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On January 1, 2022 the City of South Amboy swore in the new fire chiefs. At a ceremony at City Hall at 12 noon, Mayor Fred Henry swore in 2nd Assistant Fire Chief Timothy Gay from Progressive Fire Company Eng 9, 1st Assistant Fire Chief John Dragotta from Independence Hose Co. Eng 7, and Chief of the Department David Szatkowski from Protection Engine Co Eng 6. Assistant Chief Gay was accompanied by his wife Lisa as his sons and daughter Nick, Kevin and Stephanie watched on. Assistant Chief Dragotta was accompanied by his wife Diane and daughters Hannah and Jenna. Chief Szatkowski was accompanied by his mother Eileen and father Edward. Chief Szatkowski is a third generation fire chief. His father Ed Jr. served in 1981, grandfather Ed Sr. served in 1961, as well as uncles John (1991) and Steven (2017). (Photo/Caption by Jamie Norek)



Pictured (l-r) at the South Amboy Police Dept. promotion ceremony is Sgt. James Charmello, Lt. Daniel Holovacko, Chief of Police Darren LaVigne, Lt. Patricia Kanecke, Sgt. Steve Clark, Mayor Fred Henry. (Photo by Jamie Norek)

City of South Amboy Police Promotions

On Friday, January 7th in the presence of family and friends Mayor Fred Henry administered the oath of office to four members of the South Amboy Police Department who were promoted to new ranks.

Sergeants Patricia Kanecke and Daniel Holovacko were promoted to Lieutenant and Officers Steven Clark and James Charmello Jr. were promoted to Sergeant.

Lieutenant Kanecke first served the City of South Amboy as a Special Officer II in 1997, and became a full time Officer in 2001. Lieutenant Kanecke was the first female Officer in South Amboy. She was promoted to Lieutenant in 2012 and has served as a Patrol Sergeant, continues to serve as the Supervisor in charge of support services, and along with Lieutenant Holovacko served as the co-Accreditation Manager for the Department.

Lieutenant Holovacko joined the South Amboy Police Department in 2002. His assignments have included the Patrol Division where in 2014 he was promoted to

Sergeant. He has also served as the Internal Affairs Officer, DARE Officer, TAC Officer and most recently in the Investigations Division. His new assignment will be as a Detective Lieutenant.

A United States Marine Veteran, Sergeant Clark joined the South Amboy PD in 2012 and has had assignments in the Patrol Division and Traffic Safety. He will serve as the Traffic Safety Sergeant.

Sergeant Charmello joined the South Amboy PD in 2003 where he served in the Uniform Division with distinction. He serves as a Field Training Officer for the Department and will serve as a Patrol Supervisor.

"As the City grows it is my commitment that we will continue to grow our Police Department so all residents can continue to enjoy top caliber public safety services" said Mayor Fred Henry. "These promotions, along with our current process in hiring and training new Officers will ensure our police have the tools and personnel they need to achieve their mission".

South Amboy Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee Announces 2022 Grand Marshal

This year, 2022 marks the 45th annual South Amboy Saint Patrick's Day Parade set to begin at 2 pm on Sunday, March 20, 2022. Once again, the parade committee is hard at work coordinating this monumental event with the City of South Amboy. As one of the biggest events in the city of South Amboy and one of the largest parades in the State of New Jersey the parade will feature more than 23 bands and over 2,000 marchers. This year we are adding some new bands to the lineup as well as confirming city favorites such as South Amboy's own D.B. Kelly Pipes and Drums. Parade participants will begin line-up at 1 pm on South Pine Avenue.

South Amboy resident Tom Dempsey will serve as the Parade's Grand Marshal. Mr. Dempsey, or "Demp" to his friends and family, grew up in Jersey City, NJ and is best known for his impressive work history, entrepreneurial spirit, positive, energetic personality and his "gift of the gab." A

member of the South Amboy Ancient Order of Hibernians for over 23 years, Mr. Dempsey has served as both Treasurer and Financial Secretary for the organization

He and his wife Phyllis were the proud owners of Phyllis' Sugar Bowl which offered residents homemade chocolates and ice cream for over 28 years at its former location on Broadway in South Amboy.

When given the honor of Grand Marshal, Mr. Dempsey explained that "I have been pretty successful in my life, but being named Grand Marshal of the South Amboy Parade is an honor I can't explain. It has left me humble and speechless, and as I look over my 88 years, I can honestly say that this is cherry on the cake."

For additional parade information or to register your organization as a 2022 parade participant, please visit www.southamboyparade.com.



Actress Anne Hathaway is pictured with Ray Kukulski, who with his wife Anne Kukulski, are the owners of Lagoda's Saloon, where scenes from the movie "Eileen" were being filmed. (Photo by RaeAnne Kukulski) See more photos and story on page 15.

Coughlin Makes History

NJ Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin, formerly of South Amboy was recently re-elected to serve a history-making third term as the first Democratic Assembly Speaker to serve three consecutive 2-year terms. Congratulations Speaker Coughlin!

Covid Testing

Covid Testing is now held at the Senior Building at 108 Stevens Avenue, it will continue each Tuesday and Thursday from 10am to 3pm. Pre registration is strongly encouraged as it will expedite your visit. However, you can register on site. No appointments are required. Please be mindful of pedestrians in the area.

To register for testing please visit <https://covidtestsnj.com/covid-19-testing-south-amboy/>.

Thank You

On behalf of the Friends of South Amboy we would like to thank everyone who came out and supported our charity games on December 18. With your support we are able to assist city residents in need. A special thank you goes out to all the sponsors, participating teams and the South Amboy Board of Education

Sayreville Gets Two New Police Officers

Sayreville Chief of Police John Zebrowski recently welcomed two new police to the Borough's staff. Officer Mark Nairooz and Officer Jonathan Madera completed their training and are now on the roster. Congratulations and much success, Mark and Jonathan!

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Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

Another Covid Christmas

It seems like local rocker Kenny Kurczeski of Sayreville and his band called Kenny K & The Way were on target again this year at Christmas, with their excellent song "Covid Christmas." No matter where you would go, you would hear that someone had the latest strain, Omicron, and were out of action for the Christmas and New Year holidays. Fortunately, authorities say this round is not nearly as serious as the first two, thank God! Kenny K. is currently at work on another album, and if you didn't get to see his "Covid Christmas" video, go to youtube.com, and type in Kenny K. & The Way. It's a catchy song, and fun video, as you see the talented musicians in the studio recording the tune.



Margaret Whiteley, a senior at South Amboy High School was recently selected to serve on Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr.'s Youth Advisory Council for New Jersey's 6th Congressional District. Congratulations Maggie! (Photo/Info Submitted)

Kern Top Vote-Getter In BOE Election

It was recently brought to our attention that in the South Amboy Board of Education election in November, Jane Kern led all candidates with 1,273 votes. She was uncontested for the unexpired 3-year term. There were also three incumbents who ran for three (3-year terms): John Dragotta 1,150 votes, Anthony Conrad 888 votes, Lynn Kasics 799. Incumbent Laurie Guthrie received 1,196 votes for a 2-year unexpired term.

Dad-Daughter Dance

The South Amboy - Sayreville Rotary Club's annual Dad-Daughter Dance might be delayed until June this year due to upticks of COVID. If you would like to attend or have questions please contact Greg at 732-721-0400 or email greg@customfinancial.org.



Bruce Grankowski of Sayreville sent this photo of The SA Times newest and youngest reader, "Lane." The proud grandfather said, "Lane is pictured discovering The SA Times for the first time. I think she was looking for the Vintage Car picture." (Photo by Bruce Grankowski)

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Pleasant Little TRIVIA By Tom Burkard

1. What year did Frog Hollow Swim & Tennis Club have it's groundbreaking ceremony?
 a. 1957 b. 1962 c. 1969
2. Named principal of St. Stan's School in 1999?
 a. Joan Viskowski b. Sheleen Brown c. Harriet Samim
3. South Amboy City Council President in '98?
 a. James Reick b. Donald Thomas c. Beverly Samuelson
4. Owner of Sayreville Bar & Restaurant for many years?
 a. Jack Ruffner b. Walter Meyer c. Mary Kokenwicz
5. South Amboy's Fire Chief in 1998?
 a. Mark Herdman b. Don Braun c. Larry McMahon Jr.
6. In 2002, where was The Upper Cut 1 located in Sayreville?
 a. Bordentown Ave. b. Rt. 35, Morgan c. Main St.
7. South Amboy Knights of Columbus #426 Grand Knight from 1999-2000?
 a. John Mansfield b. Tom Pearson c. Fred Whiteley
8. Received the most votes in the Sayreville Board of Education election in '02 with 1,722?
 a. Art Rittenhouse Jr. b. Joseph Bera III c. John Myatt
9. What was the name of the movie that was partially filmed in South Amboy back in '99?
 a. The Purple Rose of Cairo b. Coyote Ugly c. A Mile Square Town
10. Mayor of Sayreville in '97?
 a. Victoria Kilpatrick b. Kennedy O'Brien c. James Zagata

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

South Amboy Middle/High School



The South Amboy Middle/High is Pleased to Announce Our Students of the Month for November!! Throughout the school year, the Middle/High School teaching staff nominate students for the student of the month award. The nominations are based on character, school spirit, and academic integrity. For November, we are happy to announce our winners. Pictured from left to right: Principal - Dr. P. McCabe, students: B. Galioto - 6th grade, S. Nkhata - 7th grade, I. Pardo - 8th grade, O. Slomiany - 9th grade, M. Reyes Esiquio -10th grade, D. Lozano-11th grade, and A. Vella - 12th grade. (Photo/Info Submitted)

South Amboy Chooses Ferry Operator- Project Gets Green Light

For more than 20 years the City of South Amboy has been working to establish regular commuter ferry service from the city to Manhattan. On September 13th the North Jersey Transportation Authority gave the City funding authorization to move forward with their long-anticipated project. This critical step will allow the City to advertise for and award a construction contract in the weeks ahead.

"Since the summer months we have been able to reach the end of the planning process and are moving forward with construction", said Mayor Fred Henry. "Our goal is to work with our operator to establish a temporary service in the upcoming months while our new permanent facility is built".

The City recently finalized the process for selecting a Ferry Operator and is proud to announce that New York Waterway has been selected to provide passenger ferry service in the City. Established in 1986, NY Waterway is the preeminent ferry provider in the New York metropolitan area with a reputation for reliable premium service.

"We are delighted South Amboy has chosen NY Waterway to provide ferry service. With congestion on our roads increasing and commuters looking for safe ways to travel, this is just the right time to increase transportation options. We look forward to working with the Mayor and his administration to give riders a safe, fast and convenient commute to Manhattan," said Armand Pohan, Chairman, President and

CEO of NY Waterway. "Both residents and commuters from the area have been waiting for the project to move from planning to reality. With the invaluable help of Congressman Frank Pallone and Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin we were able to fully fund this important transportation infrastructure improvement" said Glenn Skarzynski City Business Administrator.

The new facility will be anchored by a two-story ferry terminal and will provide 750 parking spaces in support of new ferry riders. In addition, a waterfront promenade is planned to allow residents and visitors another access to the city's bayfront.

Mayor Henry added "It is my intent, as adjacent properties develop further, to bring additional public waterside amenities to the residents of the City. While we welcome new residents who want to enjoy the luxury of waterfront living in South Amboy, we want to make sure that the Raritan Bay is fully accessible to everyone."

The city is currently in the process of selecting the engineering firm that will provide oversight during the construction process. As this process proceeds South Amboy will be soliciting bids to identify who will be awarded the contract to build the new facility. "We fully expect to be able to break ground on this project in early 2022", said Mayor Henry "and we will work with NY Waterway to establish temporary accommodations to begin service from South Amboy while the complex is being built".

Father Pekola Leads OLV

By Steve Schmid

Father David Pekola is the new Administrator of Our Ladies of Victories Parish in Sayreville. He said OLV parishioners are "very friendly and very welcoming." Father Dave has been a priest for more than 35 years and previously served as Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Fatima in Piscataway. He was also Pastor at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Hackettstown for 20 years. He also served at Saint Elizabeth in Far

Hills, Saint Cecilia in Iselin, and Our Lady of Lourdes in Milltown. Father Dave is glad to serve at OLV. "Catholic parishes need a new spirit and a new sense of connection to Jesus" He added that Jesus is the season in the life of the church, and it is important to go to Mass so people can connect to God. The South Amboy Sayreville Times wishes Father Dave good luck and success in his new assignment.

Valentine's Day Rose Sale

Independence Engine & Hose Co. #1, South Amboy will hold a Valentine's Day Rose Sale on Feb. 13 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Feb. 14 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Independence Firehouse 127-129 North Broadway. Prices for the roses are: One dozen red-\$20; One dozen color-\$15; Two dozen color-\$25. Cash only. Come out and support your local firefighters.

Spaghetti Dinner February 25

South Amboy Columbiettes are holding a Spaghetti Dinner Friday February 25 beginning 6:30 PM at the Knights of Columbus, 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Cost is \$12. You can eat in or take out. For more information call Vicki at 732-598-6910.



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Yearbook-South Amboy 2002

By Tom Burkard

"I'm Real" by Jennifer Lopez with Ja Rule topped the music charts in September 2001, when the South Amboy HS seniors returned for their final year. They were back in class for less than a week when the horrible 9/11 tragedies shocked the world... The 2002 yearbook was titled "Some Things Never Change," and it was dedicated to Stacey Weinstein. Mrs. McAlister was the principal, and some of her fine faculty included; Ken Blekeski, Cathy Charmello, Robert Dougherty, George Gundrum, Charlotte Kierst, Gary Kuhn, E. Mulligan, T. Reilly, J. Schnyderite... The senior class officers were Eddie Beshada, Pres.; Randy Fallon, V.P.; Nick Blum, Sec.; Heather Letts, Treas... Extracurricular activities were plentiful, such as the musical productions "Guys and Dolls," and also "Wizard of Oz;" the Walkathon for the March of Dimes; Fright Fest; the Food Drive for the St. Vincent de Paul Society; Spirit Week; Homecoming 2001, which featured Ed Beshada as king and Monika Walesa as queen. There were also countless other groups...

