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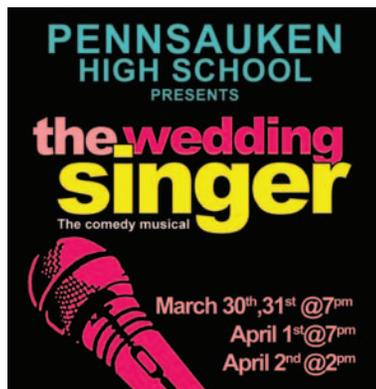


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Pennsauken High School Presents "The Wedding Singer" For Spring Musical



For this year's spring musical, Pennsauken High School presents "The Wedding Singer" on March 30-31 and April 1-2.

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Pull out your leg warmers, dust off your Vans from the back of the closet, and get ready to spike your hair or shake up that old can of AquaNet. The Eighties come back to town as Pennsauken High School performs "The Wedding Singer" this month. Based on the popular 1998 movie of the same name, this musical features great original music by Matthew Sklar, lyrics by Chad Beguelin, and a book by Beguelin and Tim Herlihy. It's an incredibly funny homage to time of shoulder pads and snap bracelets.

"It is cheesy and delightful and such a great tribute to the 1980s," says Kate Brown, vocal music director at Pennsauken High School. "The story is identical to that of the

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Bayada Home Health Care Moves To Pennsauken

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Forgoing the traditional ceremonial shoveling of dirt, Bayada Home Health Care took a different route to mark the start of renovations at its new office space at 4300 and 4350 Haddonfield Rd. in Pennsauken. On Feb. 1, Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno, Pennsauken Mayor Betsy McBride, and representatives from the international home health care provider took sledgehammer to wall to celebrate a project that will ultimately bring more than 550 Bayada Home Health Care employees to town.

"Today is a very big day in the world of Bayada as we break ground on a new campus," says Tom Sibson, chief financial and administrative officer for Bayada. "This is an exciting opportunity, because

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Leaders at Bayada Home Health Care and attending dignitaries took sledgehammer to wall at the organization's new office space on Haddonfield Rd. The international home health care provider plans to move over 500 employees to its new location.

Pennsauken Kicks Off 125th Anniversary With A Special Event

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Happy birthday Pennsauken!

The Township held a kickoff event at the Pennsauken Free Public Library on Feb. 18, the day 125 years earlier that an act of the legislature of the State of New Jersey established "the township of Pennsauken, in the county of Camden."

"Today we begin our year-long celebration of Pennsauken's 125th birthday," says Pennsauken Mayor Betsy McBride. "We're very proud of the history of Pennsauken. We're proud of how we're doing now. We're proud of what we have planned for the future."

The festivities included members of the cast of Pennsauken High School's production of "The Wedding Singer" leading at



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tendees in the singing of "Happy Birthday;" a display of Pennsauken's historical

landmarks, provided by the town's resident historian, Bob Fisher-Hughes; and the recognition of several proclamations from Congressman Donald Norcross, State Senate President Steve Sweeney, the Camden County Board of Freeholders, and from the Pennsauken Township Committee. But attendees were most excited to sample the custom made cake baked by Pennsauken native and Food Network star Al DiBartolo of DiBartolo Bakery, who was on hand to cut the first few pieces.

"I wouldn't be standing here without Pennsauken," explained DiBartolo. "The bakery was in Pennsauken on Marlton Pike from 1969 to 1991. My parents have

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MARCH CALENDAR

Welsh Heritage Day At Griffith Morgan House

The historic Griffith Morgan House, 243 Griffith Morgan Ln., Pennsauken, will hold its third annual Welsh Heritage Day on Sunday, March 5, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Special guest hearth-cook Ruth Konrad will create traditional Welsh cooking; and modern Welsh foods will be offered as refreshments. Free tours of the home and kid activities will also be available. For more information, visit "Griffith Morgan House" on Facebook or call (856) 486-9561.

Stress Management Seminar

Is stress dominating your life? Concord Wellness Institute, 7150 North Park Drive #420, Pennsauken, is hosting a seminar on "Stress: Life in the Fast Lane" on Tuesday, March 7 at 7:00 p.m. Learn valuable tips on slowing down, managing your stress better, and taking back control of your life! To register, visit www.concordwellness.com/workshop_schedule.html.

Town Watch

Pennsauken's Town Watch hosts its next meeting on Wednesday, March 8, 7:30 p.m. at the Pennsauken Police Department, Second Floor. Come learn how to make our community safer. For more information, call (856) 488-0080 ext. 2417.

American Legion

American Legion Fredrick W. Griggs Post 68 will meet on Thursday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m. These monthly meetings are held at the Merchantville Community Center, 212 Somerset Ave. in Merchantville. All veterans who served during qualifying conflicts are welcome to join. The Post now has an Auxiliary Unit which meets at 6:00 p.m., prior to the Post meeting. Any ladies who are the spouse or the daughter of a veteran are welcome to join.

