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Seven New Teachers At South Amboy Schools. The 2017-18 school year ushered seven new teachers to the South Amboy Public Schools. During the New Teacher Orientation, school administrators provided workshops on technology, lesson planning, best practices, and an overview of district systems and applications. The New Teacher Orientation is geared to provide our new faculty members with the tools for a successful transition. The district also coordinated a tour of the City of South Amboy and invited the Honourable Mayor Fred Henry to narrate the tour providing historical perspectives of landmarks throughout the City. Mayor Henry is a retired faculty member and former History teacher. Pictured from left to right: Superintendent of Schools Jorge E. Diaz; Board of Education President Janet Kern; Math Teacher Katherine Pagnotta, Elementary Teacher Lindsay Bates; Math Teacher Colleen Partenope; Music Teacher Lorraine Cotter; Special Education Teacher Susan Shay; English Teacher Nicole Vancil; Special Education Teacher Jessica Grasso; Mayor Fred Henry. (Photo/Info Submitted)

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10% Off
FULL GROOMING

60th Anniversary Wishes
Our very special Anniversary wishes go out to Frank and Lorraine Grimley of South Amboy, who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary, June 2nd. Congratulations and many more!

Cheeseman Recalls South Amboy Inspirations
Former South Amboy resident and ’67 St. Mary’s HS graduate Daniel Cheeseman went on to graduate from the U.S. Air Force Academy, and a highly-successful 31-year military career in active duty and the Minnesota Air National Guard. I recently had a chance to catch up with my old Mechanicsville Babe Ruth League teammate from 1964-65, and he said that “Coaches Joe McCarthy and Joe Kelly had a fundamental impact on my character development and going to the U.S. Air Force Academy, and a 31-year military career in active duty and the Minnesota Air National Guard. It was a time back during those Babe Ruth League years, with the Joes that impacted my decision to become an Air National Guard Aviator and Honeywell Engineer, and eventually resulted in me coaching American Legion baseball and also Bantam Hockey.”

College News
Dean’s List (Spring)
University of Scranton-Kelly S. O’Donnell (South Amboy)
The College Of New Jersey-Aman Upadhyay (Sayreville); Kimberly Hackshaw (South Amboy); Kaitlyn Kloske (South Amboy). Fairleigh Dickinson University (Metropolitan Campus)-Cassie Escamino (South Amboy); Delaware Valley University-Lianne Villano (Sayreville).

Honors List (Spring)
Fairleigh Dickinson University (Flohan Campus)-Jessica Villano (Sayreville); Isaiah Todman (Sayreville); Leslie Owens (Laurence Harbor).
Fairleigh Dickinson University (Metropolitan Campus)-Ashley Sierra (Sayreville) Virginia Platon (South Amboy); Carlos Fernandez (South Amboy); Dominique Jarvis (Laurence Harbor).
Graduate
Kristen Misak (Sayreville)-Hofstra University-Bachelor of Business Administration in marketing.
Hiral Piyushbhai Patel (Sayreville)-Monroe College-Master of Business Administration in Business Management.
Frank Guiamano, owner of the popular Frank's Automotive Service, located on Oak St, in the Melrose section of Sayreville next to Strouse Electric and across from Melrose Park, is hard at work, as he gets a customer's vehicle back into perfect running condition. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Frank Guiamano has always been interested in working on mechanical things, which ultimately blossomed into his automotive career. He is an ASE Certified Mechanic, and his work skills entail everything except tire work or wheel alignments.

Frank’s Automotive Service specializes in brakes, diagnostics, tune-ups, water pumps, clutches, all based in a general automotive repair area. He said that, “We can handle almost all repairs on most makes and models.” The business, which is one of the most highly-regarded auto repair facilities around, offers a convenient waiting room, and ample parking for customers. Anyone that comes to Frank’s Automotive Service for auto repairs should feel confident enough to speak to Frank, who is a master mechanic, about their vehicle.

Frank’s Automotive Service is located at 7072 State Highway 35 (You must enter from Oak St.) next to Strouse Electric and across from Melrose Park. Stop by or call 732-721-8844 for more information, or to make an appointment.

South Amboy Resident Receives Eagle Scout Award

South Amboy Boy Scout Troop 91 member Erik J. Kuhn was presented his Eagle Scout award during a Court of Honor conducted at Camp Dill in Clinton Township on July 16, 2017. The South Amboy resident was honored in front of his family; Friends; representatives of the Monmouth Council, B.S.A.; and other Scouting peers.

Kuhn is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Brian Kuhn and is a 2017 graduate of Saint John Vianney High School in Holmdel. He currently attends Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken.

Obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout is the highest honor that a Scout can earn, and historically only approximately 2% of all registered Scouts actually are able to achieve the honor. Requirements are extensive and include obtaining numerous skills through the Merit Badge program, demonstration of on-going service and leadership responsibility in the Troop and the community, and the successful completion of a Council approved Service Project that must benefit the community.

Kuhn’s project, called “Care Packages for the Homeless”, was unique in that he was able to activate resources in his community that benefited an entity in another community, which in turn benefits many surrounding communities. Under his direction, planning, and leadership, volunteers were able to acquire hundreds of everyday items that most people take for granted. Donated things such as soap, socks, deodorant and blankets were separated into categories and then actual “backpacks” were made up and taken to Jeremiah’s Refuge Emergency Shelter in Perth Amboy. These will be given to their residents as required.

Because of the overwhelming success of his project, Kuhn was able to supply over 60 backpacks and also several boxes of excess items to replenish them as needed.

Troop 91 of South Amboy celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2016 and is one of the oldest Boy Scout Troops in the nation. Any boy between the ages of 11 and 18 interested in joining can attend a weekly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday nights at the First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy on Broadway.
Fall is Here

Book Buddy Dog—OLAF
Wednesday, October 4
3:30-4:30 pm
Join us as we read stories with our Book Buddy Dog, Olaf.
We’ll also be joined by Mayor Fred Henry as we present Olaf and his parents with an honorary Dowdell Library Card.
All ages!!
Sadie May Dowdell Library - Adjacent to Middle / High School - South Amboy
732-721-6000 cmoney@townofsa.org www.dowdell.org

Halloween
AT THE Y
Friday, October 27th
6:30-8:30 pm
Join us for games, the bounce house, a haunted house, and tons of fun!
Register for our next session of classes
Fall II begins October 30th
Stop by the Member Service Desk or register online at www.ymcaofmewsa.org
SOUTH AMBOY YMCA
200 John T. O'leary Blvd, South Amboy, NJ 08879
732-553-9622 www.ymcaofmewsa.org

Celtic Festival
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Yearbook-Hoffman 1972
By Tom Burkard

As H.G. Hoffman High School’s Class of ’72 returned for its final year in September 1971, Paul McCartney’s “Uncle Albert” and Donny Osmond’s “Go Away Little Girl” were played all over the airways, as the top hits in the U.S. Adam Martin was principal, and some of his fine staff included: John Kovala, John Moran, Miriam Wolin, Joann Babish, Sally Ahsken, John Zdanewicz, Woodrow “Woody” McCarthy. Many assemblies were held that school year including the Thanksgiving and Christmas, in addition to other social activities including the Junior Dance “Pumpkin Patch,” and the Senior Dance “Snowball Dance.” The seniors nipped the faculty, 50-47 in the annual basketball game. St. Mary’s edged the Guvs boys, 15-12 in the Columbus Day Football Classic, and in the first girls Columbus Day football game in history. St. Mary’s stopped Hoffman, 6-0. Mary O’Leary was President of the Student Council, Robert Levins-V.P., Patty Flynn-Sec., Sheila Polanski-Treas. Susan Newton was Editor-In-Chief of the yearbook, and also president of the National Honor Society, and Captain of the Cheerleaders. The yearbook was dedicated to Rich Klein. Theresa Jankowski and JoAnn Neves were Co-Editors of the school newspaper. Eileen Zakrzewski was President of the Pep Club. Some of the fabulous Class of ’72 selected randomly were: Laurie Stratton, Eldrida Bullard, Theodore Zielinski, Patricia Diem, Michael Brown, Rosemarie Dohn, Robert Hrycezinski, Mary Gallagher, Debra Whitcomb, James Heath, Robert Hoffman, Carol Komosinski, Michelle Kossovich, Thomas Konick, Phyllis Letteriello, Esther Machat, Vanessa Mancini, Lois Maxfield, Irene Mikulas, Patrick McCarthy, Gerald Magee, Theresa Nowak, John Maslowski, Margaret O’Leary, Juliette Suau, Marlene Switzer, Jacqueline Tabaczewski, James Scott, Linda Tarallo, Harold Warner, Elaine and Ethel Wall, Joseph Yuhus, Arthur Veillette.

On the national scene in ’72, Richard Nixon won a landslide victory over George McGovern for President; “The Godfather” raked in the most money in movie history; UCLA won its 6th straight NCAA basketball title. One of the greatest groups of senior athletes ever to don Governors’ Purple & Gold uniforms included two and three sport stars: Gary Lange, the 3rd Guv in history to score 1,000 points, and perhaps the greatest all-around athlete in Hoffman/South Amboy HS history, Ron Croddick, All-State, All Groups 2nd baseman, Bob Levins, Doug Buckalew, Jim Keegan and Kevin Nemeth all excelled for Coaches Ray “Butch” Tomaszewski in hoops, and John “Mr. Z.” Zdanewicz in baseball. Other fine senior athletes were Mark Abiabbari (Owner of Broadway Fishery), Ray Kukulski (Owner of Lagoda’s Saloon), John Worth, Bob Kogut, Ray Nebus, Dennis McCarthy, Ludwig Mann, Larry Parsons (former SA Fire Chief), Ken Kubinak, Joe Connors (former SA Coach), John Wurth, Bob Levins, Paul Zulin, Patricia Shalala, Elizabeth Peters. “The Candy Man” by Sammy Davis Jr. ruled the pop music charts on Graduation Day 1972. The H.G. Hoffman High School Class of ’72 was truly amazing, athletically talented and most-interesting, who have certainly made the world a much better place.