The 2002 seniors were: Benjamin Bajkowski, Viktor Bober, Orlando Clavero, Erin Connors, Thomas Dalfonzo, Andrew David, Shawn Dexter, Maria Diniz, Barbara Dula, Stephanie English, Robert Fischer, Ryan Frisch, Ross Furia, Matthew Gonsalves,

Marius Gromadzki, Catherine Grzybala, Lisa Halmo, Sara Humphrey, Christina Kelly, Cheri Kurtiak, Tara Lawrence, Jason Mages, Robert McCarthy, Tiffany Miller, Hope Mohamed, Krzysztof Mroczkowski, Urszula Nicewicz, Steven O'Brien, Robert Pansini, Jeffrey Parmenter, Jason Rand, Nial Reddan, Sean Reddan, Nicole Richiusa, Christopher Riley, Suzanne Smith, Michelle Sweatt, Joann Tomaszewski, Greg Tulowiecki, Gladys Vargas, Monika Walesa, Vanessa Gonzales, Jennifer Zara, James Ziola, Jaroslaw Zwiercan, Nickolas Blum, Lauren Brady, Janusz Kmiecziak... Some of the many talented senior athletes included: Kenny Batiuk, Randy Fallon, Brian Hyslop, Heather Letts, Daniel Nuzzie, Melissa Poulsen, Melissa Rainone, Regan Rone (Best girls' soccer player in school history, plus a member of the 1,000-points club in basketball), Marcelo Santos, Danielle Ball, Mariusz Choinski, Stacey Connors, Karolina Debek, Krzysztof Glomski, Jennifer Keesing, Jennifer Kurtz, Timothy Ricablanca, Daniel Rowley, Michelle Szatkowski, Amber Witham...

At graduation time, "Foolish" by Ashanti was the #1 hit song in the nation... The South Amboy HS Class of 2002 had many fine young adults who have worked hard and become successful in life.

A New Five Star Rehabilitation Provider Comes to Perth Amboy

The New Year, 2022; rings in Spring Creek Nursing & Rehabilitation as a top-notch destination and leader in subacute rehabilitation, long-term care.

The address 1 Lindbergh Avenue of Convery Blvd Perth Amboy is an address known to many as the former Amboy Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Allaire Health Services out of Freehold NJ recently acquired the facility. Allaire's CEO, Ben Kurland, LNHA and his team is known for transforming and modernizing the facilities that they operate. As of today, Allaire has transformed facilities in Freehold, Morristown, East Orange, Morris Township, Danville PA and Bennington, VT.

Allaire philosophy pivots on its' commitment to providing the highest level of treatment, compassion, and service to their patients and residents by delivering comprehensive specialty care tailored to each person's individual needs and that of their families.

They strive to continually foster the progress of each person's rehabilitation towards their maximum level of physical, mental, social, and spiritual functioning in a warm, attentive state-of-the-art environment that emphasizes the importance of engaging family members in the recovery and nursing care of their loved ones.

Ben notes that their facilities are committed to be an active (and proactive!) presence in the community, they promote

ongoing communication with area doctors and hospitals, ensuring that the local medical community plays an integral role in the development of our specialty programs, and cultivating relationships with Senior Centers, local Boards and Schools that allow us to capitalize on their strengths for the benefit and wellbeing of our patients and residents.

Allaire's Chief Nursing Officer, Chava Goldschmidt BSN, RN, CRRN, is crafting clinical programs tailored on meeting the needs of the community served. Some of the programs include cardiac, peritoneal dialysis, pulmonary, wound care, palliative, intravenous therapy, respite, orthopedic rehabilitation, and others.

In the next few weeks, work will begin on changes to the façade, new signage, new patient rooms, new state of the art gym, to name a few. Plans are in place to launch the much-needed ethnic programs such as its "Latino Program." We must meet the health, spiritual, cultural, and ethnic needs of the community we serve, Ben reiterated. Spring Creek plans on holding quarterly support group meetings on campus such as bereavement, dementia & Alzheimer's, and others.

Sam, the facilities administrator, said he was humbled and blessed to have come to beautiful Middlesex County to offer much needed quality service to its residents in a world class facility.

New Season - New Fields!



Equipment is staged to begin work on Little League Fields. (Photo by Bob Paulukiewicz)

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Happy Valentine's Day to all the friends and families we have served throughout 2021 and to the communities we honorably serve...



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South Amboy Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee Announces 2022 Parade Plans

2022 marks the 45th annual South Amboy Saint Patrick's Day Parade set to begin at 2 pm on Sunday, March 20, 2022. Once again, the parade committee is hard at work coordinating this monumental event with the City of South Amboy. As one of the biggest events in the city of South Amboy and one of the largest parades in the State of New Jersey the parade will feature more than 23 bands and over 2,000 marchers. This year we are adding some new bands to the lineup as well as confirming city favorites such as South Amboy's own D.B. Kelly Pipes and Drums. Parade participants will begin line-up at 1 pm on South Pine Avenue.

South Amboy resident Tom Dempsey will serve as the Parade's Grand Marshal. Mr. Dempsey, or "Demps" to his friends and family, grew up in Jersey City, NJ and is

best known for his impressive work history, entrepreneurial spirit, positive, energetic personality and his "gift of the gab." He and his wife Phyllis were the proud owners of Phyllis' Sugar Bowl which offered residents homemade chocolates and ice cream for over 28 years at its former location on Broadway in South Amboy.

Once again, the parade will provide spectators with a multicultural array of entertainment including various pipe and drum bands, the sounds of Salsa music, a steel drum band and the color, excitement, and grandeur of a Philadelphia Mummers String Band to our city.

For additional parade information or to register your organization as a 2022 parade participant, please visit www.southamboyparade.com.

AOH Donates to St Mary's Food Pantry



On December 16th, 2021, The Col D.B. Kelly, Middlesex Co. Div. #1, Ancient Order Of Hibernians, South Amboy presented \$500 in gift cards from Shop Rite and Target to the St Mary's Food Pantry in South Amboy. The gift cards will go to a family in South Amboy to help give their family a Christmas this year. Pictured (l- r) are Division President Mark R. Hurley and "Rocky" Kusic from St. Mary's Food Pantry. (Photo/Info Submitted)

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The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, BA., MS

Tragedy strikes again. In a matter of ten days there were two major disastrous fires that took the lives of thirty-two people, seventeen of which were children. In Philadelphia on December 29, 2021, a deadly fire broke out in a three-story duplex home at approximately 6:40am. There were as many as twenty-six people staying in this row house at the time the fire broke out. Initial reports as to the cause of the fire was that a 5-year-old child was playing with a lighter and accidentally set a Christmas tree on fire. Smoke detectors were installed throughout the building but it was reported that none were working at the time of the fire. The blaze killed twelve family members. The first thoughts to come to mind are: supervision of the child; easy access to the lighter; accountability of someone to check the smoke detectors monthly to verify they are working. Could this fire have been prevented? Remove one of these items and the outcome may have been different.

Within ten days, at approximately 11:00am on January 9, 2022, another tragic fire occurred, this time in New York City where nineteen people were killed, nine of them children. Initial reports state that the cause of the fire was a malfunctioning electric space heater that was being used to supplement heat in one of the apartment bedrooms on the third floor. At the time of the fire, the building had heat and electricity supplied. Toxic smoke quickly filled this 19-story apartment building containing 120 units. Why? It was reported that once the fire in the bedroom was noticed, the occupant fled the apartment leaving the bedroom door and the apartment door open. This allowed the deadly smoke to travel throughout the building. As firefighters, we know that hot smoke travels upward and outward. Once the apartment door was left open and other

openings in the structure were breached, it had a chimney effect on the toxic smoke as it attempted to rise upward and throughout the structure. In both fires, our brothers from the PFD and the FDNY bravely placed their lives on the line as they entered these extremely dangerous structures to rescue the occupants and suppress the fire.

As residents in our communities, what steps could we take to reduce the damage to a building or prevent a loss of life? We have been thought to sleep with our bedroom doors shut, but most people do not for assorted reasons. If a fire occurs, people will tend to run from the structure with their family and not even think about closing the door to the fire room or the building itself. This opening provides the much-needed oxygen for fire to burn and burn rapidly. If someone is left stuck in the burning structure, a closed door may be the device that saves that person's life. Did you check your smoke detector and replace the batteries? When the temperatures become brutally cold, is your home heating appliance sufficient or do you need to supplement it? When using an electric space heater, check the wiring of the unit and place it in a safe location, not near anything that is combustible. Do not leave it unattended!

As firefighters, we look at these fires as tools and what we could learn from them. Are we prepared to manage the mental issues associated with mass casualties? The effects of fighting fires are not much different than fighting a war. Once we see the tragedy and its deadly consequences, it is almost impossible to erase it from our minds. How many firefighters suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) from incidents they worked? More than you will ever know. Keep these families and all the firefighters in your thoughts and prayers.



Father Dennis Weezorak, Pastor of St. Mary Church celebrates Christmas Mass in the beautifully decorated church on Augusta St. in South Amboy. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Inner Strength

(Anonymous)

If you can be cheerful,
ignoring aches and pains,

If you can resist complaining and
boring people with your troubles,

If you can eat the same food everyday
and be grateful for it,

If you can understand when loved ones are too busy
to give you time,

If you can overlook when people take things
out on you when, through no fault of yours,
something goes wrong,

If you can take criticism and blame
without resentment,

If you can face the world
without lies and deceit,

If you can conquer tension
without medical help,

Then... you are probably
a cat or dog.



Elks National Foundation Awards



South Amboy Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks #784 has selected two First Responder Squads in our community, to be recipients from our Elks National Foundation Awards committee. The South Amboy First Aid Squad will receive a grant & certificate for \$1,750 to replace supplies used during this Covid-19 pandemic. In the photo from (l-r) are: President Rob Sekerak, LT. Kim Seber, Life Member James Ryan, and Elks National Foundation Chairman Valentine Tarr. (Photo/Info Submitted)



Sayreville Volunteer Emergency Squad, has been duly selected by the South Amboy Lodge No. 784 Benevolent and Protective Order of ELKS Committee of Awards, to receive a Certificate of Excellence and Grant of \$ 1,750.00 for the purchase of a new AED unit. In the photo from left to right is Squad Captain Kevin Ott, South Amboy Elks National Foundation Chairman Valentine Tarr, and Squad President Dexter Thomas. (Photo/Info Submitted)

The Library Without Walls

During our Covid winter, we have many ways of presenting programs and content at the Dowdell Library! Visit our YouTube channel to view our virtual program library. Watch a new winter Storytime with Ms. Maryanne or, check out Dennis in the latest episode of Test Kitchen.

We also offer online programs through our community partners such as RWJ/St. Barnabas Hospital. Attend Stretch It!!! A stretching and flexibility workshop with chair exercises. Virtual classes are on Thursdays, February 3, 10, 17 & 24. To register, please email Kathleen.johnson@rwjbh.org.

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2022 Rotary Club Officers

South Amboy-Sayreville Rotary Club has announced their slate of officers for Rotary year July 1, 2022 till June 30, 2023. President- Gregory Wyzkowski, Vice President - Eloy Fernandez, Secretary - Barbara Russell, Treasurer - Anthony Conrad.

Rotary



In partnership with the city of South Amboy, the senior book club will meet on the last Monday of the month at 10:30 am at the library. Social distancing will be practiced. The city can provide transportation if needed. Please fill out a registration form in the library to join. February's book - Florence Gordon by Brian Morton

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

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

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South Amboy-Sayreville Times 2021 Monthly Contests Final Results

10 Readers Win WWW.? Title

The SA Times popular WWW.? monthly Mystery Photo contest produced 10 co-champions, who identified 12-out-of-12 photos for our 2021 championship.

Congratulations to the following champs: Dennis Quinlan; Betty Leveille; Lisa Grankowski; Marie and Ed English; Mary Agnes Morris; Pat and Bill Scully; Barbara Bockus; Chuck Pickard.

Barely missing their share of the title with 11 correct answers were: Joan Gorczyca; Laurie and Gary Loftus; Leon Credico; Steve Laskiewicz; Joan Fulham 11.

Congratulations to all on an outstanding year. We would also like to extend our condolences, thoughts and prayers to the families of champions, Bill Scully, and Marie English. Bill and Marie were two wonderful people who passed away recently. They were both avid SA Times readers for years, and especially loved our monthly contests. May God Bless them.

Five Win Where In NJ Contest?

Five SA Times readers tied for top honors in the Where In NJ Contest with 5 correct answers throughout 2021. They were: Pat and Bill Scully; Betty Leveille; Marie and Ed English. Coming close but just missing the top slot with 4 correct answers were: Dane Colburn 4; Laurie and Gary Loftus.

*****Our many congratulations and thank you to all of the winners for 2021, and thank you for reading The South Amboy-Sayreville Times!*****

A special thank you to Lisa Grankowski for keeping track of our winners throughout the year!

Moniello Is #1 In What Is It?

Mark Moniello got all 12 photos correct in our monthly What Is It contest, to win the title. Finishing tied for 2nd place with 11 was John and JoAnn French; Marie and Ed English.

English's Win Vintage Car Crown

Marie and Ed English captured the Vintage Car contest championship by turning in a perfect 12 correct answers. Following closely behind them with 11 correct was Steve Laskiewicz; John and JoAnn French; Michael and Irene Kilcommons.

What Exit? Has Five Co-Champions

There were five co-champions in the What Exit? Monthly contest. The following had 6 correct answers: Pat and Bill Scully; Marie & Ed English; Betty Leveille. Following close behind the co-champs with 5 correct were: Craig Yetsko; Laurie and Gary Loftus; Eleanore Westerholm.

Marie/Ed English Win Championship

Marie and Ed English were the Who Is It? Champions for 2021 with a total of 18.5 points. Craig Yetsko gave it a good run finishing with 18.0 points to take 2nd place.

St. Stan's School

(Photos/Info Submitted)



St. Stan's Religion Club put on a Nativity play for the school.



PreK students, Maverick Silva and Alessia Soares, find shoes full of candy left by St. Nicholas on December 6th.



First grade student, Leah Read, places the ornament that she made on the Jesse Tree.



Eighth grade student, Marceline Zimny, was amused when the Grinch visited the Annual HSA Christmas Breakfast.



