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# **Buckeye Partners Recognizes Local Trade Unions for Work in Modernization of Perth Amboy Facility**

\$500 Million Investment in New Jersey - Perth Amboy A Major Part

By Katherine Massopust PERTH AMBOY - Buckeye Partners L.P. is a publicly traded master limited partnership that owns and operates one of the largest independent liquid petroleum products pipeline systems in the United States. A pipeline transportation company, Buckeye owns approximately 100 liquid petroleum product terminals, including terminals in New York Harbor and St. Lucia. The company provides critical sources of energy supplies to central and northern New Jersey.



Bob Malecky, Buckeye CEO Clark Smith & Craig Brown \*Photo by Paul W. Wang

Buckeye acquired the Perth and is well underway of mod-

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# Rita Patel, Pharmacist in Charge of Shayona Pharmacy Arrested

Amboy Terminal in July 2012



Notice on Shayona's Door

Shayona Pharmacy on Smith Street
\*Photos by Paul W. Wang

News Release

PERTH AMBOY - A nearly two year investigation involving numerous Federal, State, County and Local Law Enforcement Agencies from New York and New Jersey ended last week during which Rita Patel, 48, a pharmacist at Shayona Pharmacy, 147 Smith Street, Perth Amboy was involved in a massive prescription painkiller scheme that funneled millions of pills to longshoremen on Staten Island and Brooklyn. The scheme — headed by a dirty doctor and a chiropractor allowed dock workers to get

their hands on 1.8 million oxycodone pills over the past four years, New York District Attorney Daniel Donovan announced on Wednesday. The leader of the scheme, Dr. Mihir Bhatt, 47, would set up appointments at the New York City Wellness Center in Annadale, N.Y. He'd also dispense prescriptions from his home in Edison. "Over a four-year period, Bhatt prescribed nearly 2 million pills, enough to cover seven miles if they were put piece by piece," Donovan said. When pharmacies on Long Island rejected the prescriptions written by Bhatt, the conspira-

tors enlisted the help of Rita Patel of Matawan, pharmacist in charge of Shayona Pharmacy in Perth Amboy. Patel also committed insurance fraud, charging patients more than their insurance company copays to fill prescriptions, the report said. Patel was charged with criminal sale of a controlled substance and could face a maximum of 15 years in prison. Patel was arrested and processed by Officer Jesus Martinez of the Perth Amboy Police Department's Special Investigation Bureau.

# Road Conditions Discussed at 12/18/13 Council Meeting

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Road Conditions in South Amboy after the storm
\*Photo by Mariyah Wojcik

By Mariyah Wojcik SOUTH AMBOY- After recent snowstorms, concern was expressed about the adequacy of snow plowing efforts at the City Council meeting.

On Wednesday night, 12/18/13, there were few residents in attendance, and the meeting was quite short. While the meeting only last fifteen minutes, one resident was determined to hold the council accountable for the mishaps that occurred in the previous week.

Timely snow removal is necessary to avoid accidents and delays in South Amboy. Without this service, as was the case on Raritan Reach Road, icy conditions can bring traffic to a crawl.

"It looked like a single pass had been made," said one resident, who lives on Raritan Reach Road, "No other plowing was done."

According to the resident, there had been eight to nine feet of snow along the road piled one foot deep, making it impossible to drive down the road. This layer froze at night, making driving very dangerous for residents that live in the area.

"We need to try to get a Continued on Page 2

### Dr. Vivian Rodriguez Reinstated As Assistant Superintendent

PERTH AMBOY - Dr. Vivian Rodriguez was reinstated as Assistant Superintendent of the Perth Amboy School System at a special Board of Education Meeting held on Friday, December 20, 2013.

Rodriguez was voted unanimously by the five Board Members in attendence: Milady Tejeda, Obi Gonzalez, Israel Varela, A.J. Massopust and Vice President, Ken Puccio

Dr. Janine Walker Caffrey who is currently on administrative leave had previously placed Dr. Rodriguez' office in the lower level of No. 7



Dr. Vivian Rodriguez

School. Shortly after that, Dr. Rodriguez took a sabbatical.

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ernizing the facility.

