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Felix Wisniewski Remembered

Former Sayreville Councilman Felix Wisniewski 92, who was highly-respected and admired throughout the local communities, died on Dec. 19. He was very



active in community activities and a member of many local organizations. Felix was a hardworking man who owned and operated Amboy Plaza Auto Radiator Repair in a building he largely built by himself. While

operating his own business, he worked second shift at NL Industries in Sayreville. He was a millwright and became an official in the Oil Chemical and Atomic Workers Local 8-438. He continued working there until a serious injury in an industrial accident required an early retirement.

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(l-r) Dennis McQuade, Chief Darren LaVigne, Michael Kelly. (Photo courtesy of The South Amboy Police Dept.)

McQuade, Kelly Promoted

South Amboy Police Officers Dennis McQuade and Michael Kelly were recently promoted to the rank of sergeant. They are assigned to the uniform patrol division, where they will serve as squad commanders.

Sgt. McQuade was honorably discharged from the U.S. Marine Corps in 1997, and Sgt. Kelly was honorably discharged from the U.S. Marine Corps in 2003.

McQuade has been with the police department since 2001, and Kelly since 2005. McQuade has received the Narcotics Arrest Award four times, and was named Officer of the Year. Kelly is also a firefighter, and has received the South Amboy PBA Valor Award, NJ State PBA Life-Saving Award, and the Middlesex County 200 Club Valor Award. Congratulations and best wishes to Sgt. McQuade and Sgt. Kelly!



Justice of The New Jersey State Supreme Court Barry Albin, (r) administers the oath of office for Speaker of The New Jersey State Assembly to Craig J. Coughlin as his proud family looks on and his wife Tish holds the bible. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

Coughlin Sworn In As Assembly Speaker

By Tom Burkard

On Tuesday, January 9th, former South Amboy resident and City Council President, Craig Coughlin was sworn in as the state General Assembly Speaker, the third most powerful political position in the state.

He got his start in office as a member of the South Amboy Board of Education in 1983, and then was elected to the City Council in 1986, serving through 1993. While residing in South Amboy, he served as a volunteer firefighter from 1976-1982.

Coughlin, a Democrat, currently resides in Woodbridge, and is the 171st Assembly Speaker. He will preside over the 80-member Assembly, in which Democrats hold a huge 54-26 majority for the 2018-2019 legislative session.

The new Assembly Speaker is an attorney who received his bachelor's degree from St. John's University and his law degree from St. John's University School of Law. He served as Edison's Municipal Court Judge from 2005-2009, when he became an Assemblyman in the 19th Legislative District.

There were many family members, friends, and local politicians from South Amboy and Sayreville on hand to see Coughlin's swearing in at the Assembly reorganization ceremony at Trenton War Memorial.

The South Amboy-Sayreville Times would like to wish Assembly Speaker Coughlin the best of luck always and continued success in the future!

Kelly Brothers Honored At St. Patrick's Cathedral

By Steve Schmid

Brian and Dennis Kelly have received one of the highest honors of the Catholic Church. They were were inducted into the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. Brian and Dennis have been South Amboy businessmen for years running A.P.G. Security L.L.C. Brian is the president and Dennis is the CEO. of the company which has more than \$50 million

of annual revenue with 2,000 employees in nine states. Both men were honored as 2013 Humanitarian Of The Year at the Flame of Charity Dinner which benefits Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Metuchen. Brian and Dennis were recognized for their efforts to help residents and businesses prepare for Hurricane Sandy which devastated parts of South Amboy, Sayreville and the New Jersey

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South Amboy Swears in New Fire Chief



South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry (l) swears in the new Fire Chief Mike Toth (c), as his wife Laura (r) holds the Bible. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Former BOE Member McCarthy Dies

By Tom Burkard

Former South Amboy Board of Education member Michael McCarthy 70, of Florida, passed away unexpectedly at his home in Spring Hill, FL on Dec. 18. McCarthy, affectionately known as "Woody" by close friends, retired from the City of South Amboy after 25 years in 2007, when he moved to Florida.



McCarthy also served on the South Amboy Board of Education from 1999-2008. In addition, he was a contributing writer/photographer for the old South Amboy Citizen newspaper in the 1990's. "Woody" was also a key member of the legendary 1963 Hoffman High School Group I state basketball champions.

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Bon Jovi Going To Hall Of Fame

By Tom Burkard



Jon Bon Jovi (Photo by Brian Stratton)

Bon Jovi is finally going to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland after being denied entry for over 9 years, while many other less-deserving/ talented performers and bands were welcomed with open arms. The group's first year of eligibility was in 2009, and for some reason, the Hall of Fame's voting membership felt this amazing band should not belong to the prestigious Hall. They did not vote for Jon and the boys in '09 or any other year, up until the present vote for the Class of 2018. After this year's nominees were announced back in October, the fans were allowed to vote for the first time, and Bon Jovi topped all contenders with over a million votes from adoring fans throughout the world. Record execs, managers and others in the industry who were part of the 900 plus that make up the

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South Amboy Board of Education members were recognized for their years of service. Pictured (l-r) are Phil Smith who served for six years, Kevin Riley 10 years, Janet Kern 21 years, with her last two terms as President. All three did not seek re-election this past November. Also pictured (r) is South Amboy Superintendent of Schools Jorge Diaz. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

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Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

On Dean's List

Heather Sootkoos, a 2014 graduate of Sayreville War Memorial High School has been named to the Dean's List at Montclair State. She is currently a senior at Montclair State, where she is an Exercise Science Major. For the fall semester, Heather posted a 4.0 GPA and currently holds a 4.0 GPA in her major as well. Congratulations!

Valentine Flowers

Sacred Heart Altar Rosary Society will be selling colorful floral bouquets at \$10 each on Saturday, Feb. 10 from 4-6 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 11 from 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. See them in front of Memorial Hall, 531 Washington Ave., South Amboy, across from Sacred Heart Church. Purchase a bouquet for your loved one or yourself. For more information call Virginia at 732-721-1521.

Troop 95 Welcomes New Eagle Scouts!

BSA Troop 95, sponsored for over 70 years by the Sacred Heart R.C. Church of South Amboy, is proud to welcome 2 of its scouts to the Boy Scouts of America prestigious rank of Eagle Scout.

To complete the Eagle Scout rank, each candidate had to lead a project benefiting the community at large.

Matt refurbished, cleaned out and organized a storage shed for Protection Fire House in So. Amboy, while Collin replaced the flooring and baseboards at the dormitory room at Kiddie Keep Well Camp in Edison.

The Troop meets every Tuesday evening at 7:30pm in the convent on Walnut St. at Sacred Heart. Please contact t95sa@yahoo.com for more information

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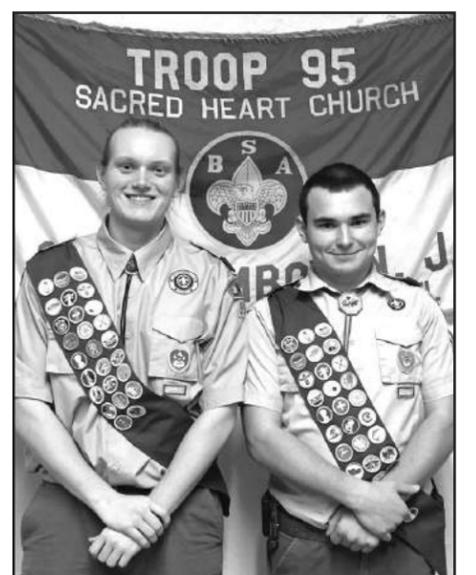
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Pictured (l-r) Troop 95's newest Eagle Scouts Collin Drill & Matt Coyle. (Photo/Article Submitted)

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PLEASANT LITTLE TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

- This Sayreville resident was a member of the 1988 U.S. Bobsled team in the Olympics?
a. John Harrison b. Mike Wasko c. Fred Faulkner
- In '93, this South Amboy business person was elected President of the South Amboy Renaissance Inc. group?
a. Fran Beshada b. Richard Wendell c. Rosanne Cross-Savoi
- Where was Who's Subs?...and more located in South Amboy?
a. North Stevens Ave. b. South Pine Ave. c. South Broadway
- In 1993, where was Broadway Coiffures located in South Amboy?
a. Raritan St. b. Bordentown Ave. c. North Broadway
- In '92, this Sayreville resident ran for Middlesex County Sheriff?
a. Michael Taylor b. Steve Lozak c. John McFeeley
- Installed as St. Bernadette's new pastor in 1993?
a. Rev. Schellberg b. Rev. O'Dea c. Rev. Szaroleta
- Bob's Barber Shop was originally located in South Amboy at?
a. Main St. b. North Pine Ave. c. Washington Ave.
- Sayreville War Memorial High School Homecoming Queen for 1992?
a. Anna Gawomski b. Nicole Birardi c. Jasmine White
- St. Mary's High School Principal in '92?
a. John Gloss b. Frank Ianniruberto c. Sister Madeline
- What year did Raritan Bay Federal Credit Union hold its Grand Opening on Raritan St. in Sayreville?
a. 1984 b. 1991 c. 1995

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

Business Of The Month
J&S Pizza



Pictured top (l-r) are J & S Pizza owners Frank and Diana Mashkuli, and bottom row (l-r) daughters Jasmine and Sara.

J & S Pizza, located at 337A, South Pine Ave., South Amboy (Morgan Section), has been opened for only 5 months, and is rapidly becoming one of the most popular pizza businesses in the local area.

Owners Frank and Diana Mashkuli are from Brooklyn, NY, and have over 25 years experience. The family-owned business is named J & S for their daughters Jasmine and Sara. From their delicious menu, customers favorites are upside-down pie, chicken parm pan pie, vodka fresh Mozzarella pan pie, and also vodka sauce, and J & S salad. In addition, J & S Pizza also offers chicken parm, salad, eggplant parm, fried Oreos, Zeppolis and much more.

People have been raving about this new business on Facebook, and you can check it out on their Facebook page J & S Pizza South Amboy. If you haven't tried anything from the tasty J & S Pizza menu, give them a call today at 732-952-5121 or 732-952-5120. J & S Pizza also offers FREE delivery.

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South Amboy Businesses Receive Recognition
(Article Submitted)

The South Amboy Saint Patrick's Day Committee recently announced that two South Amboy businesses located on North Broadway will be recognized and honored during this year's Saint Patrick's Day Celebrations.

Delio's Pizza and Hero Shop, a South Amboy landmark, is owned and operated by South Amboy residents, Pete and Cathy DiMaggio. The couple purchased the business in 1972 and have operated the shop at the same location for over 45 years. "South Amboy is such a nice town and we are proud to be both residents and business owners," said the DiMaggio's. "Thank you for this wonderful honor. We hope to continue to offer residents a pizzeria with a family atmosphere, complete with good food and South Amboy history for years to come."

As always, Delio's will be open for business on parade day and they hope many of their long time customers, as well as parade participants, will stop by before, during and after the parade to say hello, offer

congratulations or enjoy a slice of pizza.

The New Life Books & Bibles bookstore is owned and operated by Joan Antonucci. Located on North Broadway, the store was once a house of worship in the 1800's. It has now come full circle, offering patrons a selection of religious books, cards and gifts.

"Over time, many of the stores on Broadway such as Reiner's Hardware, Oppenheim's Variety Store and Greens Men's Shop have come and gone. But New Life Books & Bibles has been operating in the same location for over 39 years," explained Antonucci. "Over the years I have met so many wonderful people who have patronized my business. I love my job, and I love South Amboy so I am truly honored to receive this recognition and to be part of the Saint Patrick's Day Parade."

For information or to participate in the South Amboy Saint Patrick's Day please contact Catherine Schwartz at 908-406-0693 or visit www.southamboyparade.com.