Chili Cook-Off

VFW Post 1270, 2324 Penn St., Pennsauken, is hosting a chili cook-off on Saturday, March 11 at 2:00 p.m. For \$5 per person, attendees can taste contestant submissions and participate in the judging; sorry, no free samples. Chili cooks can sign up through March 4 with no entrance fee. For more information, call (856) 317-9081.

Animal Shelter Benefit

The "Save A Soul" Dance Party will be held on Saturday, March 11, 7:00 to 11:30 p.m. at the Collingswood Community Center, 30 West Collings Ave. Ticket price is \$35 per person and includes dancing to the sounds of Xclusive Soul, dinner buffet by Bistro DiMarino, desserts, wine and beer, basket auctions, and more. Proceeds benefit the dogs and cats of Pennsauken's Almost Home An-

imal Shelter. For more information or tickets, call Almost Home at (856) 663-3058.

AARP Meeting

Pennsauken AARP Chapter 2861 will hold its next meeting on Monday, March 13, at the PYAA Field House, 3501 Elm Ave. Fellowship time is at 12:30 p.m.; meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. Be sure to bring a friend!

Petty's Island Cleanup

A shoreline cleanup and trail stewardship day at Petty's Island will be held on Saturday, March 18 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Petty's Island is in the midst of an amazing transformation from an active marine terminal and oil storage facility into a State Park. Volunteers will be doing a cleanup of the shoreline where marine debris threatens the health of wildlife and humans. We will also be blazing a trail for use by schools and other visiting groups. Children MUST be 12 and older to participate. Online registration is REQUIRED for this event and runs through March 15. Spaces are limited. To register, visit <https://pettysislandcleanup.eventbrite.com>.

Hoagie Sale

AMVETS Post 101 Ladies Auxiliary is hosting a hoagie sale on Saturday, March 25 at 519 June Rd. in Delair. The sale begins at 11:00 a.m. until all hoagies are gone.

Annual Irish Nite Fundraiser Held On March 4



Balliná will be the musical entertainment at Mary Queen of All Saints' annual Irish Nite, held on Saturday, Mar. 4 from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Mary, Queen of All Saints Parish is hosting its annual Irish Nite fundraiser on Saturday, March 4 from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. at Msgr. Kavanagh Hall, 48th St. and Camden Ave., Pennsauken. The event, which is BYOB, features an evening of great food and fun. Irish music provided by Balliná; beer

and set-ups are provided.

Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$35 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.

PENNSAUKEN MARCH PUBLIC MEETINGS

Township Committee
5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, 15 and 22

Zoning Board of Adjustment
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 1 and 15

Planning Board
6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 7 and 28

Meetings are open to the public and are held at the Pennsauken Municipal Building 5605 N. Crescent Blvd. (At the corner of Route 130 and Merchantville Avenue)

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MAYOR'S Doing Our Part To Keep Pennsauken Litter Free

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By Betsy McBride,
Mayor of
Pennsauken
Township

As I write this column, we are basking in 70 degree temperatures and our plants are starting to bud.

Even if we get another blast of winter, our thoughts turn to spring. We are almost there!

I know when I think of spring, I feel it in my bones and I want to spring clean: open the windows, clean the car, and turn my winter yard into a spring one.

Looking around my yard, I see I have some work to do. Do I go back in and pretend I didn't see the mess? Or do I set to the task? I know I will feel better if I clean up the yard, both in my body and

my mind. I will get some exercise and I will appreciate the beauty as it unfolds. Sitting on my porch in the evening, I will feel good. When the space around us looks better, we can't help but feel better.

Noticing how good I feel after I have cleaned up my yard, I also notice how bad I feel when I see litter on our highways, along our streets, in front of our stores, and in our yards. All trash is not litter. Litter is trash not put in the right place. I think we can work together to deal with this issue.

Most of our litter is tossed from cars and boats. Many folks leave a fast food restaurant, a convenience store, or a business in our community, hop in the car, and wind up tossing a food wrapper, a cigarette butt, or an unneeded receipt out the window as they hit the road. We can

do our part by 1.) Not being one of those folks and 2.) Picking up litter when it blows onto our properties.

Did you know that nine billion tons of litter end up in our oceans each year? And more to the point, 95 percent of it comes from storm sewers. So, it's likely that the trash along our highways and neighborhood streets will end up going down our sewers and traveling to the shore. If we pick up trash in the street in front of our home or business, we are doing our part to prevent that trip... and our properties will look better right away.

Did you also know that 50 percent of all litter is cigarette butts? And they take 10 years to disintegrate? I've been quitting smoking for 20 years; and occasionally, I still have to stop myself from just tossing a cigarette butt anywhere. And I

know manufacturers took ashtrays out of cars making it tough on smokers, but we need to think before we toss. An old water bottle with brown water may not look good on our floor of our car, but it can be tossed in a trash can when we get home. It certainly beats seeing cigarette butts littered throughout our community.