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From The Local Bands Archives



1967-It's hard to believe, but it's been 55 years since this talented group, "The Strange Brew" entertained at local high school dances, parties and more. Pictured top (l-r) Don David, Mickey Kutz, Gene Crowley. Bottom (l-r) Greg Evigan (now a world-renowned actor, who recently starred in a great TV Christmas movie), and Charlie Cunliffe. (Photo courtesy of The Clem Skarzynski Archives)

#1 Country Hits Jan. 26

- 2002-Where Were You-Alan Jackson
- 1993-Look Heart, No Hands-Randy Travis
- 1989-She's Crazy For Leavin'-Rodney Crowell
- 1975-A Legend In My Time-Ronnie Milsap
- 1967-There Goes My Everything-Jack Greene
- 1955-Sixteen Tons-Tennessee Ernie Ford
- 1945-I'm Wastin' My Tears On You-Tex Ritter



#1 Pop Hits-Jan. 26

- 2008-Low-Flo Rida with T-Pain
- 1999-Have You Ever?-Brandy
- 1980-Rock With You-Michael Jackson
- 1978-Baby Come Back-Player
- 1962-Peppermint Twist Part 1-Joey Dee/Starlighters
- 1956-Memories Are Made Of This-Dean Martin

One Hit Wonders 60 Years Ago

1962-I Know (You Don't Love Me No More)-Barbara George; Hey! Baby-Bruce Channel; Midnight In Moscow-Kenny Ball & His Jazzmen; Percolator Twist-Billy Joe & The Checkmates; Smoky Places-The Corsairs; What's Your Name-Don & Juan; Let Me In-The Sensations; Love Letters-Ketty Lester; Dear One-Larry Finnegan; Shout! Shout! (Knock Yourself Out)-Ernie Maresca; Cinderella-Jack Ross; Stranger On The Shore-Mr. Acker Bilk; I Wish That We Were Married-Ronnie & The Hi-Lites; Snap

Your Fingers-Joe Henderson; Wolverton Mountain-Claude King; Johnny Get Angry-Joanie Sommers; I Need Your Loving-Don Gardner & Dee Dee Ford; You're Gonna Lose A Good Thing-Barbara Lynn; Party Lights-Claudine Clark; Alley Cat-Bent Fabric; I Remember You-Frank Ifield; Do You Love Me-The Contours; Close To Cathy-Mike Clifford; Torture-Kris Jensen; I Got A Woman, Part 1-Jimmy McGriff; Bobby's Girl-Marcie Blane; Let's Go (Pony)-The Routers; Telstar-The Tornados.



R.I.P. Meat Loaf



Meat Loaf, the larger-than-life singer, has died at age 74. His debut album "Bat Out of Hell" is one of the best selling albums of all time. He will be missed. In the photo above he is shown performing at the Count Basie Theater in Red Bank in 2011. (Photo by Brian Stratton)



Sayreville's rockin' singer/songwriter, Kenny Kurczeski, leader of Kenny K + The Way band is currently working on recording a new album. He is pictured in front of Java Dave's Coffee Shop in South Amboy recently. Kenny K + The Way will be performing Feb. 5th from 8-11 p.m. at the Red Tank Brewery in Red Bank, and March 11th, 7 p.m. at the Light of Day at Silver Ball Museum in Asbury Park. Stop by and catch a great show! (Photo/caption by Tom Burkard)

MUSIC TRIVIA By Tom Burkard

- 1.Old Time Rock And Roll
- 2.I Love Rock And Roll
- 3.Rock And Roll Girls
- 4.I Dig Rock And Roll Music
- 5.Rock And Roll All Night
- 6.Rock And Roll
- 7.It's Still Rock And Roll To Me
- 8.Rock And Roll Heaven
- 9.The Heart Of Rock And Roll
- 10.It's Only Rock And Roll

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- a.Gary Glitter
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- c.Peter, Paul & Mary
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- f.Joan Jett/The Blackhearts
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- h.The Rolling Stones
- i.The Righteous Brothers
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1971-“People” was one of the most popular bands on the Rt. 35 club scene in the 1970’s. Pictured (l-r) Willie Wathington, Charlie Wathington, Otis Wathington, Clem Skarzynski, Tom Smith, John Bates, Bill Findley.



1998-The Wathington Brothers are pictured performing during the Rock N Roll Reunion at the Music Box night club in South Amboy. In photo (l-r) Otis Wathington, Willie Wathington, Charlie Wathington. (Photos/info courtesy of Clem Skarzynski)

The Voice Of The Oldies Is Silenced His Brothers Will Carry On

By Clem Skarzynski

We met by chance, and fate, as musicians always do, around the fall of 1968, both employees at DuPont F & F, here in Parlin. Charlie “Chips” Wathington, had been singing since childhood with his 2 brothers, Otis and William. Word had gotten out that I had a band that was doing a dinner dance for DuPont. Soon afterwards, Charlie found me on 1st shift, introduced himself, and explained that he, his brother “Willie,” who was employed in the shipping department, and his older brother Otis, had been looking to start a band, to do the Top 40 of the time, but more importantly to do the Oldies from the ‘50’s. My band at that time was doing rock n roll, and 60’s English Rock, so we agreed that at some time, we could possibly get together to see if a band could be formed, but kept in touch at work constantly. Clock ahead to the Summer of 1969, I get a call from “Chips,” and he said, “Hey, getting a band together, and want you on guitar.” We agreed to meet on Rt. 35, on a Sunday morning, where I would follow the Wathington Brothers to a rehearsal in Union, NJ. We never hooked up because of a traffic jam that had Rt. 35 backed up for hours. There were no cell phones then, so it never came together with us.

“People” was formed that summer with a 4-piece band, drums, bass, guitar and keyboards, featuring The Wathington Brothers up front with an Angelic 3 part harmony I had never heard “live” before. My chance with becoming a part of this incredible group came in the winter of ‘69. The band was appearing weekly at the Tin Lizzie, Rt. 35 North in Morgan. “Chips” called me and said, “Be there this Friday night. I want you to hear the band. I’ll need you as our new bass player.” The original member was leaving. So, there I was sitting at the bar, listening to that 3-part harmony

that was just incredible. No problem with doing their repertoire of songs, so as of the following weekend, I was the bass player in People! Within a year, the band went thru many changes, as they all do, and I moved into the lead guitarists spot, and brought along longtime friend and drummer Tom “Smitty” Smith, who had just got back from his stint in Viet Nam, and super bassist John Bates, from Sayreville’s hottest group in the 60’s, “The Elegants,” and original keyboardist and backbone to the group, Bill Findley, and People, along with The Wathington Brothers tore up the Rt. 35 strip and surrounding areas for 7 years, doing the club scene, along with every private gig you can think of. Charlie had a natural, talented voice, with a range from alto to tenor, and brothers Willie and Otis were there in such a beautiful blend of harmonies to round out their signature sound. Charlie was a born leader, who listened to everyone’s ideas and thoughts...Keeping the band “tight” and “together” as willing to accept our ideas for the band’s sounds. The brothers were masters at the Oldies, you name the song, and they did it with ease, and professional quality. The Brothers kept singing through the years with “offshoot” bands of People, and by themselves, at family events. Yes, Charlie had that voice that you’d never forget, and know right away..”That’s “Chips” singing that!”

“Chips” you’ll never be forgotten in our hearts. Brothers Willie and Otis are here to keep that alive too. Everytime I put on my guitar, I’ll play an “intro chord” just for you my dear friend. Rest in peace. You deserve it, but, keep singing in our hearts. We hear you “Chips.” Tom, Bill and myself thank you for our time together, and I know the late John Bates feels the same way. We’ll see you in time...R.I.P. “Chips.”

Novena Prayer to St. Anthony of Padua

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



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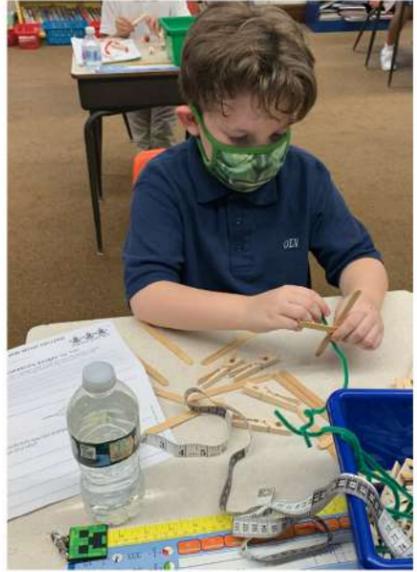
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Who is it?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

December's Who Is It? Featured Basie Theater. The following answered both the Grinch and Brian Setzer. Both were performing at BSO's Christmas Extravaganza a few years back at the Count & Gary Loftus, Marie English & Ed English, Craig Yetko, Steve Villig.



Grinch and Brian Setzer at BSO's Christmas Extravaganza



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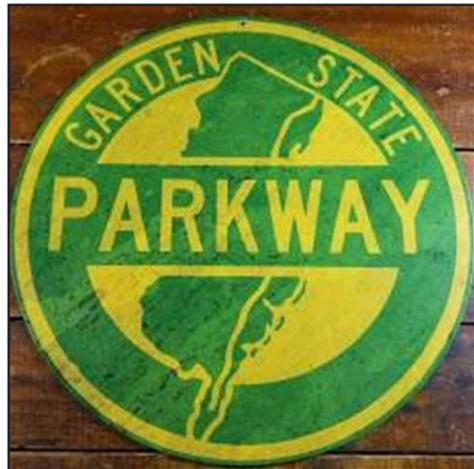


Letter To The Editor
Hello,

My name is Harriet MacLean and I grew up in Sayreville (Parlin, to be exact, on Harrison Place). My sisters and I also "grew up" in the First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy. I moved away decades ago and hadn't been back to South Amboy or my old church in a very long time.

Then my brother-in-law Jack Adams decided he wanted his celebration of life (memorial) service to be held there, in the church he also grew up in. He met my older sister on a church hayride (circa 1961 I believe), they got married there, had their two children baptized there, and visited from time to time as they moved to other places in the state. So, I flew from San Francisco to Newark three weeks ago to attend my brother-in-law's service. Which was fabulous. But my point is, I picked up a copy of the South Amboy-Sayreville Times in the church and when I got home (to CA), I read it. The whole thing. There were names I actually remembered! And the stories about alumni of the various schools and all the columns dedicated to local topics of interest as well as history...well, I didn't know such a newspaper still existed.

So I've been meaning to write this email for a couple of weeks, congratulating you on your wonderful creation. Thank you for keeping so many noteworthy people, events, etc. alive in our collective memory. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Harriet MacLean (Formerly of Parlin)



January What Exit..

This exit will take you to Metro Park Station... All Aboard! Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by Feb. 14th.

What Exit?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

December What Exit:

Last month's answer was exit 116. During the warmer months you can enjoy some great concerts and other events at the PNC Arts Center and during the Holidays enjoy a fantastic drive thru light show. The following knew the exit: Michael & Irene Kilcomons, Eleanore Westerholm, Dermot Scales, Edna Mazur Pilch, Maryann Raymond, Gary Shaffer, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Steve Villig, Pete McIntyre, Marie English & Ed English, Mark Moniello, Betty Leveille, Pat & Bill Scully, Craig Yetsko.



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Movies/Films In South Amboy/Sayreville

By Tom Burkard

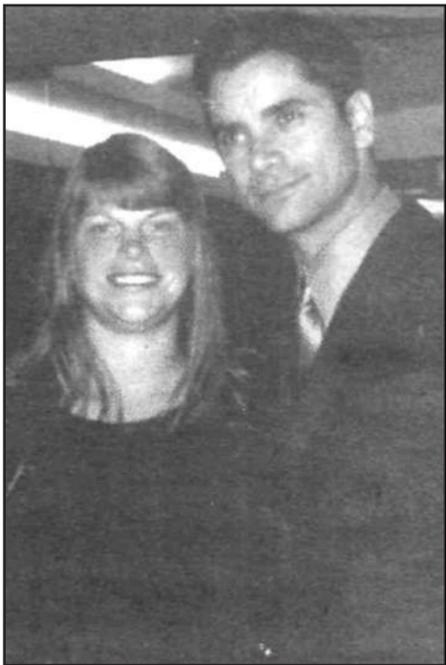


1985-Pictured (l-r) during a break from the filming of "Purple Rose Of Cairo" near the old Raritan Diner is (l-r) South Amboy Police Officer Bob Kelly, Barbara Cross, South Amboy Mayor J. Thomas Cross, ?, actor Woody Allen, and ?.



1985- Actress Mia Farrow (c) is pictured between Past Grand Knights Vic Greico (l) and Jerry O'Connor at the South Amboy Knights of Columbus. She was in South Amboy filming "The Purple Rose of Cairo" (Photo courtesy of the South Amboy Knights of Columbus)

2000- Actors Daniel London (l) and John Stamos (r) took a break from filming scenes from the movie "Grownups," which was shot at Bourbon Street on Rt. 9 in Sayreville (next to McDonald's). (Photo by Tom Burkard)



Above-2000-Actor John Stamos poses with Michele Wagner of South Amboy, while on location in Woodbridge for a scene from the movie "Grownups." (Photo courtesy of Michele Wagner)



2000-This is the facade of the building on Broadway in South Amboy that was used in the shooting of the "Coyote Ugly" movie that starred Piper Perabo and John Goodman. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



2010- Actor Vincent D'Onofrio (l) waits on the corner of Bordentown Ave. and South Pine Ave. to film a bus scene for the movie "Crackers," which was filmed in South Amboy. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Right-2010-Henry "The Barber" Rinkewich (l) proudly poses with popular actor Vincent D'Onofrio at Henry's Raritan Barber Shop on Bordentown Ave. in South Amboy, which was used to shoot scenes for a new movie, "Crackers." (Photo by Tom Burkard)



2010-Actors on the set of the movie "Crackers" at Henry's Raritan Barber Shop, joke around between takes. Sitting in the chair is Vincent D'Onofrio. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

"Eileen"

The latest movie to have scenes shot in South Amboy was "Eileen" with filming done at Lagoda's Saloon from January 6-7 on Broadway. It's not the first screen venture to have taken place in our towns of Sayreville or South Amboy, and some of the other movies/films, which were independent, did not feature stars on the level of Oscar winning actress Anne Hathaway, who spent some time in "The Pleasant Little City," during the shooting. Another actress Thomason McKenzie, who was in the 2018 drama "Leave No Trace," will also appear in the movie.