Music At Saint Mary's

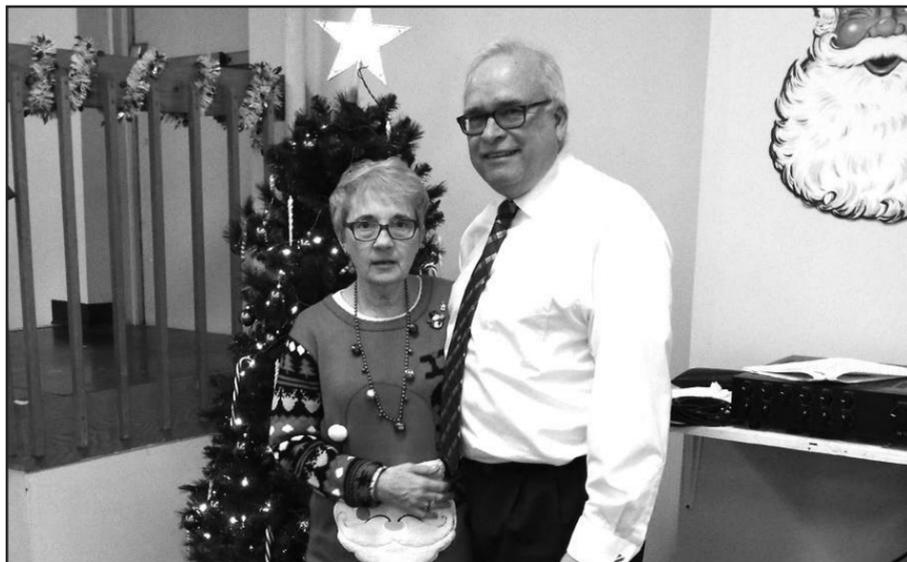
Music at Saint Mary's presents; The Choral Art Society of New Jersey! This magnificent choral ensemble, under the direction of Martin Sedek, returns to Saint Mary's by popular demand after their stunning performance in January 2017. This 50+ voice choir will be performing Palestrina's Missa Brevis, Moneverdi's Beatus Vir and Durufle's Requiem. Nothing warms up cold January nights better than the warm sounds of delicious choral tones set in beautiful Victorian-Gothic architectural surroundings!! Saturday, January 20, 2018, 7:00pm, at Saint Mary Church, 256 Augusta Street, South Amboy NJ, 08879. Free admission (\$15 donation suggested). A reception will follow the concert.

For questions call MASM @ 732-857-0202

Rainy Weather Sparks Local Power Outage

By Steve Schmid

The windy and wet weather January 12 led to a power outage in Sayreville, South Amboy and Central Jersey. More than 30,000 customers lost power in northeastern Middlesex County and central Union County. The biggest outage was reported in South Amboy, Sayreville, and Old Bridge where Jersey Central Power and Light reported more than 5,000 customers lost power. The outage forced the closure of Menlo Park Mall for most of the day. The weather conditions may have contributed to a South Amboy fire which gutted a home at 124 South Feltus Street. The fire forced residents to stay elsewhere. No injuries were reported.



South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry (r) and his wife Linda are pictured at the Mayor's Annual Christmas Party, where he wished all in attendance the best of the season. (Photo/info by Joe Lotkowitz)

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Jankowski Wins Award

Former Sayreville resident Michael Jankowski was one of six employees selected nationwide by Canon Solutions America President Toyo Kuwamura for the impressive Canon Solutions America's 2017 Spirit Award. Jankowski, a Senior Digital Service Engineer with Canon Solutions America was chosen from 530 co-workers for the prestigious award. Michael now resides in Long Island with his wife Regina and two sons, Henry and Charles. His proud parents are "Red" and Nancy Jankowski of Sayreville. Congratulations, Michael!



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Authentic Beefsteak Dinner

Our Lady of Victories will hold an all you can eat Authentic Beefsteak Dinner on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at Monsignor Dalton Hall - 42 Main Street, Sayreville. Doors open at 6pm - dinner served at 7pm! DJ, Raffles, 50/50. Cost is \$35 per adult; \$20 kids 5-12; kids under 5 are free! Tickets available at the OLV parish office. Call Vanessa for more information: 908-208-8598

Sayreville Native is Jeopardy! Champ

By Steve Schmid

Former Sayreville resident Kate Timpson O'Connor made her old hometown proud by winning three contests and \$62,400 on the popular game show Jeopardy! Kate was a winner on three shows, December 18, 19, and 20 by correctly answering the final Jeopardy! question and placing a large bet on the outcomes. She was never in the lead going into final Jeopardy! which made her victories all the more exciting. Her winning streak ended December 21 when she missed the final question. When she appeared on Jeopardy! she was thrilled because it fulfilled a lifetime goal. She is a graduate of Sayreville War Memorial High School and is the daughter of Gary and Catherine Timpson. She continued her education after high school when she studied biology at the College of New Jersey. Kate is currently working for the Halberstadt Insurance Services in Princeton and is living in Florence Township with her husband John and children Anna and John.

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The Sayreville Thursday Senior Club is sponsoring a trip to Newport Rhode Island and Ct. on October 17 to the 19th, 2018. Price of the trip is \$549.00 which includes: Round trip transportation by motor coach, two nights accommodations at the Mainstay Inn/Newport, RI, 3 days local guide service, 2 dinners & 2 breakfasts, free time along the Downtown Waterfront Area, harbor cruise on the Newport Harbor, guided driving tour of Newports 10-mile drive, admission to and tour of The Marble House, tour and wine tasting at Newport Vineyards, free time at the Cliff walk, admission & guided tour of the Breakers, visit to Olde Mystic Village, visit to and BONUS from Foxwoods Casino, baggage handling, all taxes & meal gratuities included. For information & reservations contact Geri Kabara @ 732-257-4351.

Spaghetti Dinner/Tricky Tray-Jan. 21

St. Bernadette Youth Group will be holding their annual Spaghetti Dinner/Tricky Tray on Sunday, Jan. 21st in O'Dea Hall (which is handicap accessible) located at 20 Villanova Rd., Parlin. Dinner is served from 4-6 p.m. with last serving at 6 p.m. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children 3-10 years old. Dinner is included with admission. Tricky Tray calling begins at 6:30 p.m. and tickets are sold separately from admission to the dinner. If you have any questions call 732-501-2828.



The Sayreville Thursday Senior Club held an outstanding Christmas Party on Dec. 14th. Pictured (l-r) are Jerry Mokar, who provided the entertainment, Santa Claus, who brought good will to all, and Maryann Spisso, President of the Senior Club, who did a great job as MC, and telling very interesting Christmas stories. Everyone there had a good time. (Photo/story by Joe Lotkowitz)



American Legion Post 211 Honor Guard members participated in Wreaths Across America at the Piscatawaytown Burial Grounds on Dec. 17. Pictured (l-r) Vietnam Veteran Edward Marczak, Paul Kabara, Stanley Drwal, Artie Valentino, Jaime Ayala, Robert Puchala, Joseph Rudy, Larry Lios, Michael Fischer, Walter Twardos, George Dusko, Captain Edward Streck. (Photo/info submitted)

VITA (United Way) Tax Assistance At Dowdell Library

Need help preparing your taxes? Sign up NOW to reserve one of the limited spaces provided by VITA (United Way). VITA free tax preparation assistance for individuals earning less than \$64,000 per year is available on the following dates. To register: 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org
 Tuesday, February 20 from 10 am-2:30 pm,
 Wednesday, March 21 from 10 am-2:30 pm
 Monday, March 26 from 4-8 pm
 Monday, April 9 - Drop off service only 10 am- 12 noon. Pick up return on Wednesday April 11.

Stop by the library in February on Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm for Family Lego Maze. Build the craziest and wackiest maze out of Legos and guide your marble through to the end. We'll supply the Legos, you supply the maze outline!

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The Dowdell Library's hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10 am to 8 pm, Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 5 pm, and Saturday from 12 to 4 pm. For more information, please visit www.dowdell.org, or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org.

The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, MS

The arrival of a new year brings new leadership to our local fire departments. It has been a tradition that the new fire chief be sworn into office on January 1 of each new year. This year has been no exception. This article will be dedicated to the incoming fire chiefs of the Sayreville Fire Department and the South Amboy Fire Department.

The 2018 Fire Chief to lead the Sayreville Fire Department is Steven Kanca. Chief Kanca was born in South Amboy in May of 1967 and raised in Sayreville. He joined the Sayreville Fire Department in 1989 and has served in every line officer capacity as he progressed through the ranks. Chief Kanca continues to live in the Morgan section of Sayreville with his lovely wife Diane and daughters Katlyn & Kiersten. In an interview with the Chief, he told me that he joined the fire department because he wanted a sense of accomplishment. How many others would place their lives on the line to "feel a sense of accomplishment"? Steve has been a dedicated firefighter and fire officer for almost 30 years and has enjoyed every minute of serving his community and the satisfaction of helping others in the community he grew up in. What sticks in his mind, as it does with most firefighters, are the fires he fought where the outcome was tragic. Firefighters never get used to responding to these types of fire calls, but it is job the needs to be done and is the reason that firefighters are special people. Chief Kanca has stated that his goals for 2018 are to improve member recruitment and retention. It takes a lot of time, training, and dedication to become a good firefighter and it always hurts the department when an experienced firefighter decides to leave. The Chief will investigate the many incentives that are available to recruit new members and to retain the highly skilled members from leaving the department. Individuals interested in becoming firefighters may contact the Borough Clerk's office for more information. Serving with Chief Kanga are 1st Assistant Chief Kevin Krushinski and 2nd Assistant Chief Jonathan Magaw.
 The 2018 Fire Chief of the South Amboy

Fire Department is Michael Toth. Born January 2, 1966, the son of Peter & Shirley Toth, Chief Toth grew up in the "Pleasant Little City" and attended the South Amboy school system, graduating in 1984. He has been married to his lovely wife Laura for 31 years and together they have 2 children, Megan and Kyle who is also a firefighter with Independence. His career in the fire service started when he joined Independence Engine & Hose Co. #1 in April 1984. He has served as president of the fire company for over 20 years. His line officer experience included terms as Lieutenant and Captain of the company. Fighting and commanding fires are only one part of Chief Toth's duties in the company. Throughout his years of service, "The Chief" has been involved with many fundraisers, some of which are: The 100th Anniversary celebration; The 125th Anniversary celebration; the Broadway Car Shows; Cruise Nights; and the Santa Claus ride-arounds each December. If you have ever wondered who played Santa on Engine #7, it was Chief Toth. One of the Chief's biggest fires was the night that Miller, Bergen, and Welsh lumberyard went up in flames. The corner of Broadway and First Street was a blaze that was seen for miles. SAFD has responded to Perth Amboy on multi-alarm fires for years and Chief Toth enjoyed riding the back step of the engine before it was banned. Nothing like hanging on the back of a responding apparatus with all your strength and hoping that the driver didn't hit any bumps!

Chief Toth is proud to be chosen as the chief of the best fire department. Great guys and girls that always work together and come home together. The SAFD prides itself on family, one big family. You can always ask any firefighter for help inside or outside of the department and you will get, that's family, that's what the South Amboy Fire Department is all about.

I would like to wish both of the incoming chiefs the best of luck for a very successful and safe year for them and all the members of their fire departments.

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Sayreville Pack 97 with the help of Sayreville Troop 97 collected gifts from our communities, then wrapped and delivered over 250 gifts to Robert Wood Johnson Hospital for children who could not be home for the holidays. Pictured (l-r) Stephan Zappola, Robert Grover, Raymond Cardinale, and MJ Zappola delivering the gifts to Child Life program at the hospital. (Photo/Info Submitted)

??Where's the "Blankety Blank" Paper??!!!!!!

