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## New FEMA Flood Maps For Camden County Available For Review At March 25 Open House

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region II office released updates to the flood hazard maps, known as Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), for Camden County. These updates were preliminarily issued to Camden County and incorporated areas on September 19, 2014. The FIRMs identify areas that have flood risk in Camden County. Insurance companies use FIRMs to determine flood insurance rates for buildings and their contents, and lenders utilize this information to determine flood insurance requirements. Camden County residents and property owners are encouraged to learn more about their flood risk and the updates shown on the preliminary flood hazard maps by looking up their property's address in the "What's my BFE?" tool at [www.region2coastal.com/sandy/table](http://www.region2coastal.com/sandy/table).

Camden County will hold a public Flood Risk Open House on the updates at the Camden County Boathouse, 7050 North Park Drive on Wednesday, March 25. Attend the open house any time between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. No appointment is required. Using interactive flood hazard maps at this open house, representatives from the State, Camden County, and FEMA and their mapping partners, will be available to answer flood risk and insurance questions, and explain the preliminary flood hazard maps. Residents are encouraged to bring

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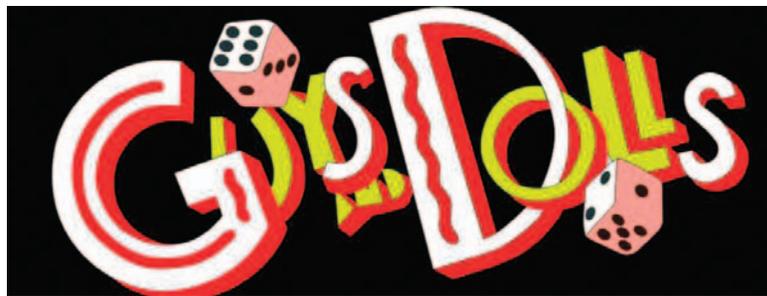
## Pennsauken High School Presents "Guys And Dolls"

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

"I dreamed last night I got on the boat to heaven. And by some chance, I had brought my dice along..."

If you found yourself singing the rest of "Sit Down You're Rockin' The Boat," you're not alone... and you're in for a treat. Pennsauken High School is proud to announce that this year's spring musical is the classic, Tony award-winning, Broadway hit, "Guys and Dolls." Filled with great musical numbers like "Luck Be a Lady," "Adelaide's Lament," and "Guys and Dolls," along with wonderfully colorful characters, this show brings a smile to a lot of people's faces.

"I like the modern shows, but there's something about 'Guys and Dolls.' It is the perfect show," says Kate Brown, vocal music director at Pennsauken High School. "It's a show that every one of the



For this year's spring musical, Pennsauken High School presents "Guys and Dolls." Performances will be held March 26-29 at the high school's auditorium.

directors and production staff has a memory of. It's a warm, happy, fuzzy show."

An adaption of several short stories by author Damon Runyon, "Guys and Dolls" follows the paths of small time gamblers as they try to hold the "oldest, established, permanent, floating crap game

in New York." Add in a high-stakes player, a pretty girl, the Salvation Army and a trip to Cuba, and you've got all the makings of an entertaining and comical romp through 1930s Americana.

"I just like the fact that [the play] is re-

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## SENIOR CORNER

By Sonny DiSabato  
Senior Citizen Coordinator

Hello fellow seniors. The Senior Citizen Prom is early this year! Sponsored by the Pennsauken Education Association, the Senior Citizen Prom will be on Sunday, March 29 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Pennsauken High School Cafeteria. This great annual event features lunch and dancing; the Optical Academy will also be on hand to provide eye exams. And immediately after the prom, seniors will be escorted to the auditorium to watch the high school's performance of "Guys and Dolls." And it's all FREE to Pennsauken seniors!

Seniors can RSVP for the event by call-

## Senior Citizen Prom Held On March 29

ing Terri Noone at (609) 847-6537 or e-mailing [tnoone@pennsauken.net](mailto:tnoone@pennsauken.net). Please provide your full name, phone number, and number of people in your party.

### County Community Day Center Free To Seniors

In the past, I've talked about the great community day center run by the Camden County Board of Freeholders Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Senior and Disabled Services. In the past, participants had to pay \$5 a day to attend. Now, it's FREE!

The Senior Citizen Day Center is eligible to residents of Camden County age 60



The Senior Citizen Prom will be held on Sunday, March 29 at Pennsauken High School.

or over who are self medicating, able to walk and socially functioning. The center is open from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Mon-

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## MARCHCALENDAR

### AARP

AARP Chapter 2861 will be meeting on Monday, Mar. 9 at The Rising Community Fellowship and Outreach Center, 3465 Haddonfield Rd., Pennsauken. Social time is at 12:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. Come out and enjoy the fellowship of your Pennsauken neighbors and be sure to bring a friend.

### Chili Cook-Off

VFW Post 1270, 2324 Penn St., Pennsauken, is hosting a chili cook-off on Saturday, Mar. 7 at 2 p.m. For \$5 per person, attendees can taste contestant submissions and participate in the judging. For more information, call (856) 317-9081.

### Town Watch

Pennsauken's Town Watch hosts its monthly meeting on Wednesday, Mar. 11, 7:30 p.m. at the Pennsauken Police Department, 4800 Bethel Ave., second floor. Residents are encouraged to attend these meetings to learn how to keep our community safe. For more in-

formation, call 856-488-0080 x2417.

### American Legion

American Legion Fredrick W. Griggs Post 68 will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, Mar. 12. These monthly meetings are held at the Merchantville Community Center, 212 Somerset Ave. in Merchantville. Rev. Floyd White, Camden County Director of Veterans Affairs, will be the guest speaker and will discuss the process for veterans to apply for veterans benefits. All veterans are welcome.

### Bowling Benefit

The 2015 Journey to Healing bowling benefit will be held on Sunday, Mar. 15 at Pinsetter Bar and Bowl, 7111 Maple Ave. in Pennsauken, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Featuring three hours of bowling, a two-hour buffet, Chinese auction, and a 50/50 raffle. Tickets are \$30 and proceeds benefit research for thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura (TTP), a rare blood disorder. For sponsorship, tickets, or more information, call Vicki at (856) 261-4541.

### Preparing For Retirement

A free, educational seminar on preparing for retirement will be held on Wednesday, Mar. 25, 7:00 p.m. at the Pennsauken Country Club, 3800 Haddonfield Rd. The guest speaker will be Afiya Ricks from Lincoln Financial Distributors. To register, please call (856) 477-3610.

### Easter Flower Sale

Merchantville Masonic Lodge #119, 6926 Park Ave., Pennsauken, will hold its annual Easter Flower Sale from April 1-5 in the lodge parking lot. Hours are

from 8:30 a.m. until dusk, rain or shine. For more information, call R.W. Ray Taylor, Sr. P.G.C. at (856) 663-1719.

### Living Stations

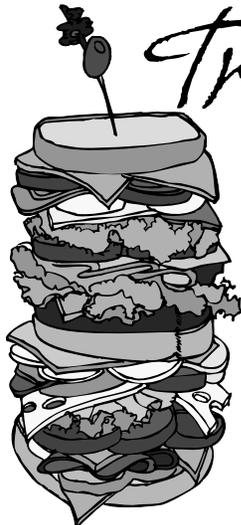
Saint Peter Roman Catholic Church, 43 West Maple Ave., Merchantville, is hosting the Living Stations, Friday, April 3 at 7 p.m. A Good Friday tradition, the Living Stations are a beautiful live meditation on the Lord's Passion as performed by Saint Peter's Youth Group. Admission is free.

### Shrimp Fry

The Ladies Auxiliary of AMVETS Post 101, 519 June Rd., Delair, is hosting a Shrimp Fry on Friday, April 3 beginning at 4 p.m. Shrimp, fries and cole slaw are \$6. Add a taste of mushrooms for \$1 or order a basket of mushrooms for \$3. For more information, call (856) 663-8950.

### Pancake Breakfast

The Pennsauken Lions Club will be holding the Ned Davis Memorial Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 12 at the PYVA Field House on Marion Ave. in Pennsauken. Start time is 8:00 a.m. and will run until 12:00 p.m. The fee for the all-you-can-eat breakfast of pancake, sausage, orange juice, coffee or tea is just \$5.00. Proceeds from the breakfast go to support the scholarships the Lions Club gives to Pennsauken Schools, as well as the other charities and services supported by the Pennsauken Lions.



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# MAYOR'S Better Serving All Of Our Residents, Regardless Of Language

CORNER



By Rick Taylor,  
Mayor of  
Pennsauken  
Township

For this issue of All Around Pennsauken, the "Mayor's Corner" column is presented in three different languages for the very first time. This won't be a regular occurrence, but the message I'd like to convey this month is important enough to share in Spanish and Vietnamese, as well as English.

The voice of every Pennsauken resident is important. Only by talking with the people who live in our town can our local government do everything possible to make our community a great place to live and work. Our residents and business owners often have questions about

the services the Township provides. Sometimes, they have a problem that they need help with. Regardless of their concerns, speaking a different language shouldn't prevent us from serving all of them to the best of our ability.

For many, Pennsauken Township's web site, [twp.pennsauken.nj.us](http://twp.pennsauken.nj.us), is the first stop to get information about municipal services. Did you know that you can have the entire site translated into a wide variety of languages, including Spanish and Vietnamese? By using the "GTranslate" button on the right of every page, you can select from over 50 different languages. And by selecting a language option, text on every page throughout the site will be automatically translated. The grammar may not be 100 percent accurate all of the time and our forms will still be seen in English, but this new option goes a very

long way to making sure you are aware of the services available to you.

For many years, the Township has provided options for predominantly Spanish-speaking residents. Several employees working at the Municipal Building are fluent in Spanish. So whether you call or visit the Administrative Office, the Township Clerk, or the Building Department, someone will be able to help you on a daily basis.

We've also just set up a special phone line specifically for Vietnamese speaking residents and business owners. By calling the Pennsauken Township Municipal Building at (856) 665-1000 and dialing extension 168, you will be able to leave a message for Township staff in Vietnamese. We will have fluent Vietnamese speakers listen to your voice message and share with us your questions and con-

cerns. And if you leave a phone number where we can reach you, you'll receive a return call in your native language.

So if you have questions or issues about municipal services, need to know which department to talk to, or have an idea that can make our town better, please share it with us, regardless of your native language. Whether it is good or bad, we'd like to know. Pennsauken is as much your home as it is mine. Your feedback is important. Your opinions matter. This Township government is here to serve all of our residents, regardless of what part of town they live in or what language they speak.

In closing, I encourage our residents and business owners to take advantage of these new ways to learn about the services we provide and to share with us their thoughts on new ways to make our

town even better. By working together, we can help Pennsauken an even greater place to live and work.



Report suspicious activity to the Pennsauken Police by using the anonymous tip form at [www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/police/anonymous-tip-form](http://www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/police/anonymous-tip-form).

IF IT'S AN EMERGENCY, CALL 9-1-1.

## PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR OPEN HOUSE SHOWCASE ON SUNDAY MARCH 8TH.



**Pennsauken – Open House Sunday March 8th 1-4pm**  
3498 New Jersey Ave. Lots of extras in this beautiful home! 4 bedrooms and 3 1/2 baths. The addition on the main floor that could be used as a bedroom, in-law suite, or man cave; complete with full (wheelchair accessible) bathroom and zoned heating/cooling. Upstairs master suite w/walk-in closet and full bathroom. Two add'l bdrms share a remodeled full bath. Fully finished basement and attached garage. Enclosed deck w/sliding glass doors & ventless elec wall heater. Hot tub can be accessed right from the deck. \$219,900 Call for directions 856-397-2096



**Merchantville – Open House Sunday March 8th 1:30-4pm**  
110 N. Cove Rd. Enjoy country living right here in Merchantville. Warm home situated on double lot. Original knotty pine throughout gives this home it's personality. Elegant hardwood and tile floors throughout. Lots of sunshine filters in through french doors in the spacious finished attic. French doors open from the living/dining room onto a patio and backyard entertaining space. Laundry located on the second level across from the bedrooms. Loads of parking on side of house next to the kitchen. \$189,900



**Pennsauken – Open House Sun March 8th 1-4pm**  
5026 Orchard Way. Lots of potential rancher! Tucked away in the quaint Cooper River Park section of town, this home has easy access to rt70, rt38 and rt130, while also within walking distance of Cooper River. The rancher features 3 bedrooms, 1 full and 2 half bathrooms, living room with dining area, eat-in kitchen, and finished basement with wet bar. Backyard features a patio and shed. \$129,500 Call for directions 856-266-1366



**Pennsauken – The Fairways**  
This End Unit Is A GREAT BUY! Sit Back And Relax On The Deck Overlooking The Golf Course. LOW Taxes & A Minimal Association Fee Make This Property Very Affordable! Home Features 3 Bedrooms With Great Closet Space. Pergo Flooring In The Nice Size Living & Dining Rooms. Owners Had An Additional Heater/Air Unit Installed On The First Floor To Keep The Temperature Just The Way They Like It. There Is Nothing To Do Here But Pack Your Bags And Move In. \$124,900



**Pennsauken – Chadwyk**  
Any Buyer Will LOVE This Beautiful Two Story Colonial Located On A Cul-De-Sac In Chadwyk. Home Features A Newer (5/2013) Heater And Central Air Which Is Still Under Warranty. Lovely Family Room With Wood Burning Fireplace (Gas Available), Gorgeous Sun Room Addition, Modern Kitchen With Great Little Bar. Home Also Features Nice Size Rooms, Plenty Of Storage, A Great Deck Which Is Great For Entertaining, If That Isn't Enough There Is Even A Nice Big Fenced In Yard. Come See Today Because I Know This One Won't Last!!! \$199,900.



**Merchantville – Move-In Condition**  
Don't be fooled...this house is MASSIVE! Situated on oversized lot on quiet street. Impeccably kept! Perfect for large extended family. Office space could be used as a 5th bedroom. There is a 2 story addition on the back of the house. Both levels have decks overlooking yard. The lower level has a large family room with a kitchenette. Complete with refrigerator and dishwasher. GREAT for entertaining! The main house and the addition have separate hot water heaters, heaters and A/C. All share utility meters. Updated main kitchen, updated baths, hardwood flooring, newer heat and A/C. Plenty of closet space, full basement, shed, and off street parking. \$224,900.



**Cherry Hill – In-Law-Suite**  
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**Cherry Hill – Price Reduced!!**  
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## MAYOR'S CORNER **Phục vụ cư dân Việt chúng ta tốt hơn**



Rick Taylor,  
Thị Trưởng  
Thành Phố  
Pennsauken

Tiếng nói của  
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Pennsauken là

quan trọng. Chỉ bằng nói chuyện với những cư dân sống trong thành phố, chính quyền địa phương của chúng ta có thể làm mọi thứ trong khả năng để biến thành phố chúng ta thành một nơi lý tưởng để sống và làm việc. Cư dân và chủ doanh nghiệp thường có thắc mắc về dịch vụ thành phố cung cấp. Đôi khi, họ có một vấn đề mà họ cần được giúp đỡ. Bất kể mối quan tâm của họ là gì, ngôn ngữ khác biệt không làm cản trở chúng tôi phục vụ tất cả cư dân tốt nhất trong khả

năng của chúng tôi. Đối với nhiều người, trang web Pennsauken, [twp.pennsauken.nj.us](http://twp.pennsauken.nj.us), là điểm dừng chân đầu tiên để lấy thông tin về dịch vụ của thành phố. Bạn có biết rằng bạn có thể dịch toàn bộ trang web sang tiếng Việt? Bằng cách "GTranslate" nút ở bên phải của mỗi trang, bạn có thể chọn hơn 50 ngôn ngữ khác nhau, bao gồm cả tiếng Việt. Và bằng cách chọn một ngôn ngữ, nội dung trên mỗi trang web sẽ được tự động dịch. Ngữ pháp có thể không chính xác 100 phần trăm, và các văn bản của chúng tôi vẫn lưu ở tiếng Anh. Nhưng cách chọn mới này giúp quý bạn rất nhiều, đảm bảo rằng bạn biết đến các dịch vụ đang có. Chúng tôi cũng đã thiết lập một đường dây điện thoại đặc biệt cho cư dân và

chủ doanh nghiệp nói tiếng Việt. Bằng cách gọi tòa thị chính Pennsauken (856) 665-1000 và phần mở rộng quay số 168, bạn sẽ có thể để lại tin nhắn cho nhân viên nói tiếng Việt. Chúng tôi sẽ có những người nói thông thạo tiếng Việt để nghe tin nhắn của bạn và chuyển lại cho chúng tôi về những câu hỏi và mối quan tâm của bạn. Và nếu bạn để lại một số điện thoại mà chúng tôi có thể liên lạc, bạn sẽ nhận được một cuộc gọi trở lại bằng ngôn ngữ mẹ đẻ.

Vì vậy nếu bạn có thắc mắc hay có vấn đề về các dịch vụ thành phố, cần phải biết bộ phận nào để nói chuyện, hoặc có một ý tưởng mà có thể giúp cho thành phố của chúng ta tốt hơn, vui lòng chia sẻ với chúng tôi. Cho dù tốt hay là xấu, chúng tôi muốn biết. Penn-

sauken là nhà của bạn và tôi. Sự phản ánh của bạn là quan trọng. Ý kiến của bạn có ảnh hưởng. Chính phủ Thành Phố này là để phục vụ tất cả các cư dân của chúng ta, bất kể họ sống trong khu vực nào của Thành Phố hoặc nói ngôn ngữ gì.

Cuối cùng, tôi khuyến khích cư dân và chủ doanh nghiệp nói tiếng Việt tận dụng lợi thế của những cách thức mới này để tìm hiểu về các dịch vụ chúng tôi cung cấp và chia sẻ ý kiến của quý vị với chúng tôi về cách thức mới này để giúp thành phố của chúng ta tốt hơn. Cùng nhau Làm việc, chúng ta có thể giúp Pennsauken thành một nơi lý tưởng hơn để sống và làm việc.

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## Prestación de mejores servicios a todos nuestros residentes, sin importar el idioma

Por Rick Taylor, Alcalde de Pennsauken Township

Para esta edición de All Around Pennsauken, la columna "El Rincón del alcalde" se presenta en tres idiomas diferentes para la primera vez. Esto no va a ser una ocurrencia regular, pero el mensaje me gustaría transmitir este mes es lo suficientemente importante como para compartir en español y vietnamita, así como Inglés.

La voz de cada residente en Pennsauken es importante. Sólo por hablar con las personas que viven en nuestra ciudad puede nuestro gobierno local hacer

todo lo posible para que nuestra comunidad sea un gran lugar para vivir y trabajar. Nuestros residentes y dueños de negocios a veces tienen preguntas acerca de los servicios que el municipio presta. A veces, tienen un problema que necesitan ayuda. Independientemente de sus preocupaciones, hablando un idioma diferente no debería impedirnos servir a todos ellos a lo mejor de nuestra capacidad.

Para muchos, el sitio web de Pennsauken Township, [twp.pennsauken.nj.us](http://twp.pennsauken.nj.us), es la primera parada para obtener información acerca de los servicios municipales. ¿Sabía usted que usted

puede tener todo el sitio se tradujo en una gran variedad de idiomas, incluyendo el español y vietnamita? Al utilizar el botón "GTranslate" a la derecha de cada página, usted puede elegir entre más de 50 idiomas diferentes. Y al seleccionar una opción de idioma, texto en cada página en todo el sitio se traducirá automáticamente. La gramática no es 100 por ciento exacta fuera poco el tiempo y nuestras formas todavía se ve en Inglés, pero esta nueva opción va un largo camino para asegurarse de que son conscientes de los servicios disponibles para usted.

Durante muchos años, el municipio ha proporcionado opciones para los residentes predominantemente de habla español. Varios empleados que trabajan en el edificio municipal dominan el español. Así que si usted llama o visita la Oficina de Administración, el Secretario del municipio, o el Departamento de Construcción, alguien va a ser capaz de ayudar a usted sobre una base diaria.

También, acabamos de establecer una línea telefónica especial específicamente para los residentes vietnamitas y dueños

de negocios. Llamando al Municipio de Pennsauken edificio municipal en (856) 665-1000 y marcando la extensión 168, usted será capaz de dejar un mensaje para el personal del municipio en vietnamita. Tendremos altavoces vietnamitas fluidas escuchan su mensaje de voz y compartir con nosotros sus preguntas e inquietudes. Y si usted deja un número de teléfono donde podamos comunicarnos con usted, usted recibirá una llamada de vuelta en su idioma nativo.

Así que si usted tiene preguntas o problemas acerca de los servicios municipales, necesita saber cuál es el departamento con quien hablar, o tiene una idea que puede hacer que nuestra ciudad mejor, por favor, comparta con nosotros, inde-

pendientemente de su idioma nativo. Si es bueno o malo, nos gustaría saber. Pennsauken es tanto su casa como lo es la mía. Su opinión es importante. Sus opiniones son importantes. Este gobierno del municipio está aquí para servir a todos nuestros residentes, independientemente de qué parte de la ciudad en que viven o el idioma que hablen.

Para terminar, me animo a nuestros residentes y dueños de negocios que se aprovechan de estas nuevas maneras de aprender sobre los servicios que ofrecemos y compartir con nosotros sus pensamientos sobre las nuevas formas de hacer que nuestra ciudad sea aún mejor. Trabajando juntos, podemos ayudar a Pennsauken un lugar aún mayor para vivir y trabajar.

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## Pennsauken Launches Bike Share Program In April

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Beginning the first of April, Pennsauken Township and the Pennsauken Environmental Commission will launch its new bike share program, giving Pennsauken residents, age 18 or older, access to a convenient, healthy, and affordable transportation option.

"We're very excited about starting up Pennsauken's first-ever bike share," says Ryan Wachter, one of the program's volunteers. "For a small fee, residents can borrow a bicycle for the day, the week, or the entire year."

For an annual cost of \$20, residents age 18 or older can borrow one of approximately 30 refurbished bikes stored at the Pennsauken Township Municipal Complex, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd. Participants can take out a bike for the day and bring it back, or store it at their home until they're ready to return it. All bikes must be returned at the end of the year in order for them to be properly inspected and to have any necessary repairs made.

"If any one participating in the bike share has an issue with their bicycle, they can bring it back and replace it with another one," adds Wachter. "We currently have a limited supply, but hope to gain more as the program starts to grow."

The concept of the bike share began in Europe in 1965 but didn't truly take



Pennsauken residents age 18 and older can gain access to a bicycle as part of Pennsauken Township's new bike share program.

off until the mid-2000s, due to technology and social media. As of June 2014, there are public bike share programs on five continents, including 712 cities, operating approximately 806,200 bicycles at 37,500 stations.

Pennsauken's bike share begins on Wednesday, April 1. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Pennsauken Township Municipal Building, and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the trailer adjacent to the Pennsauken Free Public Library.

For more information, visit [PennsaukenBikeShare.com](http://PennsaukenBikeShare.com) or e-mail [PennsaukenBikeShare@gmail.com](mailto:PennsaukenBikeShare@gmail.com).



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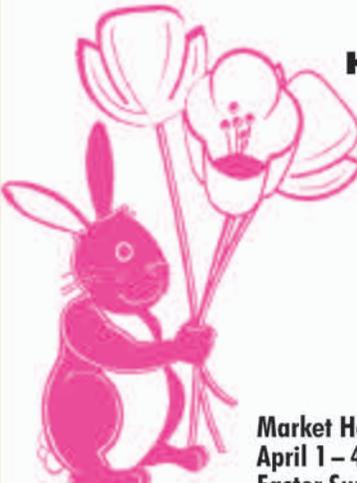
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"Only 151 firms in the world earned this award, placing this funeral home among the top two percent of funeral service providers in the world," said Jessica Koth, staff liaison for the Pursuit of Excellence Program.

To earn this award, Falco, Caruso and Leonard Funeral Home had to demonstrate a commitment to providing exceptional service to grieving families and giving back to their community through

unique outreach programs, while adhering to the highest ethical and professional standards.