"Crackers"

In addition, other movies through the years that filmed scenes in South Amboy and Sayreville, featured well-known actors and actresses. In September 2010, a new, independent short film titled "Crackers" was also shot in South Amboy with scenes at Henry's Raritan Barber Shop on Bordentown Ave., and Marconi's Photography Studio, on the corner of Bordentown Ave., and South Pine Ave. Renowned actor, Vincent D'Onofrio, who starred in TV's Law & Order Criminal Intent, and the movie "Full Metal Jacket," was the biggest name in "Crackers." The movie also featured Brenda Vaccaro, Anthony Laciura, Dan Hedaya, Sal Richards, Beth Ann Bonner, and Vincent Mora.

"Purple Rose Of Cairo"

In 1985, Director/Actor Woody Allen brought his movie "Purple Rose of Cairo" to South Amboy, and shooting took place at the legendary Raritan Diner on Bordentown Ave. Starring in this film was Allen, Mia Farrow, Danny Aiello, Jeff Daniels, Van Johnson, Deborah Rush, and Dianne Wiest.

"Coyote Ugly"

Back in September 1999, "Coyote Ugly" had scenes shot in South Amboy, and on July 12, 2000, the movie crew returned to town to shoot final scenes for the movie, at the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 on Fourth St. and North Stevens Ave. "Coyote Ugly" was released on August 4, 2000, and was not highly-regarded by movie critics, but to date has still grossed over \$13 million worldwide. The movie, produced by the famous Jerry Bruckheimer, was described as an "American teen musical comedy drama film." For a young actress, Piper Perabo, it was a great stepping stone for her career, as she starred in "Coyote Ugly." Other noted stars were John Goodman, Bridget Moynahan, Tyra Banks, Maria Bello, Adam Garcia, Melanie Lynskey, Izabella Miko. Scenes for this movie were shot in the two-story building to the left of the current South Amboy Bagel shop. The structure is very old, and through the years, there were several businesses housed there. The structure has also served as Democratic Headquarters for local politicians.

"Grownups"

The always-popular actor John Stamos shot some scenes for the movie "Grownups" back in August 2000 at Bourbon Street on Rt. 9 South in Sayreville (next to McDonald's). The movie also had a couple of other scenes shot at a location in Woodbridge. Other actors in "Grownups" were Daniel London, Jessica Walter, Carlo Castronova, Meredith Salenger, Carol Alt, Bill Sage, Tony Roberts, and Tara Westwood. "Grownups" was released October 23, 2001.

"The Perils Of Pauline"

The earliest movie filmed in either South Amboy/Sayreville was without a doubt, "The Perils of Pauline" which was shot in Parlin/Sayreville in 1914, and featured actress Pearl White. A publicity photo of White still exists, and it shows her standing in front of the Parlin Train Station, which served as a backdrop for "The Juggernaut," an episode of "The Perils of Pauline." There was a bridge constructed for the movie, over Ducks Nest Pond (on lower Minnisink Ave., near the former Hercules site). The bridge was blown up with a train on top of it, hauling 3 cars full of dummies.

Did You Know?

Scenes from the movie "Eileen" and "Coyote Ugly" were shot on the same block of Broadway, with one building between their filming locations in South Amboy ... Crews from "Purple Rose of Cairo" and also "Eileen" used the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426, as their headquarters during filming.

Anne Hathaway Shoots Film At South Amboy Bar

By Steve Schmid

Oscar winning actress Anne Hathaway was in South Amboy recently to film her latest movie "Eileen." at Lagoda's Saloon. The shooting of the film took place January 6-7 inside the local bar. Production Manager Jamie O'Brien said Lagoda's was chosen because it is a classic old town longshoreman's bar. "Eileen" is a 1960s mystery thriller based on Otessa Mosfegh's novel by the same name. The plot is about a lonely young woman working at a boys' prison who is pulled into a strange crime.

Broadway parking places were blocked off to make room for the movie crew. Several local residents turned out in cold and windy weather to witness the film shooting, with the hope of catching a glimpse of the actors. Lagoda's was closed from January 3-8 to allow the production crew to set the scenes. Anne Hathaway grew up in Short Hills and graduated from Millburn High School. She won an Academy Award in 2012 for Best Supporting Actress for her role in "Les Miserables." Hathaway has also won a Golden Globe Award and a Primetime Emmy Award.

South Amboy police were on hand to provide security and control traffic. Some



Pictured (l-r) at Lagoda's during the shooting of the movie "Eileen" are actress Thomason McKenzie, owner Ray Kukulski, and Anne Hathaway. (Photo by RaeAnne Kukulski)



Members of the production crew are at work at Lagoda's Saloon for the filming of the movie "Eileen" starring Anne Hathaway. (Photo by Steve Schmid)



RaeAnne Kukulski takes a selfie in front of her parents' business, Lagoda's Saloon as Anne Hathaway smiles in the background. (Photo by RaeAnne Kukulski)



A worker carries props into Lagoda's Saloon for the filming of the movie "Eileen" starring Anne Hathaway (Photo by Steve Schmid)



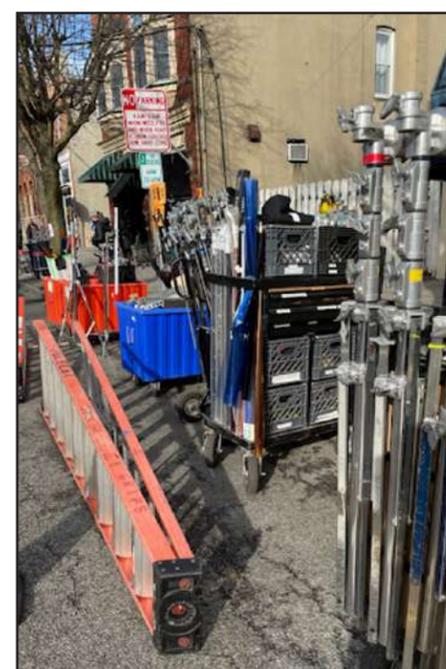
Antonio Sambucci (back to camera) receives an autograph from Anne Hathaway. (Photo by Edward Sambucci)



Vintage cars period correct, for the movie "Eileen" are parked on Broadway covered in snow. (Photo by Melanie Sweatt)



Right: Lots of equipment was used for the South Amboy filming of the movie "Eileen" at Lagoda's Saloon (Photo by Steve Schmid)



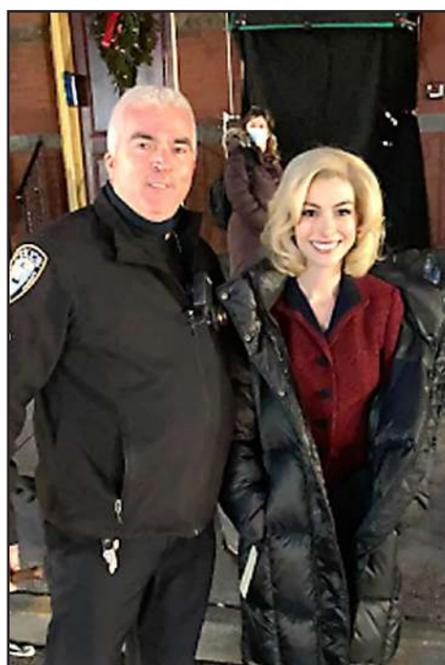
A beautiful luxury bus used by the actors on the set of "Eileen". (Photo by Melanie Sweatt)

South Amboy Police Met Movie Star

(Photos submitted)



Anne Hathaway with Sgt. Steve Clark.



South Amboy Police Sgt. Dennis McQuade (l) is pictured with actress Anne Hathaway.



Officer Tim Kales and actress Anne Hathaway.



Msgr. John F. Brady Assembly 676 Knights of Columbus 4th Degree delivered 50 brand new shavers to the veterans. They raised \$2,200 and bought 50 brand new Norelco shavers at the request of the Veterans Home in Menlo Park. Pictured (l-r) Chris Duffett, FN, Jan Williams, Chairman, GK Gary Lattanzi, John Anagnostis, Co Chairman, Jordan Drevelus, and Jim Hoehman. Kneeling is Denise Lima-Laskiewicz. She has been our Menlo Park contact and coordinator for the shaver project. (Photo/info courtesy of Chairman Jan Williams)



On Tuesday, January 11, the Knights of Columbus, Assembly 676, South Amboy, presented another 50 New Norelco Electric Shavers to our veterans at the Menlo Park Veterans Home. In the photo making the presentation is: GK Carl Agneta, Chairman John Anagnostis, PFN Jan Williams, Director of Recreation Christine Caratozzoto, GK Gary Lattanzi, Bruce Grzankowski, and GK Jim Smith. Missing from the photo is the Faithful Navigator, Chris Duffett. This brings the total to 100 new electric shavers.

Second Shipment Of Norelco Electric Shavers

The South Amboy Knights of Columbus announced a second shipment of Norelco Electric Shavers to the Menlo Park Veterans Home on January 18, 2022. The 4th Degree Council 676 Knights of Columbus started the project last year under the direction of Co-Chair John Anagnostis to provide electric razors to the residents of the Home. This was done in coordination with Denise Lima-

Laskiewicz of the Veterans Home. The goal of the project was to provide 50 electric razors, but as the project progressed, and through generous donations 100 electric razors were donated to the Veterans Home. Jan Williams PFN stated "Gentlemen, this is a day we can be proud of. We have fulfilled the request of the Veteran's Home. They never expected to receive 100 shavers."

Winter Wonderland



An early morning snow scene shot recently in South Amboy. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

"It Ain't Over 'Til It's Over"

By Elaine Holton Scott

"Time keeps on slippin', slippin', slippin' into the future..." sang the Steve Miller Band in 1977. For those of us old enough to remember singing this song along with the radio 45 years ago, time really has slipped into the future. I thought about that simple, little lyric recently when I looked through my decades old Address Book. Although I finally started a new one last year, I just can't seem to throw this one away. Going page by well-worn page, I sadly saw the names of old friends who have passed away, yet remain so vividly alive in my mind. Now, as this new year of 2022 leads us all into the unknown future, I realize, even more than ever before, the importance of living each and every day fully as if there is no tomorrow.

We are all masters of our own fate. We can sit around living in the past or wisely grabbing at every chance for happiness. I have seen quite a few people who use the excuse of age to sit around just being "old" both in mind and body. In my opinion, their "future" has already faded into the past. I prefer living my life as though it has only just begun. There is an old saying, "Age is mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter." How wise that little idiom really is.

Sadly, so many of my peers have already crossed the "big divide," some from ill health while in their prime or from age-related sickness in their senior years, accidents (e.g., Jimmy Cleary who lost his life in Mechanicsville's hole in the wall at the age of 21), and others whose health problems had been exasperated during the Pandemic. The loss of a South Amboy boy, too young to vote* and even to order a beer,** tragically lost his life in the Battle of Quang Nam Province in South Vietnam, at the age

of 19 a few months before his 20th birthday. His name was Robert Hughes, Private First Class, US Marine Corp,*** who many of us had known in the mile square "Pleasant Little City" before it became as pleasant and refined as it is now.

I want to take the time to also remember a handful of my peers born and raised in South Amboy and Sayreville who not long ago left us much too soon: Maria Korlath Everhard, Madalyn Carter Purcell who had owned and operated Bake & More on Broadway, Johnny Jonap, Mary Kennedy McCarthy, Mike McCarthy, Patricia Logan, Pete Ewtushek, Sheila Freeman, Fr. Thomas Triggs, Joe Vail, and to a very special man I was fortunate to have met, one who took photographs for the SATimes, Joe Lotkowitz. Every negative has a positive, black/white, big/small, past/present. For all of those who have departed, there are so many more of my friends, old and new, who still have the future ahead of them, happily enjoying their lives. I'm very blessed to say I am one of them.

I wish you all a very Healthy and Happy 2022, with the hope every single one of us will be around this time when the next new year comes along. Just remember: "It Ain't Over 'til It's Over."

***In 1971, the enactment of the 26th Amendment to the Constitution had lowered the voting age from 21 to 18.**

****When this occurred many states began lowering the drinking age from 21 to 18, as well. By 1985, all the states had followed suit.**

***** Here is the link to the Virtual Wall for more information about our South Amboy hero. Just cut and paste it into your browser to open. <http://www.virtualwall.org/dh/HughesRx01a.htm>**

Big Crowd at Treasures of the Church

By Steve Schmid

More than 300 people turned out at Msgr. Dalton Hall at Our Lady of Victories Church in Sayreville, December 18, for the special exposition of Treasures of the Church. Father Carlos Martins presented a slide show at church explaining the significance of the relics of saints inside Dalton Hall. He said that on behalf of the Vatican, he brings relics to schools, churches, and prisons to give people a living experience of the living God. He said people could pray before their favorite saints. Father Carlos said the relics included the Veil of Virgin Mary and The Cross of Our Lord with wood from the cross where Jesus died. The crowd lined up to venerate the 165 relics located on the tables inside.

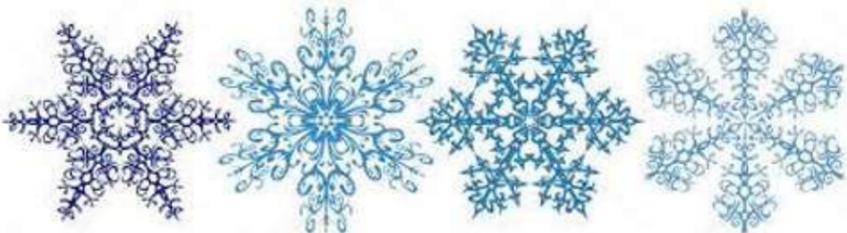
Pictured right is a popular relic at Treasures of the Church exposition at Msgr. Dalton Hall at Our Lady of Victories Church in Sayreville. This relic was the one that belonged to Saint Pope John Paul II. (Photo/info by Steve Schmid)



Holiday Party



The Sayreville Senior Tuesday Club is pictured at their Christmas party in December. Everyone had a great time. (Photo/info submitted)



School Sports

(As of Jan. 20)
By Tom Burkard

Boys Basketball

Sayreville (4-7)
Coach John Wojcik
Top scorers-Kyler Crespo 93 points, Peter Luster 79, Max Negron 74, Jaden Hargrove 71.

South Amboy (0-5)
Coach Matt Wiater
Top scorers-Brandon Gasiewski 86 points, Gavin Pelkey 42, Anthony Vella 27, Jianny Caraballo 25.
Rebounds-Vella 44, Pelkey 19, Gasiewski 15.