By Elaine Holton Scott

Living with my Aunt Marge and Uncle Bill Slover on Conover Street in Mechanicsville as a child, my uncle's impatience "ruled the roost." After working 6 days a week at Phillip Carey's on the corner of Smith Street in Perth Amboy, then, eating a big supper almost as soon as his feet walked in the door, my Uncle Bill would put on his eyeglasses in readiness to read the Perth Amboy Evening News. Woe to the peace in the home if the paper's delivery was even a few seconds late. Thankfully, at that time in the '50's, we had the "Cross brothers" from upper Wilmont Street as our paperboys. Actually, their last name was Krzyzkowski but Cross was just easier to say. Nothing, and I mean nothing, had stopped those Cross boys from delivering the paper to all of their customers.

us, no matter how high the snow, how hard the wind blew, how heavy the rain, how icy the streets, and how hot or cold the weather was...and somehow they always did, making certain it was dropped near the front door.

Once upon a time, it was a common sight on the streets to see young boys riding their bicycles with their metal bike baskets filled to the brim with carefully rolled newspapers. Older paperboys used to carry all of theirs in a large bag with a strap which was put over their heads so the bag could hang at elbows length. In spite of how heavy they were, and those canvas bags full of newspapers were really heavy, the bigger boys managed to carry the load. Guess that's why paper delivery was a male's domain. Now, if I see any papers being delivered, it's usually store ads thrown from a car's window to land haphazardly on someone's front lawn or sidewalk.

Originally "just" an inscription on the James Farley P.O. in NYC, these words long ago became the motto of our United States Post Office. "Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds," exceptions being every Sunday, on one of their ten annual paid federal holidays, or in inclement weather. Instead, I think it really should have been the motto of our paperboys years ago who had to deliver papers seven days a week with no holidays, no paid personal days, no sick days, and no paid vacations. Except for a weekly tip, I don't think any of us ever really appreciated them, surely, not in the way they had deserved. We just took it for granted they'd get the paper to

Buying a newspaper in the store or reading one on the internet now just isn't the same as it was when paperboys delivered the news of the day straight to our front doors.

***A special "thank you" to all of the paperboys of years gone by.

Circa 500 BC, Herodotus, the Greek historian also called the Father of History, wrote: "It is said that as many days as there are in the whole journey, so many are men and horses that stand along the road, each horse and man at the interval of a day's journey, and then are stayed neither by snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor darkness from accomplishing their appointed course with speed."



From left: José Carlos Montes, chief executive officer of the Puerto Rican Action Board; MCC students Amine Shimou (Piscataway), Kristen Sicola (Sayreville), William Gortaire (Highland Park) and Jamaila Hernandez (Franklin Park); and Evelyn Rosa, director of the College's New Brunswick Center. (Photo/Story Submitted)

MCC Students Designs Selected

Designs created by four students pictured above, in Professor Francine Krinsky's Print Production class at Middlesex County College were selected for use by the Puerto Rican Action Board to promote the current disaster rebuilding efforts in Puerto Rico.

The designs will be used on posters and other marketing materials, including t-shirts, which will be sold to benefit grassroots organizations on the island that are helping people recover. (Photos/Info Submitted)

Sayreville Thursday Senior Club Trip

The Sayreville Thursday Senior Club is sponsoring a trip to the Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine and Polish Festival in Doylestown, Pa. on September 9, 2018. The price of the trip is \$50.00 which includes

motor coach transportation, admission to the festival, driver gratuity and snacks. For information or to make a reservation call Geri Kabara at 732-257-4351.



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St. Stanislaus Kostka Tuesday Seniors Club held its Christmas Party on Dec. 19th. The new officers sworn in from (r-l) Joan Golaszewski-vice-president, Mary Ann Sczepanik-president, Judy Paczkowski-treasurer, Ruth Dunwald-secretary. In background is Jen from the Office of the Aging. (Photo/info by Joe Lotkowitz)

Fraternal Benefits Night January 20

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are hosting a Fraternal Benefits and Open House this Saturday January 20 at 7 p.m. at the K of C Home 308 Fourth St., South Amboy. Food and refreshments will be

available. General Agent Jason Valdez will discuss Knights membership and the benefits available to members. For more information call 732-721-2025.

Amboy Bank Seeking Clothing Donations

Throughout January, all 23 offices of Amboy Bank will collect clothing donations on behalf of Catholic Charities. Residents of Monmouth and Middlesex Counties are encouraged to drop off gently used men's, women's and children's clothing and accessories to their nearest Amboy branch. Needed accessories include shoes, handbags, belts and ties.

Bank President. "We are happy to help ease the burden on these families by helping to provide them with clean, warm clothing. We are always grateful to our clients and neighbors for their generous donations and making this clothing drive a success."

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Spaghetti Benefit Dinner January 26

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 host a spaghetti dinner for the Cheer Dream Scoliosis Foundation Friday January 26 at the K of C Hall 308 Fourth

St. South Amboy. from 6 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$7 for children. Open Mic entertainment will follow. For more information call 732-721-2025.

Dowdell Library News/Upcoming Events

Monday, Jan. 22-How to start a small business 4:30-6:15; Tuesday, Feb. 20, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Wednesday, March 21, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Monday, March 26, 4-8 p.m.-VITAFREE tax preparation assistance-registration required. Individuals earning \$64,000 or less are eligible to sign up for this FREE service; Monday, April 9-Drop off service; Wednesday, April 11-Pick up return; Sunday, April 22-Asian Cultural Event.

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For more information on any of the above, call 732-721-6060, or go to comments@dowdell.org.

Coach Bingo

Feeling Lucky? Come enjoy a fun evening of coach bingo on Friday, February 9, 2018, for the second annual Middlesex County Association of Chiefs of Police coach bingo/tricky tray.

includes 12 games of bingo(3 boards per game), coffee, tea and dessert. There will also be a 50/50. All guests are invited to bring their own food and refreshments. For tickets please call gina at 732-432-8361 or Joanne 732-254-1781. See you there!!

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and games begin at 7 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person which



The 6th Annual Christmas Tree decorating session was held by The Park People on Dec. 16th at Waterfront Park. They did a great job and hope that you had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. (Photo/info by Joe Lotkowitz)

Blood Drive Jan. 21

St. Mary's Church is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Jan. 21 from 8:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at the school cafeteria on Stevens Ave. All donors will get a \$15 Jiffy Lube coupon! For questions about eligibility

or an appointment call 1-800-933-2566 or go to <http://tinyurl.com/soamboystmary>. Walk-ins are welcome. Please bring ID and eat before donating blood. Saving a life is priceless. Please give blood.

SA Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee To Sponsor "Tip-A-Pint" Fundraisers

The Saint Patrick Day Parade Committee of the City of South Amboy invites you to join them for an evening of friends, food and drink at their "Tip-A-Pint" fundraisers; Thursday, January 18th, 2018 at "Raise the Bar", (the former Landmark Bar) 117 Broadway, South Amboy and Thursday, February, 22nd 2018 at Murphy's Shamrock Inn, 147 So. Pine Ave., So. Amboy from 7 to 9 pm.

A \$20 p/p entrance fee collected at the door entitles participants to beer, wine, food sampling and a performance by the D.B. Kelly Drum & Bugle Corp. Souvenir Parade Hats will be available for purchase at \$10 each.

Proceeds will support the efforts of the South Amboy Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee.

Comedy Night-Feb. 17

VFW Post #1451 in South River will hold a Comedy Night Sat., Feb. 17th with a 7 p.m. seating and 8:30 p.m. showtime. The show will feature Headliner Terry McNeely, who has appeared on the Daily Show, The Anthony Cumina Show, and Blue Bloods. Also featured will be Tim Hayes, who has performed at Tropicana in Atlantic City, and the Gotham Comedy Club. Mike Jenkins will be the MC. Admission is \$30

and includes dinner, beer, wine, soda, and of course the great entertainment. There will also be a 50/50.

VFW Post #1451 is located at 31 Reid St., South River. For more info or reservations call 732-254-9834 or 732-289-8633. Reservations are recommended. The show is proudly presented by Comedy Haven Productions, LLC.

My College Admittance

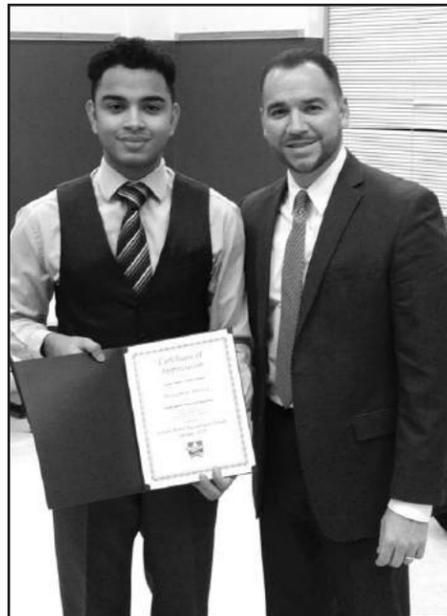
By Ben Henry, Senior South Amboy HS

Before my admittance into Princeton, I never fully considered myself to be Ivy League material. Being in a school as small as South Amboy High School always made me doubt whether I could compete with other students from larger and more privileged schools. Even with high grades, exceptional standardized test scores, and numerous extracurricular activities, I knew being accepted was a shot in the dark. Princeton was a dream come true, and it eliminated all of my previous doubts.

Above all things, I would like to thank God for this amazing opportunity. I would also like to thank my family, friends, and the city of South Amboy for the love and support that has been given to me throughout my life. I want my acceptance to serve as an inspiration to other students at South Amboy and other small schools; No matter the circumstances, one can achieve anything he or she puts their mind to with hard work and dedication. This isn't just a personal victory, but a victory for South Amboy as a whole.

In regards to my application process, I have also applied to other prestigious schools nationwide: Stanford University, Harvard University, Yale University, the University

of Pennsylvania, and Swarthmore College. All of these applications are currently under review. I hope to bring more good news in the future and make my family, friends, and South Amboy proud once more.



South Amboy HS Senior Ben Henry (l) who is the student representative for the Board of Education is shown with Superintendent of Schools Jorge Diaz (r) who presented Ben with a Certificate of Appreciation from the B.O.E. at the recent Board meeting. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

OLV Senior Meeting

The OLV Senior Group will hold their February meeting on Friday, February 2, 2018 at 1 PM in Monsignor Dalton Hall. After our regular business meeting, we will have our Italian luncheon. All luncheon requests must be received by Mary by Sunday, January 28 in order to have an accurate count. No

requests will be taken after that date Please contact Mary at 732-727-5056. The cost of the luncheon is \$12.00. Food donations will be taken for the St. Vincent DePaul pantry. For further information contact. Teri at 732-727-7639.