On December 11, 2013 Buckeye Partners L.P. announced that it had completed the purchase of 20 liquid petroleum products terminals with a storage capacity of approximately 39 million barrels for \$850 million from Hess Corporation. The 19 domestic terminals are located primarily in major metropolitan locations along the U.S. East Coast and have approximately 29 million barrels of storage capacity, including approximately 15 million barrels of capacity located in New York Harbor. Hess's Retail Marketing Business will be a key customer at these facilities under a multiyear storage and throughput commitment.

Clark Smith has been CEO of Buckeye for 2 years and has been with the company for 7 years. When asked what made Buckeye decide to come to Perth Amboy, Smith answered, "We were at a Board Meeting over 5 years ago we were looking for a centralized location for fuel distribution. Perth Amboy met the needs since the city is centrally located and the perfect location. We've invested \$500 million in New Jersey, a large part of it in Perth Amboy."

Buckeye's investment includes a crude rail offloading facility, enhanced truck unloading truck rack, dock refurbishment, refined products pump station and related pipeline and refurbished and additional tank storage and handling. This includes a 6 mile 16 inch pipeline to Linden Station.

Smith enthusiastically stated, "Joe Sauger (Sr. Vice President, Engineering and Construction Services) oversees the Perth Amboy Project. Last week (Week of Dec. 8, 2013) we took over 4 Hess terminals."

Sauger states, "We modified the Chevron plant. We looked

### Buckeye



Buckeye Executives and Trade Union Representatives at the Barge \*Photo by Paul W. Wang

at refining the facility, the storage tank refurbishments, and state of the art manifolds which will optimize movement in the facility. Most of the work will be done by 2014. Some in 2015. It's important to have quality craftsmen with the local trade unions who came together for mechanical and electrical equipment to be both safe and effective."

"It took at least 9 local trade unions," according to Kevin Dunch of the Middlesex County Trade Association.

On Tuesday, December 17, 2013 Buckeye recognized the 9 trade unions at a luncheon at the Barge Restaurant. These trade unions worked together to modernize the Perth Amboy facility. According to Account Director Tom Cosentino, "It took all the trade unions working together to get the place up and running."

Buckeye is in the process of building a new 6 mile 16 inch pipeline which will connect the Perth Amboy Terminal with the Buckeye Linden Hub. This connection will allow customers to transport products from the water to end-markets utilizing Buckeye's network of assets. This will increase access to low cost energy supplies throughout the region.

Smith stated, "The U.S. is increasing oil production. Perth Amboy is going to play a major role in energy development. The Perth Amboy Terminal will be a state of the art rail facility for transporting refined oil supply. We're looking for the opportunity to commercialize even more. It's an opportunity to rail crude oil and take it to the east coast. It's great what you can accomplish when you work together. The backbone is going to be Perth Amboy. The pipeline should be done by April 2014 when total rehabilitation of the infrastructure of the pipeline is completed. Perth Amboy will be a most sophisticated facility and a hub of New Jersey."

Buckeye CEO Clark Smith stated when speaking at the luncheon, "It's a player's business. We are creating a first class business in Perth Amboy. We've gotten strong support and a great relationship with our team and workers. New Jersey is in a very good position. The amount of support the Mayor and her teammates have given has been phenomenal. Code Enforcement and Emergency Services have bent over backwards. I want to thank the Mayor, her team and staff."

Buckeye plans to refurbish and modernize many new operating facilities at the Perth Amboy site over the next 3 years that will increase the amount of activity and traffic in the area during the construction process. For more information on Buckeye visit www. buckeye.com

Sugar Plum **Palace** 

### South Amboy

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handle on that,"the resident continued, expressing concern about future snowstorms.

Mayor Fred Henry acknowledged that there had been a problem, because the road was finally determined to be the city's responsibility to plow, not the county's.

"We have been down twice

today and twice yesterday to salt it," Henry said. "I think the situation has been rectified."

Although there was improvement on Raritan Reach Road, large sheets of ice could still be found. Ice was both along the side of the road, as well as in the center, a clear driving hazard for all who use this route.