Girls Basketball

Sayreville (3-7)
Coach Janet Cook
Top scorers-Brooke Holland 197 points, Janai Negroni 41, Chisom Ejikeme 40.
Rebounds-Holland 98, Ashley Ament 60, Ejikeme 58.

South Amboy (0-7)
Coach Kathleen Salardino
Top scorers-Faith Nemeth 95 points, Taylor Gliese 88.

Bombers Finish #1 In County

The talented Sayreville Bombers (8-3) football squad finished #1 in the Home News Tribune ratings for 2021. Soph superstar Zaimer Wright rushed for 1,401 yards and 25 touchdowns, and the Bombers defense excelled throughout the season.

Wrestling

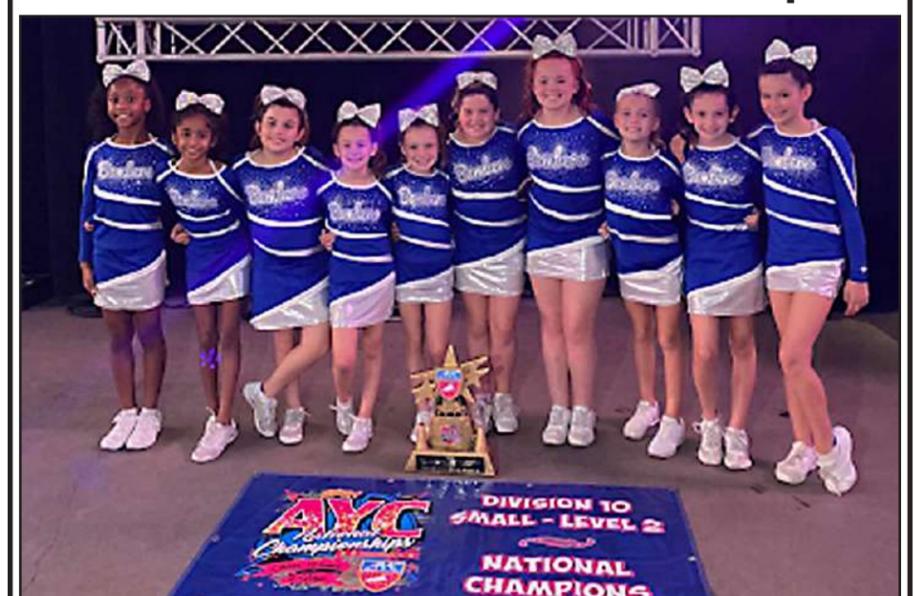
Sayreville (7-4)
Coach Marcus Ivy
Wrestlers who are having an outstanding season thus far are 285 lbs.-Connor Walsh (10-1), 215 lbs.-Ryan Bouchard (9-2), 113/120 lbs.-C.J. McCrea (9-2).

Sayreville Football Stars Honored

Several Sayreville football players were selected, and received recognition on the Home News Tribune's All-Area Football Teams.
Offense-1st Team-running back-**Zaimer Wright**; Offensive line-**Ryan Bouchard**; offensive line-**Santana Fonseca**. Defense-1st Team-**Caidan Holmes**.
2nd Team-Defense-linebacker-**Denzel Osae**; back-**Osei Bonsu**; **Rodney Acquah**.
Honorable Mention-Offense-wide receiver-

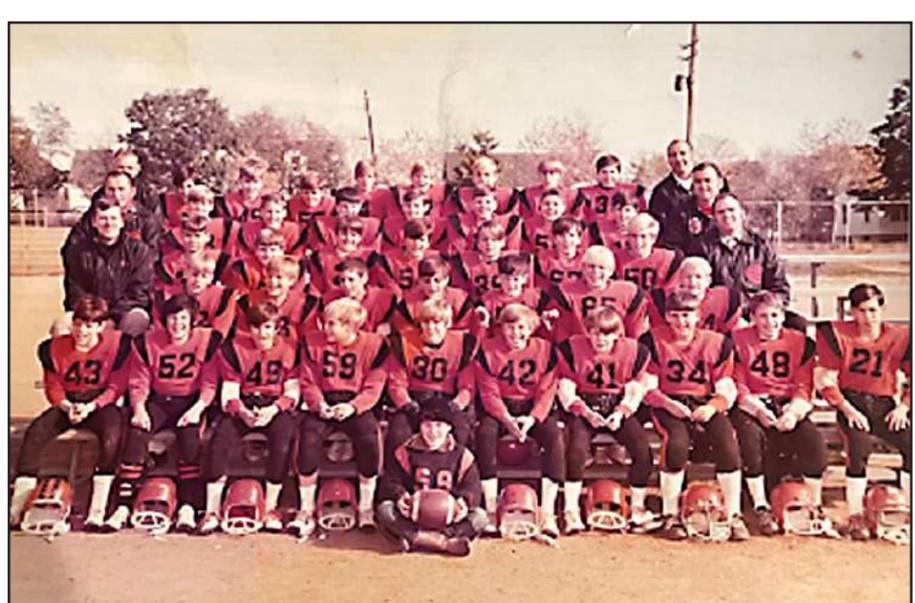
Timmy Mayer; offensive line-**Nick Schabillon**.
Honorable Mention-Defense-defensive line-**Claude Blagooee**.
In the Big Central Conference, the Bombers were ranked #7 for the year. **Zaimer Wright** was a 1st team pick for the offensive unit, while **Ryan Bouchard** and **Santana Fonseca** were 2nd team choices for the offense. Congratulations to all the Sayreville Bombers on a great 2021!

American Youth Cheer National Champions



On December 12, 2021 the Sayreville Jr. Bombers Cheer, Division 10, won first place at the American Youth Cheer National Championship at Kissimmee, FL. Congratulations! (Photo submitted)

Name the 1970 Sabres Football Team



The 1970 South Amboy Sabres Pop Warner football team had an outstanding season, finishing (8-1-1). How many of these fine young athletes and coaches do you recall? Please let us know who you can identify. Send the names to satimes@aol.com. (Photo courtesy of South Amboy Councilman Tom Reilly)



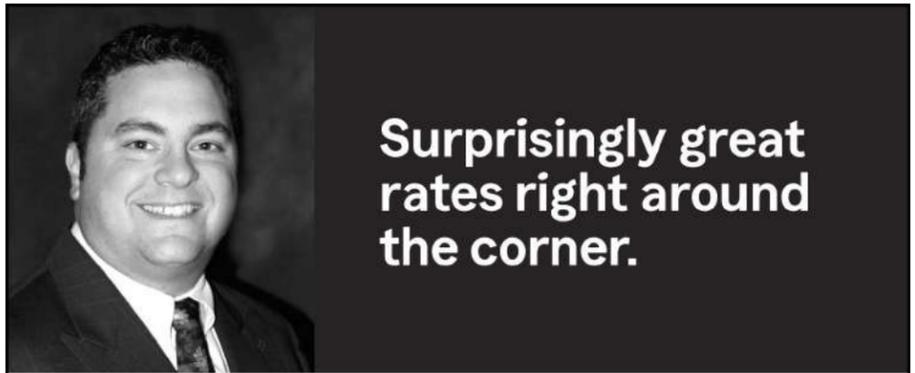
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WHAT IS IT?????

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



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December What Is It? "A Christmas Story" Leg Lamp

Last month's What is it? Was the Leg Lamp a major award received by Ralphie's father portrayed by Darren McGavin in the Holiday Classic "A Christmas Story" the movie that is run for 24 straight hours on two different stations. The following must be movie buffs because they got it right: Michael & Irene Kilcomons, Becky Cobb, Joe Tortora, Eleanore Westerholml, John Gelsinon, Ed and Katie Elichko, Chick Pickard, Leon Credico, Allison Synarski, Ryan McAndrew Contreras, Jackie Rooney, Edna Mazur Pilch, Lorraine Kost, Marybeth Chodkiewicz, Rita Adamecs Sheehan, Nanci Deverin, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Pete McIntyre, Lynn Loy, Gary Feret, Marie English & Ed English, Mark Moniello, John & JoAnn French, Betty Leveille, Steve Laskiewicz, Pat & Bill Scully, Vincent Farina, Craig Yetsko, Steve Villig, Karen Kieselowsky.



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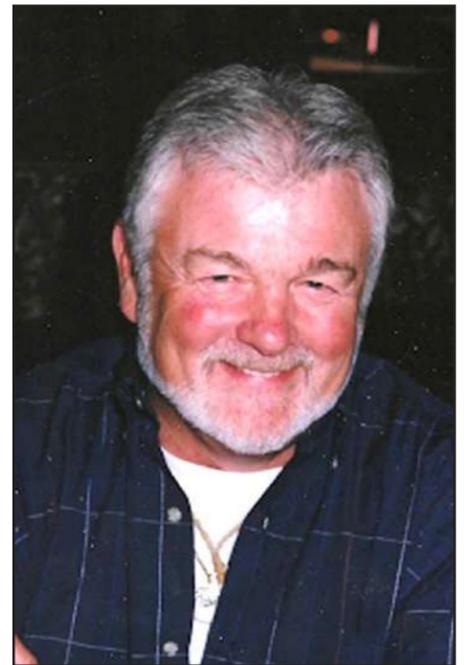
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Homer Dill



Marty Szarvas, 75, died on Sept. 18, 2021. A talented football player with the Sayreville Bombers, he was co-captain in 1962, and was selected 2nd Team All-County fullback. Marty was the nephew of Homer Dill.

Remembering Homer Dill

Homer Dill will always be remembered as an excellent educator, principal, and coach at Sayreville High School/War Memorial High School. Mr. Dill was 90 years old when he died on July 3, 2017. In the 1940's he was an outstanding 3-sport athlete, excelling in baseball, football and basketball at Sayreville High School, went on to college, and later came back to teach at his alma mater, Sayreville HS. He rose through the ranks and became principal, and after a few years as assistant football coach, he took over the

reins as head varsity coach of the Sayreville Bombers, a post he held from 1958-64. His best team during his 7-year tenure was the '64 edition, which finished at a respectable (6-3).

*Note: It's hard to believe, but The SA Times just found out, over 4 years later, that Mr. Homer Dill passed away on July 3, 2017. He was a great man, who will always be remembered for his love and dedication to the teaching and sports programs at Sayreville High School/War Memorial High School.



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The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

The Cheerleaders



1965-St. Mary's cheerleaders bottom row (l-r) Charlene McNamara, Paula Nowak, Marie Wolanin. Middle row (l-r) Pat Stramback, Barbara Jancola, Rose Ann Hartman. Top row (l-r) Mary Jane Jancola, Catherine Krzyzkowski, Alice Zrebiec, Constance Chodkiewicz.

90 Years Ago



1932-33 South Amboy High School's Basketball team included: Front row (l-r) Ray Bubaltz, Gus Galley, George Nelson, Herb Roxbury, George Stader. Top row (l-r) Lou Subjack, Tom Geant, Sid Faffer, Allen Hoffman, Les Batchelor.

From The Sports Archives



1942-St. Mary's talented state championship basketball team included: Top(l-r) Father Keenan, athletic moderator; Frank Jurski, John Norek, Jay Fuller, Ray Creed, John "Bing" Miller, Coach John Zdanewicz. Bottom (L-R) Johnny Zebro, John "Jinx" Dowling, Gene O'Toole, mascot; Frank "Trip" Cheeseman, Joe "Nip" Noble. Missing from photo, Jim McNamara.

80 Years Ago.. 1942-Eagles Won State Basketball Championship

By Tom Burkard

***Revised from The SA Times January 19, 2002 issue.**

80 years ago, Coach John Zdanewicz's powerful St. Mary's basketball team marched to the New Jersey Group 3 Parochial State basketball championship. The Eagles downed St. Patrick's of Elizabeth, 29-20, as Johnny Zebro led the way with 11 points. John Norek connected for 8, John "Jinx" Dowling 7, and John "Bing" Miller 3, as the Blue & Gold brought home the coveted Bishop Walsh Trophy. Other contributing players on that classic club were; Frank "Trip" Cheeseman, Ray Creed, Joe "Nipper" Noble, Jay Fuller, Jim McNamara, and Frank Jurski. Richie Schultz was the team manager; Eugene O'Toole-team mascot; student managers-William Fitzgerald, Ed O'Leary, John Cieslarczyk, Tom O'Connell. A few players shared their memories about that classic club that went (22-8).

Back in 2002, I interviewed the following team members for their memories of this legendary St. Mary's club.

Joe "Nipper" Noble- "We had a very

good team, very unselfish. We had only two players that were 6 foot. We played the best teams in the state, St. Benedict's Prep, Seton Hall Prep, Red Bank Catholic, St. Patrick's of Elizabeth. It was the last state championship team Coach John Zdanewicz had at St. Mary's. The star of our team was John "Bing" Miller, who had a lefty hook shot that was tough to stop. He held the team together." John "Bing" Miller- "There was a lot of togetherness. Winning games was the most important thing. I'll never forget beating St. Peter's during the season."

John "Jinx" Dowling- "We had the best team that ever came out of St. Mary's in previous years. These 10 guys were a unit with total feelings for each other. No complaints, no yelling."

Gene O'Toole- "Johnny Dowling played a great championship game. Defense was big back then. We did not have high scoring games. I will not only remember how well the team was coached, but also how much I respected and admired Johnny Zdanewicz as a coach and a person."

ready reserves were Lisa Smith, Maryann Stephanick, Theresa Zulin, Chris Noble, Renee Bialoblocki, Lorraine Mc Nerney. In 4 state tourney contests, Ust scored 119 points, a standout 29.8 avg. She finished the season with 607 points, 20.9 avg., 2nd in the county, and became Middlesex County's all-time leading scorer with 2,191 points. Lynn was a 1st team All-State (all groups), and just about all-everything. Popowski was a 1st team Group I choice. Jenny Kuziemski and Smith were picked for Group I 2nd team.

