photo/story submitted)

Born in New Brunswick, and raised in Sayreville, Erica Stolte is representing her state as International Miss New Jersey 2018, and competed for the International title this past summer. Besides coming in first runner-up in her division, the five foot four inch blonde captured 4 other awards, including academic achievement.

She most recently had the title of Miss Next Level 2017, and crowned her successor in June. Erica has held state titles for Miss American Coed, USA Ambassador, and East Coast USA pageants. She was also Miss Polonia 2010, and represented Sayreville at the Annual Pulaski Day Parade in NYC.

Erica's personal platform, "Keep Art Education in Our School System," is dedicated towards art education and the freedom to allow children to use their creativity. "Because allowing children to express themselves is extremely important in our math and science-driven school systems," she said.

Erica is a recent Cum Laude graduate of Montclair State University, and earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Studio Art with a concentration in Painting.

An enthusiastic volunteer, on a recent visit to Phoenix, she dedicated her time assisting the city food bank, helping to pack over 1,000 boxes of non-perishable food items for those in need.



Erica Stolte

She says that her overall experience of her pageant career has been nothing but positive, and she is so touched by the people she's met and became friends with through competing. Erica stated that, "Pageantry opens the doors to so many opportunities for young women."

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Yearbook-Sayreville 1983

By Tom Burkard

It's hard to believe, but it's been 35 years since Sayreville's super class of '83 walked down the hallowed halls of the Washington Road institution. As the 1983 seniors returned to school in September 1982, "Abracadabra" by The Steve Miller Band ruled the pop music charts along with Chicago's "Hard To Say I'm Sorry." The school principal was the highly-respected Homer Dill. Some of the many faculty members included: Patti Borak, Kevin Barnes, Ed Breheny, Marianne Kwiatkowski, Barbara Johnson, Steve Gozora, William Doll, Constance Jardula, Joanne Makwinski, Mary Ann Gordon. 1983 was truly a magical year for the seniors, as the school offered numerous extracurricular activities, in addition to the full lineup of athletic teams. Lori Blaszkas was selected '82 Homecoming Queen. The drum majorettes were Kathy Pashley and Karen Carstens. Nancy Gerard was drill team captain. Jeanne Nehila was captain of the cheerleaders, and Elissa Unkel was co-captain. The Student Council consisted of president-Marybeth Jones; vice president-Tom Reagan; secretary-Barbara McDonald; treasurer-Darren Locklin. Some of the huge 1983 graduating class members selected randomly are: Liza Alvarado, Marcy Bailey, Mary Bartlinski, Jean Marie Baumann, Jacqueline Bebert, Nadine Becker, Lisa Blaszkas, Lori Blaszkas, Colleen Bloodgood, Laura Boehm, Jacalyn Bouchard, Stamatis Bratsano, Pat Brennan, Charles Bush, John Carney, Kathy Burns, Neil Cohen, Edward Condிராக்கி, Kevin Comerford, Maureen Coyle, Colleen Crozier, Brian Curtis, Debbie Deliman, Annette Dill, Melanie Fallon, Michael Fallon, Michael Fingerlin, Catherine Fischer, Beth Freyer, James Gallagher, Mark Gallagher, Alfred Gawron, Lori Ann Gillette, Steven Grabas, Robert Halmi, David Haltli, Kelly Harrigan,

Thomas Hartman, Doreen Hogan, Paul Herrick, Ken Jablonski, Jill Jedrusiak, Molly Jones, Kevin Kiernan, Theresa Kellert, Kim Kominkiewicz, Cheryl Kowalewski, John Krall, Judy Krumbine, Walt Krzyzkowski, Kim Kyu-Ok, Tim Lakomski, Vickie Laikowski, Patricia Lynch, Joe McCartney, Dan McCurdy, Maureen McGuire, Kelly McKeon, Thomas Makransky, Angela Mancini, Lonny Marcinczyk, Maureen McSorley, Sharon Martens, Thomas Matysik, Andrew Maze, Ray Miara, Ron Miara, Theresa Michalik, Lisa Mitrosky, Chris Mohr, Christine Mormak, Richard Mulligan, Ken Nash, Richard Nixon, Maureen O'Connell, Tara O'Connell, Mike O'Hare, Dan Parker, Paul Ortiz, Matt Pachkowski, Pratik Patel, Scott Paul, Mike Peters, Cynthia Pfeiffer, Scott Poetsch, Jill Poliny, Ken Rudy, Brandon Roberts, Matthew Ruszczyk, David Saltzman, John Scanlon, John Schachel, Beth Ann Schack, James Scully, Kelly Scully, Paul Seaman, Sandy Seres, Mike Shymanski, Stephanie Skibicki, Debra Stefanski, Gail Sutton, Edward Tauber, Jackie Trawinski, Sharon Tremel, Tony Valente, Tracy Weber, Kurt Wenzel, Kimberly Weber, Kimberly Wist, Staci Wong, Denise Wojciechowski, Tom Zientek, William Zrebiec, Michael Yuhasz. The biggest news in the sports department was the outstanding Field Hockey team which captured the county championship, and finished with a super (14-4) record. Also, Coach Lenny Zaleski's wrestling team turned in a fine (10-5), marking the school's first winning season ever in wrestling. Around graduation time, seniors probably enjoyed the top pop hits of the day, "Let's Dance" by David Bowie, and "Flashdance-What A Feeling" by Irene Cara. A class it was, and what a class-Sayreville War Memorial HS 1983!

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criticized by parents and educators for being too confusing and time consuming. They said it took away from valuable instruction time, and that it was unfair to make it a graduation requirement for students given so many negative factors.

"I support objectively measuring student learning, but I continue to have concerns that PARCC, as we are currently using it, may not be the right approach to achieving these goals," said Assembly Education Vice-Chair Mila Jasey (D-Essex/Morris). "Buy-in from students, their families and educators is essential."

"NJ has one of the best public education systems in the country and any assessment must provide the data to help ensure that our schools are providing high-quality education," said Assemblyman Andrew Zwicker (D-Somerset/Mercer/Middlesex/Hunterdon), who also sits on the Assembly Education Committee. "As we change our

approach to standardized testing in NJ, we have to make sure that we do it in a sensible, evidence-based, and meaningful way.

The Department of Education plans to transition towards a new statewide assessment. The transition, according to the department, will be made in phases to ensure smooth implementation in schools and assure compliance with current state and federal mandates. There are short and long-term changes planned to slowly transition to a new test. Immediate changes include streamlining graduation requirements by reducing the number of required tests in high school from 6 to 2; ensuring that educators and parents receive test data in a timely manner; providing flexibility for the first-year English language arts tests in high school; reducing the length of the testing for all grades by 25 percent; and reducing the weight of the assessment on teacher evaluations.

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South Amboy 911 Memorial Service

Photos by Tom Burkard



Speeches and memories of that tragic day, September 11, 2001 were presented by (l-r) Bob "Zak" Sekerak, Commander of American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62, South Amboy, Mayor Fred Henry, Fire Chief Michael Toth.

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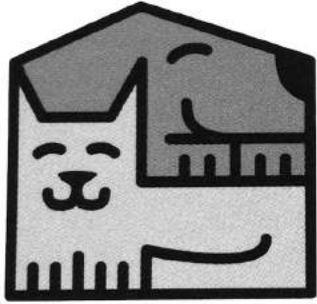
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Amboy Bank Grand Prize Winner



Amboy Bank Monroe employees, Patricia Coe and Marilyn Salta-Mick, congratulate Santo Intravartolo of Jamesburg as the grand prize winner of Amboy's month-long grand opening sweepstakes. Intravartolo won a 50" VIZIO Smart LED television. The sweepstakes celebrated Amboy's new branch at 201 Applegarth Road in Monroe. The bank is continuing to welcome new clients with special deposit offers.

Coach Bingo & Tricky Tray

St. Stan's H.S.A. is sponsoring their 6th Annual Coach Bingo & Tricky Tray fundraiser on Friday, October 19th in the school gym located at 221 MacArthur Ave., Sayreville. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and calling begins at 7:30 p.m. Ticket price is \$30 per person and includes 12 games of bingo (3 cards per game), coffee, tea, and dessert.

Additional bingo boards and daubers will be available for purchase. There will also be various raffles and a 50/50. Attendees are welcome to bring their own food and refreshments. Tickets can be purchased in the Parish office or by contacting Gina at 732-432-8361. You must be 18 years old to enter and participate.

Sayreville VFW Holds Services

By Carmen Delikat, Auxiliary President

Sayreville VFW Post Home #4699 held services at 7pm, for POW/MIA on September 18th and a Rededication Service for the Posts' Tank on display at the Post, at 1pm, on September 23rd. Services were

sponsored and hosted by the Post Auxiliary, and President, Carmen Delikat, and Post Commander Stanley Pryuzylowski, along with Ken Kelly and the Post Color Guard.



A dandelion was chosen as the new image of Windsor Healthcare. "Dandelions have healing powers, and are known to thrive in harsh living conditions," said Christina Fleming, VP of Marketing.

New Image For Windsor Healthcare

(Article Submitted)

Windsor Healthcare released the organizations new look via Facebook Live recently in the first event of its kind for the organization. Earlier last month, management announced its upgrades to their facilities, services, and employee programs, and the need to upgrade their brand to recognize the improvements. South Amboy's own 5-star post-hospital care facility is one of the nine facilities that Windsor Healthcare owns and operates throughout the state.

Vice President Michael Jacobs, used the live platform as an opportunity to personally address their 2000 employees. Michael said, "This is a tremendous, special day for the organization...at the end of the day, we are really nothing without all of you." He added, "it would be unfair of us to just introduce a new logo or website or a new direction of where Windsor is going without you guys being a part of it."

Before Hyman Jacobs, President and CEO, did the honor of showcasing the new look, Christina Fleming, Vice President of Marketing, described the inspiration of the logo. She spoke about why a dandelion was chosen to be the new image of the brand. Christina said, "Dandelions have healing powers, and are known to thrive in harsh living conditions." She compared dandelions to the significance of aging and the manner at which guests present at the time of needing

post-hospital or long-term care. Christina added, "this logo is for our patients. It serves as a reminder that there is beauty in life's difficult moments."

Chris Metternich, Chief Operating Officer, addressed his leadership team by saying, "To me, this logo represents our organization's ability to adhere to the notion of doing what is right each and every day, with every decision we make. As executive leaders for Windsor Healthcare, we value the personnel, the owner's initial mission, and of course each other as the leaders of the organization. We will remain committed to the future of offering high quality, affordable health care options for those who are the most vulnerable in our society."

With this new branding comes the organizations campaign, #SpreadingWellness. Over the next few months, they will feature select employees on their website sharing their own reasons for Spreading Wellness as a member of the Windsor Healthcare family, as well as a campaign to highlight those graduating from their post-acute services and back into the community.

Windsor Healthcare invites consumers and industry professionals to their new website to be part of the campaign at www.windsorhealthcare.org.

Dowdell Library of South Amboy – Fall Photo Contest

Share your Photos of South Amboy's Dynamic Businesses!

The Dowdell Library of South Amboy invites avid shutterbugs to enter the library's Fall Photo Contest. Celebrate our community through the art of photography, and contribute to the Library's local history picture collection.

All photo entries must feature a SOUTH AMBOY BUSINESS. The submission should be a clearly identifiable image of an interior or exterior place of business.

Photographs should be taken between September 1 and October 31 and submitted by November 15, 2018. Contestants may submit up to five high resolution DIGITAL images to: comments@dowdell.org; open to amateur photographers only. Please include the location of the photograph, the date the photograph was taken, your name, and contact information.

Important photo release! Photographs

that contain recognizable people must be accompanied by a release form signed by each person photographed. If individuals are under the age of eighteen, their parent or legal guardian must sign the photo release.

Awards will be based on artistic distinction and historical value. Awards will be presented for the best "South Amboy" photograph, the Runner-up, and one for the best "architectural" photograph. Winners will be announced at the library's HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE on Monday, December 3 at 7:30 pm. By entering the contest, participants allow the library to use the images in library publications, their website/social media or in future exhibits; photographers will be credited.