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# **LOCAL PERSPECTIVE**

#### **EDITORIAL**

# The Sugar Plum Palace Closes Up Shop But Not 30 Years of Happy Memories Good Luck, Carol!





PERTH AMBOY - Although the Sugar Plum Palace opened up 30 years ago, I only became aware of it 7 years ago, when I started working for the Amboy Beacon. I would go there with the late Bill George when he would stop by to pick up an ad or purchase sweet treats for different holidays. Owner Carol Bilas would often engage us in delightful conversations. When the Amboy Guardian was delivered to the Sugar Plum Palace on December 18, 2013, Carol told us about the wonderful time she and her daughter and one of her daughter's friends had in New York when they went to see the musical *A Night With Janis Joplin*.

Carol's smile was from ear to ear and her eyes twinkled when she talked about the good time they had that day. There was one particular song that Carol loved by Joplin called *Mercedes Benz*. Carol was disappointed when the musical was about to end and the song had not been performed. Little did she know that when the actress portraying Joplin came out for her encore, *Mercedes Benz* was the encore song.

I told Carol, "You were probably dancing in the aisles when that happened." Come to think of it, Carol didn't acknowledge if that was a "yes" or a "no." She did mention that she would love to see the musical again. Now that she has more time, when she sees it again, maybe I'll tag along with her. Then we can both dance up and down the aisles together. *Carolyn M.* (See more photos throughout the paper)

P.S. Thanks for all the goodie bags!



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### THE COMMUNITY VOICE

# R.L. Anderson -He's Their Man

To The Perth Amboy Board of Education,

I am writing this letter to request Mr. Anderson be named principal of the Robert N. Wilentz School. Mr. Anderson

has been with us for two years. He has stepped up to the challenge of making sure Wilentz School staff and students are taken care of and given the stability they need to keep the school year going. He is a understanding man and will make sure the needs of the

school are met. Please consider my request to name Mr. Anderson Principal of the Robert N. Wilentz School.

Thank you for your time in this matter

Sincerely, Elizabeth Crowley Rivera Teacher

# A Plea For Anderson

Dear Perth Amboy Board of Education Members,

As an ESL staff here at Wilentz, we sadly miss our principal, Mr. Jenkins, and continue to adjust to the loss in our building. We feel that Mr. Anderson remain our building principal.

We respectively want to ex-

derson has stepped-up into the position and has truly made our adjustment to this sudden change easier and smooth. He has helped carry on all the routines and requirements of the day. We have been held together with his consistency, along with his innovation in meeting the demands of run-

press our thoughts. Mr. An-

Moreover, our community of the Wilentz school, staff

ning our school.

and students, has had many unexpected disruptions but we continue to work together to achieve our successes. Please understand that we cannot experience yet another possible change in our community. We have been on a steady path of healing and Mr. Anderson has been at the heart of it.

Submitted respectively, The Wilentz ESL staff

### More Pleas for Anderson

To the Perth Amboy Board of Education,

We are writing this letter to request that Mr. Anderson be named principal of the Robert N. Wilentz School. Mr. Anderson has been with us for almost 2 years now, and he knows the heart and soul of our school. He compliments us all the time, saying that this school could run itself, but that

would not be possible without good leadership and direction. During this sad and tragic time at our school with the loss of Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Anderson has kept the stability so needed by both staff and students. He not only has the experience and know-how to get the job done, he understands the needs of our school. Please consider our request to name Mr. Anderson as principal of the Wilentz School.

Thank you for your time in

this matter.

Sincerely,

The First Grade Staff at the Robert N. Wilentz School

Maria Hornlein, Jaime Ferrulli, Laurene Percheski, Dina DelaVolpe, Susan Repinsky, Gina Bilotti, Karly Butler, Patricia Aochoa, Maria Chavez, Vickiana DeLaCruz Nicole Fernandez, Christina Pittel

# The Failure of Obamacare

This country should be ashamed of itself. How in the name of all that is holy has Obama been allowed to do all the damage he has incurred? Where is the fighting spirit we Americans had when WWII broke out? We were confronted with an enemy who was hell bent on destroying us. We garnered our people, strength, and patriotism and fought off not only one enemy but three. We know have in our midst a man who has risen from the neighborhood ghettos to become the most powerful man in the world. He has seen to it that our constitution is merely a piece of paper on which to wipe his feet. The saddest part of this is the following of people who either do not realized what he is doing or just want their jobs, city, state or nationwide. Those who defend him have become the laughing stock of the country by their words of praise and defense of this man. Nance Pelosi's famous quote: "Let's pass it to see what is in it" will go down in history as some of the most pathetic words ever spoken. Our representatives in Washington fail to realize they

are where they are because of we the people. We sent them there expecting them to represent the constituents and not their party.