Coach Reggie Carney's powerhouse Lady Guvs rolled to their third consecutive Group I state basketball championship, drubbing Waldwick, 73-29, before a packed house at Rider College. The win gave Hoffman a perfect 30-0 season, and extended its winning streak to 67 games. Superstar Lynn Ust poured in 28 points, had 3 blocked shots, and 2 steals, and was selected MVP. Soph sensation Krissy Kuziemski pumped in 17 points. Other ace starters were seniors Mary Anne Lewis and Tricia Popowski, and soph Jenny Kuziemski. The

35 Years Ago in Local Sports 1987 Hoffman Girls Win 3rd Straight Title

Glory Days In Local Sports

1962-St. Mary's boys basketball team edged Red Bank Catholic, 69-66, as Joe Jankowski scorched the nets for 30 points, and received support from Bill Tibbitt 16, and Jack Kreiger 12 points... 1974-Hoffman boys basketball team jolted Jamesburg, 73-41, with Bob Besner burning the nets for 23 points, and Joe "Moose" McCarthy tossing in 17... 1981-The Governors trounced Keansburg, 75-55 behind Bob Aucone's 22 points, 13 rebounds, and 7 assists. Frank Wahler added 18 points, Tom Mulligan 14, Peter Smith 10 points and 11 rebounds, and Joe Lewis 11 points... 1994-Sayreville girls basketball team smashed

Edison, 59-36, as Tara Bouchard poured in 18 points, Stephanie Allocco 17 and Beth Alwell 11... 2003-Sayreville blasted the Bears of East Brunswick, 26-0 in football action. Keith Simpkins broke loose for touchdown runs of 58 and 21 yards, while quarterback Mark Poore connected on a 14-yard TD strike to Vinnie Otero. Poore also scored on a 3-yard touchdown run... 2012-Cardinal McCarrick girls basketball team ripped New Brunswick, 52-9, behind a 31-point scoring performance from Alyssa McDonough. Shannon McCleery chipped in with 7 points for the Blue & Gold.

T.H.E. Game

Year-1962

Sport-Boys Basketball

Teams-St. Mary's (9-5) vs. Hoffman (10-3) in Game #2 of the City Series.

Recap-The Eagles avenged an earlier, 54-50 overtime loss to the Guvs, by slipping past them, 52-47. John Lange took game scoring laurels with 16 points for Hoffman, while Joe Jankowski paced the Saints with 15. St. Mary's won the game on the free throw line by hitting 18-of-19 attempts. Jay Derent tossed in 13 for the Blue & Gold, while Denny Wood had 12 for the Purple & Gold.

Boxscore

St. Mary's 52

Jankowski 15 Derent 13 Jack Kreiger 9 Tom Fitzmorris 9 Bob Suminski 6 Bill Tibbitt 0 Joe Chodkiewicz 0.

Hoffman 47

Lange 16 D. Wood 12 Manny Formoso 9 Bob Poetsch 4 Jerry Drill 2 Art Urbanik 2.

Co-Players-Of-The-Game-Joe Jankowski and Jay Derent.

60 Years Ago

1962-St. Mary's CYO basketball team captured the Amboy Area High School League championship by blasting St. Stephen's of Perth Amboy, 47-30. The champs were led by the talented play of starters Tom Ryan, George Stramback, Bob Monaghan, George Keenan and Rick Ferguson.

20 Years Ago

2002-Cardinal McCarrick girls basketball superstar, Kaitlyn Katko became the girls All-Time scoring leader, surpassing the previous record, held by the sports sensation of the '70's, Kathy Redling, who was #1 for 24 years. Katko then went on to become the overall (boys/girls) top scorer in St. Mary's/McCarrick history, by breaking the 31-year mark, which was held by George Krzyzanowski.

15 Years Ago

2007-Vince Rosario became the St. Mary's Cardinal McCarrick boys All-Time career scoring leader by passing Eagles legend George Krzyzanowski, who held this prestigious record for 36 years.



Flashback:

Sayreville Beat Joe Theismann & South River

1964-The Sayreville Bombers football team defeated their neighboring rivals, South River, 13-6 in front of a crowd of 5,000 fans at Sayreville. The Rams featured future NFL standout Joe Theismann, who was the starting quarterback then, and was only a freshman. The Sayreville contingent prevailed, thanks to an outstanding offensive game by fullback, Jim Miara, who ran for

two, 2-yard touchdowns, and booted the extra point to account for all of the Blue & Gray scoring. Theismann put the Maroon & Gray on the scoreboard in the final quarter with a 1-yard quarterback plunge, but it was not enough, as the strong Sayreville defense stopped the South River offense, and captured one of the most exciting games in the history of the school.



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

ST. JUDE
May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray us. Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank You St. Jude. -M.L...



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Chiropractors understand that most Americans are brought up in a household that follows the "medical model". It is our desire to educate you so that you will question your own past beliefs about health and search for the truth. The truth to us (chiropractors) seems quite evident. To the extent that your body is able to have a properly functioning nervous system without interference, that is the extent that you are healthy. Remembering that your nervous system controls every single function of the body. In other words, symptoms are your body's alarm system, designed to inform you that you have some form of nerve interference that the body is not able to deal with on its own.

The avenue through which the body does all of this miraculous work is through the nervous system; it is the "electrical system" that joins the body together as a whole. The inborn wisdom of your body completes all of the tasks necessary to sustain life by using the nervous system to communicate with every cell in your body. No cell in your body is just floating around with its own ideas and how it wants to behave. This organization in the body is doing precisely that every cell functions in harmony with the ones around it in order to complete specific tasks. This design allows for no independent action.

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 one 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.

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 -MJC & EMP.

Prayer to St. Therese

St. Therese, the little Flower, please pick me a rose from the Heavenly Garden and send it to me with a message of love. Ask God to grant me the favor I thee implore and tell him I will love him each day more and more. -MS, SS, SP, NP

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In commemoration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the newly established Spanish Ministry Program, under the directive of Bishop Checchio held its first celebration on Sunday, December 12, 2021 during the 2 PM Spanish Mass. Pictured (l-r) are Sacred Heart Church Pastor Rev. Stanley Gromadzki, Associate Rev. Alberto Mlina Ruiz CMF of Our Lady of Fatima Perth Amboy, and Sacred Heart Church Parochial Vicar Rev. Lukasz Blicharski. The event was followed by a Mariachi singing to Our Lady of Guadalupe, and refreshments at Memorial Hall. Nearly 100 people attended the Mass, and it marked a very special moment in the history of Sacred Heart Church, South Amboy, NJ. (Photo/Info Dr. Jorge Gonzalez-Gomez)



Certificate of Appreciation

Color Guard Member Charles Marzano (l) was awarded the American Legion "Certificate of Appreciation" by Joel Bloom Post Commander of Sayreville American Legion Lenape Post 211 at the December 3rd monthly meeting. Charles heard from a veteran's widow, who was having a problem with her husband's military burial flag. She was presented the flag by the funeral director, but the flag was incorrectly folded. Charles contacted the woman, picked up the flag, and with the assistance of another Legion member, they folded the flag into its proper form. He then presented the flag to the widow along with the ceremonial speech. (Photo/info submitted)

Local Wildlife



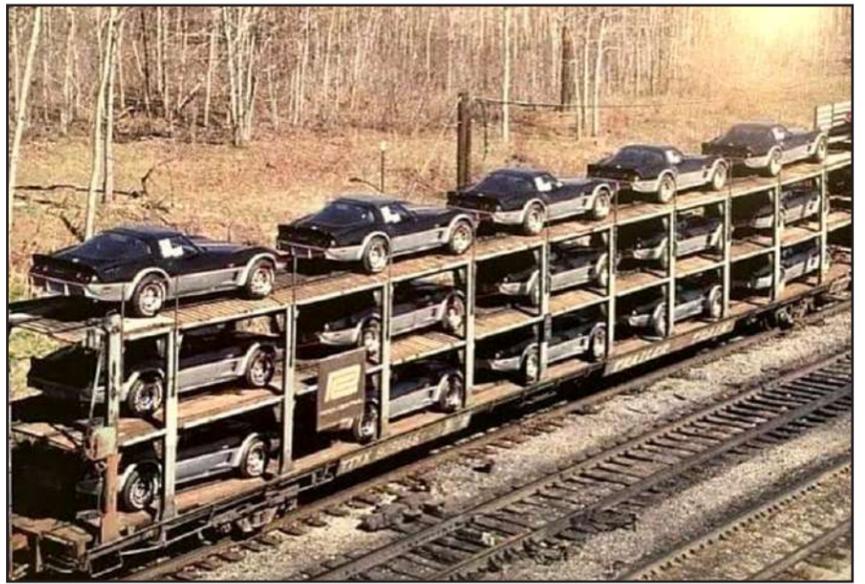
A goose ice skates all alone, while ducks are in the water watching the show at an area park. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



Flocks of Canada Geese gather at Raritan Bay Waterfront Park on a cold January day. (Photo by Steve Schmid)

The Vintage Car Contest

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Can you identify these cars? We are looking for the Make, Model, Edition and Year (Need all four). In addition to the 15 pictured on the railroad car another 6487 were produced. Send your answers to satimes@aol.com by February 14th.

In keeping with our contest's Holiday theme the December Car was a 1989 Ford Taurus station wagon owned by none other than Clark W. Griswald in the movie "Christmas Vacation" a true Holiday classic. The following answered correctly: Michael Mazur Pilch, Thomas Harrigan, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Pete McIntyre, Marie English & Ed English, Mark Moniello, John & JoAnn French, Steve Laskiewicz, Vincent Farina, Craig Yetsko, Steve Villig, Karen Kieselowsky.

December Vintage Car



1989 Ford Taurus
Clark W. Griswald's Vehicle from "Christmas Vacation"

Tarot Card Art Contest at Dowdell

Have fun with the Lunar New Year and design a tarot card. The tarot is a pack of playing cards. The first recorded tarot cards date back to the 15th century. The earliest decks were hand-painted with intricate details and cost considerable money to commission. It was not until the late 1700s that tarot cards were widely used to gain insight into your past, present, and future. Frenchman Jean-Baptise Alliette published the first definitive guide to tarot card reading, but Pseudonymed Etteilla gave meaning to

each card. Every tarot card has a meaning that incorporates beliefs about astronomy and the four elements.

Go ahead and get creative; you can make a physical card or submit a digital design. Designs must be returned by February 28th. All entries will be judged, and the winner will receive a \$25 Panera Gift card! One entry per person. Ages 0-100. You can drop entries off in the Library or email your digital design to comments@dowdell.org.

Pet Of The Month



"Star," a Pekingese, with a colorful bow in her hair, made this Christmas gift box her temporary bed. She is owned by Kim Carling of Sayreville. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

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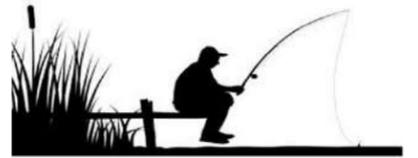
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Fishing Flashes

By Teo "Weebles" Weber



Salt Water

It's the Weeblemeister once again wishing you a great 2022 fishing season. Offshore trips for Sea Bass on party boats was good, but that's ended with the season closure for now. Striped Bass continue to be caught in Perth Amboy in front of the Victory Bridge. The season for them in the rivers and bays along with Winter Flounder is now closed until March 1st. I still have seen people fishing there anyway after January 1st. You can still fish but you can't keep any fish. They may be visited by the Game Wardens! I saw a few people fishing at Keansburg. One person missed a bite. You can still fish legally in the ocean. A few Stripers were caught in the surf at LBI. Party boat fishing is now Blackfish. Ling fishing has slowed up. There are no Mackerel as of now. I haven't heard of new changes in regulations for 2022 so far. I will keep you posted.

Fresh Water

The cold weather has arrived. It's still too warm for any safe ice fishing. This leaves you with Trout fishing in upstate streams for any chance of catching any holdovers. Shore fishing at Round Valley Reservoir might be worth a try. Some big Trout come close to shore at this time especially near the boat launch areas.

Gone Fishin'



2021 was a great year for Striped Bass fishing all over the state, and these three fishermen pictured near the beach by Waterfront Park in South Amboy/Sayreville, proudly show their fine catch of Stripers between 30 and 32 inches each from the Raritan Bay. The fish were hauled in their little boats only 200 feet offshore. (Photo/info by Al Ust)

PRAYER TO ST. JUDE

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

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 -B.S..



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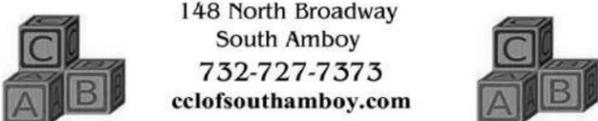
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Members of American Legion Post 211 Honor Guard stand at the ready to distribute wreaths throughout the cemetery.



Wreaths lay at the Veterans Monument at Sacred Heart cemetery in preparation of being distributed throughout the cemetery on the graves of our honored Veterans. (Photos/captions courtesy of Rich Kosmoski)

ANNUAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA CEREMONY

Submitted by Staff Writer Rich Kosmoski

The South Amboy/Sayreville Rotary Club sponsored the annual Wreaths Across America ceremony on Saturday, December 18, 2021, at the Sacred Heart Cemetery. Jeff Pawlowski of the South Amboy/Sayreville Rotary Club, in conjunction with the

Sayreville American Legion Lenape Post 211 Honor Guard conducted the ceremony which began at exactly 12:00 noon as thousands of other similar ceremonies were being conducted at the same time across America. The Honor Guard fired a volley

of rifle rounds followed by the playing of TAPS. Afterwards, Veterans and volunteers gathered up the donated wreaths and went throughout the cemetery placing them on Veterans graves as they read off the name of each honored Veteran. These wreaths were

all donated by a company in Maine and were trucked in by refrigerated tractor trailers as these trailers made their way to Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. (see related story below)

Veterans Honored At Christmastime

By Rich Kosmoski

At 9:45 on Wednesday, December 15, 2022, a caravan over 1 1/2 miles long entered Sayreville. The caravan consisted of 14 gigantic, refrigerated tractor trailers, escorted by State Police cruisers from Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey. Hundreds of private vehicles carrying veterans and their families, along with many local police vehicles followed the trucks. This caravan of trucks was carrying over 250,000 wreaths destined for the graves of our honored heroes buried at Arlington National Cemetery. The cost of the wreaths and the transportation to Arlington is all donated. Along their route, they stopped at Sayreville War Memorial High School to make presentations of wreaths to the Gold Star Families. For those who don't know what a Gold Star Family is, it is a family that has lost a loved one in the service of their country! As the caravan approached the high school, the Woodside Mall on Ernston Road was lined

with students from the local schools waving banners and American Flags as the caravan passed. The other side of the roadway was lined with Sayreville's local heroes from the Sayreville Fire Department which included firefighters and their fire apparatus. The wreath presentation ceremony was conducted inside the gymnasium with wreaths being presented to various families and Veterans. Due to the Covid restrictions, attendance was limited and precautions strictly enforced. The Sayreville High School ROTC performed along with the SWMHS band. What began 30 years ago as a pilgrimage by Maine wreath maker, Morrill Worcester, in a single truck to deliver 5,000 wreaths to Arlington as a gesture of thanks has become a national mission to Remember, Honor, Teach. National Wreaths Across America Day ceremonies were held at more than 2,900 participating locations across the country on Saturday, Dec. 18, 2021. (Photo courtesy of Rich Kosmoski)



Ninth Annual Sheriff's Civilian Academy

WHAT: The Sheriff's Office will hold an 8-week-long Sheriff's Civilian Academy for residents of Middlesex County in the Spring of 2022. The Sheriff's Civilian Academy is designed to educate Middlesex County residents on the various functions and duties of the Sheriff's Office. Applications are being accepted now for the program.