For additional information about the Pursuit of Excellence Award, visit the NFDA web site, [nfda.org/pursuitofexcellence](http://nfda.org/pursuitofexcellence). To learn more about the programs that Falco, Caruso and Leonard Funeral Home were honored for, visit [CarusoCare.com](http://CarusoCare.com).



From November 1, 2014 to January 6, 2015, Falco Caruso Leonard Funeral Home in Pennsauken displayed a Christmas tree in their main foyer, adorned with angel ornaments that contain the names of loved ones who passed from November 1, 2013 to October 31, 2014. In February, a special reception was held for family members to pick up their loved one's angel ornaments.

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### A Remote Possibility Of Technology Dependence

By Bob Wagner, AAP Columnist

I was right smack dab in the middle of one of my more memorable rants against all things modern and new. I was at a fever's pitch, just beginning to break a sweat, my voice ringing off the living room walls, when the bride busted me, flat.

She simply raised one eyebrow, lowered her iPad, and asked, in her cold, oily best, gotcha voice, "And who, in your world of bottled milk, hand cranked drills, and knitted woolen socks, will get up to change the channel on your TV?"

Lord, I hate it when she's right.

For the first 30 years of television, the gods of NBC, CBS, and ABC ruled with whole evenings of TV shows in a row, when changing channels was hardly considered. I thought it was the good programming. HA! They knew, even back then, that I just didn't want to get up off the couch.

All this evidence came crashing down on me at the same time as the box on the end table next to my easy chair. An entire box, almost a small suitcase, filled with remotes. A veritable AA battery heaven, sitting within easy reach, awaiting my slightest whim. The avalanche of plastic threatened to sweep me out of my favorite chair. Thank heaven I had

the footrest up, in full recline position. All I had to do was whine, until the bride stopped laughing at me and dug me out of the treacherous remote avalanche.

Of course I am being silly. There weren't THAT many remotes. Let me see now: two TV, one Bose radio, one gas fireplace, one air conditioner, two ceiling fan, one garage door opener, one remote car starter, one car radio remote, something that probably makes the helicopter crash into the Christmas tree, and some small black plastic item that even the wife doesn't remember what it does. Oh, how the mighty have fallen!

I, Lord help me, am truly "one of them." It doesn't matter that I use tools over 100 years old. It doesn't matter that most of my vehicles have roll up windows. There is no significance to my being able to cast a net, row a boat, or start a fire without matches. I am stuck in the land of the "Techno People," tethered to my box of remotes, hoping I never use up the 84 pack of AA batteries next to the milk in the fridge.

I must admit, when I look at the pile of plastic junk that I can't live without, I find the remote for the car radio the one most likely to cure me of my addiction. To save me from reaching out 14 inches

to the dash board, I have to open the arm rest, move my coffee, shove the napkins out of the way, eat the half-finished Snickers bar, then pick up the remote. The letters are so small I have to put on my glasses, which requires taking off my ear buds, all while avoiding the other drivers, who are all talking to each other on their cell phones. That explains why the remote for the car is in the living room, along with the working remotes, and half as many others that no longer work, but look too good to throw out.

I can't get back to my rant mood. The bride is again lost on her farm, and "Scandal" is coming up soon. But I forget what channel.

Surf's up!



#### Tip of the Month

Teach children to be more aware of their surroundings. Have them put away the iPhone or tablet and urge them to be conscious of where they are and who they are around. This is a helpful tool to have during emergencies.

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## 6 Mistakes to Avoid When Moving to a Larger Home

A new report has just been released which identifies the 6 most common and costly mistakes that homebuyers make when moving to a larger home.

Unlike the experience of buying a first home, when you're looking to move-up, and already own a home, there are certain factors that can complicate the situation. It's very important for you to understand these issues before you list your home for sale.

Not only is there the issue of financing to consider, but you also have to sell your present home at exactly the right time in order to avoid either the financial burden of owning two homes or, just as bad, the dilemma of having no place to live during the gap

between closings.

In answer to this issue, industry insiders have prepared a free special report entitled "6 Inside Strategies to Avoid Trade-Up Mistakes".

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## A Change In Direction For Local Business Networking

By John Perozzi,  
Owner,  
Beacon Auto and  
Truck Collision  
and Member of the  
P.M.A.C. Steering  
Committee

We all experience stress for many reasons, but some of the hardest types of stress to deal with are those linked to change. Recently, there has been a change in our local business networking landscape.

The Business, Industry, and Govern-

ment Council of Pennsauken Township, also known as the B.I.G. Council, was originally formed in the 1980s as a way for the Township of Pennsauken to help assist in developing, promoting and encouraging greater and more successful business and industrial activity within the

Township. Nearly five years ago, the B.I.G. Council was revitalized so that the Township and the business community could come together to help each other and the community of Pennsauken.

During those first few years, Pennsauken Township was forced to tighten the belt so as to keep taxes in line and important projects going strong; the B.I.G. Council helped to insuring the continuation of long-loved community projects, such as the Holiday Parade and the Car and Bike Show. Many great things happened during these five years, thanks to the Township of Pennsauken and the B.I.G. Council.

Yet even with all these successes, there was a realization that while the B.I.G. Council offered many advantages, there were, as with most things in life, some disadvantages. Some people felt that the group was stymied by only having a very tight scope of activity.

By forming the new Pennsauken

Merchantville Area Chamber of Commerce, or P.M.A.C., the organization can move forward as a group and help the Township of Pennsauken in ways that the B.I.G. Council could not. We, as a group, can work with even more organizations and towns, expanding past Pennsauken and Merchantville to Cherry Hill, Cinnaminson, and other neighboring communities. P.M.A.C.'s scope as a business network and friend to the community now has the ability to be much further reaching. We can make even more impactful contributions to the overall prosperity and quality of life to the regional area by business-to-business and business-to-government networking and community service.

So while change can be a challenge, change offers great opportunity for everyone involved. P.M.A.C., and the changes the organization represents, should prove to be one of these times.

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## New Book On Cooper River Overflows With History



By Robert Fisher-Hughes,  
AAP Columnist and  
Amateur Historian

A flowing river with its tributaries, turns, widenings, narrowings, its pools and its occasional shallows and rapids, is a frequent and apt metaphor for history. A new volume in the popular "Images of America" series of local historical books, "Along the Cooper River: Camden to Haddonfield," carries us on the currents of our local past, from the Lenni Lenape, to events as recent as last year. It is a voyage worth taking with authors Robert A. Shinn and Kevin Cook.

Deer Creek became Cooper Creek when the Cooper family, English Quakers, took up residence on land near its outlet on the Delaware River near Petty's Island. Cooper Creek in turn became Cooper River, this time by Act of Legislature in 1911. Less than two decades later, it had begun to be adorned with

### LOOKING BACK IN HISTORY

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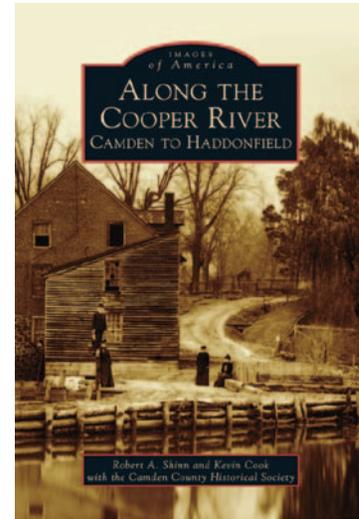
The historic and economic developments that transformed Cooper River from a water way used for transportation to industrial and then recreational uses in the course of more than 250 years are illustrated in almost 200 historic images that will bring out magnifying glasses all over South Jersey for years to come. Like some optical illusion, it may take only a moment's close attention to transform the long vanished landscape in any of these photographs into the familiar surroundings of today.

Along with the images themselves, the well-researched and informative chapter introductions and captions tell a story that

may awaken new associations to common places. For example, did you know that the high ground on the Camden side of the river near Admiral Wilson Blvd. might have been the scene of a surprise attack on Dutch colonizers if they had not been secretly warned to escape? Or have you heard the story of the world's shortest air mail route served by a strange hybrid aircraft called the autogyro flying from Central Airport in Pennsauken?

Other photographs depict the development of the parks along Cooper River in Camden and the development of local roads and bridges to serve the new Delaware River Bridge as a new age of transportation came into its own. There are glimpses of the old, such as the Hatch farm buildings before giving way to new roads and development, and the new, such as nearby Central Airport and the Hollingshead drive-in theatre.

The book draws heavily on the most accessible repositories of images locally,



"Along the Cooper River: Camden to Haddonfield" is a new volume from the popular "Images of America" series of local historical books. Photo credit: Arcadia Publishing.

held by the Camden County Historical Society and Haddonfield Historical Society, as well as private collections such as the invaluable resources of information and materials held by local historians such as Paul Schopp, Cliff Brunner, Dennis Raible, and many others. Many of these images are too little known to our communities, who will now have the chance to appreciate them in the context of the narrative of our region.

Appreciation of the significant story written into the very landscape may be the most important motivation of the authors of "Along Cooper River." Kevin Cook was drawn into the field of history and preservation when he was inspired by the sad plight of a historic building near Wallworth Lake on Cooper River in Cherry Hill. Cook's crusade to save the building named the Wallworth Park Clubhouse, the first structure built by the Camden County Parks Commission, unfortunately proved unsuccessful.

This experience has inspired a broader effort, led by Cook and Robert Shinn, along with the State of New Jersey Historic Preservation Office, to secure official recognition and preservation of the Cooper River parks as a historic district, an effort gathering public and professional support. Shinn and Cook are urging the New Jersey State Review Board for Historic Sites to consider the nomination to list Cooper River Park as an historic district on the New Jersey and

National Registers of Historic Places this summer at their Review Board meeting on July 17.

Robert A. Shinn is the treasurer of the Camden County Historical Society and has been involved in the effort to research and interpret the history of Pennsauken's Petty's Island, in conjunction with New Jersey Audubon. Shinn presented a slideshow about the history of Petty's Island and the plans for its preservation and interpretation at Griffith Morgan House in 2013.

The book "Along the Cooper River" is also the subject of a new community page on Facebook. By going to [www.facebook.com/AlongTheCooperRiver](http://www.facebook.com/AlongTheCooperRiver), visitors can find examples of photographs featured in the book and additional images, as well as stimulating conversation among users who share their questions, comments and personal recollections of the scenes.

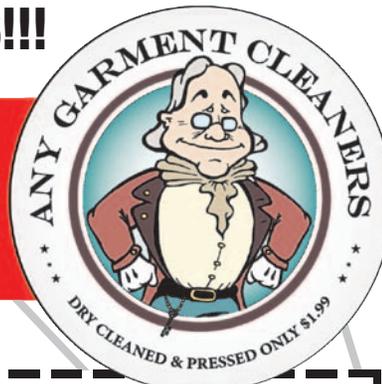
"Along the Cooper River: Camden to Haddonfield" is on the shelves at Camden County Historical Society, and available to purchase at Barnes & Noble or for online order at [ArcadiaPublishing.com](http://ArcadiaPublishing.com) or [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) for a \$21.99 retail price. Also, watch for upcoming opportunities locally to hear authors Robert Shinn and Kevin Cook discuss their book, the history of Cooper River and their work for historic preservation on our local landscape. The first upcoming opportunity will be the afternoon of March 22 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Camden County Historical Society's headquarters near Lady of Lourdes Hospital, for a short talk about the book and a chance to see some of its and other images along the Cooper River, to share your own family's relationship with the river and park, and to get a tour of the historic Joseph Cooper Pomona Hall building that is part of the Camden County Historical Society's complex. The event is free and open to the public, and light refreshments will be served. You may come away with a fascinating book, autographed, and perhaps a new cause.

Sources for this column include "Along the Cooper River: Camden to Haddonfield," Robert A. Shinn and Kevin Cook with the Camden County Historical Society, Arcadia Publishing, 2014; and documents related to the nomination of the Cooper River Park Historic District to the State of NJ and Federal Registers of Historic Places.

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## Friends Of The Library Art Show And Poetry Contest This Spring

Local artists still have time to put the finishing touches on their art projects to meet the deadline for the Friends of the Free Public Library's Art Show and Sale. Submissions can be dropped off on Thursday, April 16 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. or Friday, April 17 from 12:00 to 5:30 p.m.