The majority of people by and large do not want Obamacare. He himself using the term Affordable Care because the term Obamacare is a disgraceful failure thus far. With its mass confusion and unreasonable cost, he has returned the medical profession back into the 19th century. He has destroyed medical care as we know it.

For those that had no insurance the government could have and should have offered those individuals the purchase of an affordable health care plan. The money used to untruthfully promote the plan could have been better spent helping those without medical insurance. Because of Obama's ineptness, over 5 million people have lost their medical coverage.

The wave of inflation that is due to come is because of printing worthless money. To pay off all this deficit spending will take decades to alleviate the burden this man has placed on us.

Far too many Americans have been conditioned to be-

lieve there is a "free lunch" provided by the government. They fail to realize that we and they are the government. We are merely robbing Peter to pay Paul. To quote Thomas Jefferson: "Democracy will cease when the government takes from those who earn and give it to those who do not".

The redistribution of wealth was tried by Josef Stalin, Karl Marx, and Nikita Khrushchev, and others and it was a dismal failure. Do not the democrats realize that history is doomed to repeat itself if they follow the president's course of action.

How far would the Obama faithful follow him? Many years ago, Confucious said: "A fool will find one still more foolish and admire him." I cannot feel for these brainwashed individuals. Some could be brainwashed with an enema!

Except for a few, even some Republicans are caught up in a wave of ideology. It is never too late to write a wrong but time is growing perilously short

Barbara Skokan

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City Hall, High St.

TUES. Jan. 7 Board of Education, 6 p.m.
PAHS, Eagle Ave.
WED. Jan. 8 City Council, Regular 7 p.m.
City Hall, High St.

TUES. Jan. 14 Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. City Hall, High St.

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City Hall, High St.

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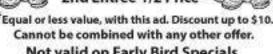
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Press Release December 2013 the RARITAN BAY AREA to reach their full potential as MIDDLESEX COUNTY -Beginning this January, five Middlesex County YMCAs will join together to offer its members the ability to use participating YMCAs without an additional fee.

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Scott Lewis, President & CEO of the YMCA OF METUCHEN. EDISON, WOODBRIDGE & SOUTH AMBOY (YMCA of MEW-SA) said "Our members are mobile. Whether working outside of their home town or traveling for their children's activities, members now have the opportunity to get healthy where ever they find themselves in Middlesex County at a time and place that is most convenient for them. I, along with my colleagues, Steve Jobin, President & CEO of

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Press Release PERTH AMBOY - As a courtesy reminder to resident's within the permit zones. Please be advised that your present

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Any questions feel free to contact our office. Thank you in advance for your prompt cooperation with this matter.

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YMCA in Perth Amboy and Gina Stravic, Executive Director of the RARITAN VALLEY YMCA in East Brunswick, are thrilled to offer this exciting member benefit".

This new membership feature demonstrates the power of Ys joining together to help one another to build stronger communities. The YMCA unites, engages and educates our communities to enable all people, especially youth and those who need us most, to maintain good health and

productive, caring and responsible citizens.

By working together across the county, our YMCA network is the largest provider of child care services (including summer day camp), aquatic programming and instruction along with wellness programs and services in Middlesex County.

Whether you are a current YMCA member or considering joining our family, there's certain to be a YMCA that's right for you.

### **Congratulations Kerry Dyke!**

\*Photo Submitted



PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy's Kerry Dyke took first place in the 1600 meter at the Somerset County Championships at LeHigh University today. Kerry runs for Mount St. Mary Academy. An unusual feat, as Kerry is considered a top long distance runner, and not a miler. Kerry(left)congratulated by teammate Kathy(right).