October 14 at Celtic Festival

Former N.J. State Troopers Picnic, T. R. R. Mike Deitche, Jack Brennan, Dan Ballance, Jim McSorley, Justin O’Malley and Mike Downs having a great time at the German American Club in Hamilton, NJ August 2017. (Photo/submitted)

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South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry (right front) cuts the ribbon at the Grand Opening of the Luxury Apartment Building on the corner of North Feltus & Augusta Streets. Owner Christopher Mac (left center), family and friends were on hand for the proud moment. The building is owned by A & G Enterprise LLC, and it is currently leasing Luxury/Bedroom apartments. For more information, contact 732-713-3940. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Pictured (l-r) are Deacon Richard J. O'Brien, and Grand Knight John W. Mieczkowski Jr., of the Knights of Columbus South Amboy Council, #426, presenting a check in the amount of $1,000 to Jen O'Neill (2nd from right) and Mark Schausch (r) for the Brain Injured Children of Sayreville. (Photo/info by Joe Lotkowicz)

Saide Pope Dowdell Library 45th Anniversary Re-Dedication

A re-dedication to Sadie Pope Dowdell with exciting activities including Mardi Gras Band “Noisy Neighbors,” Teen Read Week Contest, Culinary Workshops and annual Halloween Celebration Party, Noisy Neighbors, a Mardi Gras inspired band, will perform live at the Dowdell Library on Monday, October 2 from 6:30-8 pm. Bring friends and family for an enchanting evening of Mardi Gras celebration and music! Masks are a magical part of Mardi Gras tradition. Enter the “Maskarade” competition for the most intriguing mask. Don’t miss it!

Celebrate the 45th Anniversary of the library’s re-dedication to Sadie Pope Dowdell in honor of her 48 years of service as Library Director. Sadie Pope was born in South Amboy and had been the City Librarian from 1923 to 1971. In 1972, the library was renamed the Sadie Pope Dowdell Public Library.

Participate in the Teen Read Week with the RUIN a Book contest from October 1 through October 20. Simply add a word to a teen title to create a funny, new version of the original title. For example, Harry Potter and the Smelly Sorcerer’s Stone or Hunger Games Diet. One entry per day per person. At the end of the month, stop by to vote for your favorite RUINED book title when a winner with the most votes for their RUINED book title will win a prize! Dress up in your best costume and drop in for the Halloween Party on Monday, October 23 from 3:30-5 pm. We’ll have a costume contest with different categories for ages 0-10, and frightening refreshments.

To learn about upcoming library programs, sign up for the monthly eNewsletter at http://dowdell.org/newslettersignup.html. The Dowdell Library’s hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10 am to 8 pm, Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 5 pm, and Saturday from 12 to 4 pm. For more information, please visit www.dowdell.org, or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org.

The SWMHS Hall of Fame Committee is seeking nominations for its 2018 induction program, scheduled for May 5, 2018. Nominations must be graduates of Sayreville High School who have made outstanding contributions to their profession, organization, or community. Briefly list the individual’s accomplishments, year of graduation, and contact information, including email address. Call Elaine Kubacz at 732-727-0192 for nomination forms, or submit nomination letters to: SWMHS Hall of Fame Committee, 20 Holly Drive, Parlin, NJ 08859, before November 11, 2016. Nominations can also be emailed to: barb.anderson2@verizon.net, orepkubacz@verizon.net.

OLV Senior Meeting

The OLV Senior Group will hold their October meeting on Friday, October 6, 2017 at 1 PM in Monsignor Dalton Hall. Membership dues should be paid at this time. New members are welcomed to join. Balances for the remaining 2017 trips – Tomasello Winery, New Hampshire/Vermont, Christmas show, and West Virginia Christmas are due at the October meeting. Food donations will be taken for the St. Vincent DePaul pantry. For further information contact Teri at 732-727-7639.

St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus is having a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 12th in the basement of the church from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Admission: Adult-$8, child (12 and under): $4. The menu features orange juice, scrambled eggs, sausage patties, ham, coffee and tea.
On Aug. 31st Protection Eng. Co. opened it doors and announced on social media they were a collection point for Hurricane Harvey donations of baby needs, cleaning supplies and non-perishable foods. In just two days the Sayreville area came together fire company members and family members sorted and boxed all items there was enough donations to make seven pallets seven feet high. Items collected were baby diapers, baby formula, new bottles, canned foods, cereals, cleaning supplies and pet foods. Each box was labeled “Send with love from S.A.N.J.” The South Amboy donations were added to donations from Spotwood Fire Dept. The combined items added up to twenty two pallets. A local freight delivery company donated the tractor/trailer and was delivered to Dallas Texas to be distributed to relief centers.

By Karen Bailey, VP Bridges of Peace, Photo by Jennifer Frondelli

Sayreville Assists Harvey Victims

On Saturday, September 23, Bridges of Peace, a Sayreville based non-profit charity, held a fundraiser at Buddleia’s Restaurant and Banquet Hall after ending its two week drive for the victims of Hurricane Harvey in southern Texas. After seeing the images on television of the utter devastation in Texas I just literally wanted to run out there and do something. Knowing that wasn’t possible I quickly realized that my boyfriend Jay Seyglinksi’s 53 foot trailer was going to be parked in a yard for a few weeks while he was away doing other work so I asked him if I could borrow it. Of course he asked why and after hearing that I want to see if the community would help us fill it up and send it to Texas, without hesitation he said yes. So with that first yes I immediately started making calls. I knew that this was going to take a small army to get this done so quickly. But I also knew that others were feeling the same way, heavy hearted and wanting to help. So with that first yes I immediately started making calls. I knew that this was going to take a small army to get this done so quickly. But I also knew that others were feeling the same way, heavy hearted and wanting to help.

My first call was to Art Rittenhouse (President, Bridges of Peace), my longtime friend and treasure was truly incredible. We thank everyone for participating whether it was a dollar, a can or an hour! You truly were the well we responded! Sayreville Strong!

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Ed Kolodziej (c) is pictured with his wife Renee (l) and Jeff Pawlowski, President of the Old Bridge-Sayreville Rotary Club (r), at the dedication of the new handicapped park at the Center For Lifelong Learning School, which honored Ed. (Photo/caption by Joe Lotkowictz)

Bagged, Boxed & Delivered
By Elaine Holton Scott

There’s a literal “explosion” of companies delivering ingredients for making home cooked meals right to your front door. Of course, this bit of pampering comes at a cost…actually, a very high one. Food which is bagged, boxed, and delivered, I guess, is the new twist on take-out food, except the customer does the cooking and all the cleaning up afterwards. With orders for meals being pre-measured exactly to the amounts needed for the recipes, just don’t expect any leftovers…not even a crumb.

Actually, home food delivery is not new in South Amboy. Over six decades ago, Joe (Buty) Jaskowiak from Mechanicsville had a thriving business driving his converted old school bus bringing produce and fruit to housewives on his route. Parking in front of his customers’ homes, his bus would be quickly filled with women buying what they needed for that day. As this was before anything fresh was flown, trucked or freighted, everything Buty had sold was in-season. When we were bored, my friends and I would get on his bus to snoop around, always looking for a freebie when we did. One time, Buty gave a strange fruit called a Chinese apple to me and my friend, Nancy. It had little red seeds which needed to be picked one at a time. Years later, I’d learn that those expensive (10 cents each) Chinese apples were actually pomegranates.

During those same years, Joe the Butcher would come selling meat from his “meat wagon,” wrapping the unfrozen meat for his customers in heavy white “butcher paper” torn from a roll hanging from his dashboard. From ground beef to pork chops, Joe the Butcher sold it all. Sometimes, the Charlie Chip truck would pass by on its way to deliver the really big tin cans of Charlie Chips to its customers. I remember how my friends and I would watch in envy…always hoping that one day it would stop at our homes too. Like clockwork, Thursday evenings was the time for the Fish Man to come around. Meatless Fridays had given all fish markets a lot of business back then, as it had been a “sin” for Catholics to eat meat on that day. With chimes ringing or music playing, the Good Humor truck would come, and so would other ice cream vendors trying to get the attention of the neighborhood kids. From inside their homes, women had easily known which truck was coming up or down the street just by the liberal use of their horns, all different from the other.

Sometimes, we’d also get a chance to see the Milkman delivering to specific customers. It was the only time we had ever seen the man who had delivered our fresh milk in the mornings before dawn. Unless you’re a senior, you probably wouldn’t know that the Milkman had also delivered cottage cheese, sour cream, heavy cream, buttermilk, and butter…every kind of dairy product, not just milk.

So, you see, we also had food delivered many years ago…fresh food which had cost absolutely nothing for delivery. There was something even more special about those deliveries…it was the friendships formed between sellers and customers. Those days of long ago are gone now, and never to return. Seems these new food services are today’s much less personal version.

Fish and Chicken Fry

The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville will be having a Fish and Chicken Fry on Friday, October 13th, 2017. Tickets are $13.00 in advance and there are limited tickets available at the door for $15.00.
The Smoke Column
By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, MS

In the past sixty years, the fire service has changed its strategies and tactics numerous times in the way that firefighters suppress structure fires. Firefighters, like most other professions are set in their ways and resist change at almost any cost. But with the constant evolving of new technologies, equipment, and protective clothing, change is inevitable, like it or not.