The St. Stan Cheerleaders entertained over 20 Seniors at Gillette Manor on December 11th. Songs and Good cheer were had by all. The residents provided candy and drinks as a thank you for the Cheerleaders coming over to brighten up their Monday during this holiday season. Coach Colgan has made it her mission that cheerleading is not just about lighting spirits at a game. It's about being Ambassadors of St. Stan and reaching out to the community to assist in events, be friendly and just get involved. The girls loved the interaction with the Seniors and of course the Seniors were delighted to have the girls stop by. (Photos/Info Submitted)



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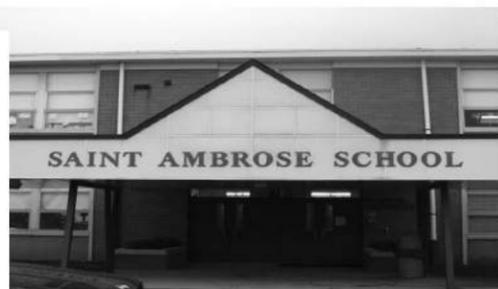
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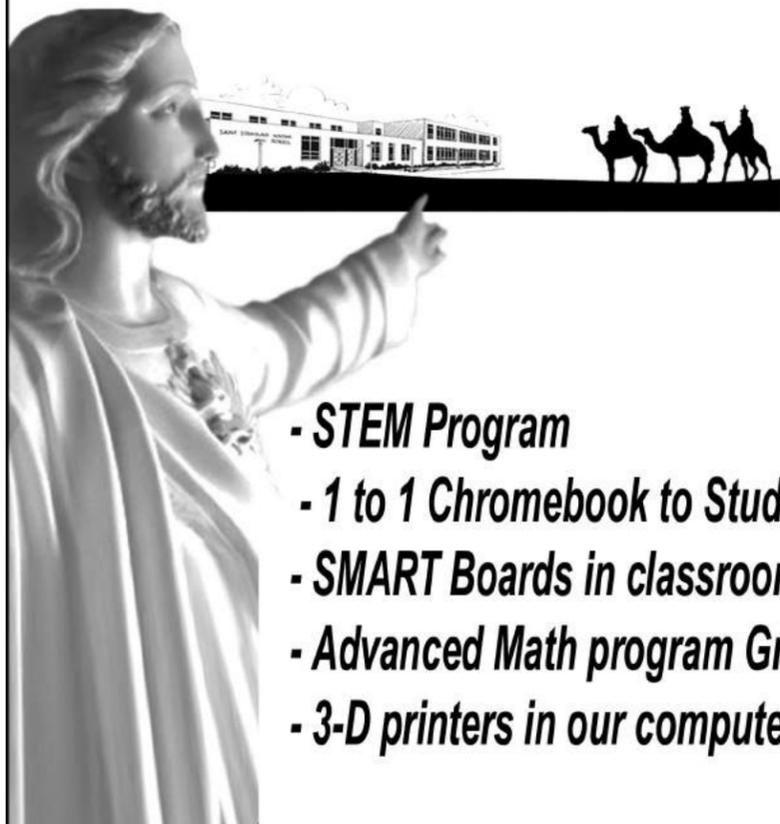


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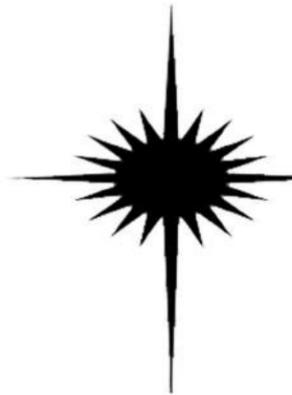
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A Winter Tundra Land

By Steve Schmid

The day after Christmas started one of the most brutal stretches of weather in our area, as temperatures remained below freezing for 14 days. The first snowstorm of 2018 hit January 4 dropping nearly 10 inches of snow in the area. Strong winds caused near blizzard conditions, which made snow removal more difficult. The strong winds and cold air made snow cleanup more difficult, since road salt is much less effective in bitter conditions. The snow forced school closings for two days and also cancelled many other activities in the community. The brutally cold Arctic air followed the snowstorm with temperatures falling near zero degrees. The wind chill factor was below zero for several days. The snowstorm also forced the closing of Raritan Bay Waterfront Park to motor vehicles so Middlesex County workers could concentrate on snow removal from county highways. The 13 consecutive days of below freezing temperatures was one of the longest stretches of cold weather ever recorded.

Weather Extremes

By Al Gomolka Jr.
Times Poet Laureate
c.1996

Some may ask
Does God have moods?
As demonstrated by our weather
Frivolity of a snowfall
Hope of a sunrise
Peace of a sunset
Wrath in a hurricane
Necessity of the rain
God's moods?
Not so Free will of the earth
As with man
Affected by environmental changes
Affected by man's manipulation
Yet, as always
God can intervene!



The first snow of 2018 caused some slippery roadways and more for our locals. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



Birds sit on a small patch of ice, waiting for it to melt at Kennedy Park in Sayreville, following the snowstorm. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



The South Amboy Elks has awarded four scholarships to (l-r) Bryan Pena, Lance Pierce, Roushmi Akther and Grace Gonzalez to attend the annual Elks Leadership Conference to be held the first weekend of February. They will join hundreds of young people from throughout the state who will be hearing strategies dealing with Peer Leadership with a strong anti drug message. They will bring the knowledge gained back to South Amboy High School to share with their fellow classmates. Congratulations. (Photo/Info Submitted)

Trip to American Music Theater

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to American Music Theater on Thursday, May 3, 2018 to see Songs of the Silver Screen. The price of the trip is \$125.00 which includes the musical, lunch at Shady Maple,

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WWW.?



This popular business was located in either South Amboy or Sayreville for many years. If you know the answer, send it in to: satimes@aol.com (Photo by Tom Burkard)

December Winners

Our final photo of 2017 was of the Sayreville Pharmacy on Main Street. The following are the winners who correctly identified it: Dennis Quinlan, Dawn Roberts, Kevin Kania, Don Zrebiec, W. Tom Kross, Leon Credico, James Creed, David Krempecki, Scott Mueller, Peggy and Steve Yuhas, Gerry Sherry, Joan Gorczyca, Eleanore Westerholm, Pat & Bill Scully, Dennis & Kathy O'Leary, Judy Guilfoyle, Dawn Roberts & Kevin Kania, Marie English, Elizabeth Leveille, Gary Feret, Ed English, Lynn Loy, Joan Fulham, Dane Colburn, Mary Agnes Morris, Jack Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss & Keith



December-WWW.? Sayreville Pharmacy

Piskorski, Lisa Grankowski, Mark Moniello, Chuck Pickard, Pete McIntyre. *In the Nov. contest, Chuck Pickard was inadvertently omitted as a winner, and correctly identified the Starland Ballroom.

Champions



The "Dynamic Duo," Pat and Bill Scully, show who's #1 after winning their 6th consecutive WWW.? Mystery Photo championship.

Pat & Bill Scully Win Contest Title

Pat & Bill Scully of the Melrose section of Sayreville captured their 6th consecutive WWW.? Mystery Photo championship by naming 11 of 12 photos for the year of 2017. Now in its 11th successful season as one of The SA Times many great features, the field of monthly contestants continues to grow.

Pat said that, "We've been reading The SA Times since it started (over 26 years ago), and can't wait until it comes out each month. We're faithful readers. I really enjoy The Pleasant Little Trivia feature. The contest was challenging in 2017." Bill stated that, "We got bogged down a bit. Some of the pictures got a little tricky to identify."

The Scullys had plenty of competition, and had to defeat many previous champions in order to claim the 2017 title. Congratulations Bill and Pat on a job, once again very well done!

Final Scoring For The 2017 WWW.? Contest

Pat & Bill Scully 11 W. Tom Kross 10 Chuck Pickard 10 Dennis Quinlan 10 Mary Agnes Morris 10 Lisa Grankowski 10 Joan Fulham 9 Leon Credico 9 Gerry Sherry 8 Gary Feret 8 Elizabeth Leveille 8 Don Zrebiec 8 Judy Guilfoyle 8 Dane Colburn 8 Peggy Yuhas 7 Joan Gorczyca 7 Nancy Berry 6 Lynn Loy 6 Marie English 5 Maryanne Matarangolo 5 Ed Bender 5 Pete McIntyre 5 Estelle Pluskota 4 Eleanore Westerholm 4 Jack Piskorski & Lorraine Krause & Keith Piskorski 4 Dawn Roberts & Kevin Kania 4 Kathy & Dennis O'Leary 4 Mark Moniello 4.

Many entrants had 1-3 correct answers throughout the year. Congratulations to all who participated, and if you've never played our WWW.? Mystery Photo Contest, you're welcome to try your luck in 2018!



Pictured at the swearing in ceremony of the South Amboy Fire Chiefs are (l-r) 1st Assistant Robert Tierney, Chief Mike Toth, Mayor Fred Henry, 2nd Assistant Chief Robert O'Connor. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

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South Amboy Board Of Education Reorganization Meeting

(Photos by Brian Stratton)



On January 8th the South Amboy B.O.E. held its annual reorganization meeting. Pictured (l-r) are newly elected Vice President Lynn Kasics, newly elected President Tyler Simko and Superintendent of Schools Jorge Diaz.



Newly sworn in B.O.E. members (l-r) Shannon Gonzalez, Patrick Walsh and Anthony Conrad.



Left to right. Chris Hicks (Marshall Tucker band), Basement Audio's owner Emerson Jones and Scott Twomey (promoter/drummer). Shown after a show that was called, "Put the Chris back in Christmas". Because it also included Chris Anderson from the "Outlaws" not pictured. Scott holds these great events a few times a year at the Cranford Community theater..date was December 30th 2017. (Photo Submitted)



On December 10, 2017 the Sacred Heart Band and Choir sang some holiday favorites for the residents at the Venetian Care & Rehabilitation Center. (Photo Submitted)

Music Trivia

NUMBERS

By Tom Burkard

<p>1. __ In The Year 2525</p> <p>2. __ Two Hearts</p> <p>3. __ Eight Days A Week</p> <p>4. __ 1999</p> <p>5. __ 867-5309 Jenny</p> <p>6. __ Two Out Of Three Ain't Bad</p> <p>7. __ 25 Miles</p> <p>8. __ 18 And Life</p> <p>9. __ 1, 2, 3, 4</p> <p>10. __ 25 Or 6 To 4</p>	<p>a. Edwin Starr</p> <p>b. Plain White T's</p> <p>c. Prince</p> <p>d. Meat Loaf</p> <p>e. The Beatles</p> <p>f. Phil Collins</p> <p>g. Chicago</p> <p>h. Zager & Evans</p> <p>i. Tommy Tutone</p> <p>j. Skid Row</p>
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Summer Night-The Danleers; Willie And The Hand Jive-The Johnny Otis Show; Volare-Domenico Modugno; Little Star-The Elegants; Born Too Late-The Poni-Tails; You Cheated-The Shields; Rockin' Robin-Bobby Day; Susie Darlin-Robin Luke; Poor Boy-The Royaltones; To Know Him Is To Love Him-The Teddy Bears.

#1 Country Hits

2003-19 Somethin'-Mark Wills
 1998-Just To See You Smile-Tim McGraw
 1982-I Wouldn't Have Missed It-Ronnie Milsap
 1976-Convoy-C.W. McCall
 1969-Daddy Sang Bass-Johnny Cash
 1958-Great Balls Of Fire-Jerry Lee Lewis

#1 Pop Hits

2008-Low-Flo Rida with T-Pain
 1993-I Will Always Love You-Whitney Houston
 1981-(Just Like) Starting Over-John Lennon
 1975-Mandy-Barry Manilow
 1968-Judy In Disguise-John Fred & His Playboy Band
 1959-Smoke Gets In Your Eyes-The Platters

Bon Jovi Hall Of Fame

continued from page 1
 Rock Hall's voting membership, apparently got the message loud and clear--Bon Jovi belongs in the Hall of Fame!

Bon Jovi, fronted by founder/lead singer Jon Bon Jovi, who was born in Perth Amboy, and spent most of his formative years in Sayreville, have had more qualifications/talent than most musical acts on the planet earth, and truly deserve this honor.

The band is one of the best selling rock groups of all-time with over 130 million records sold since they got their start in Sayreville in the early 1980's. Their #1 hits include: "Livin' On A Prayer," "You Give Love A Bad Name," "I'll Be There For You," and "Bad Medicine." Jon had a chart-topper of his own in 1990 with "Blaze Of Glory," which was featured in the movie "Young Guns II."

The Hall of Fame induction is scheduled for April 14th in Cleveland, Ohio, and Bon Jovi members, past and present, who will perform are Jon Bon Jovi, David Bryan, Tico Torres, Richie Sambora, Alec John Such, and current members Phil X and Hugh McDonald. Others being inducted will be Dire Straits, The Moody Blues, The Cars, and Nina Simone.