#### Sisters in Service

\*Photo Submitted



SAYREVILLE - Our Lady of Victory Columbiettes assisted by members from Knights of Columbus Council 2061 held their 9th annual Sisters In Service Dinner at their council home. Pictured are the Sisters that were honored, as well as the Columbiettes Chaplain, Father Ken Murphy of St. Stan's Church. The Sisters were given small tokens of appreciation from the Columbiette members.

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#### Contact:

RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA 732.442.3632 slobin@rbaymca.org

#### Nutrition Program Benefits YMCA Kids

[Perth Amboy, NJ, December 20, 2013] - The RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA is a federally funded program which provides meals to children at no charge.

To comply with Federal regulations, we would appreciate the publication of the following release as a complimentary service.

The RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA, announces the sponsorship of the Child Care Food Program. The program is designed to provide meals to children in child care centers, recreation programs, ect. Meals are available at no separate charge to all children 12 and under enrolled in the Child Care Food Program and are served without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability.

	ELIGIBILITY INCOME SCALE		
Effective from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014			
Family Size	Free Yearly Income	Reduced Yearly Income	
1	\$14,937	\$21,257	
2	\$20,163	\$28,694	
3	\$25,389	\$36,131	
4	\$30,615	\$43,568	
Each Additional Family Member	+\$5,226	+\$7,437	

The Child Care Food Program is operated in accordance with USDA policy, which does not permit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability in the meal service, admissions policy or use of any Adult Food Program facility. To file a complaint or discrimination, write to the USDA, Director, Officer of Civil Rights, 100 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, or call, toll free, [866] 632-9992 (Voice), [800] 877-8339 (TDD) or (866) 377-8642 (Relay Voice Users). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



# Sugar Plum Palace



Knitting Circle
SOUTH AMBOY - There will
be a Knitting Circle on the
first and third Tuesday each
month at 6 p.m. at the Dowdell
Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For
more info call 732-72 1-6060.

#### Kidz Wii Club SOUTH AMBOY - The Kidz

SOUTH AMBOY - The Kidz Wii Club will meet every Friday at 3 p.m. at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.



#### **Christmas Party at Holy Trinity Auditorium - Perth Amboy**

Photos by Joe Bayona



Pastor Raul Lopez sings Christmas Carols for the faithful.



Approx. 100 people joined in a Christmas feast.



Pastor Berny Falcon-Lopez greets the crowd.







The people who put it all together.



Santa with the children



Christine Metcalf 2 ½ weeks old.

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#### Our Lady of Peace Christmas Bazaar

\*Photos Submitted









FORDS - On Friday, Dec. 13th the Our Lady of Peace School's 8th Grade held their annual "Christmas Bazaar" in the school cafeteria. They sold many, many homemade items as well as vendor bought items and homemade treats. 8th grade teacher Mrs. Kelly Dubasak worked after school every day for the last several weeks with her eight grade students to make this fundraiser a huge success and it was!! Mr. Cliff Dubasak assisted as well by making handmade Christmas trees to display the handmade Christmas ornaments that the children made for the bazaar. This fundraiser helps to defray graduation costs for the 8th grade families. All classes grades Prek3 thru 8th had a great time shopping for their families and went home with huge bags of goodies for the big day. Many students were joined by their parents and grandparents to help them make those important purchases while holiday music played in the background.

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# The Community Voice \*Continued From Page 4

#### Historic Elm Tree





I would like to thank the Mayor and City Council for the job they did to restore the Historic Elm Tree in front of City Hall. It is good that the City Leadership appreciates the importance of history. You are keeping an important part of Perth Amboy's history alive a little longer.

Anton J. Massopust Perth Amboy City Historian

#### Dowdell Library Foundation Funds New Computers for South Amboy Library \*Photo Submitted



The Dowdell Library Foundation's grant will be used to purchase new computers for the South Amboy library. From left: Mary Rager, Secretary, and Mimi Pichey, President, of the Dowdell Library Foundation present a check to Cathy Charmello, Board President, and Elaine Gaber, Director, of the Sadie Pope Dowdell Public Library.

Press Release

SOUTH AMBOY - On December 10, the Dowdell Library Foundation presented a \$5,000 grant to the Sadie Pope Dowdell Public Library of South Amboy. The funds will be used to upgrade 13 computers and purchase 10 new computers. Support to acquire additional software was provided by TechSoup.org and Microsoft Corporation.