In the 50’s and 60’s we wore canvas or rubber coats, pull-up high boots, and very little, if any, respiratory protection. We fought most structure fires from outside the structure by shooting water into the windows with a so-called booster line. Once the fire was knocked down from outside, we entered the building to continue attacking the fire for final extinguishment. Unfortunately, during these years the use of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) was not yet a standard practice. Firefighters entering the burning structure would be subjected to the hazards of smoke and the toxic gases given off from the burning material.

In the late 60’s and early 70’s, the use of SCBA became more prevalent and firefighters were now able to enter and work in hazardous areas for longer periods of time with respiratory protection. Tactics and strategies were changed and structure fires were being attacked from the interior rather than the exterior. This tactic allowed firefighters to get closer to the seat of the fire BUT it placed them in a more ultra-dangerous atmosphere. Throughout the years that followed, advancements were made in the protective clothing worn by firefighters. They were now able to remain in high-heat conditions for longer periods of time. Being fully encapsulated from head to toe, wearing helmets, hoods, masks, coats, gloves, pants, boots and SCBA, it became difficult to "feel the heat" of the fire until it penetrated this protective material! Because of all this thermal protection for the firefighter, they were staying in the "heat" much longer than they should have, with many of them suffering from burns and heat exhaustion. This same clothing that provided protection for firefighters from the heat of the fire also had the negative effect of containing their body heat inside the clothing causing heat exhaustion and possible heat stroke. We fought fires from the outside in the 50’s, 60’s, and 70’s, then changed tactics and during the 80’s, 90’s, and fought fires from the interior of the structure, now changes are in the works again.

Studies have found that by using new (old) techniques, fires can be knocked down quicker and with less exertion from the exterior, thus causing heat to be reduced inside and less fire spread throughout the structure. Firefighters are currently being trained to initially attack the fire from the exterior in-order-to "cooldown" the fire and the hot gases on the ceiling as much as possible. This would be a coordinated attack procedure with a ventilation crew ready to cut a hole in the roof to allow the heat and poison smoke/gases to escape. This coordinated cooling effect will allow firefighters to enter the structure under more tenable conditions. A new term being used is "flow path" which is a procedure that we initiate in-order-to control the direction that fire travels through the structure or the best way to extinguish it. By controlling ventilation openings, windows or doors, we CAN control the movement of the fire. Attacking fires from the exterior, as we did in the 50’s and 60’s, is now becoming a standard procedure.

As I stated earlier, change is inevitable and we must adapt to these life-saving techniques. We will still rush into a burning building to save someone’s life but we will do it with safety in mind both for ourselves and for the person we are attempting to rescue.
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We have a busy October planned this year. Everyone is always asking for dinners so we’ve added another one to our calendar, and the DayCare Center will be hosting a Vendor Sale as well.

The Spaghetti Dinner and Tricky Tray will be held on October 7 from 5 – 7 pm. Dinner will include Spaghetti, sausage, meatballs, salad, bread, and homemade desserts. All this for only $10. In addition, we will be hosting a small tricky tray with ~50 items. Tickets will be sold at the dinner. Tickets will begin to be drawn at 6:30.

The annual Roast Beef Dinner will be held on October 21 from 5-7 pm. This dinner will include Roast Beef, mashed potatoes, vegetables, rolls and homemade desserts. The cost of this dinner is $15. This is always a community favorite!!

If you plan on attending both dinners, you can prepay and save yourself $2.00 in total. Either dinner includes take outs as well. Please call Lori at 732 763 6232 for more information.

The Golden Rule Christian Center is hosting a vendor sale on October 14 starting at 9 am. Anyone interested in participating and sharing your wares, please call the church at 732 721 5356. Shop by for a “ONE STOP SHOPPING EVENT” and get a start on your Christmas shopping.

Tricky Tray

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas #769 will hold their annual tricky tray charity fundraiser on Saturday, October 21st, 2017, 1:00-4:00PM at St. James School, 341 Amboy Ave, Woodbridge. Admission is $15.00 in advance, and $20.00 at the door(no refunds). Light Refreshments will be served.

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Fitness Classes At The
Knights of Columbus of Sayreville

The Knights of Columbus in Sayreville will be running Fitness classes on Thursday’s. The Yoga class starts at 6:30 pm and ends at 7:20 pm. The Strength and Tone class starts at 7:30 pm and ends at 8:20 pm. Part of the proceeds benefit the Knights of Columbus in Sayreville. Location is 775 Washington Road, Parlin. Equipment needed is a Yoga mat for Yoga and a set of light weights and a yoga mat for Strength and Tone. Drop in fee is $10 per class. The Yoga class is a beginner/intermediate class. The Strength and Tone class will tone every major muscle group, helping to burn calories! The classes are run by Denise Morgan, CGEI, CPT, CYT. Pre-registration is required. Please call Denise at 732-525-9536 or email healthandfitnesswithdenise@gmail.com

Rosary Rally-Oct. 14
(Article submitted)

This year marks the 100th Anniversary of Fatima. The America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally will be held on Sat., Oct. 14th, 1 p.m. at the Gazebo on Bordentown Ave. between South Pine and Stevens Ave. Our Blessed Mother Mary wants public prayer for the conversion of our country, and the triumph of her immaculate heart. Please call Rita Priolo at 732-588-5272 for more information. The rally will take place rain or shine, so please bring a chair.

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A Wills, Estate Planning, & Probate Seminar will be held at the Sayreville Senior Center, 423 Main St., Sayreville on Sept. 26 at 10 a.m. The Jan. 1, 2017 New Estate Tax law made a number of substantial changes in the administration of estates and trusts in New Jersey.

The Speaker will be Kenneth Vercammen, Esq., Edison, NJ. He is the author of the American Bar Association book “Wills & Estate Administration.” The main topics to be covered are: 1. 2017 changes to NJ Estate Tax & changes to taxes on pensions. 2. Updates in Federal Estate and Gift Tax. 3. The New Probate Law and preparation of Wills. 4. Power of Attorney. 5. Living Will. 6. Administrating the Estate/Probate/Surrogate. You do not have to be a resident to attend. For more info and details, call Sayreville Senior Center 732-390-7059, Jen Krushinski or email: jkrushinski@sayreville.com.

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Open House For New Pathways To Adult Living Program

Families meeting with ESCNJ Superintendent of Schools Mark I. Finkelstein at the recent Pathways to Adult Living Open House.

South Amboy Elks with the support of the Elks National Foundation Gratitude grant, has awarded the Sayreville police department with a new Intraural protection shield. In photo from l-r Chairman for ENP Valentine Tarr, Capt. Jack Fitzsimmons, Sgt. Al Guevonn, Exalted Ruler Dave Bryson. This denotes community service showings Elks Care Elks Share. (Photo/Info Submitted)

9th Annual YMCA Tot Trot & Youth Fun Run

Raise Money for Child Care Scholarship Assistance Program

The Child Care Services Branch of the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy is hosting its 9th annual Tot Trot & Youth Fun Run on Sunday, October 1st at Metuchen High School (rain or shine).

This charity event will help us support families from our communities with scholarship assistance when they are unable to pay the full cost of child care. The fund also provides aid to families in crisis and allows us to temporarily provide tuition assistance in the event of a family emergency.

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

“We expect over 250 families to attend the event, making this the largest fundraising event for the childcare branch this year”, said Rose Cushing President & CEO of the YMCA of MEWSA. “We invite the community to support the run while helping us fulfill our mission of providing quality programming for all children and families in our communities. At the YMCA we believe that no one should be turned away from our programs and services based on their ability to pay. Help us continue to help those in need.”

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Holding an Open House for the Pathways to Adult Living (PAL) program the Thursday before Labor Day weekend may not have been ideal timing, however, several people took advantage of the opportunity to visit.

One woman brought her son Donovan, who is already enrolled in PAL, a program for 18-21 year-old classified students who have completed their academic requirements. “Donovan is very organized and he’s at his best when he is busy, so this is the perfect program for him,” said his mother, adding that she looked forward to his involvement in the employment training component of the PAL program, which is operated by the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ).

Sayreville Mayor Kennedy O’Brien also stopped by the storefront at 95 Main Street. “We are delighted to welcome this program in Sayreville and believe it will provide students with great independent learning opportunities,” he said. Vocational training opportunities, as a result of relationships that have already been established with nine community businesses, is a key part of the program, as well as learning to access public transportation. Students will meet each morning at 95 Main Street, where house cleaning, minor repair work and safe use of household equipment and appliances is a key part of the schedule.

For additional information about the PAL program, please contact Supervisor Raisa Pres, M.A., SL/FA, Teacher Marci Rubin, or Job Coach Jennifer Smith at 732-777-9848 Ext. 6690, or contact Mrs. Prus at mprus@ escnj.k12.nj.us.

The PAL program joins six ESCNJ schools in Middlesex County for students with autism, multiple disabilities, and at-risk behaviors. The largest Educational Services Commission in the state, the ESCNJ provides special education services to school districts statewide, coordinates transportation services for over 10,000 students across the state, and manages a Co-op Pricing System with over 1,000 members, the largest cooperative buying program in New Jersey.
Larry Helwig Memorial Golf Outing
October 16

Larry Helwig taught Physical Education in the Sayreville School District for over 30 years. During that time, Mr. Helwig was not only a beloved teacher but also an admired coach of football, wrestling and golf. In addition, he taught Driver’s Education to many Sayreville students. He retired from teaching in 2003 and tragically lost his life in an automobile accident in April 2017.