For further details, please contact the Dowdell Library of South Amboy at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org. The Library is located off John T. O'Leary Blvd – adjacent to the South Amboy High School.

Rosary Rally Oct. 13

(Article submitted)

The annual Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Rally will take place on Saturday, Oct. 13 from 12-2 p.m., rain or shine at the Gazebo on Bordentown Ave. between South Pine Ave., and South Stevens Ave. in South Amboy. Please feel free to bring a chair. Our

Blessed Mother Mary wants public prayer for conversion of our country and Russia, and for the triumph of her immaculate heart. For more info call our new Captain Honora DeMaio at 732-816-8514 or Rita at 732-588-5272.

Former South Amboy Resident Pens New Book

Stefanie Maydish Flynn, whose pen name is Nikki Mays, was born and raised in South Amboy, and recently released her debut novel, "Surrender To You." She is a Literary Titan Silver Award Winner, and resides in Montgomery, NJ, with her husband and 3 sons. Her parents, Michael and Celina "Chris" Maydish still live in South Amboy, and have for the past 34 years. The talented author attended Sacred Heart Grammar School, and graduated from Cardinal McCarrick HS.

Her debut novel "Surrender To You" is available now, and has wonderful reviews and praise from those who have read it. She has finished the second in her SAPD SWAT series and is awaiting the release date. She is already writing the third in this series and hopes to have it released within the next couple of months. Nikki loves connecting with her readers on all forms of social media. To order your copy of "Surrender To You," go to amazon.com.

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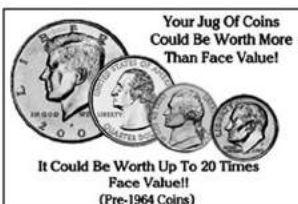
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The South Amboy Elks Donated a \$650 grant and certificate from the Elks National Foundation Committee to the Sayreville Jr. Police academy cadets, for uniform shirts and hats, Denotes, Elks Care, Elks Share. In photo (l) is Lodge National Foundation Chairman Valentine Tarr, the top five graduates of the academy, and Past Exalted Ruler, Past District Deputy Frank Glennon. (Photo/story submitted)

Color Fun Runners Wanted

The Old Bridge High School AFJROTC Parents Association is sponsoring a Color Fun Run on Saturday, October 20 at Old Bridge High School/Geick Park, Route 516 in Old Bridge (Matawan). The Color Fun Run is a community event, open to all ages. Check-in starts at 9 a.m.

This fundraiser supports the OBHS Air Force JROTC program and cadets, who provide many services to the community. The unit recently earned the Silver Star

Community Service with Excellence Award, given only to the top 5% Air Force JROTC units with the highest "per cadet average" of community service hours.

Pre-registration is \$25 per runner or \$100 for a team of five and includes an official color run T-shirt. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. For more information go to obhsjrotcparents.wixsite.com/colorrn2018 or email obhsjrotccolorrn@gmail.com.

The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, MS

Those of you that follow the Smoke Column regularly know that the October article will continue to re-enforce the importance of having working CO and smoke detectors throughout your home. This is the time of year that most heating appliances are being turned on for the first time since last spring. Houses are being prepared for the upcoming winter season. Unfortunately, this is the time of year when many CO poisonings and deaths occur. WHY? Any heating appliance that consumes a fossil fuel will give off Carbon Monoxide (CO) when it is burned. When your furnace is running, be it by natural gas or oil, it is producing carbon monoxide. The same could be said for fireplaces, cooking stoves, clothes dryers, gas grills, gas generators, lawn mowers, and any device that consumes gasoline, natural gas, propane, or anything that can possibly burn. If this poisonous gas is not vented to the outside, it will accumulate inside your home causing serious illness or death and may lead to a fire and/or explosion.

During Fire Prevention week, which occurs during the first full week in October, change the batteries in your smoke and CO detectors. Since my last article on this issue, there has been one CO death in Sayreville, and one in Perth Amboy where a 13 year old child died and 41 people were overcome by CO poisoning. Neither of these should have occurred and both were preventable! If anyone has experienced a CO issue where you had a CO detector activate due to excessive amounts of CO in your home, I would like to hear from you and the outcome. Please contact the TIMES and, if you wish, remain anonymous.

Many of you may be undecided on which type of CO detector to purchase,

Vendor Night November 9

South Amboy Columbiettes are holding a Fall Vendor Event from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Columbian Club at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Vendors are wanted. For more information call Cheryl at 732-407-3295 or email her at sa426ladies@yahoo.com

because there are many types, styles, and multi-function units available. Some units come with batteries that never need charging or replacing throughout the unit's life-cycle. These units are powered with a battery that will last up to 10 years. Inside each unit is a sensor that is ALWAYS sensing for the presence of carbon monoxide. After 10 years of use, the unit must be replaced. There are units that are multi-functional which combine a smoke detector with a carbon monoxide sensor which gives you a greater level of protection. There are some manufacturers that produce a CO detector that also has the function of a gas detector and will activate when there is a presence of natural gas. These are good units to have if you heat your home with natural gas. Unfortunately, these units will also activate when there is a small amount of other gases present. What other unwanted gases would you expect to find in your home? Surprisingly, aerosols use a gas propellant to expel the ingredients from spray cans that are used for such products as deodorants, hair sprays, air fresheners, etc. These style gas detectors will sense the presence of the propellant gas and activate the unit, thus causing a false alarm.

When installing a CO detector, it is recommended that the unit NOT be placed in close proximity of the gas appliance. The reason being is that when your gas appliance ignites the gas supply, a small amount of CO is produced which is normal. If the sensor is too near the appliance, it will sense the minute presence of CO and activate every time the unit ignites causing unwanted false alarms. Always refer to the manufacturers recommendations/instructions when installing your new detectors.

Trip to Radio City Christmas Spectacular

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip on Saturday, November 17, 2018 to see the Radio City Christmas Spectacular. The price of the trip which is \$175 includes ticket to the show, bus transportation, bus gratuity, and snacks on the bus. The show starts at 11 AM. Lunch is on your own with free time in New York. For further information or to reserve a seat please contact Teri at 732-727-7639.

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Pictured are some of the South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee at the first meeting for the 2019 parade, in which they were initiating plans for another great event. In the photo (l-r) are Richie Moran, Jay Elliot, Jan Williams, Donna Williams, Karen Chen, Mickey Gross-Parade Committee Chairman, Judi Gillingham. The following people are Parade Committee members but were not in the picture: Cathy Schwartz-Co-Chairperson, Barry Rosengarten, Marilyn Grillo-Springer, Jeremiah O'Grady, Yolanda Flores, Linda Klink. (Photo/story by Joe Lotkowitz)

**South Amboy Knights of Columbus #426
Cruise Night**
Photos by Joe Lotkowitz



Cruise Night was cancelled by rain, but even the weather couldn't stop several enthusiasts who showed up.



The Knights worked hard organizing the event, and unfortunately Mother Nature wrecked the plans. Still managing to smile through it all are (l-r) PGK Ken Smetana, Grand Knight Les Wilson, and Deputy Grand Knight Jan Williams.

YMCA RECEIVES STEM GRANT FROM PNC BANK FOUNDATION

The YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy has received notification of a grant award in the amount of \$7,500 from the PNC Foundation to be used to implement an Introduction to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Program at the Harborview Early Learning Center in Perth Amboy. This grant is unique in that the curriculum will focus on teaching and learning activities through a STEM lens for 2-4 year olds. The PNC Foundation is a long-time supporter of non-profit organizations and an advocate for educational programs geared towards children and youth, especially for pre-school children, with a focus on a STEM course of study.

The funding will support the costs of out-of-school academic STEM programming for the pre-school children. "We believe that augmenting learning after the school day ends will provide academic support and build confidence, improve social skills, create a sense of belonging, and make learning fun" said Cindy Shields, Senior Child Care Director for the YMCA of MEWSA. The curriculum will be introduced through

cross-contextual learning, i.e. learning math skills in the classroom, but then taking the students outside to practice counting real objects. This method will also blend math and science by stimulating questions about nature, exploring different sizes, shapes, patterns and quantities, all in a natural environment. "We are firm believers that it is never too early to introduce STEM concepts into our early education programs", said Rose Cushing, CEO & President of the YMCA of MEWSA. "It will prepare the children for success in college, career and life". The program will be held during the regular school year, from September through June.

The YMCA has previously received funding from the PNC Foundation for other STEM-related programs, Extended Summer Learning, and a Scratch Jr., program that teaches coding and computer programming skills to pre-school children.

For more information about the Harborview Early Learning Center or other YMCA Childcare Programs, please contact Cindy Shields at cindy.shields@ymcaofmewsas.org or 732-340-9622.

Speaker Coughlin Statement on Sept. 11 Anniversary

Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin (D-Middlesex) issued the following statement commemorating the 17th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks:

"Today is not just another day on the calendar. Today's date is etched in the hearts and minds of all Americans. It is still difficult to comprehend the senseless loss of human life and the extent of human cruelty. Our sense of security was shaken perhaps like never before or since. Today we mourn

once again for those lost 17 years ago. I can only imagine how difficult this day must be for the families who lost loved ones in the attacks. I hope you will find some comfort in knowing that the country is behind you. We will never forget."

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From left: Middlesex County Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios; Dorothy K. Power, chairman of the Middlesex County College Board of Trustees; Sergeant Cory Smith; Officer Shawn Ferguson; Captain Michael Ambroziak; Officer Bryan Montalvo, Officer Christopher Halley, Officer Jean-Pierre Mercenat; and Interim President Mark McCormick.

MCC Police Officers Honored For Saving A Life

Five Middlesex County College police officers were honored at the College's Board of Trustees meeting September 17 for saving a student's life in August. Two officers – J.P. Mercenat and Shawn Ferguson – were patrolling in Edison Hall when they received a report of an unconscious student in the building. They responded immediately and discovered that the student wasn't breathing and did not have a pulse. Officer Mercenat is a certified EMT and the two began administering CPR. Sergeant Cory Smith and Officers Christopher Halley and Bryan Montalvo arrived and set up an AED unit.

Officers administered two cycles of CPR with no results, but on the third attempt it was successful.

The student was taken to JFK Hospital in serious condition. Two weeks later, she had returned to class and was continuing

her education. "The actions of Officer J.P. Mercenat, Officer Shawn Ferguson, Sergeant Cory Smith, Officer Bryan Montalvo and Officer Christopher Halley undoubtedly saved the life of that young woman, 21 years of age, on the evening of August 1, 2018," Police Captain Michael Ambroziak told the Board. "Their professionalism, training and composure in an extremely stressful situation exemplify the high standards of excellence that is routed in the Middlesex County Police Department and the Middlesex County College community. These officers are a credit to the police profession, the Middlesex County College Police Department, Middlesex County College, and our entire community and are to be commended for their actions."

The Board and audience members gave the officers a standing ovation.

Local Business From The Past



How many locals remember Tire Associates, which was located on Rt. 35 in South Amboy way back in the 1970's? Many locals worked there at one time or another. Does anyone have other information on this business, such as who owned it, actual years of operation, workers, etc.? Please let us know. Email your info to satimes@aol.com. (Photo courtesy of Joanne Katko)

St. Mary's High School Class of 1968 Reunion

St. Mary's High School, South Amboy, class of 1968, is celebrating their 50th class reunion. The celebration will be on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at Doolan's Shore Club, 700 Rt. 71 in Spring Lake Heights, NJ. Beginning at 6:00 pm with a cocktail hour, there will be an open bar for the entire evening, and a buffet dinner and dancing with music

provided by a DJ until 11:00 pm. The cost is \$110 per person. Please make checks payable to Kathryn Vitale(Fitzmorris) and send your check to Beth Dempsey, RSM, 22-04 Parsons Blvd., Whitestone, NY 11357. Rooms have been reserved at Doolan's. Call 732-449-3666 to make your reservations. Any questions, email Carolyn Dahl at cdahl13@gmail.com

Free Inspirational Movie Oct. 21

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are holding a free movie afternoon Sunday October 21. The film, "I Can Only Imagine" will be shown at 4 p.m. Following the movie a pasta dinner will be served. Cost is \$8 adults. Children under 12 are free. For more information call 732-721-2025.