We all know that broken yard furniture, tube TVs and broken appliances are litter when left in our yard or dumped on the side of the road. We can do our part by calling Public Works to find out how to dispose of them correctly and do it. We even have a business right here in town, Magnum Recycling, which accepts a wide variety of electronic waste. You can find more about them on page 27 of this issue. It isn't always an easy task, but it's the right thing to do.

Pennsauken will look better... and you'll feel better too.

Preventing our own litter and cleaning up our properties all the way to the street is a start. As your Mayor, I will do my part by removing litter from my yard and the street in front. I will contact responsible parties to clean up public spaces and I will participate in organized clean up days. Please join me and do your part. Every "litter" bit counts!

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Williamstown – Move In Condition

This beautiful home is on a cul-de-sac with spacious back yard and large deck. Elegant hwd floors in the foyer w/ cathedral ceiling, powder room and kitchen. The kitchen features 42 inch cabinets, recessed lighting, double sink, gas cooking, and extra-large pantry. The step down family room enhances the open floor plan. Back yard with a 16 x 32 deck. Master bedroom w/cathedral ceiling and spacious master bath. All of the bedrooms have ceiling fans, closet organizers. Laundry on the 2nd floor. \$254,900



Atco – Large Corner Lot!

This 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Cape Cod home sits on a large corner lot with a huge back yard. The L/R has a feature wall with barn board and mirrors with stone fireplace. There is a large D/R and an eat-in-kitchen. The master bedroom features a dressing area, a walk in closet and a modern master bath. There are two bedrooms and a modern full bath on the second floor. The full basement has a finished family room area, a laundry area and plenty of storage. Don't miss this beauty! \$219,900



Pennsauken – Reduced!

This 3 Bedroom 1.5 bath home in Delaware Gardens on a dead street with a cut thru to the Pennsauken Pool is just a step away from the play ground. You will enjoy an updated Eat in Kitchen with Stainless Steel Appliances and Corian Counter Tops. Full Finished Basement, with recess lighting, great place for entertaining. Enjoy Hardwood Floors throughout. The Full Bath has been remodeled. Large fence yard and attached 1 car garage. \$169,900



Pennsauken – Corner Lot

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Pennsauken – Bigger Than it Looks!

Beautiful solid 4/5 bedroom 2 full bath 2 story brick home, 1 fireplace and 1 wood burning stove, open front sitting porch with detached garage, fenced in yard and full high waterproofed basement nestled on a lovely quiet street. Hwd flrs throughout, some updated windows. This home has a very unique layout that features an upstairs that can be used as a separate living quarters, complete with its own full bath, F/R w/burning stove, office/den and bedroom. (office could easily be converted into another bedroom if desired) This is a great home for a large family. This home is very deceiving, it's much bigger than it looks from the street, come and see for yourself. \$249,900



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WAGSWORLD A False Start On A Column, Jeep Updates And More

By Bob Wagner,
AAP Columnist

I just spent, or rather, misspent, half my morning writing a column. I had what I thought was a good idea about government institutions not paying attention to the rules of law when it comes to displaying the American flag. Based solely on

my very own knowledge of the law, I prepared to take off on a crusade to teach the Post Office, the fire department, and my very own VFW, how to properly display Old Glory and the POW/MIA flag. As usual, I shared my skills and prowess with the bride. Then I went to the computer, Googled up the aforementioned laws, and found out I was totally wrong. I

don't know which hurts more: the lost time and crashed column, or seeing the old "Ha-ha, I told you so" smile on the bride's face. Now I have to start over and rewrite a column, while feeling slightly stupid; I have to admit, the government agencies I thought were foolish turn out to be smarter than I. Well, to quote a famous American, Miss Emily Latella, "Never mind."

I have fielded quite a few questions lately about the status of the Army Jeep. I am pleased to report that the engine is mere days from completion. The frame is half sanded and painted, the body stripped and soda blasted, and hundreds of metal parts, mirrors, windshield, and instrument cluster are painted olive drab. They are mostly at the house of Jones, awaiting reassembly. My total contribution to the cause to date is sweeping up the soda from blasting, and helping Jones put the transfer case on rollers in the garage. I did also help push the Jeep body in and out of the garage, twice. I admit to

being worn to a nub. Soon I will have to watch Jones take the tires off, and put shiny new Army tires on freshly painted olive drab rims. Hopefully this will not be too soon, as I am worn out from watching Jones scrub, wire brush, and repaint. The man wears me out.

I have started research on the new book, "How to Look Like You Are Working Hard, Without Leaving the Couch." The bride says it is a perfect story for me to write, as I have more personal knowledge in this area than anyone she knows. I'll take this as a compliment, although I did detect a hint of sarcasm in her voice. After all these years together, it is sometimes difficult to tell when she is being serious.