To honor Coach Helwig, a golf outing is being held on Monday, October 16, 2017 at The G. Kramerick Golf Course in East Brunswick. Proceeds from the outing will be used to create a scholarship for a deserving Sayreville War Memorial High School golf team member that embodies what Coach Helwig instilled in all of his students and athletes taught throughout his many years in Sayreville.

There are a few ways you can participate:

- **ADULT BAPTISM, FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION**
  - St. Mary’s Parish in South Amboy is now accepting registration for any adult (age 14 or older) who is interested in preparing for Baptism, First Communion, and/or Confirmation. RCAI (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) begins with several weeks of inquiry. Joined by team members, participants will journey through the scriptures and learn about the Catholic faith and tradition. Sessions will be held on Sundays and include Mass attendance. Please contact Karen Walczak Housman at 732-546-8361 to register or for further information.

- **Coach Bingo**
  - St. Stan’s H.S.A. is sponsoring their 5th Annual Coach Bingo & Tricky Tray fundraiser on Friday, October 20th in the school gym located at 221 MacArthur Ave., Sayreville. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and calling begins at 7:30 p.m. Ticket price is $30 per person and includes 12 games of bingo (3 cards per game), coffee, tea, and dessert. Additional bingo boards and daubers will be available for purchase.

- **Boy Scout Troop 95 Fall Open House**
  - Boys in grades 6 - 11 and their families are welcome to join us and learn about our Scouting Program! When: Tuesday, October 3, 2017, 7:30 pm Where: Sacred Heart Convent, 234 Walnut Street, South Amboy, NJ 08870 Contact: MaryAnn/Eliozondo, 917-620-8999, gabenate123@yahoo.com

- **Catholic War Veterans**
  - The Catholic War Veterans, Sacred Heart Memorial Hall, Meeting Room South Amboy. All Catholic Veterans are invited to space 18 years old to enter and participate.

- **Friends Of South Amboy Fundraiser Event**
  - This year’s Friends of South Amboy fundraiser event will be held on Saturday, December 16th at South Amboy Middle High School. Proceeds from the event will go to the Malbas family-who have a five year old daughter battling leukemia. As in years past the event will feature local high school basketball games, as follows:
    - 4:00-6:00 South Amboy Varsity Girls vs Calvary Christian
    - 6:00 Bishop Ahr Boys Varsity vs Sayreville
    - 8:00 South Amboy Boys Varsity vs Calvary Christian
  - There will also be a Tricky Tray on the day of the event, and the theme of South Jersey’s

- **Fitness Classes At Christ Church**
  - Christ Church in South Amboy will be running Fitness classes Saturdays and Mondays. Christ Church is located at 221 Main Street, South Amboy.
  - The Saturday class is Cardio/Strength Interval class starts at 6:30pm and ends at 7:20pm. The Core/HARD CORE Yoga starts at 7:20pm and ends at 8:20 pm.
  - The drop in fee for these classes are $10 per class and part of the proceeds benefit Christ Church. Equipment needed: Yoga Mat.

- **Trip to Kinky Boots**
  - The OIV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip To Broadway to play Kinky Boots on Sunday, December 3, 2017. The price of the trip is $235.00 which includes premium orchestra seating, bus transportation, bus driver gratuity, snacks on the bus and dinner in New York. For more information or to reserve a seat for the trip please contact Teri at 732-727-7639.

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Summer At Dowdell Library Winners

South Amboy-Sayreville Times

14 September 30, 2017

South Amboy, NJ (Monday, September 18, 2017) This summer was jammed packed at the Dowdell Library with winners who participated in the Summer Clubs, Bookmark Contest and Backpack Raffle Drawing!

The grand prize winner for the Children’s Summer Club was Noah Demasi who read 68 books throughout the summer, and the winner for the Adult Summer Club was Lillian Naused, who won an Amazon Kindle! Everyone who participated had a chance to win the grand prize. Sign up next summer for a chance to win next year’s grand prize.

This summer the library also had a bookmark contest where participants used their creativity to design a bookmark. Meghan Keegan and Brandon Ruiz were the winners in the Children’s category. Ariana White was the winner for the Teen category. Lorraine Kost was the winner for the Adult category. Each winner was awarded a gift card and will have their bookmarks laminated and distributed.

Lastly, to end the summer, kids had a chance to win a Back to School Backpack filled with school supplies. Rai-Ryu Dix-Moon was our lucky winner, and was very excited when he received his new backpack!

Congratulations to all the winners this summer and a job well done!

To learn about upcoming library programs, sign up for the monthly eNewsletter at http://dowdell.org/newslettersignup.html

The Dowdell Library’s hours are

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10 am to 8 pm, Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 5 pm, and Saturday from 12 to 4 pm. For more information, please visit www.dowdell.org, or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org.
Jan Williams of South Amboy, New Jersey earned the coveted “Best of Show” Trophy for his gleaming black and chrome 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air convertible. Following the award ceremonies, Jan was seen driving away with the top down, and the giant trophy was on the front seat. Shown in the photo from left to right are Widilia Guerrero, Jan Williams, and Roberto Queriero, a member of the Raritan Bay Cruisers Car Club, which hosted, along with the Business Improvement District (BID), the recent vintage car exhibition in Perth Amboy’s City Hall Circle. Roberto brought two completely restored, vehicles to the show, a 1957 Chevy Bel Air Coupe and 1952 KS Pickup truck. More than 150 classic cars were on display during the 11th Annual City-by-the-Bay Classic Car Show. (Photos/info submitted)
Hey rock and rollers, mark your calendars for Saturday Oct. 28th, 2017. South River’s VFW Post #1451 at 31 Reid Street will be having their Annual Halloween Dance with central N.J.’s best Classic Rock and Oldies band “Clem and Friends” providing live rock and roll music from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Cost will be $30.00 per person which gets you a buffet dinner, beer, wine and soda and a lot of rock n roll music. So c’mon and support the Vets and hang out with your friends for a great night of music, food and fun and costumes are “optional” but hey it’s Halloween…The Vets are asking you also bring along a non-perishable food item for their Veterans Food Bank. All proceeds going to local vets and benefit programs. For tickets please call 732-254-9834 and are also available at the post’s bar. Hoping to see you all and our insane followers of the band there! You guys make it all happen so be there. Open Mic resumes at South Amboy Knights on Friday, Sept. 29th at 8 p.m. so c’mon and rock out! Amps, drums and sound system already there. All they need are you talented rockers! See you there rock stars. Till next time, be well and be nice to yourself and the person next to you!

#1 Pop Hits-Sept. 30
2008-So What?Pink
1993-Dream Lover-Mariah Carey
1989-Girl I’m Gonna Miss You-Milli Vanilli
1971-Go Away Little Girl-Donny Osmond
1966-Cherish-The Association
1959-Sleep Walk-Santo & Johnny

#1 Country Hits Sept. 30
2005-A Real Fine Place To Start-Sara Evans
1986-In Love-Ronnie Milsap
1974-I’m A Ramblin’ Man-Waylon Jennings
1964-I Guess I’m Crazy-Jim Reeves
1958-Bird Dog-The Everly Brothers

Sacred Heart CYO Dance...1969
Sacred Heart CYO held a summer dance on July 12, 1969 at the Parish Hall from 8:30 to 11 p.m. Admission was would you believe $1! Teenagers enjoyed the sounds of the day and danced to the music of “Satan’s Jury.”

You Tube-In
popular oldies group, “Love Power” by Ronnie & The Ronettes sounds good. Take a look/listen to the following little known, but cool 60’s sounds: “Westbound #9 by The Flaming Embers; Pay To The Piper-Chairmen of the Board; “Time Won’t Let Me” cover by Merv Griffin; “Satan’s Jury.” $1! Teenagers enjoyed the sounds of the day and danced to the music of “Satan’s Jury.”

Rumbles from the Rock and Roll Reunion
By Clem Skarzynski
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One Hit Wonders
45 Years Ago
1972-I’d Like To Teach The World To Sing (In Perfect Harmony)-The Hillside Singers; Precious And Few-Claxim; Bang A Gong (Get It On)-T. Rex; Hot Rod Lincoln; Commander Cody & His Lost Airmen; How Do You Do-Mouth & MacNeal; Day By Day-Gospell; Layla-Derek & The Dominos; Hold Your Head Up-Arjen; Motorcycle Mama-Sailcat; Beautiful Sunday-Daniel Boone; Popcorn-Hot Butter; The City Of New Orleans-Arlo Guthrie; Good Time Charlie’s Got The Blues-Danny O’Keefe; Convention ’72-The Delegates.