In addition to the Art Show and Sale, several workshops will be held during that week. They will include Jean Rowand, who will host a pressed – not dried – flower workshop on Tuesday, April 21 at 1:00 p.m.; and Eleanor Gribov, who will offer her expertise at a stained glass mosaic workshop on Saturday, April 25 at 1:00 p.m.

Sign-up sheets for the workshops will be available at the main desk of the Library and all materials will be supplied. Please plan to attend if you sign up. Sadly, some people register and don't attend; these spots would have been filled from our

waiting list if we had known in advance.

### Poetry Contest Submissions Due May 1

Submissions for the Friends' 15th annual poetry contest are due by May 1 at the Pennsauken Library circulation desk; they can also be mailed to Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library, 5605 Crescent Blvd., Pennsauken, NJ 08110. Please keep in mind that no submissions will be returned.

The contest is open to all residents of Pennsauken and Merchantville. There can be only one entry per person and applicants cannot have won in the previous two years. All entries must be original works and not previously submitted for print or electronic publication. A completed submission form must be attached to each poem. Winners will be notified and are expected to attend an award reception on June 3 to receive their prize.

If you have ideas for new contests or

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There will be three separate egg hunts broken down by age groups.

Each hunt will feature six special golden eggs. A child that collects one of these golden eggs will win a free Easter gift basket donated by Kiddie Junction.

In addition, family members should bring their cameras to take free pictures with the Easter Bunny, who will be in attendance throughout the event.

Children should be at the sports complex no later than 9:45 a.m. Participants



Families can have their pictures taken with the Easter Bunny for free at Pennsauken's Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 28 at the Walt Niegorski Sports Complex.

should bring a bag, basket, or other container to store their eggs.

The rain date for the event is Saturday, April 4. For more information, e-mail [emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us](mailto:emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us) or call (856) 665-1000 x151.

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## GRAY MATTERS

### Being Lucky Enough On Saint Patrick's Day

By Judith Kristen, AAP Columnist

Happy St. Patrick's Day!!!

I say that with such a smile on my face you'd think I was actually Irish. Although I'm of Scandinavian descent, I was surrounded all of my life by the joy, love, happiness and friendship of many an Irish friend and family: the Mehaffeyes, McGees, Duffys, Carrolls, Malloys... you get the picture.

And knowing these lovely people as I did, I can truly say I'm a witness to the fact that indeed, "When Irish Eyes are smiling, sure they steal your heart away."

A trip to Ireland when I was in my 20s sealed it all up for me and I realized the joy, the humor and wit, and the compassion and love weren't just designed for the Irish folk I knew here in America. It's part of who they are deep down in their DNA.

I don't think I ever smiled as much or laughed as much as I did on that first trip to the Emerald Isle.

I stopped at local pubs, shops, traveled in a cab, and on local transportation, and everyone everywhere had a story or a joke to tell. I thought it was fabulous!

Here's one for starters:

"What's wrong with Murphy?" asked Father O'Brien.

"I don't know, Father," answered Mrs. Murphy. "Yesterday he swallowed a spoon and he hasn't stirred since."

Now here's a true story.

A very tall, thin fellow stopped in at a pub where I was having lunch. He looked more than a bit worse for wear. And I noticed that he came in to deliver some paperwork to the owner. The fellow's name was Owen O'Malley. A pub local told me that Owen had lost his job and was doing all kinds of odds and ends to keep his family alive and well until he found decent employment again.

I invited him over to our table as he was about to leave. I didn't want the man to know he looked like a hearty meal would do him good or that I knew of his situation, so I said, "I was told you can't leave a pub without a drink and a bite to eat, so please, let it be my treat." And he smiled, agreed, and walked over to us.

Owen was delightful, full of joy, and with plenty of happiness to spare. He ordered a rather small meal and a pint, but

he thoroughly enjoyed both.

Before he left, I asked if he had a joke for me and he immediately came up with this one:

A priest answers the phone and a voice questions, "Hello, is this Father Callahan?"

"It is."

"Father, this is the Inland Revenue Service, income tax department. Can you help us?"

"I can."

"Do you know a Sean Fitzpatrick?"

"I do."

"Is he a member of your congregation?"

"He is."

"Did he donate 10,000 pounds to the church?"

"He will."

As a thankful Owen walked away after his meal, I smiled and said, "Good Luck, Mr. O'Malley!" He answered me with a huge grin on his face and said, "If you're enough lucky to be Irish...you're lucky enough!"

Irish or not, that's a great thought to have.

As I left Ireland on my way to the airport, my cab driver asked me if I had a nice time. I told him I loved it all and that the only thing missing was that I didn't see any leprechauns. But I said I'd be back again someday and asked him to tell the next leprechaun he saw just that.

My driver nodded and then handed me a card as I exited his taxi. I have it here in my office to this very day. It reads:

"Near a misty stream in Ireland in the hollow of a tree, live mystical, magical leprechauns who are clever as can be.

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~ Judy McKristen

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# American Legion Post Offers Camaraderie, Support

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

When John Brouse came back home from serving in the Persian Gulf, he struggled to deal with post traumatic stress disorder. By his own admission, it prevented him from attending social events. But an invitation to attend a party hosted by American Legion Post 68 from Jeff Brown, a local veteran and owner of Stephenson Brown Funeral Home, and some gentle prodding from his wife, changed his life for the better.

“My wife said, ‘Go. You’ll be around other veterans,’” explained Brouse. “I went and sat down next to our chaplain, Bernie Henderson. He made me feel very comfortable, relaxed, wanted. From that time on I just felt that this was the place where I could come and hang out with other veterans in a comfortable, safe place. It just grew from there.”

Fast forward to today: John has been post commander for the past two years; now he’s the one inviting veterans to join.

“Now I’m in a position where I can reach out to others and say, ‘Come join us. We can help you.’”

The Post members are a diverse group, men and women of different races and ages. Their activities are diverse as well, from visiting senior veterans at nursing homes to working with the Boy Scouts to hold their annual Memorial Day ceremony. The Post also holds a variety of social events, like an upcoming bowling fundraiser, and can help veterans apply for benefits. The first year of membership is free. Annual fees for each additional year is just \$30.



American Legion Fredrick W. Griggs Post 68 meets every second Thursday at the Merchantville Community Center, 212 Somerset Ave.

“We want to extend a welcoming hand to Pennsauken vets,” says Grouse. “We’re also hoping to get younger veterans and their families involved.”

American Legion Fredrick W. Griggs Post 68 will meet this month on Thursday, Mar. 12 at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held at the Merchantville Community Center, 212 Somerset Ave. Rev. Floyd White, Camden County Director of Veterans Affairs, will be the guest speaker and will discuss the process for veterans to apply for veterans benefits. All veterans are welcome.

For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/pages/FW-Grigg-Post-68-American-Legion/435400183214759](http://www.facebook.com/pages/FW-Grigg-Post-68-American-Legion/435400183214759).

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## Woman's Club Of Merchantville Sponsors Spelling Bee

The Woman's Club of Merchantville sponsored the 26th annual spelling bee for fourth and fifth graders from the Merchantville, Maple Shade, and Pennsauken school systems. Forty contestants, selected by their schools, competed for a spot in the regional bee. The three winners from this regional bee went on to participate in the state-wide bee, which was held at the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Club's headquarters in New Brunswick. After 20 rounds and spelling words like usual and abhor, Michael Ricci from St. Peter School in Merchantville took first place; Brianna Nguyen from Carson School in Pennsauken took second place; and Alexis Leana from Merchantville Elementary School took third place. Other top spellers participating included Brennen King and Ciera Yackel from Ralph

J. Steinhauer Elementary School in Maple Shade; Dalia Abu Harb, Mackenzie Gallo, Nilsaeli Morales, Layla Serrano, Ayen Aldana, and Shanara Rhondes from Benjamin Franklin School in Pennsauken; Nicholas Bonilla, Jenny Kim, Kevin Pham, Remy Trinh, Brandon Hoang, and Diego Vega from Carson School in Pennsauken; Ebony Arvelo, Gavin Ruby, Elias Mateo, Emma Ramirez from Longfellow School in Pennsauken; Mauricio Carteno, Eddie Grullon, Jayden Laporte, Haleigh D'Amelio, Brendon Park, and Jayden Sosa from George B. Fine School in Pennsauken; Cassidy Clark from Roosevelt School in Pennsauken; Gabrielle Callaway, Lucy Kerr, Jiya Mehta, Kennedy Roberts, and Danielle Ragan from Merchantville Elementary School; Ziani Williams, Tiffany

Liu, and Vicki Wang from St. Cecilia School in Pennsauken; Brian Dungee, Nicholas Pezzella, and Thomas Mikhael from St. Stephen's School in Pennsauken; and Michele Ciarrocca.

These students should be congratulated for their hard work in preparing for the bee and the courage to participate. They are the top spellers in their class. The Merchantville Woman's Club would also like to thank the parents, teachers, family members and friends who came out to cheer their students on. The spelling bee was held at the Howard M. Phifer Middle School; we would also like to thank the Pennsauken School Board and the school staff members who helped that day.

### Woman's Club Meetings

The Woman's Club of Merchantville's next meeting is Wednesday, Mar. 18 at 12 p.m. at the Merchantville Community Center. There will be a tea luncheon followed by the monthly meeting. For women who are not available for day time members, there is a night time department that will meet on Tuesday, Mar.

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Brianna Nguyen, Michael Ricci, and Alexis Leana took top honors at the Woman's Club of Merchantville's 26th annual spelling bee.

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## Honor Roll Students Recognized At Longfellow



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## Phifer Wrestling Wins Pirate Classic

The strong Phifer Middle School wrestling team recently won its fifth Pirate Classic wrestling tournament, beating the second place team, Collingswood, by over 90 points. The Pennsauken Indians placed a team-record 11 wrestlers in the finals. The young wrestlers' skills continue to grow and feed the strong Pennsauken High School teams, who are now a well-known force in South Jersey wrestling.

The four champions for Pennsauken were seventh grader Braily Vargas and eighth graders Miguel McEady, David Louie, and Jesus Cruz. Falling just short of being crowned champions and landing in second place at the eight-team tournament were sixth grader Angel Abreu, and seventh graders Jahneil Blue, Stephan "Pudge" Przykowicz, Carlos "Muscle Man" Padua, and Sincere Jones. The eighth graders getting second place at the toumey were Geninson Castro and Gabe "The Model" Myles. Wrestling tough and coming in third was the trio of Duane Britt, Uriel Balon, and Brian Smith.

The team's head coach, Sean Duff, has been lucky to have a wonderful volunteer staff to help the local kids turn into such a strong force on the mat. Volunteer coaches include PYAA coach Lynn Hunter, who helps every year with try-outs and runs the successful PYAA wrestling program; Tom Locke, a Berlin



The Phifer Middle School wrestling team recently won its fifth Pirate Classic wrestling tournament.

Police officer volunteering his time; Dave Corson, a middle school history teacher and long-time Pennsauken wrestling coach; and Dennis Sherwood, a conditioning specialist and counselor for the middle school.

The team's dual meet record is a strong 11 wins and three losses, with another division championship and playoff run to come. The sport of wrestling is one of the toughest sports in the world

and involves a long four-month season. The kids on the team work incredibly hard to attain the level of success they have reached. It builds character and the team's motto of "hard work and dedication" is chanted at the end of every practice.

Let's hope for another South Jersey Middle School League wrestling championship for the hard working kids of Phifer Middle School.

## Pennsauken High School News



Students from Pennsauken High School participated in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service at Cooper Medical School of Rowan University. The day's theme was "making a difference."

## Students Enjoy Learning in Mrs. Hardy's Class

Mrs. Hardy's class at Carson Elementary has been diligently working on a grade level initiative of learning the basic multiplication facts. The students are very excited and have shown growth each week. By June, the whole class will become multiplication masters!

The class has also been very busy de-

veloping the final drafts of their nonfiction books. The students learned how to utilize mentor texts, their background knowledge, and fact-checking through research to write amazing nonfiction stories. They are working on becoming superb writers!