I have been carving up a storm in the basement, due to the usual inclement weather and winter doldrums. I have a huge collection of canes, walking sticks, and even a few Christmas ornaments. I've been threatening to attend a craft show and attempt to sell something, but

I fear that at the end of the day, if no one buys, I'll have to cart everything home, put it all away, and justify all the money I blew on knives, sand paper, and stain. As one note of good promise, however, the last piece I carved was recognized as an eagle. My first attempt at this was seen as a seagull, a pheasant, and one vote for a dolphin. On the positive side, all those who saw seagull and pheasant thought they were magnificent examples.

That's all for now. I'm off to the river to look for more driftwood. If the carving business doesn't pan out, I'm set for the next winter with firewood. Happy spring!

Pennsauken Police Make Narcotics Arrest



On Feb. 14, members of the Pennsauken Township Police Department, with the assistance of the Merchantville Police Department and the

Camden County Sheriff's Department Entry Team, executed a narcotics search warrant on the 1600 block of Springfield Ave. in Pennsauken. The raid was the culmination of a lengthy narcotics investigation conducted by the Pennsauken Township Police Department.

During the raid, prescription legend drugs, marijuana, imitation cocaine, and paraphernalia used to manufacture illegal narcotics for street level sales were recovered. The target of the raid was arrested on location and charged.

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State Senate President Sweeney Visits Pennsauken High School

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

On Feb. 8, New Jersey Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney toured Pennsauken High School and sat down to talk with students. During his visit, Sweeney, who grew up in Pennsauken and went to school at PHS, spoke of the importance of supporting initiatives that fairly fund education throughout the state.

“We believe that we can fund schools properly and give people an opportunity to get that brass ring, to get that next career,” explains Sweeney. “You should be able to follow your dream. But if we don’t fund schools properly, it makes it pretty hard to do that.”

“Pennsauken is a great high school. And what makes it so great is the people,” adds Sweeney. “It seems like generationally it doesn’t matter; the community, the tightness, stays.”

Sweeney, who toured PHS with school district staff and representatives from the Township’s administration, was impressed with the plans currently in development at the high school, particularly the formation of the academies and the new focus on vocational trades.

“I’m an ironworker by trade; that’s



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why I was so interested about the vocational component that the school is talking about,” says Sweeney.

The state senator also spoke about what makes Pennsauken special: that it’s a diverse community that works together.

“Schools like Pennsauken look like the state,” explains Sweeney. “We want to see schools like this be exactly how they are right now, because this is how it was when I grew up. People worked to-

gether, they don’t see color. They see a person as a person. That’s how Pennsauken always was. It was a very well-blended community and we were all friends. As this state becomes more diverse, you want the schools to be more open and adaptive and receptive.

“This is New Jersey. It’s what makes us a great state and a great country. Diversity strengthens us, not weakens us.”

After the tour, Sweeney sat down with several students from the high school and asked them about their goals. They wanted to go into a variety of careers, including business, health care, and journalism. And while their fields of study differed, there was a common theme in their statements: Pennsauken High School and their teachers have helped to prepare them for the next step in their lives.

“It’s great. I love it here. It’s like a family atmosphere,” explains senior Asia Davis. “We talk about [the importance of having a diverse community] all the time, especially with our teachers.”

“Teachers in Pennsauken care about you and really want to see you succeed,” adds senior Selena Carter. “They go out

of their way to help.”

“They go the extra mile,” says senior Michelle Bello. “I can go to teachers that I don’t even have any more with something I’m concerned about or just to get another opinion in my life. They remember you and they have your back.”

Pennsauken School District staff and the Township officials in attendance were appreciative of State Senator Sweeney’s visit and his focus on providing additional school funding to communities like Pennsauken.

“We would like to thank Senate President Sweeney for returning to his home

town and school to talk about the importance of properly funding education,” says Deputy Mayor Jack Killion. “Providing additional funding for our schools can only lead to a stronger community.”

“More funding will enable us to add teachers and staff, introduce new programs, and upgrade facilities, which will only add to the educational opportunities for our students,” adds Dr. Ronnie Tarchichi, superintendent of Pennsauken schools. “We’re glad that State Senator Sweeney, who grew up in Pennsauken, is championing this cause.”

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Calling All Contractors: Help Needed With Abandoned Properties

By Tracey Howarth,
Pennsauken Township

Calling all contractors! Would you like to get involved in Pennsauken's abandoned property program?

We are moving onto the next phase of our abandoned property initiative: looking for qualified contractors to help

rehab and flip available properties.

Posted in the Courier-Post and the Retrospect on Thursday, February 23, 2017, you will find the request for qualification (RFQ) notice for any contractors interested in getting involved in the abandoned property program here in Pennsauken. Any interested contractor

will also find the eligibility qualifications posted on the Township web site and in the Township building.

Contractor Eligibility Qualifications

All contractors must:

1. Be licensed/fully insured in the State of New Jersey for their craft.
2. Have five years of experience in the contracting industry.
3. Provide a portfolio of previous home improvement projects.
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6. Not have any open notice of violations for penalties in the Township of Pennsauken.