Morgan Explosion Centennial Talk

Author Randall Gabrielan will give a free presentation about the 100th anniversary of the Morgan explosion Thursday October 4 at 7 p.m. in the Rutgers Visitor 100 Sutphen Road in Piscataway.. He will talk about the blast which destroyed many buildings and homes. For more information text CULTURE to 56512.

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South Amboy...The Missing History??

By Elaine Holton Scott

In the first half of the 1600's, a Dutch military base had been built on land across the bay from New Amsterdam for protection of their settlement from the British. That land would be the future South Amboy. Much like an off-shoot of Perth Amboy, from which it received its name, it hadn't taken long for settlers, mostly all of the Protestant faith, to make the area their home. For well-over 100 years, those original settlers and their descendants had led industrious, faith-based lives. So, what then exactly happened to make this quiet, law-abiding, tea-totaling future City of South Amboy into the bustling hub it became to be? Well, look around you on St. Paddy's Day, and you just might realize it was due to the Irish...those hard working, hard drinking men who came to this country, unwashed, unable to either read or write, broke, asking for nothing except a job to help them support their families.

In the 1830s, a few Irish Catholics arrived in what was then "South Amboy Township," obviously lured to the area by all the railroad jobs available. When the Potato Famine began in the 1840s, the poor Irish in Ireland, who depended almost entirely on the potato to survive, had to make a choice whether to die of starvation or migrate. Over half of the population would choose the latter, mostly all of them heading to America. How they got the money to do so is anyone's guess. Hearing about all the unskilled jobs available in South Amboy, many of the immigrants who had come to shore in NYC headed to the area, bringing their families and their Catholic faith with them. For hardworking men with strong backs jobs were easily gotten

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Swing by on Monday, October 1, at 10am for our New Jersey Sales and Online Business Workshop. Presented by the New Jersey Division of Taxation in tandem with the State Library, this free 100-minute seminar provides local business owners and entrepreneurs with a comprehensive overview of the Garden State's sales tax laws and practices. Topics covered include taxable products and services; sales tax inside and outside New Jersey; protocol for shipping products; methods for collecting New Jersey sales tax; and tutorials on filing sales and use tax returns. Registration is required—contact the library to reserve a seat!

Teen Read Week runs October 9 through October 15, and patrons ages 13 through 19 are encouraged to enter the Dowdell's annual Ruined Book Contest! Simply take a book title—say, The Hunger Games—and add a word to "ruin" it—say, The Hunger Games Diet. At the end of the contest period, the library's elementary and middle school students will vote for their favorite, and the winner will take home a spectacular prize! One entry per patron per day

Cook up something new scrumptious at the library's bimonthly Culinary Workshops! Bring in your kids on October 18 or 25

OLV October Meeting

The OLV Senior Group will hold their October Meeting on Friday, October 5, 2018 at 1:00PM in Monsignor Dalton Hall. There will be a Chinese lunch at the cost of \$7.00 at this meeting. Please call Mary Bouchard at 732-727-5056 no later than Monday, October 1st to reserve your meal. After our business meeting dues will be collected for the year. We

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as longshoremen and, of course, the laying of tracks for the ever-expanding railroads which would one day, almost encircle the town. My great, great grandfather James Holton, who arrived here around 1850 was but one of them. When they came, a chapel was quickly built on land which would become the St. Mary's Cemetery after the St. Mary's Church on Augusta Street was built in 1853.

Right away there was a problem. All of these Irish Catholic immigrants had needed a place to live, but if you didn't have money to build a home, or money to rent a room in a boarding house, which the Irish had neither, where in heck were they to live? This is where the "missing history" comes into this story.

Long ago, I had heard there was a Shantytown where the National Lead plant would later be built. Located in easy access to the railroad and to the jobs along the waterfront, the land was also far enough away from the rest of the town...a place which had afforded these Irish immigrants privacy to live, love, laugh, dance, sing, brawl, and have a pint...or two, or three, or four. When enough money had been saved, the Irish began settling inside the city, no doubt, at first, sharing the rent with other families. Soon, the gregarious Irish, whose faith preached, "Go and populate the earth" listened...and an Irish baby boom in the "Pleasant Little City" began. That's what I think is the "missing history" of South Amboy.

**There's an old saying, "Everyone is Irish on St. Paddy's Day"...and for those of us with our roots in South Amboy, it would be hard to find anyone who doesn't have at least a strand of Irish DNA.

between 3:30 pm and 4:30 pm and watch them make their very own chocolate spider doughnuts. It's sure to be an arachnid good time!

Halloween only comes once a year, but your friends at the Dowdell are celebrating twice! First, get into spooktacular spirits at our Annual Halloween Costume Party. This year's event, which runs from 3:45 pm to 5 pm on October 22, will also feature a special Celebrity Storytime with South Amboy City Councilman Mickey Gross! Just one week later, on October 31, steer clear of goblins and ghouls (and food allergies!) by trick-or-treating at your local library!

We encourage all local shutterbugs to enter the library's ongoing Local Business Photo Contest, which is accepting entries through November 15. Amateur photographers are encouraged to submit up to five high-resolution digital images featuring a clearly identifiable South Amboy business via email to comments@dowdell.com. (Be sure to specify the location of your photo, the date it was taken, and your name and contact information in your message.) Awards for Best Photograph, Runner-Up, and Best Architectural Photograph will be announced at the library's Holiday Open House on Monday, December 3 at 7:30pm.

Comments, queries, compliments, concerns? 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.

will also be collecting for the Thanksgiving luncheon being held in November. All trips for November and December must be paid. New Members are always welcomed. Non-perishable food donations for St. Vincent de Paul will be accepted at all meetings. For further information contact Teri at 732-727-7639.

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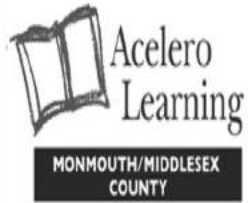
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Vendors Sought For Craft Fair

Vendors and shoppers are needed for Sacred Heart Altar Society's upcoming Holiday Craft and Vendor Fair on Saturday, Nov. 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Memorial Hall, across from Sacred Heart Church, 531 Washington Ave., South Amboy. Geared to all ages, there will be something for

everyone. No admission charge for shoppers or browsers. Food will be available. Get an early start on your holiday shopping! Helpers will offer assistance in carrying out your purchases. To reserve a table or for more info, call Virginia at 732-721-1521 or Janice at 732-309-8405.

Larry Helwig Memorial Scholarship Golf Outing

On Monday, October 15, the Larry Helwig Memorial Golf Outing will be held at Tamarack Golf Course at 97 Hardenburg Lane in East Brunswick starting at 9 am. Coach Larry Helwig was a teacher, golf coach and driving instructor at SWMHS. The proceeds from the outing will be used for scholarships for SWMHS golf team members who display the ethics and traits the coach instilled in his

students and players. The outing is a four person scramble. The cost of \$150 per golfer which includes: Golf, Cart, Breakfast, Lunch, Drinks and snacks on the course, gift bag, raffle tickets and prizes. Sign up early to guarantee your spot. If interested, please contact Eric Haltli at ehaltli@aol.com or (732) 803-9667.



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The South Amboy Democratic Committee held a dinner at Mara's Restaurant in South Amboy on Sept. 13th, for their candidates in the upcoming November 6th election. Pictured (l-r) Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, Director of Middlesex County Freeholders Ron Rios, Mayor Fred Henry, Council President Michael "Mickey" Gross, Councilwoman Christine Noble, Senator Joseph Vitale. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

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100 Years Ago ... Morgan Explosion October 4, 1918

By Tom Burkard

Shortly after 7:30 p.m. on Friday, October 4, 1918, the long feared and expected "blow-up" of the T.A. Gillespie Shell Loading Plant in Morgan occurred. According to local reports, "the earth seemed to quiver, and the sky was filled with flying particles of iron, steel, and other materials, as Unit 6-1-1- of the Morgan Plant exploded." The unit was loading 155 mm shells for use by American Forces "over there" (WWI). The explosion supposedly started in the booster room of this unit. 2,000 men were working the night shift at the plant. Conflicting reports as to the cause ranged from it being an accident, to a fire, and another theory that it was German trickery. Shells and boosters exploded for over an hour and a half after the initial blast. The fire seemed to be under control by 11:00 p.m. Local people left town by every means available, and by Friday night, 800 people had walked to Sewaren. According to reports from a Social Worker, three women gave birth on their way to Sewaren. Shortly after the first blast. The South Amboy mayor requested the

State Militia to protect property and prevent looters. By Saturday afternoon, the town was deserted of all civilian population. At 2 a.m. Saturday morning, the local Militia Company received word to mobilize and protect the area. They were assigned by a detachment of Sailors, Coast Guard, U.S. Guards, firemen and police. On Saturday, Major Dawley arrived, and other Militia Companies commenced to come in. Red Cross Canteens were set up at St. Mary's School on Saturday, and also at the Methodist Episcopal Church. The War Community Recreation Committee and Boy Scouts of America staffed the church center, while two or three local men organized and ran the one at the school. South Amboy suffered nearly \$1 million dollars worth of damage, and the loss at the plant was around \$14 million. Representative Thomas J. Scully of the 3rd Congress District, and a South Amboy resident, introduced a Bill in Congress, calling for an investigation of the Explosion. An estimated 250-300 people lost their lives during the Morgan Explosion.

Free Concerts

The Victor Florian Schantz Orchestra performs a FREE concert sponsored by the Sayreville Cultural Arts Council on Wednesday, October 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the Sayreville Senior Center, 423 Main St. A Salute to Broadway and Hollywood classics will be the theme of this night. Come hear your favorite show tunes and enjoy a great night out! ALL ages invited; light refreshments will be served. For more information, call Edna at 908-208-2358 or email Sayrevilleculturalarts@gmail.com.

A FREE concert by the Richard Reiter

Swing Band will perform a FREE show on Wednesday, November 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the Sayreville Senior Center, 423 Main St, sponsored by the Sayreville Cultural Arts Council. For over twenty years, the Richard Reiter Swing Band has been one of New Jersey's most popular swing combos, performing familiar standards that we all know and love. ALL ages invited; light refreshments will be served. For more information, call Edna at 908-208-2358 or email Sayrevilleculturalarts@gmail.com.



The City of South Amboy is proud to announce the newly formed
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SaYo will host a series of pre-teen dances for children in 5th, 6th, and 7th grade.

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Halloween Party : Friday, October 19th 2018
Country Fall Fest : Friday, November 16th 2018
7PM - 10PM

DJ, Pizza and Refreshments will be provided. Additional snacks and beverages will be available for purchase.

Dance admission is \$15.00.

Pre-register early for a 20% discount.

Pre-registration is accepted at the Senior Center (108 So. Stevens Avenue) from 8:30AM - 3PM daily.

We are looking for chaperones to help with our dances, if you are interested in volunteering or need more information please email Jaclyn at kellyj@southamboynj.gov

For children of South Amboy residents and South Amboy City employees. Proof of residency and child's grade will be required.



Congratulations to Joan Conway who was selected by the South Amboy Board of Education to fill the vacant seat created when Tyler Simko resigned to pursue higher education at Harvard University. Joan was sworn in at the September 24th meeting. Pictured (l-r) Matthew Conway (Joan's son) Joan, Jeffrey Conway (Joan's son) and BOE Business Administrator Peter Frascella. Best of luck Joan! (Photo by Brian Stratton)



The South Amboy Democratic candidates for the upcoming Nov. 6th election were pictured at a dinner held at Mara's Restaurant in South Amboy. In photo (l-r) Councilwoman Christine Noble, Council President Michael "Mickey" Gross, and Mayor Fred Henry. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Sayreville Historical Society Gets a Look at the Future from the Developer of Riverton

By John Mooney

North American Properties' project executive for Riverton, Kevin Polston, gave the audience of the Sayreville Historical Society a look at the future during the organization's September meeting.