"Providing current technology is critical for the library to serve as a resource for South Amboy students as well as many others in our community," noted Mimi Pichey, President of the Dowdell Library Foundation. "We were able to make this grant thanks to the many people who contributed generously to our 'Dunk a Politician' booth at the South Amboy Street Fair and our 'Dining to Donate' events at local restaurants."

The Dowdell Library Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. For more information, visit www.DowdellFoundation. org or call (732)316-1078



# Civil War Roundtable

WOODBRIDGE - The next meeting of The Robert E. Lee Civil War Roundtable will be held at the Woodbridge Public Library on Monday, January 6 at 7:00 p.m. This month's speaker is Bill Hewitt and his topic will be "Prelude to Gettysburg." All are welcome.

# New Year's Eve Party

Eve Party
SOUTH AMBOY - The South
Amboy Elks will hold a New
Year's Eve Party from 8 p.m.
to 1 a.m. Dec. 31 at the Elks
Lodge, 601 Washington Ave.
South Amboy. There will be
a hot buffet dinner and dancing, with music provided by
Rambo Productions. Tickets
are \$50 in advance, no tickets will be sold at the door.
To purchase, visit the lodge or
call Joyce at 908-614-8139.

# Handel's Messiah

Music at Saint Mary's annual performance of Handel's Messiah has been rescheduled for Saturday, January 4 at 7:30 p.m. Come and experience this wonderful oratorio in beautiful Victorian Gothic surroundings, surrounded by the glow of candlelight. Saint Mary Church, 256 Augusta Street, South Amboy. This concert is free, with donations gratefully accepted at the door. For more information, please call 732-721-0179.

# St. Patrick's Day Parade

SOUTH AMBOY - 2014 St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Saturday, March 8th at 2 p.m. Anyone wishing to join the Parade Committee and help organize and present this wonderful event should contact Councilman Mickey Gross at 732-721-5031. Grand Marshal's Night January 31 at the AOH Hall 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. honoring Grand Marshal Monsignor John Gordon, Deputy Grand Marshal Colonel John F. O'Connell, Honorary Grand Marshal Assemblyman Craig Coughlin. All are welcome. \$35 includes food entertainment and more. Tickets are on sale at the YMCA office and the AOH hall.

# Charity Basketball Games - South Amboy 12/21/13 \*Photos by Joe Bayona











SOUTH AMBOY - The Basketball games featured players from Cardinal McCarrick and South Amboy High Schools. The games were played at Cardinal McCarrick High School. There was also a dinner held at the AOH Hall, 271 Second St. Proceeds from the games and dinner went to benefit Samantha Carey and Kaitlyn Kehoe, two local children who have been diagnosed with cancer.

We are on the web!!!! www.amboyguardian.com



Santa's Reindeer and a Snowman also have to eat



In line to see Santa



Taking a nap before Santa arrives



Santa and his helpers pose for a group photo

#### PRAHD Christmas Party - Perth Amboy

\*Photos by Bob Ned



Don't Forget Me Down Here!



Council President Joel Pabon and friend can't wait for the roast



The Cake



**PRAHD Members** 



Yvonne Lopez



PRAHD symbol



The band played holiday tunes



Posing for a holiday photo

### Tax Facts

Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka Find The Keys To Home Office Deductions

Beginning with the 2013 tax return that you'll file this spring, the IRS has approved a new "simplified" method for deducting home office expenses. Granted, the new method is much faster and easier to use. But is the convenience worth

In any event, you must meet certain requirements to qualify for home office deductions. The write-off isn't available just because you do work at home.

Generally, you're entitled to deduct home office expenses only if you use part of your home regularly and exclusively as either your principal place of business or a place where you meet or deal with customers, clients, or patients in the normal course of business. In addition, if you're an employee of a company, the home office must be used for your employer's convenience. If you qualify, you may deduct your actual expenses attributable to the business use of the home under the traditional method or use the new simplified method.