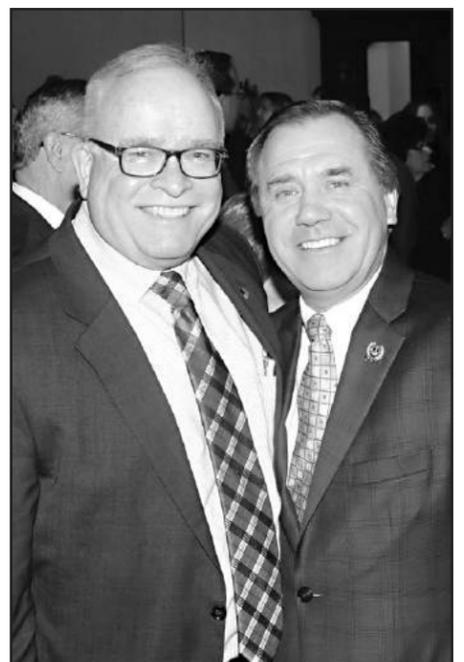
It's been a long successful road for the kid who grew up in the Sherwood Forest section of Sayreville, but he and his band will officially become one of rock's All-Time elite with their Hall of Fame induction. Congratulations Bon Jovi on your outstanding career and accomplishments!

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South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry (l) and Assemblyman Craig Coughlin pose for a photo in Trenton just prior to the Assemblyman being sworn in as the Speaker of The New Jersey State Assembly. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

Letters

Hi Tom!

I was an "original" Sabres cheerleader. Had a great time and met a lot of nice people. Also, the winner of the naming the team contest was Cathy Zrebiec ! Merry Christmas.

Pat Lagoda Rock
(Formerly of South Amboy)

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Hi,

Thanks for helping us promote the blood drive during the holiday season. For your information we collected 13 pints of blood during this drive on a very cold day! Your help is appreciated!

Best regards,Fix Typsetting on this part of letter

Lynne L. Ross - Account Manager
 NJ Blood Services, div. NY Blood Center

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School Sports

(As of Jan. 7)
By Tom Burkard

Boys Basketball

Sayreville (9-1) Coach John Wojcik's Bombers are off to a flying start and lead their GMC White Division with a (5-0) record. The scoring leaders are Elijah Clark 127 points, 14.1, Zac Kaczmarek 94, 10.4, Zaire Jackson 77, 8.5.

South Amboy (0-8) The Guvs scoring is paced by Kyle Gasiewski 93, 15.5, Louie Martinez 50, 7.1, Steve McLaughlin 38, 5.4.

Girls Basketball

Sayreville (5-4) Coach Janet Cook's Bombers are looking good again this season. Jackie Ventricelli tops the team with a 9.3 scoring avg., and 13 steals. Lyssandra Delacosta averages 8.3 ppg., and Jaci Jurkiewicz 7.0 ppg.

South Amboy (2-7) The scoring leaders for the Lady Guvs are Alexis Calisti 8.2 ppg., Julie Oliveri 7.5, Renee Piazzolla 7.1. Oliveri is #1 in rebounds, blocks, and is tied for 1st with Calisti and Piazzolla in assists.

Wrestling

Sayreville (5-4) Snapped defending White Division champion Woodbridge dual meet winning streak of 13 straight, dropping them by a 45-26 count. The Bombers talented lineup usually features 106-Dylan Acevedo, 113-Scott Mish, 120-Joseph Gonce, 138-Trevor Mastorio, 145-Aaron Bartlett, 152-Sohai Safri, 160-Connor Bouchard, 170-Mykhaylo Khalabudnyak, 182-Antonio Oreto, 195-Savon Kirksay, 220-Joseph Porcaro, 285-Benedict Arthur.

Sayreville Wrestlers 8th In Neptune Classic

The Sayreville Bombers wrestling team finished 8th place in the Neptune Classic. Joey Porcaro (220 lbs. class) captured 3rd place

Behr Honored By Borden

Marcus Borden, legendary East Brunswick football coach and currently feature sportswriter for Home News Tribune selected Sayreville football standout Tristan Behr as one of "Borden's Ballers," and said, "He is the Bombers quiet and steady leader on the offense and defense lines." Congratulations Tristan!

Carney's Victory Mark Passed

Reggie Carney, an NJSIAA Hall of Fame member, who coached girls basketball at Hoffman and East Brunswick High Schools for 25 years, and compiled an incredible (597-97) career record, which was a Middlesex County mark for many years, recently had his record passed by Middlesex HS Coach Ron Harper (599-296) who has coached for 37 years.



Trinity Methodist Church - February 2018



The Presbyterian Church Deacons and Trinity Church members joined together in appreciation at a recent coffee hour. (Photo/ Article Submitted)



It's cold outside, but hearts and souls are warmed within the community of churches. It's so great to see how a small community of churches and people can bond together and do great things for the town. Throughout the year, dinners are held at the Trinity United Methodist Church and St. Bernadette's Youth help with the serving and clean up. The Presbyterian Church in South Amboy always has a full table enjoying the meal. As done every year, the Trinity Church donates the proceeds to the food bank within the Presbyterian Church and to the Sayreville Food Bank; a full circle of sharing our gifts for the greater good. A special thanks to everyone that has supported these events and hope for continuing throughout 2018.

The church started an exciting Sunday School program for children from ages 3-12 on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am. The program began off January 8 and it's interactive, engaging and even includes baking and

movies. If you are looking for a way to get your children engaged in a church, please consider joining us. The program is held at the same time we have service - 9:15 am to 10:15 am.

Due to the cold weather, the Thrift Shop is closed until the beginning of February. Look forward to great winter sales when we reopen. Remember - Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings from 9 am to 12 pm. Feel free to drop off your items as we continue to restock the sheds until we reopen. Reminder - we cannot accommodate any large household items - furniture, electronics, outdoor items. Additionally, we are planning to host a Customer Appreciation Luncheon for our customers in the March 2018 timeframe. Look for more information to come.

It may be cold outside and easy to stay inside.....but life is good and meant to enjoy. Bundle up and get out there!!!

Lopez Takes Oath For 19th District



Perth Amboy resident Yvonne Lopez took the oath of office on Tuesday to represent the 19th Legislative District in the New Jersey General Assembly. Lopez was sworn-in during the Assembly's reorganization meeting at the War Memorial in Trenton. She joins Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin in representing District 19. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

Home News Tribune All-GMC Football

Home News Tribune selected the 2017 All-GMC Football team, which featured local talent from the Sayreville Bombers. First team picks on offense were junior running back Connor Holmes, who racked up 1,281 yards and 15 touchdowns with 198 carries, the #1 mark in the GMC. He was second on the team in pass receptions. Senior offensive lineman Tristan Behr was one of the best two-way linemen in the GMC. On offense he helped the Blue & Gray notch 3,415 yards from scrimmage, 73% came from the ground. Behr's 72 tackles were one of the top totals in Bombertown, and that included 5 for a loss and 2 sacks.

Bombers chosen for 1st Team on defense were senior linebacker Colton Redding, and

senior defensive back Elijah Clark. Redding topped the team with 101 tackles, 4 for a loss, 4 sacks, an interception and also recovered a fumble. In addition he caught 8 passes for 102 yards and 2 TD's. Clark had 22 tackles on defense, and 317 yards and 4 touchdowns on offense.

Junior Jacari Carter was selected as punt returner, even though he starred on defense, offense and special teams. He totaled an impressive 983 all-purpose yards. A punt return specialist, he brought 19 back for 307 yards and 2 TD's. Carter was #2 on the team with 9 touchdowns, and #1 with 3 interceptions. Five of his TD's came via receiving, where he had 333 yards.

College Notebook

Sean Kudelka (South Amboy), a Bishop Ahr graduate is averaging 8.6 points per game (ppg.), and 4.7 rebounds per game (rpg.) for Centenary University (2-9)...Steve Herdman (South Amboy) is the senior captain of FDU-Florham (0-13), and averages 4.9 ppg and 2.6 rpg...Joe Duffy (South Amboy resident) FDU-Florham (0-13) has a 3.3 ppg., and 0.9 rpg...Manny Warren Jr. (Cardinal McCarrick/ St. Mary's Elizabeth) of Felician University (6-7) leads the team with 4.0 assists per game (apg.), and tosses in 8.2 ppg., while getting 3.3 rpg...Jehyve Floyd (Sayreville) playing for Holy Cross University (3-11) is having a banner season with HC, and leads the team in scoring 11.1 ppg., rebounds 5.8 rpg, and has the most blocks 14...Monmouth University (2-11) women's basketball squad is coached by Jenny Kuziemski Palmateer (Hoffman)... Seton Hall University (9-6) women's basketball team, is coached by Anthony Bozzella (former St. Mary's coach)...Corey Taite (Sayreville) Goldey-Beacom College

(Delaware) (8-7) is having an outstanding season, and leads his team in scoring, 18.7 ppg., assists-50, steals-32, and is also #1 in 3-point field goal %-457. Corey poured in an incredible 40 points in a 113-111 win over Adelphi...

Marques Townes (Cardinal McCarrick/ St. Joseph's) Loyola University Ramblers (11-4), is having a fine season, and leads the team in 3-point field goal pct.-.548, and is #2 in scoring 12.5 ppg., steals-12, and assists-40, while hauling in 4.3 rpg...Matt Zebrowski of Sayreville is a (CBA) graduate and swims for Seton Hall U. (5-4) Matt competes in the Butterfly, Breaststroke, and Freestyle for the Pirates...Sean Rappleyea (St. Joseph's) U. of Alabama Huntsville (7-15-2) is in his second season on the hockey team, and also played baseball in 2017...

Elizabeth Kaczmarek (Sayreville) swims for Iona U. Gaels (2-3). Elizabeth is outstanding in the Individual Medley (IM), and looks forward to a great 2018.

Where in New Jersey?



This month's Where in NJ should bring back some great summer memories. Send your answers to satimes@aol.com by February 12, 2018..

December Information Where in New Jersey?

By Brian & Phyllis Stratton

The December Where In NJ was the High Point Monument located in High Point State Park Sussex NJ.

The monument was built through the generosity of the Kusers, in honor of all war veterans. Construction was started in 1928 and completed in 1930. At the top of the 220-foot structure, observers have a breathtaking view of the ridges of the Pocono Mountains toward the west, the Catskill Mountains to the north and the Wallkill River Valley in the southeast.

Where in NJ Winners.

This month's winners include Jennifer Larsen, Judy Guilfoyle, Dennis Quinlan, Jan and Donna Williams, Kevin Crowe, Adele O'Hara, Rosalind Wong, Mike Deitche, Dane Colburn, Chuck Pickard, Peggy & Steve Yuhas, Mike Downs, Leon Credico, Gerry



November Where in New Jersey? Larison's Turkey Farm



Sherry, Elizabeth Leveille, Pat & Bill Scully, Jim Cleary, Gary Feret, Steve Laskiewicz, Eleanore Westerholm, Pat and John Malik, Pete McIntyre.

*Incorrect answers were the Thomas Edison Memorial in Menlo Park; Krauszers on Bordertown Ave.

Trip to Sight and Sound Play - Jesus

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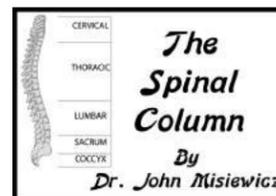
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We have discovered that if our nervous systems aren't expressing themselves perfectly, then our bodies will be functioning at less than one hundred percent. Enjoying health seems to be perceived by most as a privilege that is saved for the fortunate few, when in reality it should be experienced by the vast majority. I want you to realize that from this day forth, it is time to treat your health as the utmost priority, whether you are one minute old, or on hundred years old. We all only get one turn at life. It is my sincere desire to have you live that life with one hundred percent health. By eating correctly, exercising, getting enough sleep, drinking plenty of water, keeping your spine in correct alignment, and nervous system functioning, you will enjoy the greatest gift of all...you are as healthy as you're designed to be.