Riverton is located along the Raritan River, off the Garden State Parkway at Exit 125 in Sayreville. It will be a retail-driven, community-focused, hospitality-infused, mixed-use destination with a blend of retail, residential, office and hotel connected by a series of gathering spaces for all to enjoy.

Several attendees of the meeting said they had relatives and friends who worked at the National Lead site, where Riverton will be located.

"The industrial area of Sayreville is changing to a whole new direction," said Art Rittenhouse, president of the Sayreville Historical Society, who introduced Polston to the audience on Sept. 13. "Kevin is giving us an overview of what's coming. It's going to be exciting to see."

"We are excited about the opportunity to transform this former industrial site into something that will benefit the entire community," Polston told the audience. "Under the previous developer, the centerpiece of this project was a large regional mall. Malls proliferated around the country in the decades through the 1990s. In the early 2000s, that paradigm changed, and by 2009, malls were no longer being built."

"Riverton will incorporate a mix of uses that creates an energy," Polston added.

After his presentation, Polston took questions from the audience on a range of topics including when the project's completion will be.

"While it may look like not a lot is happening, remediation is continuing. There is actually a lot going on," Polston replied.

The groundbreaking for Riverton is planned for next year. Meanwhile, the project team will be involved in the planning of events to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Sayreville's incorporation as a borough on April 29, 2019.

The Riverton team invited residents and visitors of the annual Sayreville Day celebration at Kennedy Park on Saturday, Sept. 15 to share "100 Reasons to Love Sayreville." Responses were displayed at the Riverton booth at the event and are currently viewable on Facebook (Facebook.com/ExperienceRiverton). Among the most frequently mentioned responses were: "community," "diversity," "family," "friends," and "sports."

Learn more about Riverton at ExperienceRiverton.com.



Kevin Polston of North American Properties talked about the Riverton project and its upcoming impact on the Borough of Sayreville



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In photo left, The SA Times feature writer/rock 'n' roll standout with the local band "Clem and Friends," Clem Skarzynski of Parlin, is pictured with Maria Milito, fantastic radio personality of Q-104.3. In photo right, Maria (l) and Program Director "The Big E" on the air at a live broadcast at the Q's 3rd Annual Car Show on Aug. 25th, where the photos were taken at Overpeck County Park, Ridgefield, NJ. (Photos/info submitted)

40 Years Ago... Rock Bands At Sayreville High

By Tom Burkard

1978-Just before Jon Bon Jovi was about to become famous and put Sayreville War Memorial High School on the map, members of three talented rock bands attended classes in the land of Bombers on Washington Rd. "Manzo" was a 3-piece group consisting of juniors Charlie Mills, who later hooked up with Bon Jovi in one of his early groups, and Frank Doughty, and senior Jim Sorenson. "Manzo" finished 3rd place in a local Battle of the Bands. "Black Pearl" was comprised of Adrian Viego, Kyle Jechusiak, Russel Hamsel, and sophomore Joe Quinto. "Timepiece" featured soph, Cheryl Mall, Gene Zebrowski, Mark Sheer, Mark Scimeca and Frank Gernus.

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- 1995-Gangsta's Paradise-Coolio with L.V.
- 1983-Tell Her About It-Billy Joel
- 1977-Best Of My Love-The Emotions
- 1965-Eve Of Destruction-Barry McGuire

#1 Country Hits- September 29

- 2003-What Was I Thinkin'-Dierks Bentley
- 1998-How Long Gone-Brooks & Dunn
- 1981-Tight Fittin' Jeans-Conway Twitty
- 1973-Blood Red And Goin' Down-Tanya Tucker
- 1963-Abilene-George Hamilton IV



Trip to American Music Theater Christmas Show

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to The American Music Theater to see their Christmas Show on Saturday, November 3, 2018. The cost of the trip is \$150 which includes the ticket to the show,

bus transportation, bus driver gratuity, lunch at Shady Maple and snacks to and from the show. For further information or to reserve a seat please contact Teri at 732-727-7639.

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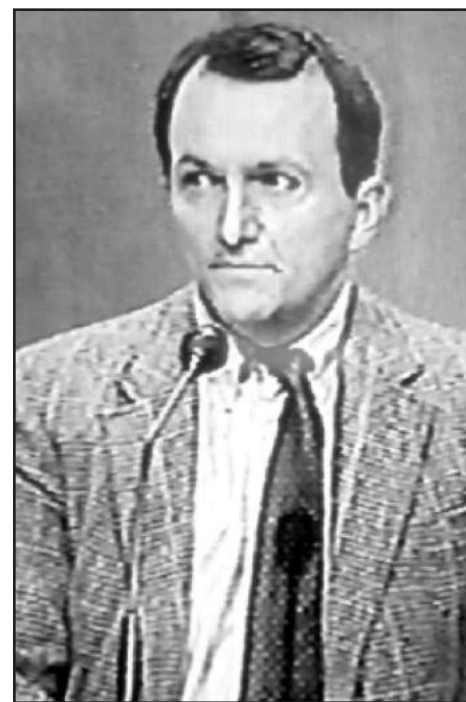
The Brick Elks located at 2493 Old Hooper Ave. in Bricktown, Proudly Presents, Jimmy Sturr and his 18 Time Grammy Winning Orchestra on Sunday, October 21, 2018. Doors will open at 12:30. Show &

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Remember When "Cigus" Vanni Was On Jeopardy?


By Tom Burkard

1989-Former South Amboy resident, Fran "Cigus" Vanni was a contestant on the 1989 Jeopardy \$100,000 Tournament of Champions, and helped to put South Amboy on the national map for something other than sports. Cigus, a 5-time Jeopardy Champion, had won a total of \$40,400, as he entered the quarterfinals. Trailing throughout, but never giving up, Vanni made a brilliant comeback, to advance to the semifinals. On the Final Jeopardy round of the quarters, he was in last place with \$3,600, and his opponents led with comfortable \$4,700 and \$5,400. Cigus, who played for English Chevron in the South Amboy Little Fellas League, and Mechanicsville Fire Co. in the Babe Ruth League in the 1960's, showed his fightin' spirit, and waged \$3,400, and nailed the correct answer on a very difficult question, as the other contestants missed, and Vanni took home \$7,000 more, and advanced to the semis. During the up-close and personal portion of the semifinals, when show host, Alex Trebek interviewed the contestants, Cigus mentioned running into his 1st grade teacher, Sister Philomena, for the first time in 33 years. At the time, he was just appointed to the position of Consulting Psychologist to Camden Catholic High School. Vanni said that "I ran across the 9th grade guidance counselor, Sister Philomena, and now we were colleagues." Unfortunately, Cigus'



Fran "Cigus" Vanni

outstanding run ended, and he was eliminated in the semis. It was truly a pleasure to watch Cigus, who was my good friend and teammate for 7 years on the previously mentioned South Amboy Youth League baseball teams. I can still remember rooting for him, as we watched the show live, way back in '89. Thanks, for the memories Cigus!

MUSIC TRIVIA!  By Tom Burkard

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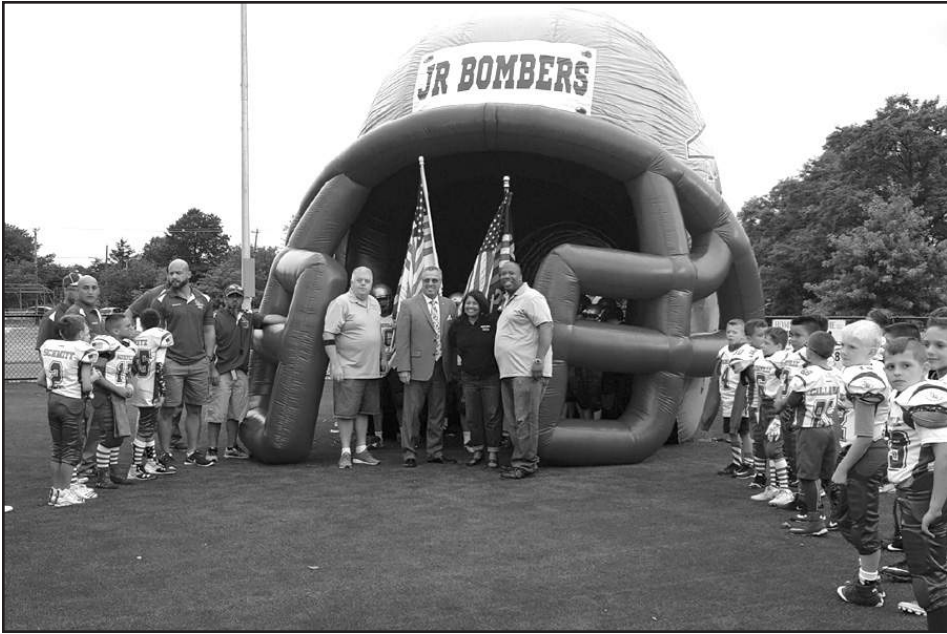
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7. __ Mr. Lonely	g. Ray Stevens
8. __ Mr. Roboto	h. Styx
9. __ Mr. Tambourine Man	i. The Byrds
10. __ Mister Sandman	j. The Chordettes

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

Movie Review  By Mike Lefton 

The Predator ★★★★★

I must admit I wasn't expecting much from The Predator, which is probably why I'm surprised to say it's one of the best sequels yet o the original classic with Arnold Schwarzenegger. This new film centers around a new character, Quinn McKenna (played by Boyd Holbrook) who is an army sniper and witnesses a spaceship crash and becomes hunted by the Predator. The film does take a few interesting twists and turns that separate it from the original and its carbon copy sequels. What makes this installment work on its own is its sense of humor with the central cast of escaped government convicts that are helping McKenna find what the creatures are looking for and fighting them off along the way. The film also adds a few new creatures we haven't seen before, and even goes so far to give them a real purpose for being there this time around. While The Predator may not have the same rugged, animal-like suspense of the original, this film is able to stand on its own and be a lot of fun at the same time.



(From left) Freeholder Charles Kenny, Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios, and Freeholders Shanti Narra and Kenneth Armwood joined Sayreville officials and the Sayreville Junior Bomber Youth Football and Cheer Organization for its opening day on Sept. 8. (Photo/story submitted)

Let the Games Begin!

Sayreville's Renovated Veterans Field Opens

The County allocated a \$1.5 million grant from the Open Space and Recreation Trust Fund for a new turf field, lighting and other amenities at Veterans Field and improvements to the Sayreville Recreation Complex.

Rios said: "We are committed to

providing the best possible recreation facilities for our residents. Fall and football are a perfect match, and now with this new turf field, lighting and other amenities at the Veteran's Field complex, so is fall and Pop Warner football in Sayreville."



Bombers Win First Two

The Sayreville Bombers highly-regarded football team opened their season with a huge 34-14 romp over North Brunswick. Initially ranked #18 in USA Today Network New Jersey's preseason Top 20 poll, North Brunswick proved no match for our locals.

Savon Kirksey rushed for 125 yards and a touchdown, Zuriel Wright bolted for 123 yards rushing, and quarterback Mark Whitford excelled by throwing 16 completions in 21 attempts, good for 163 yards including a TD pass to Jacari Carter, and also Antwon Golson. The Bombers racked up 409 total offensive yards in the contest. Connor Holmes had a huge game both offensively and defensively by rushing for 2 TD's, and leading the Big "D" with 13 tackles. Glenn Wright Jr. came through with 11 tackles, Griffin Anthony added 11 tackles, and Kirksey had 10.

Sayreville made it two in a row by nipping a stubborn Woodbridge squad, 21-19. Whitford fired a 65-yard TD strike to Jacari Carter in the first quarter, and the Bombers held a 7-0 lead through halftime. The next score of the game came late in the third quarter when Whitford found Connor Holmes for a 53-yard TD. In the final stanza, Whitford cruised into the end zone from 1-yard out to up the locals lead to 21-6. Woodbridge battled back, but fell short as the Sayreville standouts moved into sole possession of first place in the GMC White Division.

Whitford completed 11-for-18 and 187 yards passing that included 2 touchdown passes, and also ran in for another. Holmes caught 5 passes for 96 yards, and racked up another 62 on 4 rushes.