Pennsauken Township reserves the right to require a Performance Bond for all projects over \$30,000.

All interested contractors will have 30 days to submit their information. Once the Township has received the information, we will review it with our building and construction team and pass the final list onto the Township Committee for approval. All awarded contractors will be notified of the time and date for a general meeting to bring everyone on board with our new streamlined pro-

gram and the process we will use to get the properties flipped.

We look forward to a long list of contractors interested in assisting us in accomplishing our mission of rehabbing, flipping, and occupying these properties with permanent Pennsauken residents.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call me at (856) 665-1000 ext. 145.

"Pennsauken-opoly" Board Game To Be Produced



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The proposed board game will be filled with Township landmarks, such as the Pennsauken Library and Tippin's Pond. Local businesses are also able to support the project by sponsoring items including board spaces, game money, the box top, and more. There will also be opportunities for residents to purchase patron ads, having their name included on the board game. The money raised goes directly to the production of the game.

Current plans are to make the game available prior to the holidays for purchase.

For more information or to learn about game sponsorship opportunities, contact pennsaukenboardgame@gmail.com or call (856) 665-1000 x127.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday, March 30, 7:00 p.m.

BUDGET MEETINGS

Thursdays, March 2, 9, and 16, 6:00 p.m.

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Ira's Tree Of Knowledge Set To Bloom Again

When the Pennsauken Free Public Library redid its foyer 20 years ago, Annette Fine, a resident since 1963, along with her family, donated money to purchase a wall decoration to be known as the Tree of Knowledge. This permanent display is dedicated to her husband Ira, a dedicated library patron who passed in 1995. The tree's 300 brass leaves would be available for engraving at \$200 each, making the tree a potential fundraiser of almost

\$60,000 dollars! Due to the generosity of the gift, the Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library insisted the tree be renamed Ira's Tree of Knowledge.

In 1963, Ira and Annette moved to Pennsauken and built a house across from Longfellow School. Ira and his brother-in-law, Irving Newman, founded Thermoseal Glass Corporation, which still operates today in Gloucester City. Annette, a homemaker who raised three

children, loved the location of her new suburban home, just a few minutes' walk from a bank, grocery store, two drug stores, and the Municipal Building, which at that time housed the town's library in the basement.

Ira and Annette were founding life members of the Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library. Over the years, Ira spent many pleasant hours at the Library and came to value it and its staff. He often boasted to friends from nearby communities about what a "great little library" we have. On many afternoons, he could be found there, sitting in his favorite spot, completing the New York Times' crossword puzzle before going home.

His family felt that a fitting memorial to him would be one that enabled the Pennsauken Library to continue to grow and serve others in the community, as it had served him. On the leaves are in-

scriptions honoring a special person, a group or event, a favorite quote, or some shared wisdom recognizing Pennsauken residents or businesses. Sadly, only one third of the tree's leaves have been engraved to date.

At the Friends of the Library Annual Membership Meeting on March 19, Ira's Tree will be rededicated with a re-

newed effort to generate support for keeping the Library a dynamic resource center for the whole community. For more information on how you can honor someone or something special – and help Ira's Tree of Knowledge bloom once again – contact the Friends of the Pennsauken Library by calling (856) 665-5959 ext. 7.



Ira's Tree of Knowledge is a permanent display at the Pennsauken Free Public Library that not only honors longtime patron Ira Fine, but also helps raise funds for the Library.

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Orlando M. Rivera, J.D., principal at ASPIRA Business Brokers and Advisors, will be the guest speaker at the networking luncheon of the Pennsauken-Merchantville

Area Chamber of Commerce, held on Wednesday, March 8 at the Pennsauken Country Club, 3800 Haddonfield Rd.

ASPIRA is a business brokerage firm that helps entrepreneurs with selling and

buying profitable small to mid-sized businesses. Their advisory side includes business valuation, consulting services, and exit/continuity planning.

Mr. Rivera will speak about what in-

dividuals need to know before selling or buying a business, how much a business is worth, the best time to sell or buy a business, and what needs to be done to complete the transaction.

Sign-in begins at 11:30 a.m. on March 8, with the meeting starting at 12 noon. Admission is \$20 per person. Attendees are asked to R.S.V.P. to Nancy Ellis at (856) 438-0833 or pmac1team@gmail.com by Monday, March 6.