55 Years Ago

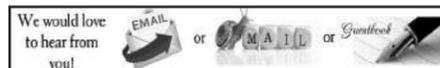
1963-Local basketball standouts were honored by The Evening News and selected All-County 1st Team-John Lange, Hoffman; Jack Kreiger, St. Mary's; 2nd Team-Tom Farrell, St. Mary's; 3rd Team-Ken Wahler, Hoffman...

1963-St. Mary's Eaglettes girls varsity basketball team, playing its second official game in history, nipped St. Peter's, 25-24. Susan Charleton and Kathleen Covert were the Saints co-captains.

25 Years Ago

1993-The Hoffman boys basketball team won its first game of the season, snapping a 13-game losing streak, as they defeated Henry Hudson 61-53. Russell Boyer led the way with 17 points, and was followed by Scott McNerny 15 and Mike DeCore 11...

1993-St. Mary's Elementary School basketball standout, Bob Maher scored his 1,000 career point in his fourth season of elementary school basketball...



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The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

Glory Days In Local Sports

1957-St. Mary's boys basketball team rocked Red Bank Catholic, 62-40, as John Phillips paved the way with 17 points, and was followed by Joe Viggiano 12, and Jim Smelas 10...1963-Sayreville boys basketball squad belted Matawan, 52-41, as Steve Gozora scored 14 points and Jeff Osowski 13...

1978-Hoffman boys soccer team powdered Perth Amboy St. Mary's, 4-0, as John Ziola, Tom Mulligan, Mickey Facendo and Mark Wahler scored goals. Mike Diem turned in a brilliant 12-save shutout...1984-St. Mary's boys cross country team, under the guidance of first year coach Ed Twomey

40 Years Ago

1978-Hoffman girls basketball team opened the season with a convincing 86-19 triumph over East Brunswick Tech. The Lady Guvs balanced scoring attack was paced by Mary Chris Moskal 14 points, Jamie White 14, Mary Beth Bowlby 12, Sue Check 11.

90 Years Ago

1928-St. Mary's obliterated Jamesburg, 102-22 in basketball play. The win was the Eagles' 15th straight, as they got plenty of scoring in this record-setting performance from Johnny Grimes 26 points, Stan Jankowski 26, Lou Lagoda 18, John Zdanewicz 14, Gelsinon 8, Ed Carroll 8, Hrankowski 6, Pohl 2, Walling 2. Joe McGonigle also saw action for the Saints.

captured the CVC championship with a (7-4) record. The Eagles top 5 runners were Randy Wilson, Dave Kennedy, Kevin Byrne, Rich Fleming, Scott Lambertson...1992-Sayreville boys soccer club throttled Hoffman, 5-0 as 5 players scored for the Bombers. Supplying the offensive pop were Jim Keith, Brian Monnier, Don Kall, Charlie Moe, and Jim Williams. Mike Pompeo contributed 2 assists...2003-South Amboy stopped St. Peter's in girls hoops play, as Kiersten McCarthy pumped in 14 points and Traci Szatkowski added 11.

50 Years Ago

1968-St. Mary's fielded its first soccer team, the boys jayvees squad which was coached by Tom Otto, and finished (1-5-1). Rick Sciora led the team by scoring the most goals (total number unavailable).

65 Years Ago

1952-53-Sayreville Bombers superstar Joe Rudy captured the Middlesex County scoring championship in basketball with 493 points, and a 22.4 avg. He was a 1st Team All-County choice in The Evening News and All-Middlesex 1st Team in The Daily Home News, as well as All-State. Hoffman's standout center Jim Inman was a 1st Team All-County pick in The Evening News, and was #6 in the county with 415 points, and an 18.0 avg.

1954

By John "Flip" Phillips

We had no idea what life had in store for us. We were young, loved to play basketball, were friends and went to the same school, St. Mary's Grammar School. Under the leadership of our "Make It Happen Guy" Bobby "Rock" Stader, we asked the school to enter us in the Tri-County Parochial School Basketball League. This was a very big and competitive league that had teams from Mercer, Middlesex and Somerset Counties. I remember (I think) "Rock" talked Monsignor Sullivan into buying us uniforms and a few basketballs. Now we needed a coach. I don't know how it happened, but we got two, and they were the famous South Amboy baseball brothers: Jack "Trader Jack" and Bill "Biff" McKeon. Story has it that Monsignor also made this happen. Well, every Saturday morning (early) we would truck it up to New Brunswick to play in a very cold Sacred Heart school gym. There were a lot of teams in the league, but three stood out: Our Lady of Victories (Sayreville) St. Mary's (South Amboy, us) and St. Peter's New Brunswick. And they finished the season in that order, 1, 2, 3. Now came the playoffs for overall league championship. We got through the first round (I don't remember who we played), and then had to play the league's number one team OLV in the semi-finals. Brother "Biff" coached us solo in the playoffs because brother Jack was off to spring training with the Pittsburgh Pirates. "Biff" would head off to spring training later in the Milwaukee Braves organization.

The game against OLV was close but we won in overtime. We were a "little" lucky to win this one. The time keeper failed to start the clock with seven seconds to go which allowed Tommy "Tex" Leonard to score the tying points before time ran out. We now had to play St. Peter's for the overall league championship. The game was played at the New Brunswick High School gym, and it was the first time I ever played on a court that had glass backboards. When I walked into the gym when the consolation game was on I was "shocked". The place was packed and both games were on radio, WCTC. The "urchins" from South Amboy were in the big time! Just like the OLV game it came down to the last play before the outcome was decided. The game was tied, and we had the ball at mid court after a time out. "Biff" called a unique play during the time out that won it for us. He figured that St. Peter's would closely guard "Rock" and me since we were the scorers on the team. We fooled them, we lined up in an I formation. I took the ball out and "Rock" broke one way, and

Tommy "Tex" Leonard broke to our basket. I passed him the ball, he made the shot and we won. So, "Tex" made the tying points in the semis, and then made the winning points in the finals. St. Mary's South Amboy was the Tri-County Parochial Basketball League Champions of 1954. Now the team:

Johnny McCabe: John graduated from SMHS '58, went on the serve in the Army, married his high school sweetheart and classmate Joan Ploskonka. Together they had 5 children which resulted in 13 grandchildren and 3 (and 1 to come) great grandchildren. Wow!! John joined the South Amboy police force and rose to the rank of Captain. His younger brother Leo also joined the force and rose to Chief of Police. It runs in the family; John's son Brian is a Lieutenant of the South Amboy police force. John liked to hunt, fish and spend time on the water boating. Just like me, John was an Astarita guy in high school (our hang out on Stevens Avenue) and he would sometimes call Joan, on the store telephone. I remember him as a quiet classmate, a nice guy. He left us way too early.

Charlie "Nonnie" Nonnemacher: Charlie graduated from SMHS in 1959. He married a South Amboy girl, Fay Lounsbury SMHS 1961. In 1967 they moved to Warren, New Jersey. They have 2 sons and 3 grandchildren. After working a few years for an appliance sales and service company, he started his own company called Charlie's Appliance Service. In 2017 he retired after running the company for 43 years. "Nonnie" always enjoyed hunting, fishing, traveling and camping. I remember he was also a very good baseball player, a catcher. He told me a funny story recently. When he played baseball in the South Amboy senior league our coach ("Biff") ran into him at home plate trying to knock the ball out of his glove. Charlie says it was a big hit, but he held on to the ball. The coach was out! He and Fay are retired living in Warren, New Jersey.

Pat Mullane: Pat graduated from SMHS in 1959. All I can find on Pat is that he moved to Florida around 20 years ago. So, I guess he is out there somewhere and I hope all is well.

Donald "Dinger" Kohler: Don graduated from Perth Amboy Vo-Tech and became a successful painting contractor. We called him the "Happy Wanderer," he was always on the go. He called me "Johnny Guitar," why I'll never know. He loved to ride horses and was always good for a laugh. (I'll let coach McKeon tell the "Dinger" story about what happened in the locker room during halftime of the championship game). Don passed away

Back In Those College Days

Former South Amboy resident Andy Sabine played basketball for Pacific University back in the early 1960's...Walter Shinn (Parlin) played football for Penn University...Tim Rhatican (Sayreville) who attended St. Benedict's Prep went on to play football at Boston College...Dave Kelton (St. Mary's) played varsity ice hockey for Kean College from 1984-88...Matt Leahy (St. Mary's) played football for Towson State.

O'Brien Family Continues Tradition

John and Eddie O'Brien, better known as the O'Brien twins from South Amboy, dominated national sports headlines back in the 1950's when they starred in baseball and basketball at Seattle University, and went on to play Major League Baseball for the Pittsburgh Pirates, and other teams later on.

Bringing you up to current times, John's grandsons have been making big names for themselves in baseball. Riley O'Brien, a 6-4 right-handed pitcher excelled at the College of Idaho, and was an 8th round, 229th draft pick by the Tampa Bay Devil Rays MLB Club. After signing a contract, he pitched for Princeton in the Appalachian Rookie

T.H.E. Game Year-1993 Sport-Boys Basketball Teams-St. Mary's vs. Sayreville

Recap-The strong Sayreville Bombers breezed by the Eagles of St. Mary's, 83-55 behind stellar 25-point performances by Paul Thompson and Chris Sola, while fellow Bomber Rob Markovitch scored 11. Matt Cannon pumped in 18 for the Saints.

Co-Players-of-the-Game-Paul Thompson and Chris Sola.

League, and excelled in 11 games, pitching 41 innings, striking out 40, with a nice 2.20 ERA, while compiling a (1-0) record. The future certainly is looking very bright for this young and talented athlete.

Riley's brother who is on an athletic/academic scholarship at Seattle University, is in his freshman year, and expected to have a fine baseball career ahead of him.

Another brother Evan O'Brien is a 2016 graduate of Princeton University and is enjoying a successful career. John O'Brien, grandfather of these fabulous young men said that, "I am very proud that they have all done so well, not only in sports, but academically."

Undefeated Champions

1968-69 Sacred Heart Eighth Grade Basketball Team

Coach Rick Ferguson's talented eighth grade boys basketball team rolled to the first unbeaten basketball season in the history of Sacred Heart Grammar School. The won-lost record was not available, but the Hearts topped St. James of Woodbridge, 38-30, to capture the Amboy Area Parochial School championship, behind an awesome

performance by Steve Makwinski, who poured in 18 points.

Rich Krzyzanowski chipped in with 8 points, Dan Clark 5, Fred Chodkiewicz 3, Andy Liyana 3 and Stanley Dzioba 1. Other members of this legendary team were: Rene Piccini, Dave Usa, Matt Clark, John Norman, John Szatkowski, Jim Guilfoyle, Mike Zarembo, mgr. Kenny Wisniewski.



1954-St. Mary's Grammar School championship basketball team pictured kneeling (l-r) Johnny McCabe, Charlie "Nonnie" Nonnemacher, Pat Mullane, Donald "Dinger" Kohler. Standing (l-r) Coach Bill "Biff" McKeon, Tom "Tex" Leonard, Bobby "Rock" Stader, John "Flip" Phillips, Assistant Coach Frank "Tank" Leonard.

a few years ago. Everybody liked "Dinger".