## Phifer Middle School Students Of The Month

The administration and staff of Howard M. Phifer Middle School are proud to announce the following students that have been selected as the Students of the Month for December.

### Seventh Grade

Frank Leiva, Yazmin Santana, Yas-

mien Farhat, and Eric Genao-Torres.

### Eighth Grade

Lenny Nguyen, Kieu Vo, Camryn Harrell, Eric Rodriguez, Josh Notz, Saniyah Gonzalez-Andrews, Ericka Torres, and Jovani Quiros.

Congratulations!

## PENNSAUKEN SCHOOL NEWS

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## Baldwin Pre-K Students Learn About Exercise

The time is flying by for Mrs. Rosenman's pre-kindergarten class at Baldwin school. The students are learning many skills that are helping them learn and grow to prepare for kindergarten.

For many students, this is the time of year that they begin to show great progress in areas such as writing their names, playing cooperatively in small groups, and learning the letters of the alphabet.

Throughout February, all the classes learned about balls and exercise. In particular, Mrs. Rosenman's students enjoyed learning how to play different sports, work as a team, and how to describe different types of balls. The students also learned how to recognize as well as describe two and three dimensional shapes.



Mrs. Rosenman's morning pre-k class plays a letter recognition game using a giant ball.

## Phifer Middle School Gives Back To Cathedral Kitchen



Phifer Middle School's "Organization of the Month" for December was the Cathedral Kitchen, a Camden non-profit that prepares and serves meals for 300 people in need every night. The Phifer Middle School Student Council prepared over 200 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the Cathedral Kitchen's patrons to take with them after their hot meal. In addition to making the sandwiches, Phifer students decorated over 300 placemats for the non-profit.

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## Flyers Great Bob "The Hound" Kelly Visits Delair School

T.E.A.M. – Teamwork, Education, Attitude, and Motivation – make up the formulation for success. This was the message imparted to students by Bob "The Hound" Kelly, a member of the Philadelphia Flyers' Stanley Cup Championship teams in 1974 and 1975 who now serves as the team's "Ambassador of Hockey," visiting schools and teaching kids about the importance of teamwork.

Kelly spoke to students about the importance of people working towards a common goal and how it is helpful to everyone. Learning to work together is a lifetime skill that should never be forgotten. Students also participated in a competitive contest to see who could get dressed into a hockey uniform the fastest.

This was a wonderful program for all who attended.

Bob "The Hound" Kelly from the Philadelphia Flyers poses with a Delair student who was able to put on a hockey uniform the fastest during a special assembly.



## Carson Music Students Excel in Winter Concert



Many of the fourth grade students at Carson participated in the Winter Concert on Jan. 13. They played their instruments beautifully under the direction of their teacher, Mrs. Bradbury. The chorus students performed well and sang "happy" songs that made the audience smile under the direction of Mrs. Test.

Kudos to them on a wonderful concert!



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## Carson Students R-O-C-K At Spelling Bee

Carson fourth grade students Nicholas Bonilla, Brandon Hoang, Jenny Kim, Brianna Nguyen, Kevin Pham, Remy Trinh, and Diego Vega participated in a spelling bee sponsored by The Woman's Club of the Merchantville on Jan. 31 at Phifer Middle School.

The Phifer auditorium was buzzing with excitement as the spellers from Pennsauken and Merchantville schools competed. The Carson students fought hard and spelled well. Special congratulations to Brianna Nguyen for placing second in the competition. She advanced to the NJFWC Southern Regional Spelling Bee, which was held on Feb. 22.

We are proud of all our Carson spelling bee competitors!



Fourth graders from Carson School participated in a spelling bee sponsored by The Woman's Club of the Merchantville.

## Do You Want To Build A Snowman? Longfellow Students Do!

The kindergarten classes at Longfellow School have been working diligently in their informational unit of study, focusing on how-to books! They have been writing numerous books over the past few weeks on many different topics.

To stay with the theme of winter, Miss Grant and her student teacher, Miss Wegfahrt, created a hands-on learning experience that allowed the students to build snowmen! The students created a book showing and listing the steps, preparing them to build their snowmen for the next day.

Each student was given a bag containing marshmallows, pretzel sticks, chocolate chips, and an orange twizzler. They were very excited to start building! Singing along to the famous song from Disney's "Frozen," "Do You Want to Build a Snowman?," each student was able to build their own "Olaf" while following the steps in their how-to books!



Students from Miss Grant's kindergarten class at Longfellow show off their snowmen they created.

## Winter Concert A Hit At Delair School



Delair's Winter Concert gave the school community the opportunity to enjoy the hard work of the students and music teachers who have taught and encouraged them. Mr. Henderson, instrumental music instructor, along with Mr. Kauffman, chorus instructor, helped the students in putting on a terrific performance for the standing room only crowds.

## PRE-K / KINDERGARTEN EVENING REGISTRATION

Scheduled for Wednesday, April 15 • 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Pennsauken Public Schools has scheduled their annual evening registration session for pre-k and kindergarten students for the 2015/2016 school year.

Registration will take place on Wednesday evening, April 15 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Carson Elementary School on Garfield Ave. This will be the only registration session scheduled for enrollment in our pre-k or kindergarten programs for September.

All Pennsauken residents with children who will be eligible for pre-k or kindergarten in September 2015 may register during this evening registration.

Children who are four years old on or before October 1, 2015 are eligible for the half-day pre-kindergarten program. Children who are five years old on or before October 1, 2015 are eligible for the full-day kindergarten program.

As part of the evening, the school district has invited local organizations to provide information to parents of young children, including organizations that provide before- and after-school day care services for the full-day students in our district. The local PTA organizations will also be on hand with information.

To register your child you will need to bring the following information:

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- Child's immunization records
- Child's original birth certificate

Volunteers will be available to watch the children while parents/guardians complete the registration.

For further information, residents may call (856) 662-8505 ext. 6507 or any elementary school in Pennsauken.

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#### Pre-Kindergarten Entrance Requirements

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| 2. Polio vaccine                      | 2 doses and 1 booster  |
| Measles vaccine*                      | 1 dose (must be given on/after 1st birthday)                       |
| Mumps vaccine*                        | 1 dose (must be given on/after 1st birthday)                       |
| Rubella vaccine*                      | 1 dose (must be given on/after 1st birthday)                       |
| 6. HIB vaccine                        | 1 dose (must be given on/after 1st birthday)                       |
| 7. Varicella vaccine (chicken pox)    | 1 dose (must be given on/after 1st birthday)                       |
| 8. PCV vaccine (pneumococcal vaccine) | 1 dose (must be given on/after 1st birthday)                       |
| 9. Influenza Vaccine                  | 1 dose – must be given between 9/1 and 12/31 of pre-school year(s) |

#### Kindergarten Entrance Requirements

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| 1. DPT or DTaP vaccine             | 3 doses and 1 booster (must be given on/after 4th birthday) or any 5 or more doses                           |
| 2. Polio vaccine                   | 2 doses and 1 booster (must be given on/after 4th birthday) or any appropriately spaced 4 doses              |
| 3. Measles vaccine*                | 2 doses of live Measles containing vaccine given on/after 1st birthday with at least one month between doses |
| 4. Mumps vaccine*                  | 1 dose given on/after 1st birthday   |
| 5. Rubella vaccine*                | 1 dose given on/after 1st birthday   |
| 6. Hepatitis B vaccine             | 3 doses  |
| 7. Varicella vaccine (chicken pox) | 1 dose given on/after 1st birthday   |

\* Children usually receive these vaccines in combination (MMR)

## Pennsauken's Flaherty Is First Recipient Of Mummers Scholarship

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Pennsauken native and longtime Mummer Bobby Flaherty, Jr. became the first-ever recipient of the Wendy Hamilton Scholarship. The scholarship, put together by the Mummers community to honor Hamilton, who is the gen-

eral manager of SugarHouse Casino and division president of Mummers Clubs, is designed to help Mummers and their children attend college.

Flaherty received the scholarship at annual Mummers Night of Champions, held on Jan. 25 at the Mummers Mu-

seum in Philadelphia. Generally, the scholarship awards \$500 towards college, but at the event, Hamilton announced that Bobby would actually receive \$1,000 for his education.

"I'm really honored to be the first one," says Flaherty, who has been playing accordion for the Aqua String Band for seven years. "It's nice to be recognized for all that I do for the Mummers and how committed I am."

Flaherty, who is just 18 years-old, is the youngest student attending Aria Health School of Nursing/Penn State Collaborative. When he graduates in May of

2017, he'll have both his RN and BSN. He's also the youngest arranger of Mummers music and is currently hard at work at putting together Aqua's musical arrangement for New Year's Day 2016.

Flaherty, who has been composing music since he was 11, said, "Last year, we were looking for a new arranger and someone said, 'You know how to write. Why don't you do it?'"

Not only did Bobby do it, but Aqua String Band placed in the top ten this year. Already, Flaherty has set his sights higher, not just for Broad St., but in life as well.



Pennsauken native and longtime Mummer Bobby Flaherty, Jr. became the first-ever recipient of the Wendy Hamilton Scholarship. Flaherty is seen here with Tom Loomis, a member of the Woodland String Band and president of the Philadelphia String Band Association; and Steve Volkert, a retired string band member and friend of the Philadelphia String Band Association.

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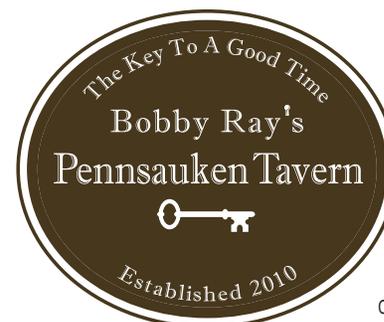
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## County Hosts Events That Focuses On Women

Camden County's 2015 Women's Health Conference has been permanently moved to the spring and will be held this year on Saturday, May 2, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Eastern Regional High School in Voorhees. Each year, more than 1,200 women attend the free all-day event, which includes a continental breakfast and box lunch, a keynote address and four sessions of workshops that range from Zumba dancing to cancer cures, financial independence to re-

lationships, and much more.

This year's theme will be "Mothers and Daughters," with a special workshop; the Women of Distinction Awards that highlight this relationship; and special prizes geared to mothers and daughters, including a deluxe spa and salon day for one lucky mother and daughter. In addition, this year's keynote speaker is CBS 3 co-anchor, Jessica Dean.

"We present this free, all-day conference every year to ensure that information and health and well being is available to women, who traditionally take a role in their family's health and well being," said Freeholder Carmen Rodriguez, liaison to Camden County's Health and Human Services Department. "We hope you join us for an educational and enjoyable, interactive day."

Event sponsors currently include: Cooper Hospital, SNJ Business People, SJ Living Magazine, Kennedy Hospital Systems, TD Bank, McCarter & English, Deborah Hospital, SJ Radiology, The Courier-Post, Camden County Regional Chamber of Commerce, and CBS 3.

Online registration will be up on March 20. For more about the event, visit [www.camdencounty.com/WHC2015](http://www.camdencounty.com/WHC2015).

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## Registration Begins For Challenger Baseball League

The Challenger Baseball League of Cherry Hill is preparing to begin its 10th season, offering a fun and healthy activity for players with special needs.

The League provides a little league experience for children and young adults with special needs ages 4 and up and is open to all neighboring areas. Players are grouped by age and ability, so that all participants have the opportunity to succeed. Buddies are provided for players, or family members are invited to join in the fun. There is no fee to participate in the program.

Game days are on Sundays, beginning in April and running through June. Games run approximately one hour. As part of the little league experience, players also enjoy team picture day and an end-of-the-year trophy day and family BBQ.

For more information or to register, visit [www.challengerball.com](http://www.challengerball.com).

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## ABC's Of Learning Child Care Center Opens In Pennsauken

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

A new day care has opened up along Haddonfield Rd. that has aspirations to be more than just a 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. facility. Pennsauken Mayor Rick Taylor recently cut the ribbon to officially open the ABC's of Learning Child Care Center, located on the property of The Rising Community Fellowship and Outreach

Center at 3465 Haddonfield Rd. The business rents out significant space from the church and has a capacity to care for over 50 children.