The Bombers have currently moved up to #14 on the USA Today NJ rankings!

College Notebook

Myles Hartsfield (Sayreville) is a junior defensive back, with the football team at University of Mississippi (2-1), and has recorded 5 solo tackles and 2 assisted tackles so far...Junior Linwood Crump (Sayreville) plays cornerback for Temple University (1-2), and has 2 solo tackles, and an interception in a 35-14 victory over Maryland U...Freshman Jahsim Floyd (Sayreville), a tight end with Sacred Heart College (PA), has yet to see action in 2018...Erin Wimmer (Sayreville) has scored 2 goals for Georgian Court University women's soccer team, (4-2).

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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

Congratulations



Congratulations to South Amboy residents and Team Blue Reign teammates Samantha Mierzwiak (L) and Molly O'Connor (R) on winning the Bownet Live 3v3 soccer tournament held in Edison on August 18th. They outscored their opponents 40-3 in the four matches played. Best of luck to the girls as they compete in the National tournament at Disney World in January. (Photo/Info Submitted)

Bielak Leads Astros Prospects

Sayreville's Brandon Bielak continues his fine showing with the Houston Astros AA team, Corpus Christi in the Texas League. The talented Notre Dame University graduate is (2-5) with a sparkling 2.35 ERA, and in 61.1 innings pitched has struck out 57, and allowed opponents to a stingy .235 batting average. The Corpus Christi Hooks captured the Texas League South Division title.

Autumn

By D. Brys

Yellow, red and burnt orange,
all these hues.

Let your travels take you to see
the impressive hues.

Thru the hills of North Jersey
And up to the Delaware Water Gap
Spectacular fall colors are
Right on your lap.

So if you don't want to miss them
get on the ball,

Because it won't be long now
Till they start to fall

And farmers markets are filled
to the brim

With Red Delicious apples and
orange pumpkins

That cool crisp air and bright
sky in the fall

Indeed make this my favorite
season of all!



FROG HOLLOW 5 MILE RACE

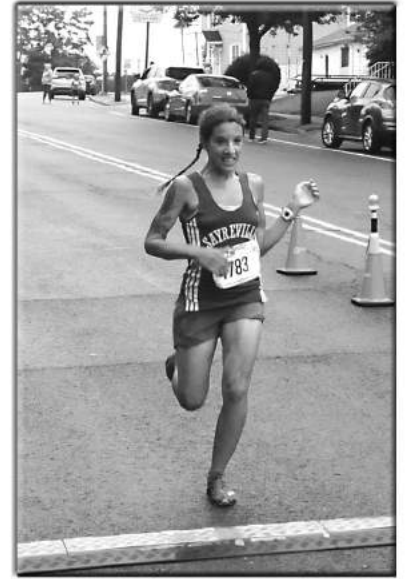
(Photos by Brian Stratton)



Even the rain did not stop the runners from competing.



Men's winner Mark Parisen finished in 33:49.04.



Women's winner Kim Anicito finished in 34:39.36.



Children's winner Damien Oliver approaches the finish line.



South Amboy Councilwoman Christine Noble crosses the finish line.



The start of the children's race!

Champions



Congratulations to the Sayreville Scorepions U14 Boys soccer Team! They defeated South Plainfield, Metuchen, Watchung and Piscataway to win the Piscataway Fall Classic Tournament. Great job to the boys and coaches.

The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

Champions



1968-The South Amboy Saints captured the First Annual Middlesex County Baseball Tournament sponsored by the Sayreville Jaycees. The champions pictured (l-r) Ray Leonard, Fred Henry, Joe Noble, Jack O'Connor, Larry Kurzawa, Joe Donnelly, Don Szatkowski, John Clark, Tom Burkard, Tom Downs, Ken Blaha, Dennis Nardone. Mayor Richard Schultz presents the championship trophy to player/manager Joe Jaskowiak. Missing from photo: Dan Hansell, Jack Bloodgood, Bill Farrell, Tony Ruzsala, and Jack Phillips.

50 Years Ago... South Amboy Wins County Tournament

By Tom Burkard

In July 1968, a group of South Amboy teenagers who in the words of player/manager, Joe Jaskowiak, "wanted to play more games," overcame all odds and won four straight games to capture the First Annual Middlesex County Baseball Tournament, which was sponsored by the Sayreville Jaycees. The South Amboy Saints, as they became known, were comprised of St. Mary's HS and Hoffman HS players. The locals were a very young contingent, mostly 16 and 17 year olds, who faced really tough competition in the tournament, which was held at Sayreville.

Jaskowiak, now a California resident recalled that "We played against college guys such as Paul Slovik of Sayreville, who went to Notre Dame, and Bruce Taylor of Perth Amboy, who would later play in the NFL, and also won Rookie-of-the-Year, in addition to college guys from Seton Hall." The talented Saints defeated the Perth Amboy Colts, Carteret Indians, J & K Trucking of Sayreville, and in the final Pelican's Pirates of Perth Amboy. The lineup for the championship game against Pelican's was: Dennis Nardone 3b Bill Farrell 2b Jack O'Connor rf Don Szatkowski ss Ken Blaha c John Clark lf Joe Jaskowiak c Joe Donnelly cf Joe Noble p Fred Henry p. In the title game, Nardone led off in the first inning with a single, stole second, moved to third on Farrell's first of three hits, and scored on an error to give South Amboy a 1-0 lead. In the third, Blaha blasted a triple, and scored on an RBI single by Jaskowiak, to make it 2-0, Saints. Jaskowiak drilled a single in the

fifth frame, and scored on Farrell's base hit. Once again Player/Manager, Jaskowiak came through at the plate by hitting a sacrifice fly that provided the South Amboy Saints with its final run and a 4-2 championship victory. Noble was the winning pitcher, allowing only 2 runs and 3 hits in 6 innings, before giving way to reliever, Henry, who pitched perfect ball for the final 3 innings. Farrell led the offense with 3 hits, and 3 stolen bases, while Jaskowiak and Nardone drilled 2 hits apiece.

Jaskowiak, in an exclusive interview from his home in California recalled that, "Around this time (July 1968), people were getting down on local teenagers. That's why I gave Mayor Schultz the trophy, to show that teens were not all bad. There was a lot of negative press about teens hanging around." Tournament Director/Chairman, Mike Pazur sent a beautiful letter to Mayor Schultz, praising the South Amboy Saints, "Not only for winning the tournament, but for the manner in which they conducted themselves. When you speak of being courteous, they excelled; when you speak of good sportsmanship, they excelled; when you speak of general attitude and respect, they once again excelled. The City of South Amboy, along with the parents of these boys and the residents, have a right to be proud for as a representative of the teenage population, they rose to the occasion and proved to be of championship quality in all respects." Other members of this classic baseball team included: Danny Hansell, Tony Ruzsala, Tom Burkard, Jack Bloodgood, Jack Phillips, Ray Leonard, Tom Downs.

Diamond Dust

South Amboy Little League

1957 Opening Day

K of C 7 Progressive 0-Winning pitcher Tom Fitzmorris fired a 1-hitter.

Enterprise 6 Lions 0-Joe McCarthy was the winning pitcher and belted a double, and homer to drive in 5 runs.

1966 Mid County Baseball League

South Amboy 10 New Brunswick 4- Manager Dan Lewis' talented club had plenty of contributors including winning pitcher Curt Wood, who spun a 5-hitter and struck out 8. Danny Hansell blasted a single and 3-run homer, Tony Ruzsala ripped 2 singles and drove in 3 runs, while Tom Kelly and Bob Keegan each added a single and triple.

1967 Carleton Baseball League

South Amboy 13 Mackinnon Giants (Laurence Harbor) 4-Tom Kelly rocketed 2 long home runs, winning pitcher Bob Keegan walloped a homer, and Dale Kurowsky also blasted a round tripper.

South Amboy 10 St. Bernadette's Twins 3-Joe Jaskowiak and Dan Hansell each unloaded a double and home run in support of winning pitcher Bob Keegan.

1970 South Amboy Little Fellas League Modern Trans 2 Lions 1-Winning pitcher Tom Harland fired a 1-hitter and struck out 15.

Daylight Bakery 6 Jo-Tom's 1-Winning hurler Jerry Kotula tossed a brilliant no-hitter and whiffed 12. Bob Scupp stroked a single and double.

Jo-Tom's 6 Lions 5-Charlie Powell was the winning pitcher and struck out 8. Rick Scarfi stroked 2 hits for the winners.

1970 Morgan Midget League

Morgan Lions Club 8 Harrison Realty 4-Mark Evaldi was the winning pitcher.

Morgan Pharmacy 6 Harrison Realty 5-Winning pitcher Tom Weinman struck out 10.

85 Years Ago

1933-The Morgan Tigers baseball team captured a doubleheader, defeating the Cyclones, 5-3, and East Brunswick, 4-3. In the first game, undefeated Rip Mercer tossed a 3-hitter, and in the second contest, knuckleballer, Charlie Henry was the winning pitcher, and hammered a home run.

In the South Amboy baseball league, the Pacers upset Protection, 6-5. "Horse" Jankowski hit a homer for the Pacers, while George and Bob Clark belted dingers for Protection.

65 Years Ago

1952-1953-Sayreville's All-State basketball standout, Joe Rudy, captured the Middlesex County scoring crown by pouring in 453 points, and averaging 22.7 per game. St. Mary's star Jerry Gorczyca was #3 in the county with 328 points, 18.2. Jim Inman of Hoffman HS was #4 with 322 points, 17.9.

Back In Those College Days

Michelle Mancuso (St. Mary's) played basketball for Middlesex County College. Bill Kurtz (Hoffman) played varsity baseball for Lafayette College.

T.H.E. Game

Year-1998

Sport-Football

Teams-Edison vs. Sayreville

Recap-Sayreville powerful football squad pounded the Eagles of Edison, 49-0, as Yazid Jackson notched 3 touchdowns. Quarterback Charlie Bowden connected on 2 TD passes to Jackson, a 5-yd., and also a 22-yard strike to Farinick. Brandon Hoyte broke through the middle and raced 52 yards for another touchdown.

Co-Players-of-the-Game-Bowden and Jackson.



South Amboy Republican candidate for mayor Peter Pizar (center at podium), speaking before the group at the Middlesex County Republican Women's Club. (Photo/story submitted)

Glory Days In Local Sports

1951-St. Mary's talented center fielder George Spiecker turned in a superb season and was selected to the All-State Prep & Parochial Schools team in The Star Ledger. 1965-Hoffman trounced Croydon Hall, 14-5, as winning pitcher Hal Dennen struck out 12, and belted 2 hits including a 2-run single. Pete Ewtushek stroked 3 singles and drove in 3 runs. 1970-St. Mary's boys varsity soccer club in its first season bowed to Hoboken, 7-1. Bob Zlotnick scored the lone goal for the Eagles. 1983-John "Skeets" Skarzynski

hurled a brilliant 5-0 shutout over Metuchen in a first round CJ Group 1 contest. Bob Gallery drilled 2 RBI singles, Mike Buczynski added an RBI single, and Tim Moskal executed a perfect suicide squeeze bunt for another run. 1998-Monroe topped Sayreville 24-34 in girls cross country. Lisa DeBiase captured 4th place for the Bombers. 2001-Erin Switzer hit a game-winning sacrifice fly in the 11th inning to give Sayreville girls softball team a thrilling 1-0 victory over Old Bridge.

25 Years Ago

1993-Sayreville girls soccer squad under Coach Steve Fischer finished (11-6). Dana Feltz topped the team with 17 goals and 42 points, while tying Stephanie Allocco for most assists with 8.

20 Years Ago

1998-In a battle of football unbeatens, Sayreville nipped Colonia, 7-6. On the Bombers first possession of the second half, quarterback Charlie Bowden connected on a 26-yard scoring strike to Ben Tang. Farinick (first name not available), booted the extra point which proved to be the game winner and boost Sayreville's record to a perfect (5-0).

15 Years Ago

2003-Cardinal McCarrick boys soccer club captured the South Amboy City Cup with an easy 7-0 romp over South Amboy. Soph sensation Conrad Symber hammered in 5 goals, and goalkeeper John Russo recorded a 5-save shutout.