Our Coach, Bill "Biff" McKeon: Bill graduated from SMH in 1950, and from there has led a very interesting, varied and successful life. He graduated from Seton Hall University, and signed a baseball contract with the then Boston Braves, soon to become the Milwaukee Braves. Then it was off to the Army where he coached and played on the team that won the Army European Championship while stationed in Germany. Bill has been a high school teacher and coach, coached little league and college baseball. Then, played and managed minor league baseball. Bill now lives in Evansville, Indiana the last stop in his baseball career (an injury ended the journey), and while there he met and married Elizabeth Unfried, the sister of the team's left fielder. They have been married for 61 years and have: 7 children, 12 grandchildren and 2 great grand kids. (Another Wow!) I met "Lady Elizabeth" recently, she is a perfect match for "Biff." After his playing days were over he spent many years traveling around the country as a major league baseball scout for many teams. He is currently the radio "color" analyst for the Evansville, Indiana Otters minor league baseball team. (Believe me he is worth a listen on radio station WUEV 91.5 FM). I

think I might want to do a full biography on Bill. There is a lot more to his story.

Tom "Tex" Leonard: Tommy graduated from SMHS in 1959. However, I am sorry to say just like Pat Mullane that's about all I can find concerning what happened to him after that. I was told he became a doctor (which does not surprise me) and lives/lived in California. "Tex" was a very good basketball player and led St. Mary's HS in scoring his senior year.

Bobby "Rock" Stader: Rock was my best friend for most of my school years. He graduated from SMHS in 1958, but after I joined the Marines we lost track of each other. I know he went to college, but I can't recall where. I believe he married a girl named Ann Carlin who was a student at Douglass College. I know he started a janitorial supply company which grew over the years. There is an award given each year by the association he founded called The Bob Stader Achievement Award. Bobby passed away many years ago, but even today I smile when I remember some of the fun we had growing up. The snow we had recently down at the shore where I live (17 1/2 inches) reminded me that when it snowed back in our grammar school days "Rock" and I would tramp around town trying to make a

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buck shoveling snow. He was a very good basketball player, the high scorer on our 1954 team and could really hit a baseball.

John "Flip" Phillips: That's me, I graduated from SMHS in 1958. I joined the Marines and left for Boot Camp in Parris Island S.C. five days after graduation day (talk about a culture shock). Somehow to my mothers' surprise I made it. After I got out of the Marines I went to work for DuPont Photo Products in Parlin, starting in the dark tunnels where they made the film. Then did the Tom and Boxes scene (remember the bar on Feltus Street?), I enjoyed myself, played a lot of softball until I broke my ankle. I met and married Iris Lie SMHS 1959 and we have been married for over 55 years, have 3 children and 4 grandchildren. I am hoping to be a great granddad someday if only the grand kids would get busy. I went to night school for eight years and got an Accounting Degree. I then held a variety of accounting positions both in Parlin and Wilmington, Delaware, eventually becoming an Accounting Project Supervisor with DuPont in Wilmington. I was lucky to be assigned to International Accounting and spent many years traveling back and forth to Europe. Iris and I have been to just about every country in Europe. I retired from DuPont with over 35 years service, but was called back as a consultant for another 5 years until we moved from Newark Delaware to LBI. I have a host of health issues, but can still enjoy playing my keyboard and accordion thanks to my Polish mother forcing music on me.

Frank "Tank" Leonard Asst. Coach, Scorekeeper, etc.: "Tank" graduated from SMHS in 1956, and then joined the Marines, another South Amboy Jarhead. When I lived on lower David Street in the Bowery he was my next-door neighbor and close friend. He remained my friend the rest of his life. When I was transferred by DuPont to Wilmington we kept in touch. He and his wife Joan were best man and maid of honor at our wedding. He was an excellent baseball and then softball player, and lest I forget cork ball (we played that game for hours on lower Davis Street). We played on a lot of softball teams together: Tom & Boxes, Frank's Tavern in South Amboy, Larry's and Bill's Tap Room in Sayreville and the DuPont Photo Products team. "Tank" hurt his back along the way, and that put an end to softball. He retired from DuPont and rode around town in his big gold Cadillac with a "Tank" license plate until he passed away over 10 years ago.

Now a few words from our coach, Bill "Biff" McKeon: "They were a great bunch of young gentlemen who represented their parents and school. They played hard and respected their coaches. Most if not all these young players later made a name for themselves within the business world, a tribute to their upbringing from their parents and the Sisters of Mercy. The Dinger story: During halftime of the big game he asked me if it was OK if he had a cigarette. That was the "Ding Dong" I remember."

Postscript: This story came about when Charlie "Nonnie" Nonnemacher" found an old newspaper picture of the team. Since it was over 60 years old it was in poor condition. I had it restored and away we went with the story.

The Game: Both "Rock" and I made all-tournament, and I was awarded the MVP and foul shooting trophies. Foolish me I gave them to my young son and I have no idea what happened to them. End of Story!

Military News

U.S. Air Force
 Airman Kyle B. Almeida, a 2017 Sayreville War Memorial HS graduate, recently graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Tex. He is the son of Arthur and Deborah A. Almeida of South Amboy. Congratulations!

U.S. Air Force National Guard
 Airman 1st Class Simon Diaz graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Tex. He is a 2016 Sayreville War Memorial HS graduate. Congratulations!

20 Years Ago In The SA Times - January 1997 FIRST AID BUILDING DESTROYED



The Morgan First Aid Squad, which recently completed extensive renovations, was completely gutted by a huge electrical fire. Notice the scorched area from flames on upper left and also damage in center, windows and doors are also boarded up. The building will have to be demolished. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Fire Guts Morgan First Aid

Early January 3rd, the Morgan First Aid Squad was destroyed by an electrical fire which was caused by a short in the wires in a three-foot space between the building's roof and drop-ceiling. The flames started above the kitchen in the rear of the building. Joe Scanlon, a founding member of the Squad, who lives nearby, acted calmly, yet quickly to save three ambulance rigs and a "crash truck". Sayreville Police, who arrived at the scene first, could not open the alarmed garage door, and Scanlon heard them over the police radio. He quickly yelled the code numbers to the alarm over the radio, and when he arrived at the building, Patrolmen Scott Poetsch, John Ziola, and Chester Dubil had gotten the doors open, and were driving the three rigs to safety. Scanlon bravely entered the burning building to save the "crash truck", and the

policemen got the rescue boat out. Poetsch and Ziola suffered smoke inhalation and were treated at Memorial Medical Center and released. All of the Morgan First Aid Squad's medical supplies such as bandages, crutches, wheelchairs, etc. were destroyed by flame, water and smoke. Two brand new computers and boxes full of the squad's recently ordered jackets were ruined. The building was gutted, and the roof collapsed, and according to Middlesex County Prosecutor Ralph G. Cretella is structurally unsound and will have to be demolished. Update: Locals have rallied to help the First Aid. Calls will be answered at the Morgan Fire House, where one ambulance will be stored. Two others will be kept at Al's Auto Body on Rt.35, and the crash truck with "jaws of life" will be in President Joe Scanlon's driveway.

Preschool Program Expanded

During the summer the New Jersey Department of Education announced a grant opportunity to expand our preschool program to a full day. Our district continues to be committed to making certain that we are exploring all options for all levels of students and, therefore, we attended the meeting to determine if we would be candidates for this grant.

In late September we were notified that we would be the recipient of approximately \$488,000 to work collaboratively with Acclero Learning and our district toward the establishment of a full day preschool program which would be comprised of approximately 30 students from the City of South Amboy. This grant allowed us to retrofit our former preschool classroom space which was unused in the past few years to full utilization and the transformation has been very exciting for our families and the school.

Students are exposed to varied learning centers throughout the day and learn social skills such as sharing, playing, talking, eating and working together. Parents are also an

important partner in this process as advocates work toward building upon services for all students including special parent workshops and activities to help families engage their children.

The grant requires our district to have fully certified, bilingual teachers. In addition, the New Jersey Department of Education has partnered with us to provide suggestions as well as guidance to make sure that we are following the compliance procedures. In fact, we are the only district, to date, to have a hybrid program filled with students of varied socioeconomic levels.

As we progress with this program, we are proud that we can now offer our parents options related to either full day or half day programs to enable them to determine what best works for them as a family. Our students continue to thrive in this learning atmosphere and we welcome any four year old who is currently a resident of South Amboy to join our program and bring your family to see our students in action.

Sheriff Mildred S. Scott Holidays In July Fundraiser

Holidays in July is a nonprofit organization started by the Middlesex County Sheriff's Office with the full support of Sheriff Mildred Scott in an effort to give back to the community. The main goal of Holidays in July is to provide gifts for children and families in need during the holiday season. The name Holidays in July came from the largest contributing fundraiser that is a basket auction held each year in July.

In November Middlesex County Sheriff's Office Holidays in July was able to sponsor a family in need during a very critical time. Their youngest child has been battling hydrocephalus his entire young life, as well as a slew of other medical issues that seem to pop up along the way. Holidays in July were more than happy to help with a \$500 Gift Card donation as well as some much needed baby supplies. On December 8, 2017 Holidays in July dropped off a large quantity of gifts to Robert Wood Johnson Children's

Hospital which will be distributed to patients during their holiday party. On December 15th 2017 Holidays in July handed out gifts to all of the children and families who will be in the hospital throughout the holiday season. Middlesex County Sheriff's Office Holidays in July was also fortunate enough to have extra toys to donate to Harmony Family Success Center in New Brunswick, so families that are victims of domestic violence are able to celebrate a happy holiday.

Holidays in July along with Middlesex County Sheriff's Office and Sheriff Mildred Scott would like to thank everyone who made these amazing holiday donations possible. Without the help of so many businesses, families, and individuals in an amazing community, none of this would have been possible.

For more information or details, please contact the Middlesex County Sheriff's Office at 732-745-3271

The Friends Of South Amboy Charity Basketball Games December 16, 2017 (Photos by Brian Stratton)



Members of the South Amboy HS Girls Varsity basketball team pose for a photo with the Middbo family.



The South Amboy Girls Varsity Basketball Team are pictured with the Calvary Chapel Team just after their game. Calvary Topped South Amboy 33-22.



The South Amboy Governors prior to their game with Calvary Chapel. Calvary topped the Guvs 59-39.



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Salt Water
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Fresh Water
 Snow and bitter cold have put an end to open stream fishing which hasn't really been great in 2017 due to exceptional low water conditions. What is now good is ice fishing in upstate lakes like Budd Lake and Lake Hopatcong. These lakes are producing Perch and some nice Pickerel if you are willing to brave the cold. The ice is safe, at least a foot at this time. If you do try, use shiner baited tip ups. The Delaware River is frozen over, but some Walleyes were caught before the freeze

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Dorothy Peterson Fenwick

Dorothy Peterson Fenwick, known as Dottie, born April 19, 1926 passed on December 23, 2017 in her home on Fort Myers Beach, Florida.

She was born and raised in the Mechanicsville section of South Amboy, graduating from St. Mary's High School - Class of 1944.

She was pre-deceased by her parents, Lester and Carrie (nee Gamble) Peterson and her husbands, Everett Fenwick Sr. and Leonard Bockman.

She is survived by her beloved sister and brother-in-law, Bernice (Neen) and Edward Orlowicz. Herson, Everett Fenwick Jr. (Butch), daughter, Christine Fenwick Kiebach and partner, John Kubichek. Four grandchildren, Matthew Kiebach, Jess Kiebach, Caroline Kiebach Stalfa and William Stalfa. Four great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren. She was a devoted Aunt to her nephews; Dave Owens and his wife Nancy, Dan Owens and his husband, Rich Maile. Several generations of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Her spirit and love of life and family will continue to live in those she inspired during her amazing life.