1. Traditional method: This includes "direct" expenses, like the cost of painting and decorating the office, and a portion of your "indirect" expenses based on the percentage of the business use of the home. For instance, if you use 10% of your home's square footage as your main place of business, you may deduct 10% of the mortgage interest, property taxes, utilities, repairs, insurance, etc., plus a depreciation allowance. (Note: Mortgage interest and property taxes are usually deductible anyway.)

2. Simplified method: You may deduct \$5 per square foot of the part of your home used for business, up to a maximum deduction of \$1,500. It's that

Obviously, the traditional method requires additional record keeping, but it will often provide a larger deduction than the simplified method. Have the two methods compared when it's a close call.



# Perth Amboy Volunteer Fire Department Parade Committee

will be holding their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual

# Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, January 11, 2014 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Hall

228 High St., Perth Amboy

Adults \$10 Children under 5 - Free

Come out and support your local heroes!

# Do you or someone you know have Old Photographs or Documents?

The Kearny Cottage Historical Society is
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# Tropical Island Night SAYREVILLE - Our Lady of

Victory Knights of Columbus Council # 2061 will host a Tropical Island Party on January 25th from 7pm until midnight. The Island Party will be held at the Council home located at 775 Washington Road, directly across from the Parlin post office. The evening event will include an open bar with tropical drinks, beer wine and soda and a buffet dinner and desert. There will also be dancing to tropical music and tropical island entertainment. Tickets are \$ 35 per person payable with reservations. For more info or to purchase tickets please call John at 732-237-9922. Escape the doldrums of winter and join us for an evening of fun.

#### Perth Amboy Historic Calendar

2014







#### 2014 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars For Sale

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library and The Kearny Cottage Historical Society have teamed up to create Historical Calendars with never before seen photos of Historic Perth Amboy. Calendars are \$10 each and are available at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy City Hall, High Street, Ludwig's Pharmacy, 475 Brace Ave. and Fertigs Dept. Store, 195 New Brunswick Ave. For more info call 732-293-1090.

#### Mother Goose

SOUTH AMBOY - Mother Goose from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mondays at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

# Lego Drive SOUTH AMBOY - The Sa-

die Pope Dowdell Library of South Amboy is looking for donations of LEGO's for future programs! We are asking that anyone that wishes to donate any regular model making size pieces to please drop them off at the library during our regular business hours. The library is located at 100 Harold G Hoffman Plaza off of O'Leary Blvd, adjacent to the High/Middle school. For hours and directions please visit our website at www. dowdell.org.

# Get in the Game

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Branch YMCA is starting an Adult Basketball League (Ages 18+) beginning February 14. The weekly games will be played on Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. with times determined by the number of teams that are registered. Scores and standings will be recorded online and games will be refereed. The teams can have 5-12 players each and teams must submit a roster prior to start of the season. The cost is \$700\* per team (\$100 deposit due at registration). Balance due before your first game (\*includes team shirts and ref fees). If you have any questions please contact Mike Manfre, Physical Director at 732-316-8208 or mike.manfre@ymcaofmewsa. org.

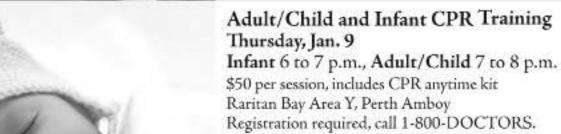


# JANUARY EVENTS



Stop Smoking Support Program
Kick the Habit: Tobacco
Monday, Jan. 6 – 5 to 6 p.m.
3 Hospital Plaza, Old Bridge
Registration required, call 1-800-DOCTORS.

Tour of the Berkow Maternity Pavilion & Family Health Open House Thursday, Jan. 9 – 5, 6 or 7 p.m. 530 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy Registration required, call 1-800-DOCTORS.



One-Day Childbirth Education Class \$125 per couple.

Saturday, Jan. 18 - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Raritan Bay Area Y, Perth Amboy Registration required, call 1-800-DOCTORS.



# Is Weight Loss Surgery Right for Me?

Monday, Jan. 13 - 7 to 8 p.m. with Dr. Seun A. Sowemimo

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Wednesday, Jan. 15 - 8 to 11 a.m., Old Bridge Friday, Jan. 17 - 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Perth Amboy Registration required, call 732-535-4746.