The ABC's of Learning Child Care Center is the brainchild of Demina Miller, an early childhood educator who previously worked for many years as a head teacher at a local child care center.

The day care is a real family affair. Demina is joined by her sister, Patricia Eubanks, who had ran her own successful day care; they have over 20 years of child care experience between them. Their mother, Tuwanda Anderson, and sister, Aurelia Anderson, make up the business side of the equation.

Miller explained that the goal of the

ABC's of Learning is to become "a child care center that also offered programs for the community."

"It's about the children: watching them learn, watching them grow," says Miller. "It's also offering a little bit of outreach for people, being able to help provide families with canned goods or groceries if they need it."

"This is Demina's vision and she enlisted us to join her to make it happen," adds Tuwanda.

The day care's foundation is to provide quality education to toddlers, preschool and school-age children. Curriculum includes Spanish lessons three times a week; teaching healthier eating with nutritious snacks and meals throughout the day; and stressing the importance of exercise through access to a full gymna-

sium. "Being healthy, playing games, education, that plays a big part [in a child's development]," explains Eubanks.

The ABC's of Learning also offers programs to parents, such as ESL classes; there will also be a summer camp for when school lets out. And as the business grows, the staff wants to offer even more: from exercise and nutrition classes to food and clothing drives.

"We want to be pillars of the community," says Aurelia Anderson. "Kids are here from 6 to 6. We want to incorporate a family sense of not just the ABC's of learning but the ABC's of life. We want to provide that for people."

The ABC's of Learning Child Care Center is open Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. For more information, visit <http://abclearningllc.com>.

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Pennsauken Mayor Rick Taylor cuts the ribbon to officially open the ABC's of Learning Child Care Center, located at 3465 Haddonfield Rd.



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## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

### Walsh To Be Inducted Into CCHS Hall Of Fame

Pennsauken native Kevin Walsh is one of 13 individual inductees into of the Camden Catholic High School Hall of Fame. Walsh will be installed into the Emerald Hall of Fame for Academics and Arts during a special event on Saturday, April 25.

"We are pleased to announce the ninth class of inductees into the Camden Catholic High School Hall of Fame for 2015," said Hall of Fame committee chairperson Jack Wixted '72. "The Hall of Fame event is one which our entire Camden Catholic community anticipates each year. It is a spirited celebration of the exemplary alumni and friends of CCHS who have proven themselves academically, artistically, civically, and athletically."

"I am excited to be recognized by my alma mater, a great institution that prepared me well for the world," says Walsh, a member of Camden Catholic's Class of 1991 who spent 30 years in Pennsauken before moving "next door" to Merchantville, where he lives with his wife, Rosemary, and four boys.

Walsh is an attorney who has worked since graduating law school to advance the cause of social justice in New Jersey. In 2000, he joined the Fair Share Housing Center, a non-profit legal and policy center devoted to defending the housing rights of New Jersey's poor through enforcement of the Mount Laurel Doctrine, the landmark decision that prohibits economic discrimination through exclusionary zoning and requires all towns to provide their "fair share" of their region's need for affordable housing. He currently serves as the organization's executive director.

Walsh is a graduate of The Catholic University of America, during which he served as a White House intern during the Clinton Administration. Between his 1L and 2L years at Rutgers University School of Law in Camden, Mr. Walsh took a year off to volunteer at Central Virginia Legal Aid in Richmond, Virginia, where he served as member of the



Pennsauken native Kevin Walsh '91 will be inducted into the Camden Catholic High School Hall of Fame during a special event on April 25.

Jesuit Volunteer Corps.

Walsh argues frequently before the New Jersey Supreme Court and was also part of the team that led the fight to abolish the death penalty in New Jersey.

Mr. Walsh has served on the board of trustees of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Camden for a decade. He has been appointed by the New Jersey Supreme Court to serve on three committees, including the Committee on Character and the Civil Practice Committee.

Mr. Walsh was recognized in 2008 by the New Jersey Law Journal as one of 40 promising young professionals in New Jersey's legal community. He has received awards from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development; the New Jersey State Conference of the NAACP; the Rutgers-Camden Black Law Students Association; Romero Center Ministries of Camden; and the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty. Mr. Walsh received the Mary Philbrook Award from Rutgers School of Law - Camden in October 2012 and was named Lawyer of the Year in December 2012 by the New Jersey Law Journal.

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# MPWC WATERLINES

## Kofoet Retires From Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission

By Michael A. Saraceni, C.O.O., Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission

On December 31, 2014, Bernhard H. Kofoet retired from his position on the Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission. Bernie was appointed to his first five-year term effective July 1, 1988. He was re-appointed for five additional and consecutive terms. Bernie invested his time, interest, and energies into learning the water business, upholding the many traditions of the MPWC while assisting with creating new ones throughout his tenure. He served in many different capacities and was an integral and driving presence on the Commission.

The Commission has always set the bar high and has provided the strategic leadership to MPWC employees. Their collective approach has been exemplified by placing the ratepayers and their quality of life as the number one priority. This has allowed the MPWC to focus on a significant level of achievement and accomplishment in maintaining critical water infrastructure while protecting the resource. Bernie will be missed, while evidence of his service will remain with us. On behalf of the Commission and Staff, we wish him a long, healthy and well-deserved retirement.



On December 31, 2014, Bernhard H. Kofoet (center) retired from his position on the Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission, after serving the community in this capacity for 26 years.

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## Pennsauken Environmental Commission Seeks New Members

The Pennsauken Environmental Commission is currently seeking two new members to fill open volunteer positions. The Environmental Commission was established for the protection, development or use of natural resources, and conducts research into the use of open land located throughout Pennsauken Township.

Commission members are appointed for one-, two-, or three-year terms; they must be residents of Pennsauken and are asked to attend meetings held on the third Monday of each month at the Pennsauken Free Public Library. For more information on the Commission, visit [www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/environmental-commission](http://www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/environmental-commission).

Interested parties may send a letter requesting to be considered for the open spots to the Pennsauken Township Municipal Building, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd., Pennsauken, NJ 08110, to the attention of the Township Administrator. Please reference "Environmental Commission Open Positions" on the envelope.

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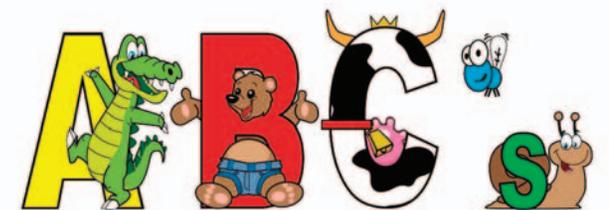
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## Library Online Resources Help You Learn A New Language

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Mango is free for all Pennsauken Library cardholders and can be accessed anywhere with an Internet connection. Each lesson combines real life situations and audio from native speakers with simple, clear instructions. The courses are presented with an appreciation for cultural nuance and real-world application by focusing on the four key elements of language learning: vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar, and culture.

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To learn more about Mango, stop by the Library and ask a librarian for an introduction. Library card holders can access

Mango through the library web site at [www.pennsaukenlibrary.org](http://www.pennsaukenlibrary.org). For more information, contact any reference librarian at 856-665-5959, ext. 4.

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## March Library Events

### For Children Accompanied By Their Caregivers:

- Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss! – Sunday, Mar. 8; 3:00-4:00 p.m. A celebration of reading, learning, and silliness! We'll be fêting the author with storytimes, crafts, birthday cake and a special visit from the Cat in the Hat! Ages 4-10.
- LEGO Club – Wednesdays, Mar. 4, 11, 18 & 25; 4:30-5:15 p.m. Children can build the wild vehicles, buildings and creatures in their imaginations! For all ages.
- Little Storytime – Mondays, Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 and Thursdays Mar. 5, 12, 19 & 26; 10:30-11:15 a.m. Join Miss Sonora for stories and songs perfect for all your little ones! For ages 0-5.
- Pajama Storytime – Wednesdays, Mar. 4 & 18; 7:00-7:30 p.m. You know you want your kids to read more, and bedtime is the perfect time to make reading a part of your children's daily activities. For ages 2-7.
- Pop-Up Play – Thursdays, Mar. 5, 12, 19 & 26; 11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. For babies and toddlers, playing is learning! After our regularly scheduled storytime, join us for educational toys and pop-up books that parents and children can share to foster critical early literacy skills. For ages 0-5.

### For Teens & Adults:

- Book Club – Thursday, Mar. 5; 10:00-11:30 a.m. Discussing "Face of Betrayal," by Liz Wiehl and April Henry.
- Friends of the Library Meeting – Wednesday, Mar. 11; 7:00-8:30 p.m. Join the Friends of the Library for their monthly meeting.
- Health Insurance Marketplace Open Enrollment – Tuesdays, Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31; 10:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Do you need to enroll yourself or your family for health insurance during this year's open enrollment period? Don't wait! Call 877-922-2377 to make a private appointment to meet with a trained Health Navigator at the Pennsauken Library. She will help you apply and enroll in a health insurance plan that best fits your family's needs.
- Library Board Meeting – Monday, Mar. 23; 6:00-8:00 p.m. The community is encouraged to attend these meetings.
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## GOING GREEN Spring Cleaning: Re-Purpose, Save Money And The Planet

By Kathleen Harvey,  
Owner, Plant Artistry, LLC

We all have stuff that no longer serves any purpose around the house, but we still have trouble getting rid of it. Either it's still usable, may come in handy, or just holds some sentimental value. Periodically, when our things create too much clutter, we put them in attics, basements, storage units, or throw them away to take up space in landfills.

If you're creative, you can help solve the problem by re-purposing, up-cycling and reusing your old things. Besides serving a new function, re-purposed items add this lovely touch of creativity and coziness to your space. In addition, it keeps things out of landfills and helps the planet at the same time. Here is a small sampling of projects to inspire you to look at your junk in a new way.

### In the Garden

Old envelopes are great for seed storage. Write the plant name and date harvested on the outside to identify when it's time to plant. Cut up plastic blinds make great plant labels. Yogurt and salad containers make great seed starters once holes for drainage are punched into the bottom. Use toilet paper rolls around newly transplanted seedlings to prevent horn worms from ruining your tomato seedlings. Place them 1-2" deep in the soil; by the time the plant grows, the roll

will decompose. Old newspapers make a great weed block placed in between plants in flower beds. Use empty metal coffee cans to store fireplace ashes and kitchen compost until it is time to put them in your compost bin or directly into the soil. Have an old pair of crutches from an injury? Turned upside down, they can be used as a garden trellis for flowering vines, peas, or string beans.

Once you're tired from all that work in the garden, take a break. Old pallets can be nailed together, painted, and turned into outdoor furniture.

### Around the House

Have a coffee maker that uses K-Cups? It's convenient, fast and easy, and it brews the perfect cup of coffee every time, right? But the downside is all of those little, plastic cups pile up in the landfill. Use K-Cups to organize small craft items and office supplies such as buttons and paper clips. They can also be used as individual candy holders for children's parties!

Grocery stores often sell meat in large family packs at a bargain price. Family too small to use all that meat before it goes bad? Many plastic take out containers are dishwasher safe. Once washed, they can be used for freezing extra meat in individual meal sized portions.

Have an armoire or entertainment center that is no longer used? Move it

into the kitchen, basement or garage, add some shelves, and it becomes a pantry. I removed flat sliding closet doors and replaced them with more attractive doors. The old doors were turned into shelving in the garage.

Recently replaced outdated drawer handles in the kitchen with shiny new ones? Old drawer handles attached to a peg board become earring holders to

neatly display women's earrings.

Old tissue boxes can become plastic bag dispensers.

Have an old crib, one that doesn't meet new safety standards? Take it apart, use the sides and feet nailed to pallets in the middle as a mud room or porch bench.

Can't find your keys in the morning? Paint a scrap piece of wood; add hooks by bending old flatware spoons or forks

and nailing them to the scrap. Now you have a nifty a key holder to nail to the wall near your door. Larger pieces of wood with old flatware hooks become a hat and scarf holder.

Lastly, if you can't find a use for your old things that still have life, freecycle them! You'll be glad you did and the planet will be a little greener for your efforts.