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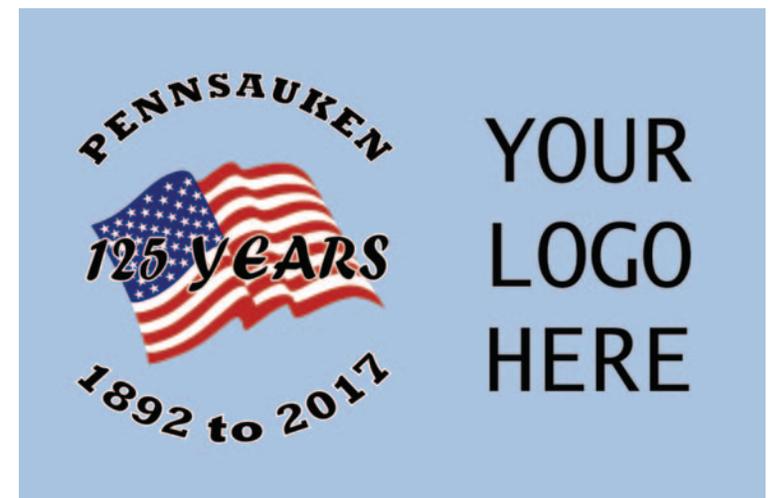
Paying for college is a major concern for families. According to data from U.S. News and World Report, the average tuition and fees of attending a private college in for the 2016-2017 school year is \$33,635, a more than three percent increase from last year. While significantly less, even attending a public, in-state school is pricey, with an average cost of \$9,130 this year. And the average total debt of 2015 graduates who took out loans was \$29,411. It's getting harder and harder to save for college; and many

families don't know where to begin.

A special seminar, "How to Pay for College," hopes to change that. Held on Thursday, March 16, 7:00 p.m. at the Pennsauken Country Club, 3800 Haddonfield Rd., this free event covers the fundamentals of funding college, distilling the complicated world of scholarships, grants, work-study, and student loans into the basics that every family needs to know.

For more information, e-mail sjedu101@gmail.com or call (856) 438-0102.

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Life And Events From 1892 In Pennsauken

By Robert Fisher-Hughes,
AAP Columnist and Amateur Historian

The world in 1892 was different, but people were much the same. Things new then are old now, but they persist in our lives. It was the year the Nutcracker ballet debuted in Tsarist Russia; the rules of the new game of basketball were published; and the character of Sherlock Holmes first appeared as a collection of stories in book form.

In 1892, the larger township of Stockton, in existence for one-third of a century, gave way to the large, rural township of Pennsauken and the tiny, urbanized township of Stockton. Pennsauken was predominantly an agricultural community with a scattering of farmhouses, barns, fields and orchards. There were a few, growing settlements of homes and churches, community halls and schools, corner stores and post offices. Prominently, these communities included Pennsauken village, nearby Jordantown, Delair, Homesteadville, Pennville, Fish House, and Bethel.

The recent development of Delair was considered fashionable and sociable. In 1892, a sign of its rising prestige came when the Pennsylvania Railroad decided to open a new Delair station for its trains passing through the town. Street improvements and lighting were matters of much discussion in the community; there was even talk of a petition to form an independent borough like Merchantville had done twenty years earlier, to insure local priorities through self-

LOOKING BACK IN HISTORY

government. Perhaps this movement for autonomy was drained of some impetus when the first mayor or chairman of the Pennsauken Township Committee, elected that year, was Delair resident Samuel Moseley.

Henry L. Bonsall was a most prominent citizen, as a newspaper publisher deeply involved in public affairs of the City of Camden and South Jersey. Bonsall Hall, a community resource, served as a site of meetings and frequent social events. Political parties and clubs rented rooms for their headquarters and meeting places at the hall. Mr. Bonsall was highly committed to public improvements and social reforms, as shown by his role in the Brotherhood of the Union, a fraternal organization which aimed to cure social ills by removing their underlying causes through benevolent and charitable work. In 1892, Mr. Bonsall was honored with a dinner and a presentation as a "Past Supreme Washington" of the order, and the new local chapter was named in his honor.

Not far from Delair in 1892, Dr. J. D. Hylton reigned benevolently over his romantic realm on the Pennsauken Creek, Mt. Pleasant. Here, the self-styled "poet of Pennsauken," arranged for a tribute of flowers for a poet of somewhat loftier memory when Walt Whitman passed

away at his home in Camden in March.

It was reported that Dr. Hylton was involved in extensive improvements to his "baronial mansion on the bluff overlooking the Pennsauken" in 1892. During this year, the already extensive Hylton orchards were being expanded with thousands of Kieffer pear trees on land newly purchased from neighboring farms. In the autumn, thousands of baskets of the pears were among other Hylton produce shipping to Philadelphia and other local markets.

The clay pits and quarrying on parts of the Hylton farm are thought by some to have inspired others to capitalize on the rich minerals of the area, including the local Hatch family of both farmers and brick manufacturers using local clays.

The Hatches were among the first significant local employers in manufacturing, at their Fairview Brick Works, located just north of Fish House Cove.

The Brick Works, with its extensive kilns and drying sheds, was a very successful enterprise that supplied bricks for houses and buildings and sidewalks in Camden and throughout the area.