2017-Tanya Tucker has released a beautiful tribute “Forever Loving You” in memory of her longtime boyfriend Glen Campbell, who died recently... We just discovered two excellent songs by The Heart Beats..."Lubbock, Texas, and “Cryin’ Inside” also by The Heart Beats, a teenage group from Lubbock, Texas. Great job, Clem & Friends! (Photo by Tanya Tucker)


Clem & Friends really rocked the Borough of Sayreville on Sept. 16th and 17th, at the 9th Annual Blast (1975), “Southern Nights” (1977). (Photo by Tom Burkard)

The Duprees performed on Saturday September 16th at the South Amboy Community Theatre located in the Middle/High School. They performed their many hits and thrilled their adoring fans. This was the first in a series of concerts sponsored by The South Amboy Arts Council. The next concert is October 28th and will feature Who Loves You a Tribute to Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

In Memory of Glen Campbell

Glen Campbell died on August 8 at age 81 after a long battle with Alzheimer’s Disease. He is pictured with his daughter Ashley Campbell (l) while performing at a Count Basie concert May 26, 2012. Ashley has written/recorded a beautiful song, “Remembering” as a tribute to her father. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

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School Sports
(As of Sept. 22)
By Tom Burkard

Bombers Win First Two

The Sayreville Bombers defending North 2 Group IV champions opened their 2017 season by romping past East Brunswick, 48-21. The Blue & Gray kicked off their campaign with a 14- to 14-second quarter tie, when Anthony Jackson raced 90 yards for a touchdown on a kickoff return. Sayreville led 21-14 at halftime, and came back really fired up for the second half, outscoring the Bears 27-7. Many Bombers contributed to the exploitive offensive attack including Connor Holmes, who rushed for 162 yards on 15 carries, and hit the end zone for 2 TD’s. Sophomore Mark Whitford was successful on 11 of 15 passes for 91 yards, and fired a TD strike to Elijah Clark. Zuriel Wright raced for a 25-yard touchdown, and Zacari Carter broke loose and returned a punt for a 50-yard TD.

The Bombers also received standout defensive performances from Mike Germann, who made 11 tackles, and Darren Gorczyca who notched 2 sacks and 7 tackles...

Whitford led the Sayreville contingent to its second straight victory, as they easily trounced Edison, 28-0. The talented quarterback was 10-for-12, passing for 136 yards, and a 54-yard touchdown bomb to Elijah Clark, in addition to connecting on a 14-yard TD strike to Jacari Carter. Running back Connor Holmes racked up 104 yards on 16 rushes, good for 2 touchdowns. Outside linebacker Shane O’Neill filling in for All-County standout Mike Germann, racked up a team high of 12 tackles and 1 sack. Colton Redding also turned in a strong defensive game.

Team Leaders (After 2 games)
Passing-Mark Whitford-20-for-26, 218 yards, 3 TD’s 0 interceptions, 139.6 quarterback rating.
Rushing-Connor Holmes-32 carries, 268 yards, 4 TD’s, and 324 all-purpose yards; Jacari Carter-205 all-purpose yards.

Vigilante Leads Bishop Ahr

Former South Amboy resident Joe Vigilante is back at the helm for another season, with the Bishop Ahr football team. Last year, BA finished with a fine (7-3) record, and was undefeated in the Blue Division, and should have been crowned the champions, but a GMC rule said that any team that goes down in the quarterfinals is barred from winning the division title for a 2-year cycle, as a new member. In 2016, Bishop Ahr moved from the White Division (larger school enrollment) to the Blue.

The Trojans opened the ‘17 campaign with a 40-0 visit victory over Hilland Park, who had a depleted player roster.

Trip to Sight and Sound Play – Jesus

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Sight and Sound Theater on Thursday, April 5, 2018 to see the new production – Jesus. A three hour journey from Sayreville, the price of the trip is $50.00 which includes the play, lunch at Shady Maple, bus transportation, bus driver gratuity, and snacks on the bus. For further information or to reserve a seat, please contact Teri at 732-727-7639.

"Clem and Friends" At So.River VFW

Saturday Oct.28th

Dance Sat. Oct. 28th from 7:30 to 11:30 pm (doors open at 6:30). $30.00 per ticket gets you a buffet dinner, beer, wine and soda, and a nite full of live "Classic Rock and Oldies" from Central Jersey’s best classic rockers, Clem and Friends. For its tax 732-254-9834, or get them at the post’s bar, all to benefit local veterans groups and individuals. These wonderful folks have been at the Sayreville VFW’s past dances, so let’s all help and support their efforts and get together at "their home" for a nite of rockin’ fun. Costumes are optional, it being a Halloween dance, so, be there!

The Troop also supports the activity of Cub Pack 91 for boys ages 6 to 11, which meets on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the same location.

Sayreville Girls Soccer Off To Fast Start

The Sayreville Bombers girls soccer team is off to a flying start and a perfect (5-0) record, and #3 area ranking in Home News Tribune. The Blue & Gray gets plenty of scoring from Jacqueline Ventricelli with 7 goals, in addition to Lauren Attardi, Ana Salgado and Eliza David, who have found net 5 times apiece.

Bielak Finishes Super In First Pro Season

By Tom Burkard

Brandon Bielak

Pitching for the Houston Astros Tri-City Valley Cats in the Class-A New York-Penn League, Sayreville resident Brandon Bielak turned in a terrific first year of pro baseball. After being drafted by Houston following a standout career at Notre Dame University, he pitched briefly in the Gulf Coast League, and was quickly promoted to Tri-City, where he pitched in 8 games, 4 as a starter, and in 29.1 innings, struck out 37 batters, and held opponents to a miniscule .171 batting avg. His 0.92 ERA was outstanding, as he finished with a (1-1) record and had 1 save. Congratulations Brandon!

College Notebook

Quarterback Jayson DeMild, who was all-everything for the Sayreville Bombers in 2016, is currently on the Division I Campbell University roster. In his senior year at Sayreville, he led the team to the North 2 Group IV championship...Patrick Walsh (South Amboy) is a freshman running back for Rutgers University. While at South Amboy HS, he won many prestigious awards and honors, including state championships in cross country and track & field...Coray Williams (Sayreville) is off to a fast start at the Strong Safety spot for Wesley College. In the season opening game loss to Delaware Valley University, he registered 2 solo tackles. Last season as a frosh he notched only 3 solos in 8 games.

Sofilkanich Back At New Brunswick

South Amboy’s Don Sofilkanich is back for another season as head coach of the New Brunswick High School varsity football team. Hopes are high for the Zebras, and we send our wishes for a successful campaign to Coach Sofilkanich.

Sayreville Little League 12u Champions

Photos courtesy of Audra Zapotoczny

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426

Cruise Night
(Photos by Tom Burkard)

Members of the Raritan Bay Cruisers admire this 100-year old, 1917 Ford.

Grand Knight Jack Mieczkowski (right) with family, friends and brother Knights.
 Glory Days In Local Sports

T.H.E. Game

20 Years Ago
1997-South Amboy’s baseball nine trimmed Sayreville, 7-3. Sean Knoeflipped an RBI single in the 5th inning to break up a 3-3 tie. Jeff Eber drilled 3 doubles, Mike Gall and Jimenez added a two-hagger apiece, and Gary Kaylor blasted a triple for the Saints to support winning pitcher Brian May, who fired a 4-hitter and struck out 9. Chris Smith had 2 RBI, while Ed Behnen and Andrew Hyslop had a double apiece for the Guvs.

T.H.E. Game Year-2002

Sports-Football

Teams-Sayreville vs. Edison (Season Opener)

Recap-The Bombers blasted the Eagles, 42-6, behind quarterback Dan Huff, who fired 2 touchdown passes and ran for 2 more, gaining 106 yards in the air, and rushing for 62 on 4 carries. Mark Poore rushed 8 times for 42 yards, and caught 3 passes, one for a 42-yard TD. Junior Jabbe ran a punt return 65-yards for a score, and Keith Simpkins ran a kickoff return 59-yards for a TD. Holmes had a 55-yard touchdown reception from Huff. Kenny nailed 4 extra points.

First Aid Wins Title
1960-First Aid captured the South Amboy Little League playoff championship by sweeping Knights of Columbus in two straight games, 7-6, and 17-4. In Game #1, Hal Denenn was the winning pitcher over Frank Fitzmorris. Bob Pomanski blasted a grand slam home run, and Frank Chonsky singled in the game winner in the last inning. Tom Harkins hammered a 2-run homer for the Knights.

Little Fellas
South Amboy AL South River JFK

Carolyn Ritrano scored the game-winner, in the 9th to win it. Mike Grimsley also unloaded a 2-run home run, as George Bongiorno picked up the victory in the quarterfinals. Morgan AA 6 Hopelawn 5-Mike Cannon crashed a home run, and Rich Pollack was the winning pitcher.

1970-Morgan Midget League
Matty’s Auto Parts, coached by Jerry Flanagan and Don Montemurro witnessed a rare triple play. Playing a short left field, Danny Constantinou caught a searing line drive in short left field, raced in to tag second base, and fired a strike to Kenny Specker to third to complete the triple play.

1996 Middlesex County Freeholders Tournament

Little Fellas
South Amboy AL 9 South River JFK


Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

60 Years Ago Michaels Wins Scoring Title
1957-Sayreville football superstar Tom “Red” Michaels captured the Middlesex County scoring championship by notchings 105 points on the season, with 17 touchdowns (also 1 in the county) and 3 extra points.

Locals Played For Other High Schools
Ted Pavlomnis (South Amboy) was a fine baseball player for St. Joseph’s, Metschbach in back in ’38, and in one contest, defeated St. River, 11-3, with 6 strikeouts...Kristen Kaelin (Parlin) had an outstanding career from 2009-2012, starring on to Seton Hall University, where she had an .422 batting avg., 9 homers, and 73 RBI...John Opiola (South Amboy) graduated from St. Anthony of Padua Prep School, Watkins Glen, N.Y., where he ran cross country in the late 1960’s...
In August 1982 world news, the U.S. Marines landed in Beirut, Lebanon, and on the homefront, Rickey Henderson stole his 119th base of the year, eclipsing Lou Brock’s record. Clyde King replaced Gene Michael as New York Yankees manager. Doug DeCinces of California, belted 3 home runs in a game, twice in a week...In the world of music, “Eye of the Tiger” ruled the charts, but the biggest news in the area, especially in the Borough of Sayreville was about the phenomenal Sayreville Little League All-Stars baseball team that captured the District 10 and also Section 3 championships. The outstanding squad was managed by John A. Gluchowski and coached by George Evanego. The talented roster consisted of Rich Gluchowski, Bob Thompson, Jeff Fallik, Barry Szarvas Jr., Mark Patek, Mike Camillery, Chris Evanego, Neal Golub, Mike Mentorio, Steve Caruso, Barry Sadowski, Mike Taylor, Rich Yuhas, Paul Kabara.