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## FOOD ADVENTURES

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Bobby Ray Harris grew up in Pennsauken, but life took him across the country and the globe. He became a football coach at Florida State and worked for Dick Vermeil when the Eagles' legend was head coach of the Saint Louis Rams. Harris ran global operations for a small Manhattan business, visiting five different countries a month for several years. But five years ago, he came home. Harris is the owner of Bobby Ray's Pennsauken Tavern, a "home town bar" located along Westfield Ave.

"Pennsauken is big, but it still has that small town mentality, which is great," says Harris. "It's one of the reasons I loved it and wanted to come back in here and make this my first place."

"I'm blown away by the 20-block radius of people that we get. It's really good."

According to the bar's web site, Bobby Ray's has 27 local beers on tap, including "Pennsauken Crick," based on a recipe found during the renovation of the 105-year-old building in which the bar resides. They also have over 50 different bottled beers available. And if you walk up to the bar Tuesday through Fri-

## Bobby Ray's Pennsauken Tavern Offers True "Home Town" Feel



Pennsauken native Bobby Ray Harris (center) and long-time residents Steve Memmo and Jennifer Rodgers help provide a true "home town" feel to Bobby Ray's Pennsauken Tavern.

day during the day, you'll find Jennifer Rodgers there. The soon-to-be 29 year-old has lived in Pennsauken since birth; she's also Bobby Ray's longest-tenured employee.

Jennifer really enjoys her job, particularly interacting with all the familiar faces that walk through the door.

"I enjoy the regulars that come in," explains Rodgers. "Whether they're 80 years-old or 21, I'm really close with them. They're like friends and family now."

According to Rodgers, many of her regulars during the day are veterans who

live within walking distance. That's part of the appeal for Jared Lacovara, another Pennsauken native who used to tend bar part time at Bobby Ray's. Jared has also been in the Air Force for 11 years. The technical sergeant recently was stationed up north to work as a recruiter in New York City; but the young man who grew up on Lafayette Ave. still comes back to the bar when he visits home.

"I love this place," says Lacovara. "It's almost like an unofficial VFW. A lot of the local military guys come here. It's a very diverse bar. You meet a lot of people here."

What makes Bobby Ray's such a popular local bar has a lot to do with the food. That's courtesy of head chef Steve Memmo, a member of Pennsauken High School's Class of '79 who started in the food industry when he was 10, working at his parent's deli in the 60s. From there, Steve's worked locally at some establishments that are definitely a blast from the past: the Argyle Rooster, Hideaways, and the Brown Derby. He also spent some time in Florida, working everywhere from Fudruckers in Clearwater to the Blue Heron, a high-end restaurant formerly located in the Palm

Harbor area. Mammo's tossed pizzas, baked homemade pastries and cooked everything in between. And he's responsible for rehabbing the bar's menu.

"It's better to have the right amount than too much," explains Memmo. "We don't want it to be just bar food, so we put on some entrées on there, as well as a couple steaks. Our burgers kick. I make everything like it's for family. Always have."

The type of pub food you'd expect to find at a bar is here: from boneless wings to "West-Cove Nachos." But you'll never find anything that goes from the freezer to the fryer. There are also some great entrées, including blackened tilapia and chicken marsala.

"We're always updating the menu," says Memmo. "We want to keep it interesting."

A lot of work went into making Bobby Ray's what it is today. Harris openly admits putting upwards of \$750,000 into the building's initial renovations. Harris also recently added an outdoor deck, ready for patrons to enjoy during the warmer weather.

"We're constantly putting money into

this place," says Harris.

Bobby Ray is also looking to expand the business with a second location. Harris is currently in negotiations to purchase a building in Maple Shade.

"We've been doing really well. It's great. That's why we're looking at the place in Maple Shade," explains Harris. "I hope it pays off. We still have a long way to go in negotiations."

But regardless of how big the business gets, you'll still find Bobby Ray Harris lending a hand when needed, either in the kitchen or behind the bar. If he's not there, he's up in his office, constantly working to make his tavern a welcoming place for families, blue collar workers and business professionals.

"I want a casual place where all kinds of people can come. I want them to feel comfortable when they walk in."

Bobby Ray's Pennsauken Tavern is located at 6324 Westfield Ave., right off of Cove Rd. They are open seven days a week. For more information, visit [www.braysplace.com](http://www.braysplace.com) or find them on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/braysplace](http://www.facebook.com/braysplace).

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To begin, our Township roads have taken a beating these past few months. The PSE&G road openings that have been a large factor with road conditions seem to show signs that there is an end in sight! Those residents who use Lexington Ave. between Maple Ave. and Mansion Blvd. get a bit excited driving down this freshly-paved street. For those who live on this stretch of road, life is gradually returning to normal.

Potholes are a common occurrence in our part of the country, mainly because of the extreme cold of our winters to the unbearable heat of the summer. Whenever a street is opened for repairs of utilities such as water, sewer, natural

gas, and electric, or even simply for a road repair, the patched area is the road surface's weakest link. Public works employs a "patch crew" that addresses potholes on Township roads.

You may have noticed the term "Township roads" is used throughout this article. This is because Pennsauken Township's Department of Public Works is responsible for only these roads. Camden County is responsible for the upkeep of other roads that pass through our area, such as Haddonfield Rd., as well as Union and Maple avenues, and takes care of the snow removal and repairs. If you spot a road condition that could use some attention, report it. Your phone call to (856) 663-0178 or e-mail to [publicworks@twp.pennsauken.nj.us](mailto:publicworks@twp.pennsauken.nj.us) is a one-stop shop for any reporting of poor road condi-

tions. We will notify the proper agency with the claim. For a current list of County Roads in Pennsauken Township and some answers to frequently asked questions about potholes, visit the Department of Public Works link at [www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us](http://www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us).

Springtime is a chance for all of us to help Pennsauken "bloom." You can count on the crews at your Public Works Department during this time to get our parks, playgrounds and athletic fields in top shape for fair-weather activities. Public Works can help you with your gardening as well. Residents can pick up free compost material from the Pennsauken Municipal Pool parking lot on River Rd. Compost material is available all year long with a mid-summer replenishment from our Park Ave. Compost Facility. Wednesday will continue to be the town-wide yard debris pickup day. This is a great way to dispose of branches that may have

fallen over the winter because of wind or heavy snow weighing them down. We kindly remind you to bundle sticks and branches in lengths three feet or less and not weighing more than 50 pounds.

Planting flowers and cleaning up your property isn't the only way to help Pennsauken bloom. Take a look around your neighborhood and see if there is a senior citizen or someone with a disability that could use a helping hand with their yard or trash. While enjoying one of our parks, pick-up a piece of trash that may have been left behind or blown into

the park and dispose of it in one of the trash bins. This will help when Public Works is attending the other locations in our parks system. If a trash bin seems to be over-flowing, a simple call or e-mail to our office will rectify the situation.

Hang in there! Spring is right around the corner!

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### TALKIN' TRASH

There are no trash holidays in the month of March. Camden County is hosting a household hazardous waste collection event on Saturday, Mar. 21 from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Cherry Hill Public Works Complex, 1 Perina Boulevard, Cherry Hill.

For a list of items to bring and not to bring to this event, visit [www.camdencounty.com/sites/default/files/files/What%20To%20Bring.pdf](http://www.camdencounty.com/sites/default/files/files/What%20To%20Bring.pdf).

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## inTown Love Is In The Air



Love was in the air this Valentine's Day, as Pennsauken Mayor Rick Taylor married Danh Cao and Vi Bui in a special Valentine's Day ceremony. Mayor Taylor surprised the couple with a gift certificate to dine at the Pennsauken Country Club, courtesy of Marco's Restaurant and Catering, as a wedding gift.



Hundreds attended the "Lincoln's Lanes" fundraiser at Pinsetter Bar and Bowl last month to raise funds for The Cardiac Center at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Seen here are Heather and Rich Fontano with their son Lincoln, who recently celebrated the one-year "heartiversary" of his life-saving surgery.



Another Valentine's Day tradition in Pennsauken is Goodwill's annual Bridal Sale Extravaganza. Bonnie Kissinger and her mom, Pat, were first in line at 5:30 a.m. to take advantage of the selection of designer dresses at low prices. Here, another bride-to-be walks away with a fabulous dress at a real bargain. Photo credit: Kristen Weber.



Models dressed in gorgeous bridal gowns from The Cove Bridal Dress Salon in Pennsauken hit the runway at the Elegant Bridal Show, held at the Pennsauken Country Club.

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## New FEMA Flood Maps For Camden County Available For Review

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their elevation certificates and/or flood insurance policies to the event in order to get the best information about how their flood insurance may change as a result of the new preliminary flood maps.

The following information will not be available at this event: disaster-related recovery efforts and outstanding insurance claims.

Please plan to attend this event if your property is currently mapped within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), newly mapped into an SFHA, and/or if you currently have flood insurance. If you are unsure of your flood risk, please refer to the Preliminary FIRMs which are available on the FEMA Map Service Center website, <https://msc.fema.gov/portal>, or call the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627) or your local flood plain administrator or building official.

If you are in a high-risk flood zone, known as the SFHA, you may be required by your lender to carry flood insurance.

FEMA staff will be available at the open house to talk about these changes.

Flooding is the number one natural disaster in the United States. It is vital for property owners to understand their risk and take advantage of tools and programs available to them. Property owners can take action by purchasing flood insurance and implementing mitigation actions to help reduce future flooding impacts.

The preliminary flood hazard maps that will be shared at the open house are an update of the existing FIRMs. These preliminary FIRMs and the associated Flood Insurance Study (FIS) provide the basis for flood risk education and flood-plain management measures. Camden County is required to adopt updated maps to continue participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which makes flood insurance available to the community.

*For additional information on flood hazard risk and the mapping process, please visit [www.region2coastal.com](http://www.region2coastal.com).*

## Pennsauken High School Presents "Guys And Dolls"

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ally the total opposite of the shows I'm used to doing," says Alyza Alix, a PHS sophomore who plays Adelaide. "I usually take part in the more dramatic, sadder shows; this is a happily-ever after type of show."

This show, and the type of acting opportunities it fosters, is what attracted PHS senior Noah Alzarez, who plays the role of Nathan Detroit. "Nathan has a lot of moments where he's just over the top; very charismatic, very energetic," says Noah. "That's the kind of role that I can really sink my teeth into."

This year's cast has once again offered some surprises. Out of a 26-person cast, you'd expect a lot of "dolls;" turns out, almost half are "guys." In addition, many students auditioned for the first time.

"Some of the kids I knew, but others just decided to come out and audition and just blew us away," says Brown.

"It's really cool to see the amount of new people that we have," adds Jess

Money, a PHS senior who plays Sarah Brown. "There are a lot of freshman in the show. It's really cool to see them open up."

Once such new addition is junior Evan Boyle, who portrays Sky Master-son. According to Boyle, he was "strongly encouraged" by Money to try out. "I'm excited. I did a lot of acting when I was really young. This is my first 'official' play."

"Guys and Dolls" will be performed at Pennsauken High School's auditorium, located at 800 Hylton Rd., from March 26-28 at 7 p.m. There will also be a matinee performance on Sunday, March 29 at 2 p.m., which will be held in conjunction with the Senior Citizen Prom. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors. Group tickets rates are available this year and tickets will also be sold at the door. For more information or to buy tickets in advance, call 856-662-8500 x5273.



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## Annual Irish Nite Fundraiser Held On March 7

Mary, Queen of All Saints Parish is hosting its annual Irish Nite fundraiser on Saturday, Mar. 7 from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. at Msgr. Kavanagh Hall, 48th St. and Camden Ave., Pennsauken. The event features an evening of great food and fun. Irish music provided by Balliná; beer and set-ups are provided.

Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Tables of 10 or more can be reserved. Proceeds go directly to support the parish's annual expenses.

For more information, or to order tickets, call (856) 662-2721.



Balliná will be the musical entertainment at Mary Queen of All Saints' annual Irish Nite, held on Saturday, Mar. 7 from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

## Pennsauken Youth Action Committee Announces Summer Production



"Shrek Jr. The Musical" will be the Pennsauken Youth Action Committee Theatre's summer production for 2015.