The combination of prosperous farms and successful business propelled the Hatch family to local prominence in public affairs as well. In 1892, Hugh Hatch, patriarch of the family, took his wife on a tour of Europe. Of the doings on the Hatch farms during the year, it was reported that a thief was caught in a Hatch barn, stealing a harness. Zadio, the Hatch boy who cornered the thief, is reported to have dispensed justice directly by giving the thief a good beating. Other reports tell of the fine horses being raised on the Hatch farm and of the successful late fall hog slaughter by farmer Hatch.

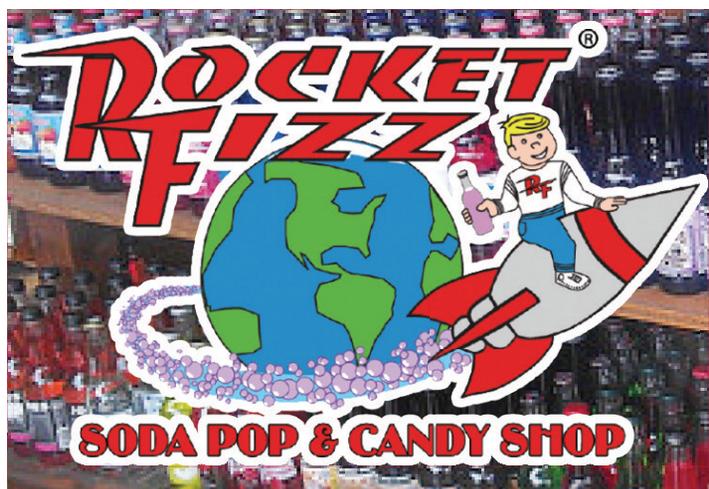
Another enterprise taking advantage of the local clays was the Terra Cotta manufactory of Augustus Reeve, located

on Pea Shore nearer to Camden. There, a tragedy struck in August when John Ross, a resident of Homesteadville working at the plant, was trapped in the clay pit and perished before he could be rescued. Few occupational safety regulations applied in 1892.

The year 1892 was noted as a bountiful harvest of local crops. Dr. Hylton and J. Collins both shipped large and plentiful harvests of pears. Captain Charles Shayne near Merchantville was said to be shipping hundreds of baskets of cantaloupes as far as Pittsburgh during the season.

Other well-known farmers of Delair in 1892 were the Evauls, headed by 70-year-old patriarch Joseph. The Evauls lived in an old stone farmhouse originally built by a family named Evans in the late 1700s near Puchack Creek. It had been sold to them by the Browning family in 1815.

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By Sonny DiSabato,
Senior Citizen Coordinator

Hello fellow seniors.

Sponsored by the Pennsauken Education Association, the Senior Citizen Prom will be on Sunday, April 2 from 12:00 to

2:00 p.m. at the Pennsauken High School Cafeteria. This great annual event features lunch; great music to dance to, courtesy of High Noone Express; and the Optical Academy will also be on hand from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. to provide eye exams. Immediately after the prom, sen-

iors will be escorted to the auditorium to watch Pennsauken High School's performance of "The Wedding Singer." And it's all FREE to Pennsauken seniors!

Seniors can RSVP for the event by calling the Senior Citizen Coordinator's office at (856) 665-1000 x125. Please provide your full name, phone number, and number of people in your party.

AARP Tax Help Runs Through April 13

The Pennsauken Free Public Library is once again hosting AARP Tax Help sessions. This free service will be avail-

able in the Library's Community Room, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Tax help will end on April 13. This is first come, first served and priority is given to seniors.

There are some important changes to this year's process that residents need to be made aware of. New computer software does not allow tax preparers to pull up past returns. Residents taking advantage of this service need to bring last year's completed return with them. In addition, residents will need to bring a photo ID, their social security card, and the social security information of any de-

pendents.

As this is a different process this year with new software, some issues could occur during tax preparation. Folks should expect some delays as tax preparers and residents get used to the new system. With a little bit of patience and understanding, things should work out just fine.

Wishing you good health and happiness. Please say special prayers for Fr. Robert Sinatra, the brother of All Around Pennsauken's editor, who is recuperating from heart surgery; and for our men and women in the Armed Forces.

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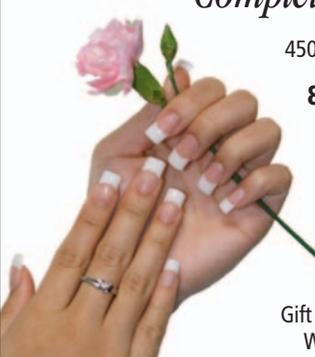
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This year's shredding event will be held on Saturday, April 22 from 9:00 a.m.

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Attendees to the shredding event are asked to keep the following in mind:

- This paper-only shredding event is for individuals, not businesses
- Items that can be shredded include anything that has your signature, account number, social security number, etc., as well as any type of medical or legal information; docu-

ments can range from bank statements and credit card offers to tax forms and utility bills

- This is not a recycling event; also, items such as hard cover books, magazines, etc. will not be accepted
 - Last year's event was extremely well attended; residents are encouraged not to wait until the last minute to attend
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DEATH NOTICES Joseph Crowthers, Former Police Officer

Joseph R. Crowthers, age 63 years of Pennsauken, passed away suddenly on February 13, 2017.