The District 10 Tournament for 11-12 years old started with 17 teams, and Sayreville romped to 4 consecutive victories and the crown. In their first exit contest, they blasted South Brunswick, 18-3, and went on to romp over Woodbridge 9-1, South River 13-6, and in the finale sparked by Gluchowski’s mammoth 3-run homer, downed North Edison, 7-3, to win a trip to the Sectional Tournament.

Against a strong Toms River East in the first round, Rich Gluchowski unloaded a clutch, game-winning 2-run homer in the bottom of the 6th inning with Mike Camillery on first, to give Sayreville a 2-0 victory. The locals went on to cop the Section 3 championship by topping Middletown North, 5-2, and advanced to the state championship “Final Four” Tournament. The other teams that qualified were Hamromton, Morristown and Nutley. This would mark the first time that Sayreville featured the State Championship Tournament at its home field on Washington Road. The event also coincided with the Sayreville Little League’s 30th Anniversary.

Going into the state tournament, Sayreville had won all 6 previous games, and committed only 1 error. In the semfinals, against Nutley, the roof caved in, and they made 3 errors in the 4th inning, which broke a 2-2 tie, and paved the way for a 6-2 Nutley win. Sayreville outhit Nutley, 7-6, but the errors proved costly. Bobby Thompson and Rich Yuhas had RBI singles, Gluchowski stroked 2 singles, while Jeff Fallik and Barry Szarvas Jr. had a single apiece. Mark Patek allowed 6 Nutley hits and struck out 3.

In the consolation game, Hamromton stopped Sayreville, 7-0. Camillery belted a two-bagger, but no run was able, as Mike Mentorio took the tough setback, and Mike Camillery finished 4th in the state of New Jersey, a great run considering there were 450 Little League organizations in NJ at the time.

was the second law enforcement agency to receive a vest, from the proceeds of the book, which is about a police dog’s adventures. Winter plans to donate additional vests to other law enforcement agencies in the future. The cost for Bryn’s vest was $900.

The MCSO K-9 Unit presently consists of 3 handlers and 4 K-9s. The unit includes 3 explosive teams and 1 narcotics team.

So far in 2017, the K-9 Units have been called out well over 100 times, for both explosive and narcotics detection. The K-9 teams also conduct numerous K-9 demonstrations throughout the county.

“Unfortunately, there are many more local K9 Officers that go to work each day without any protective gear.” says James Winter.”

Top purchase a copy of “The Adventures of Solo. The Big Dog”, please visit Bigdogbooks.net or visit our GoFundMe page for anyone who may be interested in making a donation. Friends of Solo/K9 equipment.
Maureen Lawrence has been named the vice president for Finance and Administration at Middlesex County College. Formerly the vice president for Finance and Operations at Brookdale Community College, Ms. Lawrence also has experience as an auditor with KPMG, specializing in higher education, and also with the United States Department of Defense.

At MCC, Ms. Lawrence oversees Payroll, Human Resources, Purchasing, Accounts Payable, Student Accounts, Labor Relations and Compliance, the Controller, Health and Safety, as well as the Campus Police. Ms. Lawrence replaces Susan Perkins, who retired in June.

“Sue and I were colleagues and relied on each other for advice,” she said. “So I’m very familiar with Middlesex. I was very confident in taking this job knowing that I was taking over a very solid division.”

Maureen Lawrence

Trip to Vermont and New Hampshire

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Vermont and New Hampshire from October 13 – 17, 2017. The cost of the trip is $790.00 which includes 4 nights lodging, 4 breakfasts, a luncheon at the Trapp Family lodge, and 3 dinners and 2 welcome receptions. Also included are evenings of entertainment, Ben and Jerry’s factory tour, shopping in Stowe Village, scenic train tour and much more. The cost of bus transportation and bus gratuity, taxes, and meal gratuities is also included. For information on about trip contact Carmen at 732-351-0260.

YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy host Teen Leadership Retreat

The YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge and South Amboy are thrilled to present an incredible opportunity for teens, ages 12-18 to join us for a 3-day TEEN LEADERSHIP RETREAT at CAMP MASON in Hardwick, NJ from October 13-15th. Staff and teens from all three branches will come together in a positive environment, to engage in safe and age-appropriate activities that aim to foster new relationships, build self-confidence and teach new skills. Teens will also be introduced to the Leaders Club program, organized for the purpose of developing youth as leaders and fostering a culture of service. The retreat and the Leader’s Club will provide teen members with knowledge and training that will help them to better serve others and to shape a healthy lifestyle themselves. Teens from each community will interact and learn from one another to identify ways that they can strengthen their leadership skills while also strengthening their own community.

The retreat is free of charge for teens who are members of the Y and who show true interest and passion in growing, learning, and thriving from a rare experience such as this. Be a part of the ADVENTURE! Contact your local YMCA Program Director for more information, and to inquire about reserving a spot!

There will be information sessions held at the Metuchen & South Amboy branches on Friday, September 22nd at 7:00 p.m. and at the Edison branch on September 15th at 7:00 p.m. In addition, to receiving more information about the YMCA, this information session will provide parents and teens with the weekend agenda, information about the weekend activities and you’ll get to meet the staff who will be in attendance with the teens.

For more information please contact your YMCA branch:
South Amboy: Ashley Henrich — ashley.henrich@ymcaofmewsa.org or 732.553.9622
Edison: Dean Seda — dean.seda@ymcaofmewsa.org or 732.494.3232
Metuchen: Barbara Verikas — barbara.verikas@ymcaofmewsa.org or 732.548.2044

Trip to Wheeling Festival of Lights

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Wheeling, West Virginia for their Christmas Festival of Lights from November 29 to December 1, 2017. The cost of the trip is $425.00 which includes 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, a luncheon at the Trapp Family lodge, and 3 dinners and 2 welcome receptions. Also included are evenings of entertainment, Ben and Jerry’s factory tour, shopping in Stowe Village, scenic train tour and much more. The cost of bus transportation and bus gratuity, taxes, and meal gratuities is also included. For information on about trip contact Carmen at 732-351-0260.

Open Mic This Friday

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 continue their Open Mic series for the season this Friday September 29 beginning at 8 p.m. Anyone who is a group member or soloist is invited. Refreshments are available. For more information call 732-721-2025.

The South Amboy Education Association showed their support for the 3rd annual Fed Up! Local Overdose And Substance Use Awareness Event held at the South Amboy Middle/High School on August 31, 2017. The free event brought awareness and education to the substance use epidemic ravaging communities throughout the nation. Kimberly Sieber, the event coordinator provided resources and speakers from community leaders, law enforcement, educational facilities and citizens that provided education and support to all. The evening ended with a Memorial Vigil. (Photo Submitted)
When Fastpitch Softball Ruled Sayreville And South Amboy-Part 2

By Tom Buzaart

South Amboy
John Phillips shared something he has never forgotten since the early 1960’s, when he played for the South Amboy Senior Softball League (Fastpitch). “I remember when I played for Progressive, and Paulee Ust, who was on the Frank’s Team team hit into a triple play. I was the second baseman and Bob Kenny was our pitcher. Paulee hit a line drive about 12 inches off the ground, and down, and it hit the ball found my glove. I walked over and tagged first base, and then threw to ‘Moonie’ DeMattia our shortstop standing on second base for the triple play.”

Some of the teams and players from the 1950’s included:
1954: The teams in the South Amboy Senior Softball League were: Oller’s, Lou’s Pastry, Tom & Box’s, Melrose S.C., Munn’s Mobile Gas, Render’s Service Station.

The players are unknown on the following players-Ben & Ray’s-Pitchers Ed Check, Ed Buck, Arky “Moonie” DeMattia, Gene Szeszko, Bob Farley; Spud’s Bar pitchers Walter Kuczowski, Jack Johnson, Tom & Box’s-pitcher “Moxie” Bailey, Ed Szatkowski Sr., John Wortley Sr.; Speedy Auto-Joe Phillips; Sportsman’s Inn-pitcher Ray Nebus, Frank Gale; Hilcrest Inn-pitcher Tony Lopez, Jack Massing, John “Mikey” Carroll, “Bob” Bennett, Bill Herzd; Lou’s Bakery-pitcher Adam Lovell; Lagodich-pitcher Tom Solomon, Leo Wilkes, Emil Brzezka, Stan Kowaleski, Tom Suchorski; All-Star-pitcher Jim Read; rendered-Caso-pitchers Russ Falk; Dick Godzinskis.

1955: Spud’s ace pitcher Bob Kenny, Jerry Kelly, Ray Winiweski; Lagoda’s & Render’s-Caso pitcher Russ Falk, Jim Reilly, Elias (This was a terrific pitcher). Tom & Box’s-pitcher “Moxie” Bailey, sluggers-Gene Malkiewicz, John Wortley, Sportsman’s Inn-Team Sponsor; Hillcrest Inn-pitcher English Appliances (Team Sponsor); Speedy Auto-Joe Phillips; Ben & Ray’s-pitcher Ed Buckalew, Frank Miglin.


1961: English Sunoco captured the championship over Protection.


1966: Elizabeth Sunoco captured the championship over Protection.