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WHERE: Program will be held at the Middlesex County Fire Academy 1001 Fire Academy Dr | Sayreville, NJ 08872

WHO: For more information on the Sheriff's Civilian Academy, contact Sergeant Frank Sautner, Academy Coordinator, at 732-745-5909 or email frank.sautner@co.middlesex.nj.us. For more information on the Middlesex County Sheriff's Office, please call (732) 745-3382.

Each session will highlight functions of the Sheriff's Office including: Defensive Tactics, K-9, Transportation, Fingerprinting, DARE, Courts, Civil Process and Foreclosures among others. Participants also will tour the Middlesex County Sheriff's Office and the Main Courthouse located in New Brunswick.

The first session is scheduled for 7 to 9 pm on April 5, 2022. Classes will continue weekly on Tuesdays. One Saturday class will be held. The program culminates with a graduation ceremony scheduled for May 24, 2022.

WHEN: Applications are due no later than February 15, 2022. The application will be used to determine suitability for the program. Applicants must be at least 18 years old, reside within the County of Middlesex, have no felony convictions, not be wanted for any crime, and submit to a limited background check.

For more information, please visit: https://nixle.us/D89TB?_



Past Grand Knight Les Wilson and his wife Carol pose with Santa and their grandsons Maddox and Logan at the South Amboy Knights of Columbus annual Brunch with Santa (Photo/caption by Steve Schmid)

St. Jude Novena
May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayers 9 times a day. Say it for 9 days. By the eighth day, your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised.
Thank you, St. Jude. P.S. & B.S.

I Am
By Al Gomolka Jr.
Poet Laureate
c.1995

**I am man
I am baby, I am child,
I am teenager,
I am adult
I am son, I am grandson,
I am great grandson, I am godson,
I am brother, I am cousin,
I am nephew, I am uncle,
I am godfather, I am son-in-law,
I am brother-in-law, I am husband,
I am father,
I am friend, I am neighbor,
I am stranger,
I am society
Whatever title I inherit,
Whatever role I become and play,
Whoever I may influence,
by me being a player,
May it be done as
"Go Do Unto Others"
in their roles of I am.
Someday I may be a grandfather,
a great grandfather
maybe a widower, or senior citizen,
Throughout our life's
presenting characters,
Perceptible evidence of what we are,
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of our Creator Confirming
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Valentine's Day

By John "Flip" Phillips



Valentine's Day is special. I think it was more special when we were kids, by that I mean when we were in grade school. Let's take a walk back to the classroom (for some of us a long walk) and try to remember what it was like.

Around the first of February the teacher or Nun (in my case) would put a big box in the front of the classroom to collect the Valentine cards. The girls would decorate the room with all kinds of Valentine "stuff", and a "boy" would start to wonder if that cute girl would give him a card. I guess girls wondered the same thing. A lot of teasing went on during the days leading up to the day the box was opened. I remember that up until around the 4th grade we had a small party. Mothers would bring in cupcakes, candy and soda. (Can you imagine this happening today? Cup cakes, candy and soda are not good for kids). I often wonder how we managed to grow up eating all that "junk". Then the box was opened by the teacher, and a girl and a boy would give out the cards. And, if that cute someone sent you a card you smiled and were happy, if not, oh well. Did you often wonder what ever happened to that cute girl or boy in the 4th grade?

Now, let's get to the story. There are many versions of how it all started. Here is one that I picked for this story.

The Legend

A popular account of a man named Valentinus of Rome states that he was imprisoned for performing weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry by Emperor Claudius, and for practicing the Christian faith, which was also forbidden. According to the story, during his imprisonment he healed the daughter of his jailor. The story also says that before he was executed he left the daughter a letter signed "Your Valentine" as a farewell.

There are many early Christian martyrs named Valentine, but the Saint Valentine of Rome is largely recognized as the true "Saint Valentine" who was martyred late in the third century. His relics were kept in the Church and Catacombs of San Valentino in Rome, which remained an important pilgrim site throughout the Middle Ages. His flower

adorned skull is on display in the Basilica of Santa Maria in Rome. Some relics were moved to various churches over the centuries including to the White friar Carmelite Church in Dublin, Ireland.

In writing this story I found that there are many legends associated with men called Valentine; and that there were many Saint Valentines. Enough confusion surrounds his true identity that the Catholic Church stopped celebrating his feast in 1969. However, he is still recognized as a saint, and many Christian faiths still recognize February 14th as his feast day.

So, of the many legends recorded throughout the centuries...take you pick, you can't be wrong.

Romance

Legend has it that the day was first associated with romantic love dates to the time of Geoffrey Chaucer in the Middle Ages, when the tradition of courtly love flourished. In 18th-century England it evolved into an occasion where lovers expressed feelings for each other by giving flowers, sweets and sending greeting cards, called "Valentines". Over time the symbols we are familiar with hearts, doves, and winged cupids evolved. Sometime in the 19th-century the Valentine cards we are familiar with appeared.

Over the years many poets and writers referred to Valentine's Day. So, it's been a tradition for centuries. Here are a few sayings and rhymes that might sound familiar:

*She Bathed with roses red and violets blue
And all the sweetest flowers that in the forest grew.*

(From the **Faerie Queen** by Edmund Spencer, 1590)

*The rose is red and the violet's blue
The honey is sweet and so are you*

(From a collection of English rhymes circa 1784)

*Tomorrow is Saint Valentine's day,
All in the morning betimes,
And I a maid at your window,
To be your Valentine*

(From **Hamlet** by William Shakespeare, 1600)

So ends this little story.
Happy Saint Valentine's

Speaker Coughlin Statement on 219th Legislative Session

Reflects on Assembly Achievements During Pandemic-Dominated Session, Bids Farewell to Departing Members

The 219th New Jersey Legislature convened for its final voting session on Monday, bidding farewell to 16 departing legislators on both sides of the aisle.

Reflecting on Assembly Democrats' legislative accomplishments of the preceding two years as the body concluded its business, Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin (D-Middlesex) issued the following statement:

"This has been a legislative session like no other in our history. The agility and commitment with which our 80-member body responded to the global Covid-19 pandemic, leading us to formulate the nation's first remote voting policy, was no small feat.

"We crafted several critically impactful pieces of legislation to keep the residents of New Jersey safe and later to get them back up on their feet. We provided millions of dollars in support to

help our food insecure, we meaningfully expanded access to care through telehealth, and protected the most vulnerable from losing the roof over their head.

"We had the backs of small businesses and our working middle class. Furthermore, the taxpayer savings we created became cornerstones of the agenda we advanced.

"Members who leave us today were partners in that work, but now depart to begin exciting new chapters. Whether in public service or not, I am confident each will continue to use their voice in service of the people of our state.

"As we look ahead to the beginning of a new session and a year fresh with opportunity, I look forward to building on the progress we have made to ensure the health and prosperity of all our communities into the future. I am proud to lead this Chamber and look forward to tackling the challenges ahead."

Sayreville's Got Talent!



Patti Grisar (left in the above photos) a graduate of Sayreville Memorial High School is an actress who appeared in TV commercials and had roles and featured background appearances in shows like Law and Order, and Orange is the New Black. She also was close friends with Maureen O'Hara (right in the right photo) and became her book tour manager. In the left photo she is pictured with another Sayreville HS graduate Reni Santoni best known as Poppy on Seinfeld. (Photos/Info Submitted)



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WWW.?
By Tom Burkard



Can you identify this local building? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by Feb. 14th. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

WWW.? Winners November

Last month's WWW.? was the Gazebo on Bordentown Ave. at Cannon Park. The following correctly identified it: Michael & Irene Kilcomons, Dennis Quinlan, Leon Credico, Joan Gorczyca, Chuck Pickard, Jim & Debbie Sissick, Peggy Yanuzzelli, Mary Agnes Morris, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Pete McIntyre, Joan Fulham, Lynn Loy, Gary Feret, Marie English & Ed English, Betty Leveille, Lisa Grankowski, Mark Moniello, Steve Laskiewicz, Pat & Bill Scully, Barb Bockus, Steve Villig.



December's WWW - Bordentown Ave Gazebo

Where in NJ?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Can you identify this place? It's closer than you might think..who says you can't go home? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by Feb. 14th. Good Luck. (Photo by Mark Merriman)

The Where in NJ for December was Palmer Square in Princeton behind the Nassau Inn Hotel.

The following correctly identified it; Michael & Irene Kilcomons, Jim & Debbie Sissick, Leon Credico, Chuck Pickard, Edna Mazur Pilch, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Marie English & Ed English. Matk Moniello, Betty Leveille, Pat & Bill Scully, Steve Villig.



Palmer Square in Princeton .



Thank You

The Family of Joy E. (Demarest) Tarallo would like to thank all who took pause over the holiday season to celebrate our mother's life.

Your kindness and concern will forever be appreciated.

A special thank you to the following:

- The staff at the Gundrum's Funeral Parlor
- The Members of the South Amboy First Aid Squad
- The South Amboy Fire Department and especially Independence Hose Company #7
- The Members of the South Amboy Police Department
- And certainly, all the friends and family of our mother, Joy Tarallo

A special Thank You to Granddaughter, Victoria LaVigne for being a most dedicated, devoted, loving Granddaughter who was always there to help our mother in her time of need. Thank you all, and may God Bless each and every one of you.

Linda Tarallo

Carmela Tarallo Colfer

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and through...Lived and loved to hunt
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*We thought of you with love
today, but that is nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday,
and days before that too.
We think of you in silence.
We often speak your name.
All we have are memories
and your picture in a frame.
Your memory is our keepsake
with which we will never part.
God has you in his keeping,
we have you in our hearts.*



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John Grabko



John Grabko of Barnegat, NJ, passed away on November 9, 2021, after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's at the age of 92. John passed peacefully at home surrounded by his loving wife Carol and their children. John was born in South River, NJ on February 24, 1929, to father Frank Grabko and Mary Grabko (nee Zuke). He starred in four sports at South River High School, and had the opportunity to earn a football scholarship to Oklahoma State University. He was offered a contract to play for the professional Philadelphia Eagles Football Team, but opted to work in order to support his family. After college, he served in the Army from 1953 – 1955, and stayed in the reserves for another 7 years. John met his wife Carol while in high school and they were married on April 3, 1952, while still in college. They had three children and lived most of his life in Sayreville, New

Jersey where John was a Special Agent for the New York Life Insurance Company for over 35 years.

Marie Kohler English



Marie Kohler English, 92, of Morgan died on Tuesday January 11, 2022 at home. Born in South Amboy she lived there all her life. Before retiring she was employed by OK Electric, Perth Amboy. Marie also was a Middlesex County Election Day Poll worker for 20+ years. A member of St. Mary's R.C. Church, South Amboy she was a 1946 graduate of the parish high school and volunteered in the grammar school library. She was very patriotic, loved America, enjoyed Friday fish nights, daily walks at the park and fondly recalled the fun times she had with her childhood friends and family on David Street.

Daughter of the late William and Anna Whalen Kohler she is also predeceased by her husband Edward English in 1995; her brothers William, Leo and Donald Kohler and her sisters Loretta Smith, Jeanne Murphy and Margaret Hulsart. She is survived by her son Edward W. English and many nieces and nephews.

Joan Ostrowski

Joan Ostrowski, age 81 of Sayreville, passed away Sunday, January 9, 2022 at the Venetian Care and Rehabilitation in South Amboy. Born in Bayonne on September 7, 1940 to William & Netti Russo she had resided in Sayreville for the past 50 years. Before her retirement, she was employed by AT&T in Basking Ridge as a buyer for 28 years, she also worked as a sales associate for J.C.Penny in East Brunswick. She was a communicant of Saint Bernadette's RC Church in Parlin. Joan was a member of the Sayreville Senior Citizen Thursday Club, the Saint Bernadette's Seniors and the Our Lady of Victories Seniors Club.

Surviving are her longtime partner Donald J. Montemurro, her Godsons Jeffrey Montemurro and Arnold Valentino and her Goddaughter Lori Hall.

A prayer service was held at the Spezzi Funeral Home 15 Cherry Lane, Parlin, NJ.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Joan's name to the Alzheimer's Association 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601.

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

Henry "Hank" Wasilewski



Henry "Hank" Wasilewski, age 94 of Sayreville, passed away Sunday January 2, 2022 at Venetian Care & Rehabilitation in South Amboy with his loving and devoted son at his side. Born in Mt Carmel, Pennsylvania to Bronislaus & Ida Wasilewski on March 28, 1927 he has resided in Sayreville all of his life. Before his retirement in 1994 he was employed by Union Carbide in Bound Brook for 43 years retiring as a supervisor. Hank proudly served his country in the Army Air Corp during World War II, was a life member, past Commander and Honor Guard Member of Sayreville VFW Memorial Post 4699 and was a communicant of Saint Stanislaus Kostka R C Church in Sayreville where he was a member of the Holy Name Society. Hank was also a life member of West End Athletic Club in Mt Carmel PA., Sayreville Knights of Columbus Council

2061, and Sayreville American Legion Post 211.

He is predeceased by his wife Mary L Ziemba Wasilewski in 2000, also his parents Bronislaus and Ida Wasilewski four sisters and one brother. Surviving are his devoted son and care giver Gregory Wasilewski of Sayreville, his sister-in-law Louise Grodzki, his niece and nephew Mary Lou and Michael Knox, his great nephews Michael & Matthew Knox and as host of other family and friends.