10 Years Ago

2008-South Amboy boys soccer team topped Cardinal McCarrick, 5-1 to cop the Mayor's Cup. Dave Tucka scored a goal and notched 2 assists, Rusty Shamborovsky had a goal and assist, Christian Geant and Eib (first name not available) also scored for the Governors. Jaramillo (first name not available) tallied the Eagles lone score.

Match Game Elks Edition

South Amboy Elks Lodge #784 will hold a Match Game Elks Edition on Sat., Oct. 13 at 6 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 601 Washington Ave., South Amboy. Entry fee is \$10, and it includes sandwiches and salads. There will be a cash bar. For more info call 732-727-7170.

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Sayreville Day-September 15th

Photos by Tom Burkard



Mayor Kennedy O'Brien addresses the crowd at the opening festivities of Sayreville Day.



Sayreville Republicans with Mayor O'Brien (4th from right), and Republican council candidates Councilman Pat Lembo and Joel Bloom, greeted U.S. Senate candidate Bob Hugin (5th from right).



Sayreville Police are pictured by the Command Post at Kennedy Park.



Robert "Bear" Kominkiewicz (r), and his son Scott Kominkiewicz (l) are pictured by their popular Bear's Hot Dog stand, which is now in its 47th year.



Volunteers from the Sayreville Human Relations Commission are shown at their table.



Sayreville Borough Council Democratic candidates Damon Enriquez (l) and Kevin Dalina (r) are pictured with Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez.

Blast From The Past Classic Car Show & Concert - September 16th

Photos by Tom Burkard



Great pose by this couple with their cool "Eighty Eight."



The always popular Clem & Friends band, entertained the crowd with their outstanding musicianship/vocals, and brought back many good memories of days gone by, with their diversified playlist of the greatest classic rock 'n' roll music of all time.



You don't see too many pure-white '57 Chevrolets around, but this one was an eye-catcher at the show.



This Ford Fairlane from the 60's was a popular model back in the day.

WWW.?



Does anyone recognize this structure which is located in either Sayreville or South Amboy? Send your answers in to: satimes@aol.com, and good luck to you! (Photo by Tom Burkard)

WWW.? August Winners

In a really easy Mystery Photo contest last month, the following correctly named Delio's Pizza on North Broadway in South Amboy. The winners were Chuck Pickard, Estelle Pluskota, W. Tom Kross, Leon Credico, Gerry Sherry, Dennis Quinlan, Judy Guilfoyle, Joan Gorczyca, Joan Fulham, George F. Kern III, Marlene Letwenski, John Leo Fedorka, Christopher Hockenjos, Lisa Grankowski, Lynn Loy, Mary Agnes Morris, Debbie Zakrzewski, Bob Martenak, Peggy & Steve Yuhas, Steve Laskiewicz, Pat & Bill Scully, Jack & Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krause, Kathy & Dennis O'Leary, Walter Starzec Jr., Elizabeth Leveille, Don Zrebiec, Marie English, Ed English, MaryBeth Chodkiewicz,



August-WWW.? Delio's Pizza.

Ed Rappleyea, Maryanne Matarangolo, Gary Feret, Adele O'Hara, Dane Colburn, Mark Moniello, Jim Malkiewicz, Pete McIntyre. A few people remembered way back many years ago when the business was Arky's Pharmacy.

WWW.? Letters

Hi Tom
I think the picture for August is Delio's pizza on Broadway. It sure has been in town for a long time because it is a great place with great folks and great food.
Lynn Loy
Morgan



Tom,
I think you are going to set a record with the August WWW.? contest. You will probably have a full page of correct answers, because everyone in the area goes to Mama "D's" Delio's Pizza on North Broadway in South Amboy.
W. Tom Kross
South Amboy



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Looking for someone who is kind and caring to visit my sister at Venetian Nursing Home 2-3 times per week. This would include feeding and conversation. \$10.00 per hour. Only serious people need apply. Call Brenton 770-906-6899. Nonsmoker preferred.

PRAYER TO ST. JUDE

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



Freeholder Ronald G. Rios, Director of the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, received the Paige D. L'Hommedieu Award from Middlesex County College on August 27. He was presented the award for his commitment to the College and his longtime dedication to Middlesex County, as well as his focus on military veterans. During his acceptance speech, Mr. Rios announced the creation of a scholarship for five veterans who will attend MCC. The Paige D. L'Hommedieu Award is the highest honor given by the College. It is awarded at the Fall Convocation to a person who embodies the citizenship, leadership and humanity of Paige D. L'Hommedieu, the founding board chair of the College. Pictured from left: Freeholder Leslie Koppel, Interim College President Mark McCormick, Freeholder Director Ronald Rios; MCC Board Chairman Dorothy K. Power; Freeholder Blanquita Valenti, and Freeholder Charles Tomaro.

Where in New Jersey?



The Where in NJ this month would make a great place for Paul Bunyan and Jack's Giant to relax. Send your answers to satimes@aol.com by October 17th. Good luck!

August Information Where in New Jersey?

By Brian & Phyllis Stratton

The Where in NJ for August was the view from New Jersey as you approach the Delaware Memorial Bridge. Some readers thought it was the Outerbridge crossing.

The Delaware Memorial Bridge is a twin suspension bridge. Construction started in 1946 and took two years to complete. It carries Interstate 295 and US Route 40 between Delaware and New Jersey. The bridge is dedicated to those from both New Jersey and Delaware who died in World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the Persian Gulf War. On the Delaware side of the bridge is a War Memorial visible from the northbound side lanes. The toll facility is operated by the Delaware River and Bay Authority.

The winners were Joseph Schlenger, Dennis Quinlan, Marlene Letwenski, George F. Kern III, JohnLeo Fedorka, Ken Sumski, James Galebides, Mary Agnes Morris, Gerry Sherry, Leon Credico, Bob



August- Where in New Jersey? Delaware Memorial Bridge



Martenak, Peggy & Steve Yuhas, Steve Laskiewicz, Pat & Bill Scully, Jack & Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krause, Dave Krempecki, Elizabeth Leveille, Marie English, Ed English, Ed Rappleyea, Gary Feret, Adele O'Hara, Dane Colburn, Mark Moniello, Jim Malkiewicz, Pete McIntyre.

Times Letters

I was pleased to read the article on my old schoolmate Jim Ryan. It's nice to see that his contribution to the city over the years was recognized.....congratulations Jim!
John "Flip" Phillips
Formerly of South Amboy
SMHS Class of '58

Florence Rains On Area

By Steve Schmid

Torrential rains from the remnants of Hurricane Florence drenched our area September 17. More than one inch of rain poured down in one hour causing floods poor drainage areas. Motorists had to slow down and drive cautiously. A cold front from the west combined with Florence caused the heavy downpours. Offshore winds from Florence helped cause very rough waters by Raritan Bay Waterfront Park. We were very lucky Florence didn't cause the kind of damage that occurred in North and South Carolina.

NJ Devils Outing December 29

For all of you hockey fans, Saint Mary Church, and the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are sponsoring an outing to see the New Jersey Devils battle the Carolina Hurricanes Saturday December 29 in a 1 p.m. matinee at the Prudential Center. Cost of \$60 includes lower level reserved ticket to the game and \$10 worth of food and beverages. If you're interested, deadline to purchase tickets is November 22. For more information call Chris at 732-735-1737 or Steve at 732-727-1707.

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

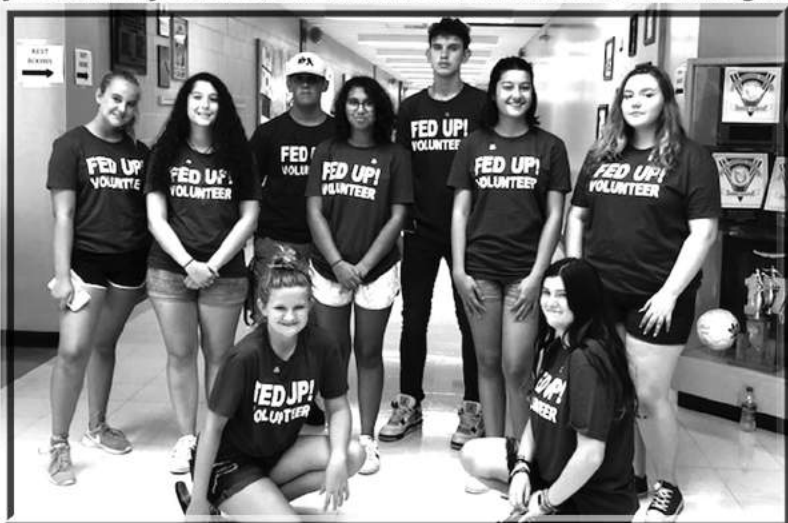
Lord, you invited all who are burdened to come to You. Allow your healing hand to heal me. Touch my soul with Your compassion for others. Touch my heart with Your courage and infinite love for all. Touch my mind with Your wisdom, that my mouth may always proclaim Your praise. Teach me to reach out to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



St. Mary's Food Pantry would like to thank all who donated school supplies and backpacks for their school give out in August. 37 backpacks were given out on August 25th. Thanks for helping! (Photo/info courtesy of Mary Ann Matarangolo)



Members of the South Amboy Board of Education and South Amboy Education Association showed their support at the third annual Fed Up Event on August 30. The event took place at South Amboy Middle High School. Local resources were on hand to provide information and assistance to those in attendance. The student volunteers earned not only community service, but valuable information to lead a drug-free life.



Students from the Middle/High School volunteered to help with the event. (Photos/Info Submitted)

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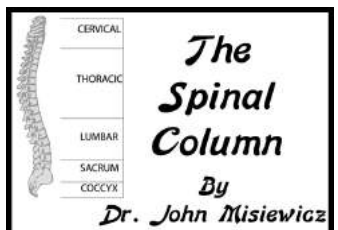
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Hunchbacks In The Hood

I recently was in Florida taking educational credits for my Chiropractic license and sat in on this lecture.

We live in a world where technology dominates our daily lives and it is causing hunchbacks to appear in neighborhoods everywhere. From watching smart phones for hours, television, utilizing computers mindlessly, scrolling through social media or playing games. It is pretty clear that the world would not be what it is today without technology. As technology rapidly grows with each passing day, its consequences are starting to catch up with our health and they are presenting us with serious problems.

More and more children, teenagers and young adults are developing hunchbacks, due to poor posture associated with constant use of cell phones and other devices with screens. We previously associated bad posture, slouching shoulders and a hunchback as a sign of old age. For every inch you look down at your phone, the weight of your head increases by roughly 10 pounds. Multiply this by several hours a day, by seven days a week for months on end, what happens? This forward head tilt places an enormous amount of stress on the spinal column, nerves and muscles that control it.

There has been a sharp rise in the coincidence of headaches and neck pain due to this hunchback condition. Because your body is amazingly adaptable, the hunchback is your spine's method of coping with the stress of looking down. This position can reverse the curvature of your neck and place additional stress on the entire spine and nervous system causing all types of health problems. Don't let technology make you old before your time. As always, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure!



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Winning the lottery
When you walked into my life,
A snake in the grass,
A long awaited answered prayer. . .
I didn't want to see it comin'
Children growing up,
Losing your love,
Heart attack, stroke, cancer,
Wrinkles, gray hair, old age. . .
I should of seen it comin'
Drunk driver, head on collision,
Losing my job, my pot belly,
Flat tire on the freeway. . .
I would of seen it comin'
A lightning strike,
Flash flood, a landslide,
A shooting star on a pensive night. . .
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Elks Super 50/50

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Champions



Congratulations to the Sure-Hit Home Improvements Men's softball team from South Amboy for winning the Greater Middlesex County Spring/Summer championship. This is the 4th consecutive year that the team has captured the crown with a perfect (26-0) record. The games were played at the Middlesex County Warren Park Complex in Woodbridge on Aug. 26th. The champs are pictured as follows: Top row (l-r) Chris McCabe, Travis McCray, Joel Rodriguez, Mike DeJoy, Matt Ryan, Team Sponsor Thomas Ryan, with grandson Matthew, Ryan Sheryka, Brian Seres, Joe Smith. Bottom row (l-r) Christian Geant, Joe Sepelyak, Jim Abbatiello.