1967: Tom & Box’s pitchers of the game were John Nehmel, Reddy & Charley’s Tavern; Tom Kuc; Gay 90’s Ed Volk; Frank’s Cafe-John Cool; Protection-Eck Co.-Ed Downs.

1969: Sonny’s Bar of South River, which featured many Sayreville/South Amboy players captured the Open AA Fastpitch championship. Kneeling (l-r) Norbie Smith, Ed Strek, Bruce Decker; Gene Malkiewicz, sponsor Sonny Wiltikowski, Bob Kennedy, Jerry Goryczka. Standing (l-r) Joe Bonczek, Joe Rudy, Stan Malecki, Dennis Mclnnman, Richie Kuczowski, Ron Czusiewski, Bruce Decker.


Coming In The October 28th Issue: Slow Pitch Softball Takes South Amboy/Sayreville By Storm-Part 1.

1965: National Lead sponsored the Middlesex County Industrial League championship team, which was known as the Titans Titans. Pictured are the champions wearing their red jackets, which they received for their accomplishment. Seated (3-t) Gene Tucker, George Franz Jr., John Youncocki, Capt. Carl Buffalino, Ed Strek, Jerry Goryczka, Joe Blascika, Frank Auriemma. Back row (l-r) Earl Dorman, Frank Seldkowski, Dave Williams, Ray Worwek, Steve Malk, Joe Wytinus, and Manager Tony Brodnicki. Missing from photo-John Pyontec.

1970: Late 1950’s/Early 1960’s-Al Zack played this position for the Shorts in the Sayreville Recreation Softball League. One of his teammates was Rich Poplowski. Al recalled that “The Tumble Inn was always the hot team. Also, we played most of our games under the lights at the field on MacArthur Ave. There weren’t too many fields with lights back then. My father, who worked at Hercules set the lights for that field. Al also expressed the camaraderie of the players back in the days. “The games were fun, the guys hung out, and we knew each other shortly after getting out of high school. He jokingly said that, ‘My claim to fame is that when we played against Brockington (One of the greatest pitchers ever), I fouled a pitch off before striking out.” Al is 79 years young, and still playing the game he loves to the over-70 League in Old Bridge with a team called The Highlanders (Named after the original New York Yankees), and also plays in the Retirement League for over-60. He’s been seeing less action this season than he had hoped for, because he tore a miniscus back in May, but has been pitching in the Over-60 League.

John Phillips recalled that “We can’t close the book on Fast Pitch in Sayreville without mentioning these 4 guys: Johnny Marcinczyk, Billy Miana (His dad owned Bill’s Tap Room), Ed “Casey” Prusak (Teammates and friends), and who can forget ‘Moxie’ Bailey, the colorful pitcher, who was fun to play with and against.”

1971: Bill’s Tap Room-pitcher Mike Segledi, Ray Tyler; American Legion.

1973-76 Boothe’s-Tom Winiweski.

Industral League

1960’s-Henry Moe was a talented left-handed catcher for the National Lead team that was a powerhouse in the Industrial League, which had about 12 teams competing. He said “I caught the great Bob ‘Whity’ Witkowski, and towards the end of my career, in the late 60’s, I was fortunate enough to catch him in a game when he struck out 19 or 20 batters. He had a tremendous fastball. Really no trouble catching Bob. He was a pleasure. He could strike out big leaguers. Bob’s cousin “Mucky” Cizewski was also an outstanding pitcher. Mickey Sadowski umpired most of the games. We even split 2 games with Ed Feigner, and he was “Top Dog” in the U.S. He worked at National Lead from 1956-76, and then became a Borough of Sayreville Police Officer. He pitched for theSayreville Police Dept., and recalled teammates Rich Kuczowski and Jerry Poplowski. They played against other area police departments and also the State Police. He also enjoyed the Silver and 7th, and was a part of the Sayreville softball league 90 O’Clock Softball.

The 9 O’clock Softball is when the pitcher brings his arm back to throw, he doesn’t use the windmill motion and can only bring the arm back to a certain height. However he still can throw as hard as he wants.

Bob Stary better known as “Bob The Barber” played for over 20 years until he was 50 years old. A talented pitcher with a natural curveball, he hurled for The Federals in the Sayreville “9 O’Clock” Sunday morning league. He recalled a few teammates, mentioning Joe Matagrano, Pete Hamma, Bobby Vermeil, and the Shirts Brothers. Bob really enjoyed his softball days, and said, “It kept me in shape, or otherwise I’d be just sitting around. Once in awhile, we’d have a keg of beer after the games.” He was also active in the Sayreville Little League from 1976-87, and served to the organization.

He was awarded a special plaque for his service to the organization.

Notebook: Prior to moving to this side of the bridge, Chet Gasiweski of South Amboy, and Bob “Hossie” Hospidor of Morgan both played many years for the legendary powerhouse Meadow Street Aces in their prime.

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Pitch Softball Takes South Amboy/Sayreville By Storm-Part 1.

1968-South Amboy captured the Open Softball title.

1969-1970: Years that the South Amboy/Sayreville operated the Senior Softball Championship. Top row (l-r) Tony Apuzzo, Jim Cusumano, Gene Malkiewicz, Gene Szeszko, Sonny Wiltikowski, Rich Mytnick. The names of the batters are unknown. If anyone can help with the many missing names in this picture, please let us know. (All photos/names courtesy of Ed Strek)
Six Terrific Ways to Catch a Cold or Flu

1. Make sure your immune system is not functioning properly. Avoid eating fruits and vegetables. Forget your daily 30 minutes of exercise. Fill your life with added stress and limit sleep to five or six hours a night.

2. Smoke cigarettes. Smokers are more prone to viral infections. They also contract more upper respiratory problems.

3. Hang out with the crowd! Stay in crowded malls and elevators, where people are coughing and sniffing.

4. Don't wash your hands, shaking hands, picking up a common phone, and touching doorknobs, can transfer live cold and flu viruses onto your hands.

5. Rub your eyes, nose and mouth frequently. This is one of the most effective ways of helping a live cold or flu virus make its way from your hands to respiratory system and into your bloodstream.

6. My favorite, the Flu Shot. Should you get yourself and your children vaccinated against the flu? The Vaccine is not a good match for the mutated strains circulating now. CDC Director Dr. Tom Frieden said, during a news briefing. As with all medications, there are potential risks, some are minor and some more serious.

Consider these suggestions along with the above information regarding risks versus benefits before getting a flu shot this year and of course, talk to your doctor for more information. As always an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Fishing Flashes

By Teo “Weebles” Weber

Salt Water

Fluke fishing ended on a low note to close out the season. It was spotty with a few keepers of good size. Surf fishing in the bay is slow. At the times I checked it, all I saw was a few Snapper Blues. In the ocean there are some big Bluefish weighing 4 to 8 pounds and bigger that were showing up in the surf. It’s on and off you have to be there when they come in. At Barnegat Bay, some big monster Blues are caught off the docks at night. Party Boat Bluefishing has gotten better. A good number of medium sized Bluefish along with a good number of Bonito and some False Albacores. There are loads of Club Mackerel on each trip too.

Bottom fishing, now that Fluke and Sea Bass season has closed, is all Porgies. There are lots of them and some are the large 2 and 3 pound Shad Porgies. There is a hot bite of Blackfish at the Barnegat inlet jetties. You can keep one at 15 inches. There are Kingfish biting, on and off, in the LBI surf.

Fresh Water

Fishing is good for Bass, Pickerel and Panfish in most lakes and ponds. Smallmouth Bass fishing in the Delaware River is good. Most of them are small. Fall Trout stocking begins October 9th with close to 30,000 trout measuring 14 to 20 inches Rainbows with a few big breeders 6 to 8 pounds. The first week will be major streams. The second week is in selected lakes. There is a new state record for Bowfin going over 11 pounds which was caught in Mantua Creek in South Jersey.

Fisherman’s Prayer

I pray that I may live to fish Until my dying day. And when it comes to my last cast, I then most humbly pray: When in the Lord’s great landing net And peacefully asleep That in His mercy I be judged Big enough to keep.
Oct. 21 Chicken Dinner
Knights of Columbus Saint Laurence Council # 10281, Laurence Harbor is holding its Annual Chicken Dinner on Oct. 21 from 4-7 p.m. at Saint Laurence Church Parish Center. The menu includes: salad, chicken with sides, desserts, coffee, tea, soda and water. Admission-adults-$14, children under 12 years old-$6.

Sight & Sound Trip
South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 sponsor a trip to Sight & Sound Theatre and Shady Maple Smorgasbord Lancaster PA Saturday December 9. Motor coach leaves South Amboy K of C Hall at 8 a.m. for the 11 a.m. show, “The Miracle Of Christmas,” with 3 p.m. dining at Shady Maple. Cost of $130 includes round trip motorcoach transportation, tickets for the show, and lunch buffet. For more information call Nancy Smetana at 732-721-2025 or nsmetana65@gmail.com

St. Stanislaus Kostka School's Kindergarten teacher, Catherine Eber, leads her students to their classroom as principal, Elena Maliconico wishes them a great day.

Representatives from Mater Dei high school visit St. Stanislaus Kostka School to talk to the seventh and eighth grade students during the high school fair.

Kindergarten student, Emma Merendeiro, builds a tower out of marshmallows and toothpicks during her STREAM class at St. Stan’s School.