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Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron of difficult cases, of things almost despaired of, Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Intercede with God for me that He 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, particularly - (make your request here) - and that I may praise God with you and all the saints forever. I promise, Oh Blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor granted me by God and to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen *M.S.K.* 

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#### Prayer to St. Anthony

O Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and charity for His creatures made you worthy, when on earth, to posses miraculous powers.

Miracles waited on your words, which you were ever ready to speak for those in trouble or anxiety. Encouraged by this thought, I implore 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 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.K.



Answers From Puzzle On Page 15



PERTH AMBOY - Some of the long term members of the RBMC Auxiliary enjoy a tea at the Anniversary Luncheon held at the Proprietary House.

\*Photo by Carolyn Max-

# LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY – Hall Avenue 1940's

\*Photo Courtesy of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library This Photo was restored under a grant for the Kearny Cottage Archiving project by the Middlesex Cultural and Heritage Commission

# **Senior Scene**

# **Happenings**

#### **Perth Amboy**

THURS. Jan. 2 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m.,

Family Life Center, Madison Ave. St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m.,

MON. Jan. 6 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.

WED. Jan. 7 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.

> Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.

> > St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.

THURS. Jan. 8 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

MON. Jan. 13 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m.,

Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.

TUES. Jan. 14 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.

 Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.

WED. Jan. 15 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.

• Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.

• St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.

Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m.,

Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.

THURS. Jan. 16 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m.,
Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

**South Amboy** 

MON. Jan. 6 St. Mary's Seniors, noon,

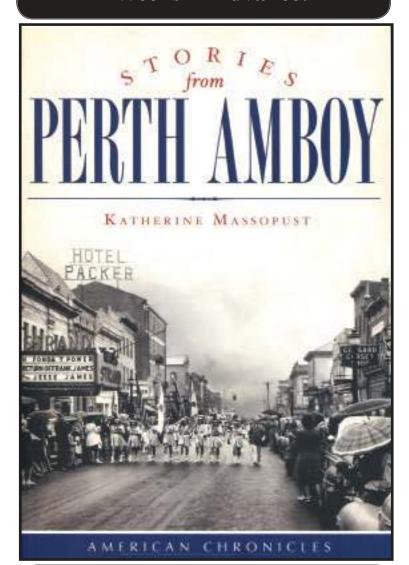
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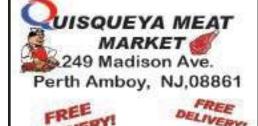
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- 13 Stiffly proper 14 Hurry
- 15 Coincidence (2 wds.)
- 18 "\_\_\_ It Be" (Beatles song)
- 19 Parts of a chain
- 20 It's got Seoul
- 23 Feds (hyph.) 25 Spherical body
- 26 "No problem!"
- 28 Like a

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- 34 \_\_\_ de plume .
- 35 "\_\_\_ goes nothing!"
- 36 Rough cut
- 37 Twosomes
- 39 None
- whatsoever 40 On
- 42 TV oldie: "F
- 44 Glove leather 47 \_\_\_ Paulo
- (Brazilian city)
- 48 Crude thing, said in a nice way
- 54 Not bright

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- 56 Doe
  - 57 Pig's place
  - 58 Fountain treat
  - 59 Was in glee club

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- 1 Finger-to-lips noise
- 2 Pod veggie
- 3 Baseball player's topper
- 4 An \_\_ a day ... 23 Collection
- 5 Small quarrel
- 6 Circle segment 27 Unravel
- 7 London's

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- 9 "Where or \_\_\_"
- 10 Soap's spot
- 11 Hoses down
- 16 Pro votes
- 17 Entertainer Shore
- 20 King of the jungle?
- 21 Killer whale
- 22 Sluggers' successes (abbr.)
- 24 Brief note
- 29 Divorce town 30 The Kingston

  - 31 Bark shrilly
  - 33 Elm's offering
  - 38 Comedian Laurel
- 41 Portable shelters
- 43 Streets
- 44 Soapy water
- 45 Single thing 46 TV award
- 47 Baseballer Sammy
- 49 Likewise
- 50 Not Dem. or Rep.
- 51 Actress Benaderet
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- 53 Measure of work

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