Russell To Run For Mayor

(Release submitted)

Citizens of South Amboy, we need fresh leadership and a renewed focus in the Mayor's office and we can't do it without your support! November 6th, 2018 is your chance to make your voice heard. Vote for Brandon Russell as Mayor.

Brandon Russell, a life-long resident of this historic city; chose to run as an independent so that he can truly answer to the residents and businesses of South Amboy. He wants to shift the city's current focus from housing developments toward a vision of economic redevelopment, complete accountability, and civic/youth engagement.

Eager, Honest, and Willing to Listen: Brandon deserves your votes because there is not another candidate in this election who will address your concerns with more diligence and transparency. South Amboy cannot continue with additional housing developments. WE must consider the effects of the increased population is going to have on our schools, first responders, traffic control, property taxes, and environment.

Why does the current administration does not want to talk about the Manhattan Beach Project? As citizens of South Amboy, you deserve to know about the long-lasting and detrimental effects a project of this size will have on these critical services.

Changing this focus from housing to business, South Amboy can create a sustainable system that isn't reliant on increasing property taxes to generate more revenue. We need to understand why businesses are not being attracted to our "pleasant little city" and convince them why

investing in South Amboy is worth it.

Focusing on accountability and transparency we can eliminate wasteful spending and have a clear plan for the surplus. Citizens deserve to have questions answered publicly on how tax dollars are spent.

Through increased civic and youth engagement, we will continue to combat the opioid epidemic more effectively. We all need to help keep our youth on the right track and invested in their community. As a product of this community, he has seen firsthand what obstacles we are up against and is passionate about overcoming them.

The Mayor's primary job is leadership—lead by example and keep the City on a path towards prosperity. The over-development in South Amboy is crippling our potential.

Brandon is the politician that South Amboy needs because he isn't a politician. He will answer your questions and he will take your concerns seriously – he will fight to make the best South Amboy possible.

Brandon is "just a kid" from a small city in the middle of New Jersey—your city. He is one of our own. He has a dream, a college degree, and a roster of brilliant minds who are ready to contribute to South Amboy's progress.

Voting is the most fundamental way of making your voice heard here and across the nation. As an American and a Resident of this Great City, please exercise your right on November 6th, 2018. A vote for Brandon Russell as South Amboy Mayor is a vote for the change we need to succeed.

10th Annual YMCA Tot Trot & Youth Fun Run

Raise Money for Child Care Scholarship Assistance Program

The Child Care Services Branch of the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy is hosting its 10th annual Tot Trot & Youth Fun Run on Sunday, October 14th at Metuchen High School (rain or shine). The charity event helps the Y support families from the community by providing scholarship assistance to those unable to pay the full cost of child care. The fund also provides aid to families in crisis and allows us to temporarily provide tuition assistance in the event of a family emergency.

The Tot Trot & Youth Fun Run is sponsored by Metuchen Savings Bank who has sponsored the event since its inception in 2008 and Hackensack Meridian Health, a long-time supporter of the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy.

Over 350 families are expected to attend the event, making it the largest fundraising event for the YMCA's childcare branch this year. "We invite the community to support

the run while helping us fulfill our mission of providing quality programming for all children and families in our communities", said Rose Cushing, President & CEO of the YMCA of MEWSA. "At the YMCA, we believe that no one should be turned away from our programs and services based on their ability to pay. Help us continue to help those in need", said Cushing.

Families with children from crawlers to 12 years old are invited to join in the fun. The event begins at 10:30 am and includes vendors and activities prior to the races including games, crafts, a Bounce House, face painting and tattoos (wristband must be purchased).

Additional information, registration forms and sponsorship forms are available at <https://www.ymcaofmews.org/giving/tot-trot>.

For more information on the Tot Trot & Youth Fun Run, contact Melinda Wilson at 732-548-5468.



St. Stan's School

(Photos/Info Submitted)



St. Stan's principal, Mrs. Elena Malinconico and faculty "clap in" the students to welcome them on their first day of school.



Second grade teacher, Mrs. Kathy Krolick, greets her new students before they begin their first day of school at St. Stan's.



St. Stan's students watch a video to learn how to use an app called STOPIT that provides anonymous reporting of inappropriate behavior.




Mater Dei High School participated in a high school fair at St. Stan's School. Speaking from right to left is Gillian Rispoli and Camryn Brathwaite, both alumni of St. Stan's.



Alan Balagot, uncle and sponsor of Michael Castaneda (left), takes a selfie with Bishop James Checchio and Rev. Kenneth Murphy after Confirmation on September 12th.

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By Teo "Weebles" Weber



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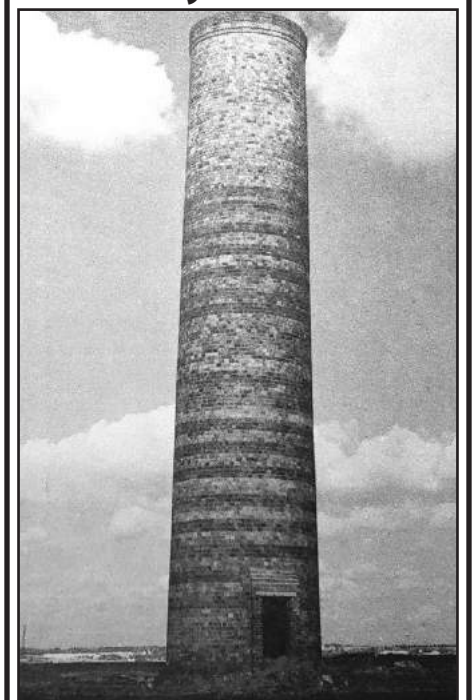
The unusually warm water continues to bring in more semi-tropical visitors. A Barracuda was caught in South Jersey. A small Wahoo must have got lost and showed up in the surf at Lavallette-it was released. Sheepshead and Triggerfish are available at the Barnegat Inlet jetties. Blowfish are available in Barnegat Bay. Fluke fishing here is good with a good number of keepers while in Raritan Bay it's shorts. Party Boats here are mostly fishing the Ocean side of Sandy Hook for some keepers. Fluke season closes on September 22nd. Bluefish for party boats has gotten better. Blues 3 to 5 pounds are being caught on jigs. Bonito, False Albacore, Chub Mackerel and small Mahi can be found in the mix. More Bluefish are showing up in the surf at LBI. Kingfish are around in good numbers. Raritan Bay surf is slow now. I only saw a very few small Bluefish, but that could change when the water temps drop next month.

Fresh Water

The intense heat had its effect. Fishing is not too good right now statewide. Hybrid Strippers are being caught in Lake Hopatcong and Spruce Run, but it's a night deal with live bait if you can get it. Smallmouth Bass are in the Delaware River but most of them are not a decent size. Carp, Catfish and various pan fish are available.



Long, Long Ago In Sayreville



Circa 1890-This water tower was preserved by the Sayreville Historical Society. (Photo donated by H. Gallaher), (Courtesy of Jill Riley).

Wills & Power of Attorney Seminar

A wills and power of attorney seminar will be held at Sayreville Public Library, 1050 Washington Rd., Parlin on November 13, 6:30pm.

The event is open to the public, and you do not need to be a resident. The speaker is Kenneth Verccammen, Esq. Edison, (Author-ABA's "Wills and Estate Administration book")

Main Topics: 1.NJ Estate Tax eliminated on Estates under \$5,400,000 as of January 1, 2018 & Veterans Tax credit 2.2018 changes in Federal Estate and Gift Tax 3.The new Digital Fiduciary Act & New law permits Executor to resign if all parties consent 4.Power of Attorneys 5.Living Will 6.Administering the Estate/ Probate/Surrogate. For more info call the library at 732-727-0212 ex. 25

PRAYER TO ST. ANTHONY

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

Slow Pitch Softball Takes South Amboy/Sayreville By Storm-Part 9

By Tom Burkard

South Amboy/Sayreville Slow Pitch Softball Umpires Through The Years

(In no particular order)

John "Skeets" Skarzynski, Tony Lopez, John "Corkey" Baranowski, Al Pavich, Joe McCarthy, Ken Kokoszka, Rich Klein, Bob Geant, Greg Wyzykowski, Marty Moe, Chuck Pickard, Bob Fox, Steve Topalanchik, Ken "Buck" Buchanan, Dan Buchanan, Chip Eicher, Mickey Evers, Bill Policastro, Jim Inman, Pablo Oliveras, Dan Newcomer, Ed Rappleyea Sr., Bernie Kapica, Skip Esposito, Jeff Moskal, Ken Smith, Juan Oliveras, Bill Foster.

Talented Softball Brothers

Through the years the Szatkowski family was well-represented in Slow Pitch softball by the six outstanding Szatkowski brothers, who were among the best in the league's history: Ed Jr., Don, Ken, Tom, John and Steve. The Szatkowski brothers' father Ed Szatkowski Sr. was a talented fast pitch softball player with Protection Fire Co.

Rookie Nebus Tore Up The League

1992-Rookie phenom Frank Nebus started his South Amboy Slow Pitch softball career with a bang, by going an unbelievable 10-for-10 in his first 3 games! Wow!

27-Year Veteran Gomoka Picks Favorite Teams

Al Gomolka, who played in the South Amboy Men's Senior Slow Pitch League from 1971-1997 recalled that out of the 9 South Amboy teams he played for, the 1976-77 Roddy's Tavern team was his favorite because "The camaraderie during and after games was great. We were like a family." The Sanitary Fuels team managed by Eugene Lopez in the 1980's was "The most fun team I played on, and the best team I was on was the 1973 Mechanicsville A.C. that upset the Brothers Inn team who had a 2-year, 40-game winning streak."

1994 Sayreville "B" Division Champions-The Dugout

The Dugout defeated the Brew Crew to capture the Sayreville "B" Division title. The talented team then went on to defeat PJ's to win the overall Sayreville championship. The players: Player/manager Bill Tarallo, Anthony Rufo, Brian Schafer, Steve Wilson, Sal Rinaldi, Keith Becker, Joe Szaro, Gerard Rufo, Tom Mierzwiak, Tony Camporeale, Bill Leary.

2012 Sayreville Fall Softball League Champions-Rapp's Team

The season ended right before Christmas, and saw Rapp's Team capture the championship with a fine (20-7) record. Rapp's powerful roster of talented softballers consisted of Chuck Prusakowski, Mike Pinto, Steve Samra, Bob Fioretti, Drew Harris, Chris Crowley, Dan Righetti, Frank Grecco, Brian Grossman, player/manager Ed Rapp, Jim Kelly, Steve Wilson, Jay Roberts, Bob Holthausen, Jesse ?.

Note: The team that played in a fundraising game for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in 1982, and had their picture/write-up featured in last month's edition of The SA Times, never competed in a local softball league, and just got together to play a game of softball, and help raise funds for this great cause. The picture/story submitted by Fred Beaudry was outstanding! Thank you Fred!

Next Month: Part 10 The Final Chapter

Will feature the All-Time Top Slow Pitch Softball Players in both South Amboy and Sayreville Leagues, named by a Selection Committee consisting of long time knowledgeable players from different periods of time, from 1969 to 2018, and umpires. The Committee, all impartial filled out ballots, and the Top Players will be announced. Don't miss it!

1982 Sayreville Taxi-Competed in Sayreville Slow Pitch Softball "C" Division



Ray Ploskonka



Bob Chrzan



Tom Burkard



Bob Richardson



Vince Mackiel



Wayne Brewer

(Photos courtesy of Bob Richardson)

1982-The Sayreville Taxi Men's Slow Pitch softball team competed in the Sayreville Men's Slow Pitch "C" Division. The players had lots of fun and won about half of their games under the late player/manager Bob Shotwell, who was a great guy. The roster consisted of power-hitting Bob Richardson, Ron Steiner, Ray Ploskonka, Butch Krainski, Hector Cortes, Wayne Brewer, Bob Martin, Rob Chrzan, Steve Yacko, and South Amboy players Vince Mackiel and Tom Burkard.