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Hi Tom,
The Mystery picture in August South Amboy times is “The Provident Bank” Originally Called “Pulawski Saving Bank” on Davis Lane. Before the Bank and houses were there was that the old Sacred Heart Church Baseball Park? We were only told that that property was the church ballpark. I am sorry that I have no idea who played on that park, or who would remember it better than I. I was also told when they remodeled the Sacred Heart Altar in the late 1960’s the old Altar was buried on the bank’s parking lot.
Anne and Bruno Szatkowski Sayreville

Hi Tom,
I know this building well...it sits at the corner of Washington Ave. and Davis Lane in South Amboy (the Post Office finally gave it the address of 600 Washington Ave. after quite sometime. It was the original location of Pulawski Savings Bank which became Pulse Savings Bank when the bank went public with stock offerings under its parent company, Pulse Bancorp. In 1999, Pulse was acquired and merged with First Savings Bank. In 2004 First Savings was acquired and merged with Provident Bank which was founded in 1839 in Jersey City and whose corporate headquarters is currently located in Iselin, NJ.
Great picture!
Roxanne Keegan South Amboy

Hello,
I enjoy the paper very much. As someone who was born and raised in South Amboy, but live elsewhere now, it is a pleasure to read the SA Times and it’s articles. Elaine Holton Scott’s column is one of my favorites. She seems to be able to capture not just the history, but also the feelings and perceptions of days past. Reading her articles bring back memories, feelings, and thoughts for me, plus some laughter. It makes me realize how much living in South Amboy has been a part of my life. I always feel good after reading her column.
Thank you to all who are a part of the paper.
Denise Geant Sacks

Dear Editor,
My husband and I are former Sayreville residents and now live in Palm Harbor, Florida we were sent your newspaper article by one of my classmates mentioning my husband and other members of the Sayreville Fast Pitch teams and it brought back a lot of memories of his old teammates, we thoroughly enjoyed the article and would like to subscribe to your paper. We still have a lot of family members in Sayreville and enjoyed other articles in your paper as well. Great Newspaper!
Thank You
Chris and John O’Hare

Veterans Chapter #148 Seeks Members
The Central Jersey Chapter #148 of Korean War Veterans Association extend an invitation to any veterans, regardless of the branch of service, who served during the war June 25, 1950-July 27, 1953 to current date. Group meets at 10 a.m. the second Wed. of every month except Jan. thru April at the Monroe Twp. Municipal Building. For complete info call Dept. of NJ Commander Charles Koppelman 609-655-3111 or e-mail: KWV ANJ@yahoo.com

A PRAYER FOR HEALING
Lord, you invited all who are burdened to come to You. Allow your healing hand to heal me. Touch my body with your grace and restore my health and vitality. Grant me courage and infinite love for all. Touch my mouth with your wisdom, that my speech 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. May your healing be for me, bringing me health in body and spirit so that I may serve You with all my strength. Teach gently with this life that you have created. Amen - S.R.
This month’s Where In NJ will get you across a river, it was also mentioned in one of Orson Wells famous broadcasts. Send your answer to satimes@aol.com. Good Luck!

Where In New Jersey?

August Information

Where In New Jersey?

By Brian & Phyllis Stratton

The August Where In NJ was the Sightseers Tram Car on the boardwalk in Wildwood, N.J. The yellow and blue trackless trams cover two miles of the boardwalk and you can ride for a nominal fee. They were originally built for the 1939 New York World’s Fair and some of those original trams are still in operation today. If you have ever wandered into the marked tram lane you may have heard the recorded message: “Watch The Tram Car Please” which was recorded by local Floss Stinzel in 1971 to avoid a collision with the Tram. The trams have been a summer staple since they were brought to Wildwood on June 11, 1949 and carry more than half a million visitors up and down the boardwalk each year. Hopefully they bring back lots of memories for everyone of summer fun!

Where in NJ Winners.

This month’s winners are Chuck Pickard, Gerry Sherry, Judy Guilfoyle, Leon Credico, Denise Safker, Mark Moniello, Elizabeth Leveille, Adele O’Hara, Dane Colburn, Gary Feret, Pete McIntyre, Mary Agnes Morris, W. Tom Kross, Jay Szyglinski, Par & Bill Scully, Maryanne Matarrangolo, Peggy Yuhas, John Leo Fedorka, Lisa Grankowski, Rich “Ish” Ambrozak, Lynn Loy, Pete McIntyre, Marlene Lettefenski, Jack Piskorski, Lorraine Krause, and Ed Bender.

WWW.?

Does this local structure look familiar to you? This establishment has had many names and some very famous acts performed there. Send your answer in to: satimes@aol.com. Good luck!

August Winners

Last month’s WWW.? was Provident Bank located on the corner of Washington Ave. and Davis Ln. in South Amboy. Other correct answers would be Pulawski Savings Bank and Pulse Savings Bank. Several readers incorrectly identified the building as Raritan Bay Federal Credit Union. August winners include Estelle Pluskota, Dennis Quinlan, Dawn Roberts, Kevin Kania, The Staff of Provident Bank Washington Rd., Chuck Pickard, Christine Jourdan, Rosanne Keegan, Anne Marie Trapp, Gerry Sherry, Judy Guilfoyle, Leon Credico, Paul Soha, Nancy Berry, Joan Fulham, Jennifer Coddin, Mark Moniello, Elizabeth Leveille, Pat Minnick, Don Zrebiec, Adele O’Hara, Pat & Bill Scully, Anne and Bruno Szatkowski, Dane Colburn, Gary Feret, Mary Agnes Morris, W. Tom Kross, Jay Szyglinski, Par & Bill Scully, Maryanne Matarrangolo, Peggy Yuhas, John Leo Fedorka, Lisa Grankowski, Rich “Ish” Ambrozak, Lynn Loy, Pete McIntyre, Marlene Lettefenski, Jack Piskorski, Lorraine Krause, and Ed Bender.

Contestants Remember!

The answer is incorrect if you only send in the street name and address. You must identify the structure with the actual name that it is or was, not the type of work, or anything vague about it, or your submission is incorrect. Remember, we need the name of the building, not the address or street it’s located on.

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August-Where In New Jersey?

Sightseers Tram Car - Wildwood, NJ

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A Fire Department In Heaven?
Did you know there’s a Fire Department in Heaven?

I heard Bear tell that story to a lad. The young lad stared, working over the words he’d just been given. “Bear, is now in Heaven and is now the Chief.”

Just in case they get a call. Of course they don’t get too many, Bear, do you think God’s got a spot on the truck for my dad?

Bear went on, holding back the tears that were trying to fall. “Did you know there’s a Fire Department in Heaven?”

Down the streets of Heaven, leading the afternoon parade. And those words will ever be with me, forever.

Bear smiled, even though you could tell his heart was heavy, and said, “When we have to say farewell to Bear a fallen brother.”

And they keep them all cleaned and ready, for now gone. Bear went on, holding back the tears that were trying to fall. “You bet son, as he roughed the hair on the boy’s head.”

The boy looked up, his sadness, for now gone. “A great big tree, that puts out a lot of shade. And each day they have at least one run.”

Bear went on, holding back the tears that were trying to fall. “Bein’ in Heaven and all. But God knew this, so right next to them He Made, He is now leading that afternoon parade.”

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Art O’Donnell went on to have a highly-successful career in the educational field for over 30 years. He started as a math teacher, and quickly rose through the ranks in Pasco County, Florida, becoming principal of Gulf High School in 1974. He later served as a math specialist in the district office before returning to the principal’s post at Hudson High for 13 years, and then Ridgewood High for 5 years until his retirement. One former colleague said, “Art was a man of integrity, a man that treated people fairly.” Mike Asbell, who worked as an assistant principal with Dr. O’Donnell for 11 years called his friend and mentor a “genuine people person, who led by example, not by fiat. His heart was at the school. His heart was helping kids. Unfortunately, they throw the mold away when they made Art O’Donnell. There’s never been another principal like him, and there never will be.”

Middlesex County College and Georgian Court University Sign Transfer Agreement

Officials from Middlesex County College and Georgian Court University have signed a dual admissions agreement that will allow MCC graduates to transfer to GCU seamlessly and at a discounted tuition rate. “The dual degree agreement creates pathways for MCC graduates in nearly all of our degree programs to transfer to bachelor’s degree programs at Georgian Court University,” said Joann La Perla-Morales, president of MCC. “In addition, Georgian Court will offer guaranteed tuition discounts – based on grade point average – for students who enroll full time at its Lakewood campus. Discounts range from 20 percent for those with a GPA between 2.0 and 2.49, to 52 percent for those with a GPA of 3.75 and above. This is a wonderful opportunity for our graduates to attend a prestigious university at an affordable rate. In addition to the guaranteed discounted rate, students are eligible to receive additional grants and scholarships offered by GCU.”

Justin G. Roy, dean of admissions at Georgian Court University, lauded the agreement. “As two institutions who share similar educational missions, we’re proud and excited to partner with Middlesex County College to develop pathways for MCC graduates to seamlessly transfer to Georgian Court University,” he said. “While students can enroll in the dual degree program at any time during their tenure at MCC, both schools recommend doing it as early as possible. That way, Georgian Court advisors can work with the students to ensure they are taking the correct courses and are prepared for the university.”

O’Donnell Remembered

From left to right: Dr. William J. Behre, provost, and Dr. Joseph R. Marbach, president, Georgian Court University; and Dr. Joann La Perla-Morales, president, and Dr. Mark McCormick, vice president for academic and student affairs, Middlesex County College.
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10/21, 6:30pm Painting with Mozart with Irina Maryanchik
11/4, 7pm Jersey Collective's 3rd Exhibition: 52 Images by 52 NJ Photographers
11/18, 6:30pm Getting What You Want with NYC Author/Psychotherapist Thomas M. Jones
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