Funeral services were held from the Maliszewski Memorial Home 121 Main Street Sayreville followed by a Mass at Saint Stanislaus Kostka R. C. Church in Sayreville. Burial followed at Saint Stanislaus Cemetery with full military honors.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made Sayreville VFW post 4699 575 Jernee Mill Road, Sayreville, N.J 08872 or Sayreville Emergency Squad P.O. Box 9, Sayreville, N.J. 08872 Letters of condolence may be sent to the family at maliszewskimemorialhome.com

Joy E. Demarest Tarallo



Joy E. Demarest Tarallo, 94, of South Amboy died on Tuesday, December 21st, 2021 at St. Peter's University Hospital, New Brunswick, with family by her side. Born in Baldwin, Long Island, she was previously employed by General Cable, Perth Amboy. She is now reunited with her beloved husband, Anthony J. Tarallo, who passed away in 1999, daughter of the late Walter and Gertrude Wassner Demarest. She is survived by her daughters, Linda Tarallo, Carmela Colfer and husband, Gary Colfer, Joy Ellen LaVigne and husband, Darren LaVigne, and Toni Jean Tarallo and fiance, Carmen Semenza; her grandchildren, Victoria LaVigne, Anthony LaVigne, Lisa Freeman, William Disbrow, Joseph Tarallo, Christine Fallon, Gary Colfer, Kelly Livett, and Craig Colfer; and 9 great-grandchildren. Joy will be remembered as an avid reader, who loved to paint

and never let an opportunity pass to learn something new. She always exhibited the qualities of grace and class throughout her lifetime. Most of all, Joy loved her family and created memories that will be cherished forever. There will never be a day that goes by that we will not miss her. Visitation was held at The Gundrum Service "Home for Funerals", 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy. Interment in Christ Church Cemetery was private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the volunteer first responders of South Amboy (First Aid or Fire Department).

Edward Walter Orlowicz

Edward Orlowicz, 95, of Fort Myers, Florida passed away on January 12, 2022. He was in hospice care at the time of his passing. Edward is survived by his stepson David Owens and wife, Nancy of West Union, West Virginia; and his stepson Daniel Owens and his husband, Richard Maile of Atlanta, Georgia. Also surviving Edward are his niece Bernadine Pachkowski and her husband Harry; grandchildren: David Owens, and Shannon Lewis and her husband Alan; and great-grandchildren Jeremy and Alexander; as well as many other nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.



Edward was born in Sayreville, New Jersey, the son of the late Walter and Mary Orlowicz. Edward lived in Sayreville before moving to the Fort Myers area. Edward is predeceased by his wife, Bernice Orlowicz and his sisters, Mary Blaszk, Stella and Theresa Orlowicz, and nephew Joseph Blaszk.

Edward served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He was a celebrated member of Sayreville VFW, Post 4699, serving as Post Commander from 1952-1953. He retired from EI DuPont and for a period of time worked as a videographer and photographer. Once he and his wife retired to Fort Myers Beach, he would spend his days woodworking, painting, and riding his bike. Edward was loved by everyone he met.

At Edward's request his body was donated to MedCure. Donations may be made in his memory to the Church Of The Ascension in Fort Myers Beach.

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William J. Scully

William J. Scully, 81, of South Amboy died on Tuesday January 11, 2022 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy. Born in New Brunswick he was employed as a truck driver for over 40 years. A member of Teamsters Locals 701 and 641 he also belonged to the American Power Boat Association since 1965 and he was an Exempt Member of the Sayreville Fire Department. He was well known throughout South Amboy and the surrounding area for driving around town and visiting the parks with his wife.

Son of the late William A. and Lois Snover Scully he is also predeceased by his brother James Scully and his grandchildren Cheryl Lynn Henke, Lawrence William Henke, III and William Patrick Scully. He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years Patricia Munn Scully; his children Barbara McKeon of South Amboy, William Scully and his wife Holly of Phillipsburg, James Scully of South Amboy and Kelly Everitt of Bath, Pennsylvania; his grandchildren Melissa Ann, Beth Ann, Joseph William, Edward Michael and Krystal Lee; 17 great-grandchildren; his brother Richard Scully; his sisters Lana Kuran, Linda Kelly and Laura Gillette and many nieces and nephews.

Interment in Christ Church Cemetery, South Amboy was private under the direction of The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy. A memorial service will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the South Amboy First Aid Squad.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of William J. Scully, please visit our floral store.

John Marcinczyk Jr.



John Marcinczyk Jr., age 76 of Sayreville passed away peacefully on Sunday January 9, 2022 at his home with his loving and devoted family at his side. Born in Blackpool, England on September 5, 1945 to John & Jean Marcinczyk Sr., he was a lifelong Borough of Sayreville resident. Before his retirement in 2009 he was employed by the Borough of Sayreville Maintenance Department for 30 years. John was a member of the Senior Citizens Deaf Club, Diverse Deaf Club, and a communicant of Saint Stanislaus Kostka R.C. Church in Sayreville.

John is predeceased by his parents John & Jean Marcinczyk and his brother Raymond Marcinczyk. He is survived by his wife of 48 years Sharon Klotz Marcinczyk, his daughters and their husbands Tammy & Jeff Lewis of Spotswood, Josie & Josh Ziontz of Toms River and Holly & Greg Zaradkiewicz of Roosevelt, his grandchildren Essance, Joseph, Emily, Kayle, Joshua, Chloe, Jonathan, Olivia and Jonah, his loving companion and friend his dog Frankie and many cousins in England.

Funeral services were under the direction of the Maliszewski Memorial Home.

The Miraculous Prayer

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

Obituaries

Barwikowski, Edward, 66, of Parlin died on Dec. 23.
 Bianchi, Osvaldo D, 70, of Sayreville died on Jan. 3.
 Bienias, Louise, 92, of Parlin died on Jan. 13.
 Burke, Arthur "Artie," 67, of South Amboy died on Nov. 4.
 Caravella, Robyn, 48, of Parlin died on Jan. 17.
 Charmello, Clara M., 80, formerly of South Amboy died on Jan. 9.
 Damico, Dorothy H. Surowka, 92, of Morgan died on Dec. 29.
 Day, Thomas A., 31, of South Amboy died on Jan. 9.
 Dill, Homer W., 90, formerly of Sayreville died on July 3, 2017.
 English, Marie Kohler, 92, of Morgan died on Jan. 11.
 Estrada, Gerald D., 73, of Parlin died on Jan. 9.
 Friedman, MaryJane Fleming, 82, of South Amboy died on Jan. 6.
 Gawron, Santa Maria "Sophie," 90, of Sayreville died on Jan. 11.
 George, Varughese, 69, of Parlin died on Dec. 15.
 Grabko, John, 92, formerly of Sayreville died on Nov. 9.
 Hogue, Marie, 98, of Parlin died on Dec. 17.
 Hope, Agnes, 69, of Parlin died on Dec. 25.
 Horbatt, Lillian Switzer, 79, formerly of Parlin died on Oct. 27.
 Jimenez, Nydia, 87, of Sayreville died on Dec. 27.
 Jorgenson, George A., 90, of Parlin died on Dec. 14.
 Jukus, Kathleen, 59, of South Amboy died on Jan. 19.
 Kwitkoski, Sophie C. "Kate," 97, formerly of Sayreville died on Jan. 15.
 Lieberman, Eugene, 84, of Sayreville died on Jan. 15.
 Lynch, Edward A. II, 40, of Sayreville died on Jan. 16.
 Marcinczyk, John H. Jr., 76, of Sayreville died on Jan. 9.
 Marcinko, Andrew G., 78, of Parlin died on Jan. 19.
 McLean, James R., 36, of Morgan died on Jan. 1

Morgan, Catherine, 102, of Parlin died on Jan. 14.
 Nordling, Marie C., 88, of South Amboy died on Jan. 18.
 O'Connor, Karen J., 76, of Parlin died on Dec. 15.
 O'Donnell, Mary C., 83, of Parlin died on Dec. 19.
 Olejnik, Marek J., 59, of South Amboy died on Dec. 24.
 Ostrowski, Joan, 81, of Sayreville died on Jan. 9.
 Salagaj, Otilia, 93, of Sayreville died on Jan. 16.
 Schulman, Philip, 94, formerly of Sayreville died on Dec. 24.
 Scully, William J., 81, of South Amboy died on Jan. 11.
 Shipkin, Alison M., 42, of South Amboy died on Jan. 6.
 Sudnikovich, Walter A. "Blackie," 78, of Sayreville died on Dec. 9.
 Syslo, Florence, 91, of Sayreville died on Dec. 13.
 Szarvas, Martin, 76, formerly of Sayreville died on Sept. 18.
 Szypulski, Heronim, 85, of South Amboy died on Dec. 31.
 Tarallo, Joy E., 94, of South Amboy died on Dec. 21.
 Tumminello, James J., 86, of Sayreville died on Dec. 19.
 Wanko, William "Bill," 57, of South Amboy died on Dec. 15.
 Wasilewski, Henry J. "Hank," 94, of Sayreville died on Jan. 2.
 Watson, Florence B., 101, of Sayreville died on Dec. 29.
 Wick, Elizabeth M., 96, of Parlin died on Dec. 30.
 Williams, Nancy A., 86, formerly of Parlin died on Jan. 3.
 Wimmer, Kevin M., 56, of Sayreville died on Jan. 1.
 Yaniak, Thomas D., 74, of Parlin died on Jan. 3.
 Zebro, Florence A., 96, formerly of Sayreville died on Jan. 16.
 Zentek, Deborah F., 64, of Sayreville died on Dec. 26.
 Zientek, Theresa, 92, of Sayreville died on Jan. 2.
 Zultanky, Zachariah J., 37, of Sayreville died on Jan. 4.

In Memoriam

Arthur "Artie" Burke, 67, of South Amboy died on Nov. 4. One of South Amboy's "good guys," Artie will never be forgotten by those who knew him. Bill Wanko, 57, of South Amboy died on Dec. 15. He was a really good guy, who loved sports, especially baseball. Joy Tarallo, 94, of South Amboy died on Dec. 21. She was one of the classiest, most gracious and wonderful human beings a person could ever meet. Dorothy Damico, 92, of Morgan died on Dec. 29. She was a Crossing Guard in Morgan for 23 years, at the corner of Jesse Selover Elementary School. Theresa Zientek, 92, of Sayreville died on Jan. 2. She was Vice-President of the family-owned Lov 'n Kare Carpet in South Amboy. Thomas Yaniak, 74, of Parlin died on Jan. 3. Prior to his retirement, he was the owner/operator of Tom Yaniak Home Improvements in Sayreville. John Marcinczyk, 76, of Sayreville died on Jan. 9. He worked for the Borough of Sayreville in the Maintenance Dept. for 30 years prior

to his retirement in 2009. Gerald Estrada, 73, of Parlin died on Jan. 9. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War 1967-68, and served at Khe Sanh during the Tet offensive. He was wounded twice during his tour. Marie English, 92, of Morgan died on Jan. 11. She was a very patriotic and wonderful lady who will be sadly missed, but always remembered. Santa Maria "Sophie" Gawron, 90, of Sayreville died on Jan. 11. She owned/operated Mike's Tavern in South Amboy for 16 years with her husband. Florence Zebro, 96, formerly of Sayreville died on Jan. 16. She and her husband John were owners/operators of the Main Paint & Hardware Store in Sayreville. Marie Nordling, 88, of South Amboy died on Jan. 18. A U.S. Navy veteran, she worked as an RN at South Amboy Memorial Hospital. Marie was also an advocate of Hard of Hearing and organized several Walks for Hearing events. In addition, she was a member of the Historical Society of South Amboy.

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 -BS, PS, MM, ML, LF.

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MIRACULOUS INVOCATION TO ST. THERESA

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

Novena Prayer to St. Anthony of Padua

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

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As new years may come and as new years may go, they are all pieces of time all in a row. As we live our life, each second and every minute, we know we are privileged to have what we have. Our appreciation never ends, for our greatest blessings are, our family and our friends.

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City of South Amboy Department of Public Works

2022 Bulk Pickup Schedule

Please Note the following changes:

No Construction/Hazmat materials or tires.

ALL BOXSPRING MATTRESSES MUST BE BAGGED OR THEY WILL NOT BE PICKED UP

NO MORE THAN 10 ITEMS

Items must be bundled, bagged or canned

<p>If your trash pick up is Monday—your bulk pick up days are Wednesday:</p> <p>January 5th February 2nd March 2nd April 6th May 4th June 1st July 6th August 3rd September 7th October 5th November 2nd December 7th</p>	<p>If your trash pick up is Tuesday (*Broadway included) - your bulk pick up days are Wednesday:</p> <p>January 12th February 9th March 9th April 13th May 11th June 8th July 13th August 10th September 14th October 12th November 9th December 14th</p>	<p>If your trash pick up is Thursday—your bulk pick up days are Wednesday:</p> <p>January 19th February 16th March 16th April 20th May 18th June 15th July 20th August 17th September 21st October 19th November 16th December 21st</p>	<p>If your trash pick up is Friday—your bulk pick up days are Wednesday:</p> <p>January 26th February 23rd March 23rd April 27th May 25th June 22nd July 27th August 24th September 28th October 26th November 23rd December 28th</p>
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***ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER & UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES ***

Bulk drop off will be scheduled every 3rd Saturday between 7am—11am

2022 Holiday Garbage Pickup Schedule

(Dates are tentative due to inclement weather)

New Years Eve	Friday	December 31st will be picked up that day
Martin Luther King Day	Monday	January 17th will be picked up Wednesday January 19th
Lincolns Birthday	Friday	February 11th will be picked up that day
Presidents Day	Monday	February 21st will be picked up Wednesday February 23rd
Good Friday	Friday	April 15th will be picked up that day
Memorial Day	Monday	May 30th will be picked up Wednesday June 1st
Independence Day	Monday	July 4th will be picked up Wednesday July 6th
Labor Day	Monday	September 5th will be picked up Wednesday September 7th
Columbus Day	Monday	October 10th will be picked up that day
Election Day	Tuesday	November 8th will be picked up that day
Veterans Day	Friday	November 11th will be picked up that day
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 24th will be picked up Saturday November 26th
Day After Thanksgiving	Friday	November 25th will be picked up that day
Christmas	Monday	December 26th will be picked up that day