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

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Historic Virginia Trip

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Historic Virginia from June 5 to June 8, 2018. The cost of the trip is \$735.00 which includes accommodations, bus transportation, daily breakfast, Daily dinner with a dinner at a Williamsburg tavern with evening entertainment, wine tasting, and lunch at the historic Michie Tavern in Monticello. For further information or to reserve a seat please contact Teri at 732-727-7639

Thank You

My family and I would like to thank our customers and friends for your kindness, consideration and sympathy expressed. We greatly appreciate it.

The Guiamano Family

Obituaries

Bailey, Norman E., 87, formerly of Sayreville died on Jan. 4.

Black, Patricia A., 70, of Parlin died on Dec. 23.

Boland, Joseph A., 102, of South Amboy died on Jan. 12.

Carey, Dennis J., 61, formerly of South Amboy died on Dec. 31.

Casey, Donna, formerly of Sayreville died on Nov. 29.

Cohoon, Michael, 64, of South Amboy died on Dec. 20.

DeLucia, Madeline, 89, of South Amboy died on Jan. 9.

Durnye, John M., 92, of South Amboy died on Jan. 8.

Fenwick, Dorothy Peterson, 91, formerly of South Amboy died on Dec. 23.

Grabowski, Adela M., 88, of Parlin died on Dec. 12.

Guiamano, Kathleen McNulty, 74, of Sayreville died on Dec. 28.

Halifko, Pearl D., 91, formerly of Sayreville died on Dec. 20.

Helal, Omar, 23, of South Amboy died on Dec. 24.

Jaken, Agnes, 94, of Sayreville died on Jan. 4.

Johnson, Marjorie L., 89, formerly of South Amboy died on Dec. 19.

Keenan, Marilyn "Lynn," 92, formerly of Sayreville died on Dec. 18.

Keister, Helen, 90, of Sayreville died on Dec. 11.

Klein, Karen Munck, 58, of South Amboy died on Dec. 29.

Koy, Scott, 46, of Parlin died on Dec. 22.

Malik, Francis J., 80, of Sayreville died on Jan. 9.

Maliszewski, Leon, 85, of Parlin died on Dec. 20.

McCarthy, Michael "Woody," 70, formerly of South Amboy died on Dec. 18.

McCloud, Marian Heath, 70, of Parlin died on Dec. 18.

McNamara, Rose M. Charmello, 94, of South Amboy died on Jan. 3.

Melnick, Mary, 91, of Sayreville died on Dec. 24.

Morris, James, 72, of Parlin died on Dec. 25.

Pytel, Edward J., 88, of Sayreville died on Dec. 1.

Quinlan, Dennis F., 74, of Parlin died on Jan. 11.

Redford, Jane, of Parlin died on Dec. 23.

Ruszczuk, Albert, 82, of Parlin died on Dec. 12.

Timko, Robert "Bob" J., of South Amboy died on Dec. 22.

Turner, Bruce, 61, of South Amboy died on Jan. 7.

Ulrich, Ethel, 82, of Morgan died on Dec. 20.

Wesley, Raymond F., 77, of South Amboy died on Jan. 10.

Wisniewski, Felix, 92, of Sayreville died on Dec. 19.

McCarthy Dies

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He is predeceased by his parents, Woodrow and Mary McCarthy, his sister Mary Rita McCarthy, his nephews Christian and Jason McCarthy, and his nieces Colleen Guikoff and Carolyn Charmello.

Michael is survived by his devoted and loving wife, Roberta, son Michael and his wife Sheila, his daughter, Laura. His brother Patrick and his companion Victoria Foy. His niece Rebecca McCarthy and Brian McQuade and their daughter Karen. His sister Nancy Ayers and his niece Kelly and nephew Thomas. His daughters Roberta and her husband Jarrod, Sally and her husband Jamey, and Gina and her husband Mike. Michael is also survived by 8 grandchildren. A memorial service will be planned at a later date. He was a great guy and will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

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.

In Memoriam

Edward Pytel, 88, of Sayreville died on Dec. 1. He was the Borough of Sayreville Historian for many years. In addition, he was a charter member/past president, and one of the founding members of the Sayreville Historical Society Museum of which he was its first Curator. Helen Keister, 90, of Sayreville died on Dec. 11. She was a proud recipient of the Knights of Columbus Shield Award for Senior Citizen of the Year in 1997, and honored on two other occasions by the mayor and council for many years of service to the senior community. Albert Ruszczyk, 82, of Parlin died on Dec. 12. He was a manager of the Paint Dept. at DuPont

in Sayreville prior to his retirement. Bruce Turner, 61, of South Amboy died on Jan. 7. He was a fine businessman/contractor who owned Turner Home Maintenance for many years. Bruce was one of the nicest and most sincere guys you could ever meet and will be greatly missed by all who had the opportunity to know him. Rose McNamara, 94, of South Amboy died on Jan. 3. She was a kind-hearted lady who will never be forgotten. Dennis Quinlan, 74, of Parlin died on Jan. 11. A great guy and well-respected gentleman, he worked at the New Jersey Turnpike Authority before his retirement. May God Bless them all for all the happiness they brought while on earth.

Remembering Ray Wesley

By Tom Burkard

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 Past Grand Knight, Ray Wesley, 77, of South Amboy died on Jan. 10 after a long and brave battle with cancer. Ray was one of the most loyal, dedicated, and hard-working members of the Knights, and also very active with the South Amboy Elks Lodge #784. If you ever had the opportunity to be around Ray, you would know how much he loved life, enjoyed the good times with friends, and would always lend an ear and give some good advice if you were ever in need. He was a definite to show and help at many community events, when his work and health would allow, and his friendly greeting, smile and handshake brightened the days of many people, who knew and loved him.

A 1958 graduate of Perth Amboy High School, he always had great stories to tell

about when he was the catcher on the varsity baseball team.

Wesley worked in a variety of management positions, before retiring from the New Jersey Turnpike Authority.

Ray enjoyed playing golf, deep sea fishing, skiing, and cooking, (something he was very good at, and always volunteered to cook at countless events at the K of C Hall of Fourth St. and North Stevens Avenue).

He was very proud of his Polish heritage, and also one of his best friends, Bob Anderson, who was an All-American football player for Army at West Point, and went on to play pro ball for the New York Giants. Ray will certainly be missed by the many people whose lives he touched in such a positive way.

Bruce Turner

Bruce Turner, 61, of South Amboy, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Sunday, January 7, 2018 at Hackensack University Medical Center in Hackensack. Bruce was born on January 7, 1957 in Ridgewood and grew up in Allendale. On September 29, 1990, Bruce and his wife, Cindy, were married and began their lives together in Union. Shortly after the birth of their second daughter, they settled in South Amboy to raise their family. Bruce worked as a Contractor for many years and in 2001 began his own contracting company, Turner Home Maintenance.



He was predeceased by his parents, Louis and Dorothy (VanBuskirk) Turner. Bruce is survived by his beloved and devoted wife of 27 years, Cindy (Komick) Turner, his loving daughters, Kali and Candace Turner of South Amboy, his dear brothers, Robert L. Turner and his wife, Marsha, of Ringwood, and Rich Turner of Allendale, along with many cherished aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and one nephew, and his special "furry friends", his cats,

Jitterbug, Ringo, and Milo. Bruce will be deeply missed, but never forgotten.

A visitation was held on Friday, January 12, 2018 from 2:00 to 4:00 and 7:00 to 9:00 PM and Saturday morning, January 13, 2018 from 10:00 to 11:00 AM with a service that began at approximately 10:15 AM at the Shore Point Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc., 3269 State Highway/Route 35 North, Hazlet, New Jersey 07730. In respect of Bruce's wishes, he was privately cremated. The Turner family would like to give a special "Thank you" to all the staff at Hackensack University Medical Center, 5PW Oncology Unit, for the compassion, kindness, love and the wonderful care they provided to Bruce during his time at the hospital. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent

to The Hackensack UMC Foundation in loving memory of Bruce Turner. Gifts will benefit 5PW at Hackensack University Medical Center, 160 Essex Street, Lodi, New Jersey 07644, in care of Kimberly Caesar. For information, directions, or to send condolences to the family, please visit, www.shorepointfh.com.

Kathleen McNulty Guiamano

Kathleen McNulty Guiamano, 74, of Sayreville died on Thursday December 28, 2017 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Old Bridge. Born in Jersey City she moved to Sayreville in 1954. She was a 1961 graduate of St. Mary's High School, South Amboy.

Daughter of the late Thomas and Tekla Lysiak McNulty she is also predeceased by her brother and sister-in-law Dennis and Sally McNulty and her sister Eileen Soltys and her sister-in-law Eleanor Guiamano Richard. She is survived by her husband Frank Guiamano; her son and daughter-in-law Joseph and Lauren Guiamano of Sayreville; her daughter and son-in-law Trinette and Dan Grocott of Milltown; her



sisters and brothers-in-law Patricia and Raymond Reszkowski of Freehold and Terry and Rennie Freyer of Georgia and her brother-in-law Paul Soltys of Westville and her grandchildren Sierra and Danielle Grocott and Jake and Aida Guiamano and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 8:45 am from The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy followed by a 9:30 am Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's R.C. Church, South Amboy. Cremation will be private. Donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org.

John M. Durnye

John M. Durnye, 92, on Monday, January 8, 2018 entered in eternal rest. He was born the son of the late John and Veronica in Perth Amboy. John lived most of his life in South Amboy and was a proud Veteran who fought bravely during WWII earning a Purple Heart.



John was the devoted husband of the late Mary (2005). He is survived by his loving children Veronica (Ronnie) Johnson-Rezem (Louis E.), Jean M. and Michael J. (Sarah), cherished grandfather to Eric DeProssimo (Jennifer), Helen Ronco (Randy) and Russell; great grandfather to Jason, Jaxson DeProssimo, Skyler and Pryce. John was predeceased his brothers Jake, Al, Gabe, Lou, George and a grandson Marc DeProssimo.

John and his late father-in-law William Fisler started the South Amboy Arena in 1958. As the years went on the family business grew to 7 additional roller skating rinks. The family adopted the trade name Roller Magic Roller Rinks. John's legacy will live on and the enjoyment that was given over the decades from a true family run business. He will be greatly missed by all his patrons and friends.

Viewing was at The Kurzawa Funeral Home, 338 Main Street, South Amboy, NJ 08879, www.kurzawafh.com. Mass of Christian Burial was held at Sacred Heart Church with an entombment at St. Mary's Mausoleum. In Lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Alzheimer's Association Greater New Jersey Chapter, 3 Eves Dr #310, Marlton, NJ 08053 Phone: (973) 866-8143.

Karen Munck Klein

Karen Munck Klein, 58, of South Amboy died on Friday December 29, 2017 at JFK Medical Center, Edison. Born in Perth Amboy she lived in South Amboy all her life.

Daughter of the late Robert Munck she is survived by her husband Richard H. Klein of Largo, Florida; her son and daughter-in-law Richard C. and Lindsey Klein of Sayreville; her mother Lorraine Szatkowski Munck; her brothers Robert Munck of the Highlands, John Munck of Sayreville and Daryl and Glen Munck of South Amboy and her niece Aimee Carey.

Funeral services were held on Monday, January 1, 2018 at 5:30 pm at The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy. Cremation was private. Donations may be made to Susan G. Komen For the Cure, www.komen.org.

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He was a volunteer fireman with Melrose Hose Company No. 1, and became an Exempt Fireman. In his spare time he took a Dale Carnegie course and became an accomplished and entertaining public speaker. In addition, he was a Cub Master and Scout Master for Sacred Heart Troop 95, a Democratic Committeeman and later Sayreville Democratic Municipal Chairman. Wisniewski served as a Councilman and Council President on the Sayreville Borough Council from 1972-1984.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Cecelia Wisniewski, 2 sons, Felix and his wife Mary Beth, John and his wife Deborah, and 5 grandchildren; Meghan, Emily, Sarah, Felix and Rachel.

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