The Pennsauken Youth Action Committee Theatre is excited to announce that "Shrek Jr. The Musical" will be the summer production for 2015.

"Shrek Jr. The Musical" is based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks Animation film and is adapted for young performers. The production features a host of over-the-top roles for an expandable cast; there's a part for everyone in this dazzling adventure story.

In a faraway kingdom, the green ogre Shrek finds his swamp invaded by banished fairytale misfits, runaways who've been cast off by Lord Farquaad, a tiny terror with big ambitions. When Shrek sets off with a wise-cracking donkey to confront Farquaad, he's handed a task – if he rescues feisty Princess Fiona from the Dragon-guarded tower, his swamp will be returned to him. But, a fairy tale wouldn't be complete without unexpected twists and turns along the way.

Auditions will be held sometime in May and will be open to children ages 7 to 14. Performances will be held in July. For additional information, contact Elwood Martz at (856) 665-1000 x151 or e-mail emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us.

## First Responders Battle Tanker Truck Fire



On Feb. 23, the Pennsauken Fire Department, Pennsauken Police, and various other responding agencies rushed to battle a fire caused by a tanker truck that overturned on the Rt. 90 ramp and burst into flame. The truck driver escaped from the vehicle in time and emergency teams worked to prevent the fire from spreading and burning down houses along Wyndham Ave. The fire department was supported by an incident management team during their response to the tanker fire and eight other fire departments assisted in operating and covering the municipality for fire protection.



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## HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

# Grapplers Knock Off Irish In Hard Fought Contest

By Billy Wright, Pennsauken High School Athletic Director

It was more than 40 years coming, but the PHS Wrestling team finally put to bed one of its biggest demons when the Indians defeated Camden Catholic 38-28. Excitement and boisterous cheering started right from the opening 113 lb. match. Henry Nguyen earned a hard fought 4-3 win; PHS followed that up with a forfeit and a technical fall by Joseph Ibrahim at 126 lbs. that put the Indians up 14-0. The Irish recovered with four straight wins of their own to take a 19-14 lead.

One of the best matches of the night ensued at 160 lbs., as Sudheer Sammons battled his Irish opponent in a high scoring affair, taking leads of 5-1, 7-5 and 9-5 at the end of the first period. The third

period had a real gut-check, as Sudheer advanced his lead to 15-11 but saw it evaporate to 15-14 as the clock ticked down to zero. A last second escape insured the win and the three points for Code Red that brought PHS to within two points at 17-19.

A pin by the Irish at 170 lbs. gave the visitors a 25-17 lead with the Indians' two ranked wrestlers, Aaron Swann and David Dow, up next. Both delivered needed points: Aaron with a 15-7 win and David pinning for six team points. The nine points gave the Indians a 26-25 lead with three matches to go.

Jerry Babilonia pinned his opponent at 3:59 with one second left in the second period; the win turned out to be the clincher, as Camden Catholic forfeited the last match of the night after winning at 285 to cut the lead to 32-28. The teams each won six matches; Camden Catholic had three bonus point matches to the Indians two, but the Irish forfeited two weight classes and that turned out to be the difference.

### Jones, Booker Sectional Champs

Racing on the flat and tight Toms River Bubble indoor 200 meter track requires not only speed and conditioning, but also racing savvy. Competitors struggle with moving to the lead before the break point; or sitting back on the shoulder of the leader and hoping he/she tires and they can get around them in the homestretch.

PHS all conference honoree Marquan Jones took all of the suspense out

of the two-lap, 400 meter dash as he rushed to the front, forced the pace, and held on to win his first sectional title.

For sophomore Martin Booker, Jr., a totally different approach defines the 55 meter dash, as competitors strive to react to the starter's pistol and explode out of the blocks to gain a possible step and put pressure on opponents to try and catch up. Like Marquan, Martin executed the technique perfectly and garnished a sectional title and the claim of "fastest man in the house."

Joining the two title holders in qualifying for the state championship are Olivia Jamison, third in the 400 meters and sixth in the 55 meter dash; Marquan and Josh Howard, fifth and sixth respectively in the 55 meter dash; and Amanda Bakley, sixth in the 1600 meter run. Amanda qualifying in the "metric" mile is a first for a PHS female in the middle-distance/distance events.

The boys 1600 meter relay foursome finished second, with Marquan, Martin, Brandon Harley, and Ryan Wemegah moving the baton; the girls finished sixth with Olivia, Amanda, Indigo Pascall, and Brianna Bryan.

### Wrestling Conference Champs Again

Some in Burlington County dismissed the Code Red wrestling team's 2014 BCSL championship as a fluke. PHS tied Northern Burlington and Moorestown for the first conference wrestling title in

school history last season as each of the three traded wins.

With a new and younger line-up this year, and with the Burlington County media reluctant to give PHS its props across the board, Coach Mossop quietly prepared his young athletes to win the title outright. The Indians disposed of Northern Burlington 33-24, but were then upset by Moorestown to create a three-way tie.

In the win against Northern Burlington, PHS fell behind 18-4 to scare the Indian faithful. Jonathan Mairena pinned at 145 to right the ship and start a string of three straight wins to pull PHS to a two-point deficit at 16-18. David Dow presented a 12-0 major decision to give PHS its first lead. Once again, Jerry Babilonia sealed the win with his 13-3 major decision at 220 lbs., and the championship celebration was on.

### Host Of Indians Qualify

Day in and day out, the PHS coaching staff designs lesson plans and strategy sessions on the next competition, while keeping an eye on qualifying for the season-ending NJSIAA State Championships. For five of Pennsauken's seven winter teams, that goal was met this past week.

The Code Red wrestling team started off the week by knocking off Northern Burlington and locking down a first round home contest in the state team championships.

By mid-week, the girls basketball team won three contests to improve their record to 9-9 and earn a place in the tournament. Next up was the boys and girls winter track teams; six individuals and two relay teams medaled and qualified for the state group three finals.

The state qualifying line-up was completed on Saturday, as Jessica Bello finished seventh out of 230 competitors in the sectional finals. This was the second time Jessica has qualified for states, having made the trip up the turnpike her sophomore year. Prior to Jessica, a PHS Bowler had not qualified for states since 1994.

### Gold And Silver On The Alleys

Fourteen boys and girls bowling teams lined up at Laurel Lanes, taking up 28 lanes with 140 competitors who had hopes of securing a league trophy in the BCSL Open. Girls team nemesis Ewing upheld its status as the number one team, scoring 71 more pins than the Indians. Two-time all conference honoree Jessica Bello won the high series title with the highest three-game series. The PHS line-up of Jessica, sister Michelle, Mickeyla Jordan, Kiki Rowe, and Siani Tripp claimed the silver medal in the team competition.

The boys squad finished fifth, with a line-up of Kniquan Cephas, Mike McFeeley, Radames Sierra, Brandin Bullicki, and brother Joey. Joey rolled a 590

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## Grapplers Knock Off Irish In Hard Fought Contest

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series to finish 10th overall in the boys competition.

### Athletes Of The Month

The January honorees are Olivia Jamison and David Dow. Olivia spent January anchoring two indoor track team relays that placed at the state championships and set a stadium record in the 300 meter dash at the SJTCA

Open. David is currently ranked number three in the Courier Post mat-pack rankings at 185 lbs. after wrestling to an undefeated month at 9-0.

### Phifer Grapplers Claim Gold

Phifer Middle School continues to set the foundation for the PHS varsity wrestling team, as the little Indians dominated the Pirate Classic held at Cinnaminson High school. Phifer won the

Pirate Classic for the fifth time, out-scoring seven other teams with 265.5 points. Individual champions were Braily Vargas, Miguel McEady, David Louie, and Jesus Cruz. Earning silver medals were Angel Abreu, Jahneil Blue, Carlos Padua, Stephan "Pudge" Przychowicz, Geninson Castro, Gabe Myles, and Sincere Jones. Bronze medals went to Uriel Balon, Brian Smith and Duane Britt. Phifer is coached by Sean Duff and Dave Corson.

## Local Athletes To Represent US At World Championships

Members of MacKenzie's Martial Arts, a popular local Karate school with a location in Pennsauken, will represent the United States at the TaeKwon-Do World Championships in London, England, held July 10-12. Hosted by the Unified International TaeKwon-Do Federation, the competition will host the best competitors from around the globe.

Among the selected competitors hailing from MacKenzie's will be black belt instructors Andrew Tropp, who also serves as chief instructor and director of MacKenzie's Martial Arts in Pennsauken; Colin Mazurek, assistant instructor at the Pennsauken location; and Paul Heinselmann. In addition, junior black belt champions Kelvin Wilburn, Geheem Keller, and Dylan Heinselmann

will also be competing. Former three-time world champion Ken MacKenzie, a 10th degree black belt and hall-of-famer, has been named as "fighting team coach" for the American delegation.

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Several black belts from MacKenzie's Martial Arts will be representing the United States at the TaeKwon-Do World Championships in London. Pictured here are Grandmaster Ken MacKenzie, as well as Andrew Tropp (kicking) and Colin Mazurek, who are instructors at the school's Pennsauken location.

Maple Ave., is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year.

For more information, visit [PennsaukenMartialArts.com](http://PennsaukenMartialArts.com).



## Harlem Wizards Dunk Pennsauken On March 22

Frigid weather abounds and the spring seedlings and daffodils cannot come quick enough for most of us. For the Pennsauken All Sports Booster Club, March brings a big event in the form of the nationally recognized Harlem Wizards basketball team. The Boosters team up with several of Pennsauken Schools' PTA to sponsor the event. The Wizards will perform at Pennsauken High School on Sunday, March 22 at 2:00 p.m. The Wizards will compete against a team of school teachers and administrators in what is sure to be a demonstration of phenomenal basketball skills as well as a hilarious exhibition of fun tricks. The Wizards will also visit several of the Pennsauken schools to demonstrate their skills and to deliver an educational and motivational message to our young people.

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## Pennsauken's Kilpatrick Signs Letter Of Intent To Lock Haven



On National Signing Day, Megan Kilpatrick, a Pennsauken resident who is a senior at Camden Catholic High School, signed a letter of intent to play lacrosse at Lock Haven University. Pictured with Kilpatrick, seen here second to the right, are (from left to right) Carl Garnes, who committed to playing football at Morgan State University; Juliet Esposito, who will be playing soccer at Temple University; Colin Wharton, who will play lacrosse at Jacksonville University; and Everett Minchew, who is playing football at Wagner College. Photo credit: CCHS.

## PYAA SPORTS

### Registration Continues For PYAA Baseball, Softball

PYAA Softball, Baseball, and Babe Ruth registration begins at the PYAA Field House on Elm and Marion avenues. The dates are as follows:

Saturday, March 7: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Sunday, March 8: 12 p.m.-3 p.m.; Wednesday, March 4: 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

Online registration is occurring now at [pyaa.net](http://pyaa.net). Credit cards are accepted for both online and in-person registration.

For more information, visit [pyaa.net](http://pyaa.net); for inquiries about this year's softball registration, e-mail Mike Coyle at [Mike-Coyle@pennsaukenems.com](mailto:Mike-Coyle@pennsaukenems.com).

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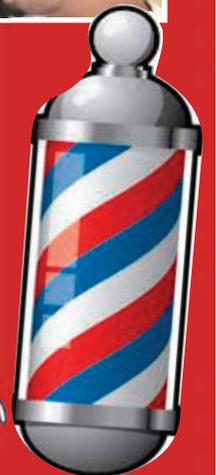
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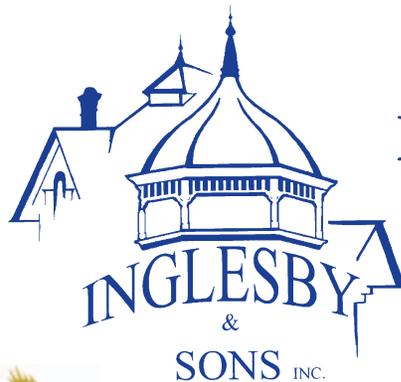
## QUESTION:

*Would my spouse and children be eligible? How do I apply for these benefits?*

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