1992-Pictured is the jubilant Shamrock Inn team after capturing the South Amboy Men's Slow Pitch championship by taking 2 out of 3 from Bottle Stop II.



1994-Gianna's Crew-Competed in Sayreville Slow Pitch Softball "D" Division - Pictured bottom row (l-r) Player/Manager Willy Carling, Eddie Heppel, ?, Billy Brower, ?, Dennis Gisell, Bruce ?. Top row (l-r) Owner/Sponsor Mickey Mauro, Jimmy Kenny, ?, John Van Orden, Russ ?, Don Heimall, Mike Sluboski, Roger Franklin.

AMBOY BANK TO HOLD SEMINARS FOR SENIORS AND THEIR ADULT CHILDREN

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"Amboy Bank has always been at the forefront of providing information and

consultative services to the seniors in our community," said Gregory Scharpf, Amboy Bank's Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. "We believe these free, no-obligation seminars can be of great value to many families."

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seminar.

Branch Locations and Dates: Ocean, Thursday September 27, 5:00pm, Browntown, Thursday September 27, 5:30pm, Monmouth Junction, Thursday September 27, 5:30pm, Aberdeen, Saturday September 29, 10:00am.



America Needs Fatima Rally-Oct. 13

(Article submitted by Dot Benson)

Sacred Heart Altar Rosary Society is sponsoring an "America Needs Fatima," rally, one of thousands of rallies honoring Our Lady of Fatima and her message--to pray the rosary. Throughout the nation, the groups will all recite the rosary on Saturday, Oct. 13 at 12 noon. Everyone is welcome to attend the rally in front of Memorial Hall, 531 Washington Ave., South Amboy, across from Sacred Heart Church.

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Obituaries

- Bajkowski, Benjamin E., 75, of South Amboy died on Aug. 18.
- Barnauskas, Stephen, 64, of Sayreville died on Aug. 25.
- Bisaha, Stjepan, 86, of Sayreville died on Aug. 30.
- Cochran, William, 53, of South Amboy died on Aug. 13.
- Connor, Mary L. Sullivan, 82, of South Amboy died on Sept. 10.
- Csaki, Ronald J., 80, of South Amboy died on Sept. 4.
- Drohan, Phyllis, 73, of Parlin died on Aug. 21.
- Elias, Rita Suchorski, 91, of South Amboy died on Aug. 26.
- Geiger, Joseph, 88, of Parlin died on Aug. 31.
- Hester, Angelina, 87, of South Amboy died on Sept. 13.
- Holon, Edward F., 89, of Morgan died on Sept. 13.
- Jablonski, Genevieve A., 91, of Sayreville died on Sept. 18.
- Kovacs, Beverly A., 70, of South Amboy died on Sept. 13.
- Kuberski, Caroline, 95, of Sayreville died on Sept. 14.
- Lefand, Helen, 88, of Parlin died on Aug. 28.
- Makar, Stephen, 77, of Laurence Harbor died on Aug. 31.
- Markovich, James, 69, of Sayreville died on Aug. 26.
- Meirose, Karen Lotkowitz, 54, formerly of South Amboy died on Sept. 12.
- Moskwa, Clare A. Zrebiec, 86, of South Amboy died on Aug. 31.
- Nash, Bonnie J., 72, of South Amboy died on Sept. 5.
- Neary, Michael J., 88, formerly of Sayreville died on Sept. 17.
- Parsler, Bernice R. "Cookie," formerly of Sayreville died on Sept. 4.
- Salerno, Julia, 99, of Sayreville died on Sept. 3.
- Silva, Debie L. Burlew, 51, of South Amboy died on Sept. 10.
- Szatkowski, John "Jack S. Jr., 69, formerly of South Amboy died on Sept. 2.
- Walczak, Kenneth M. "Whooper," 59, of South Amboy died on Sept. 17.
- Zukosky, Jeremy, 21, of Sayreville died on Sept. 9.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

O Holy Spirit, thou who art all knowing - Who brightens every path that I may reach my ideal - Thou givest me the divine gift of forgiving and forgetting wrongs done unto me and who in every instant of my life art with me. I'd like in this short dialogue to affirm my gratitude for all your blessings and reaffirm once again that I never want to part from thee though illusions of material things abound. My desire is to be with thee and all my loved ones in perpetual grace. Thank you for our mercy on me and mine. Persons should pray 3 consecutive days without revealing petition. Within 3 days grace will be obtained regardless of how difficult the petition may be. Publish this prayer once the petition has been attained. Thank you Holy Spirit. -P.S.

Former Fire Chief Dies

Kenneth M. "Whooper" Walczak, 59, a lifelong resident of South Amboy, and Fire Chief of South Amboy in 1996, died on September 17, 2018.

He is survived by his loving wife Marie Josephine, his naughty lab "Chooch", dear sister Karen Walczak-Housman, her companion Raymond Eskra, and favorite brother Tim Walczak, his wife Karen. Also missing him are nieces Stefanie Olivieri (Anthony), Lisa Dowling (Raymarr "Bo"), Christine Salmon (Daniel), and nephews Roger Housman Jr, Tim Walczak and his companion Shona, Andrew Walczak and several great nieces and nephews



Kenneth is predeceased by his parents, Kenneth C. and Ann Cronin Walczak, his sister Cindy Walczak, and his first lab, Que.

Ken was a dedicated volunteer firefighter of Sayreville Fire Department and South Amboy Fire Department, and long-time Chief Driver. He also belonged to these associations: Central Jersey Chiefs, Life Member NJSFA, NJ State Volunteer Fire Chiefs, South Amboy Exempts, Tri-County Antique Fire Apparatus and active

member of NJ Fire Museum.

A really terrific guy who was admired by all, as can be attested by the huge turnout of family, friends and brother firefighters to his viewing and funeral. There were an estimated 1,000 plus who came to pay their last respects to Ken.

He was a serious jokester and a skilled mechanic who loved fixing antique fire apparatus and friend's vehicles and he was never far from his tools or his friends. A sweetheart with a gruff exterior, he loved his family, his extended fire department family, coffee, and his wife, the "Joy" of his life.

Services were held at the Kurzawa Funeral Home, 338 Main St. South Amboy, with a funeral Mass at Sacred Heart Church. To send condolences or a tribute and for additional information please visit WWW.KurzawaFH.com.

In lieu of flowers please donate to Sacred Heart Church, South Amboy First Aid Squad, Or the ASPCA in memory of Ken.



Remembering Walter Mayer 1st Anniversary In Heaven-October 3

Walter J. Mayer, of Morganville, was 72 years old when he passed away on Oct. 3, 2017, at CentraState Medical Center in Freehold.

He was born in New Brunswick, N.J., and had resided in Sayreville, N.J., before moving to Morganville in 1970. He had a storied career starting in the bar and restaurant industry, and building a large catering company. He started out by helping his mom in the Sayreville Bar and Restaurant, which used to serve drinks until Walter started serving food to its patrons. Walter was the brainchild behind turning it into a large and successful restaurant, with help from his brother, sister, nieces, nephews, and three sons. He also went on to own and operate the Cambridge Inn, Spotswood, and the Poet's Inn, Matawan.

Aside from the restaurant business, Walter branched out into the off-premise catering business and founded Camelot Catering. At one point, he operated 7 trucks and catered both private and public events. Later in life, Walter scaled back and kept his focus on catering, operating the Reception Center at St. Clement's Church. He also catered for the Robertsville Fire Company Hall in Morganville. Walter was well-loved

by friends and neighbors and was good to everyone. He had a passion for the work that he did and took much pride in his work. Walter was always a devoted family man and enjoyed spending time with his wife, children, and grandchildren, as well as traveling and taking vacations. Walter was honored in 1998 as "Man of the Year" in Middlesex County, and the sign from his original restaurant in Sayreville now proudly hangs in the Sayreville Historical Society.

Walter was a terrific gentleman with a huge personality, who was a friend to all. He had a big heart and helped with many charitable fundraisers through the years, and his kindness to those in need was much appreciated by the local communities. In addition, he was a top-notch businessman who worked very hard to build the Sayreville Bar and Camelot Catering into two of the most successful businesses in the state of New Jersey.

God Bless Walter Mayer who will never be forgotten!



In Memoriam

Benjamin "Ben" Bajkowski, 75, of South Amboy died on Aug. 18. He was a proud veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, and also coached youth league baseball and softball in the South Amboy Youth Athletic Association (SAYAA). Clare Moskwa, 86, of South Amboy died on Aug. 31. She was a certified Nursing Assistant at Oak View Nursing Home in Morgan for over 50 years. John "Jack" Sztatowski, 69, formerly of South Amboy died on Sept. 2. He worked at Hercules in Parlin for 32 years as manager of the powerhouse, and retired in '08. He then went on to be a Construction Code Inspector for the State, and retired again in 2016. Jack was a retired captain of Protection Fire Co., where he was a member from 1967-80. Bonnie Nash, 72, of South Amboy died on Sept. 5. She worked as a Dietary Aide at South Amboy Hospital for 13 years. Debie Burlew Silva, 51, of South Amboy died on Sept. 10. She was a Mortgage Processor/Underwriter, and a wonderful lady who will be missed by all. Mary Connor, 82, of South Amboy died on Sept. 10. Prior

to retiring, she was an X-Ray Technician at South Amboy Memorial Hospital, and also a volunteer at St. Mary Church Food Pantry in addition to being a member of the South Amboy Senior Citizens. Beverly Kovacs, 70, of South Amboy died on Sept. 13. Well-known throughout South Amboy, she wrote an informative and entertaining column in The SA Times from 1995-97, titled "The Bevvvy Report," and also "Places To Go Things To Do," which produced probably her finest article in the Dec. 1995 Christmas issue Dec. 16, 1995. It was beautiful and written from her heart. Check it out at our archives www.thesatimes.com. She was employed by the B.A.S.C. Network for many years. Beverly was a kind-hearted lady and will be missed. Edward Holon, 89, of Morgan died on Sept. 13. He was a U.S. Army Sergeant in the Korean War, and earned 4 bronze service stars. Caroline Kuberski, 95, of Sayreville died on Sept. 14. Before retiring, she was a secretary to the principal in the Sayreville School system, and also a member of many local organizations.

May they never be forgotten.

Karen Meirose

Karen Meirose, age 54 of South River passed away on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at St Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick. Born in South Amboy she had resided in South River for the past 25 years. She ran her own business called Nails by Karen for many years and she was formerly employed as a saleswoman by Macy's in East Brunswick in the cosmetics departments.



She is predeceased by her mother Anne Lotkowitz. Surviving are her beloved husband of 27 years, Tom, her loving son Thomas, her father Joseph Lotkowitz, her sister Joanne Vermont and her husband Cliff, her nephews David, Michael and Tyler, her

brother in law Ed Meirose and his fiancé Cathy Mazzeo and many loving aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services were held Tuesday 10 am at the Carmen F. Spezzi Funeral Home, 15 Cherry Lane, Parlin, burial followed at Washington Monumental Cemetery in South River.

Letters of condolence to the family, completed arrangements and directions may be found by visiting www.spezzifuneralhome.com.

The Meirose and Lotkowitz families would like to thank everyone who expressed their condolences and prayers for Karen.

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Debie Silva



Debie L. Burlew Silva, 51, of South Amboy died on Monday September 10, 2018 at home after a battle with pancreatic cancer. Born in South Amboy she lived there all her life. She was employed as a mortgage processor and underwriter. She loved to cook, go camping, travel and go to the beach.

Daughter of the late Emery and Cecelia Rupinski Burlew she is also predeceased by her brothers Jerry and William Burlew. She is survived by her husband of 25 years David Silva; her daughters Morgan and Jillian Silva; her siblings Barbara DeFeo and her husband Barry of Arizona, Doris Cross and her husband Drew of Florida and her twin Danny Burlew of North Carolina; her sister-in-law Maureen Burlew of Colorado; many nieces and nephews and her faithful companions Abby and Franklin.

IN MEMORIAM



James H. Croddick
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