Crowthers was the beloved husband of Tracey Ann (nee Hartner); devoted father of Joseph, Eric and TJ Crowthers; and dear son-in-law of Jim and Christine Rivel.

Prior to retirement, Joe was a Pennsauken police officer for 18 years. He worked on the ice at the Spectrum with the Philadelphia Flyers and most recently was the General Manager at the University of Pennsylvania Class of 1923 Arena. Joe was a lifetime member of the Highland Fire Company of the Pennsauken Fire Department. He loved to play ice hockey, enjoyed music, and was always available to help those in need. Joe built his home, countless pieces of furniture, go carts and many other things.

Visitation and funeral was held at the Falco, Caruso & Leonard Pennsauken Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be made in his name to www.gofundme.com/fop-lodge-donation.

“Corky” Irwin, Longtime Resident
Charles B. “Corky” Irwin, age 76 of

Pennsauken, slipped away peacefully six days after he buried the love of his life, Helen (nee Pazuk) Irwin.

Charles was in the U.S. Navy and was stationed at Barbers Point in Hawaii. He also worked for the Budd Company at the Hunting Park site for more than 30 years.

He leaves behind his children, Beth (Dennis), Charles (Lisa) and Michael (Megan), six grandchildren and three great grandchildren; his brother-in-law Stephen (Beverly), nieces, Cynthia (Clemente) and Kimberly (Michael), nephews, Sam (Kathryn) and Calvin (Stacey), one great niece and one great nephew. Charles is predeceased by his wife, Helen, parents, Calvin and Kathleen Irwin, brother Calvin Irwin, sister-in-law Rita Irwin, and niece, Kathryn Pazuk Naficy.

Irwin’s visitation was held at Inglesby and Sons Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial was at Mary, Queen of All Saints Parish, Church of St. Cecilia. Interment followed at Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Springfield, Pa. Memorial donations may be made to the Kathryn Naficy Pancreatic Research Foundation at www.Naficymemorial.com.

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Irish For A Day, Magical Memories That Last A Lifetime

By Judith Kristen, AAP Columnist

I guess it's because I was raised around so many Irish Catholic families that yours truly tips her Viking helmet happily, every year, in celebration and honor of St. Patrick's Day.

You know there's a quote I love that goes something like this: "You may not always remember what people said to you, but you will always remember how they made you feel."

And that's my forever connection to St. Paddy's Day – cozy feelings and happy memories.

As a kid, I was taken to joy-filled St. Patrick's Day parades; I walked down to Ostroff's Candy Store in Philly for Irish potatoes; I was invited to the happy Carroll household for Traditional Irish Stew; over to the delightfully cheerful Malloy home for some Irish soda bread; and then up to visit the laughter-filled Mehafey family, with their ten children, for some corned beef and cabbage and lots of potatoes.

Also as a kid, every March, my friends and I sang around the piano at dancing school to: "Danny Boy," "When Irish Eyes are Smiling," and "I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen." I even learned how to dance the Irish jig!

But my favorite memory of all was a tune my fifth grade teacher, Mary Elizabeth Divine, sang and then taught to our class: "Too-Ra-Loo-Ra-Loo-Ral (That's an Irish Lullaby)." We learned to sing and play it on our autoharps for a St. Paddy's Day assembly way back in 1958.

After that assembly, every now and then in class when we were reading or working silently, I sat close enough to Mrs. Divine's desk and I could hear her hum that lovely tune quite often.

One day, I mentioned that I could

hear her humming it, and that I thought it was so pretty. And, then I asked, was that her favorite song?

And, yes, indeed it was. Her mother was originally from Ireland and she sang Mrs. Divine to sleep with that song every night of her childhood.

"There's magic in it." She smiled at me.

Many years later, as my infant son Jon fussed going to sleep one night, I recalled her words, and the tune that went along with it.

I snuggled Jonny in my arms and sang that very song to him – hoping for the magic of a goodnight's sleep for both of us.

"Over in Killarney, many years ago, me mother sang a song to me, in tones so sweet and low. Just a simple little ditty, in her good ould Irish way, and I'd give the world if she could sing that song to me this day.

"Too-ra-loo-ra-loo-ral, Too-ra-loo-ra-li, Too-ra-loo-ra-loo-ral, hush now, don't you cry! Too-ra-loo-ra-loo-ral, Too-ra-loo-ra-li, Too-ra-loo-ra-loo-ral, that's an Irish lullaby."

Jon responded beautifully to it and drifted off to sleep peacefully. And with a wee bit of Irish magic, gratefully, so did I.

I want to dearly thank Mrs. Divine and all of my old Irish friends from yesteryear, and all of my new Irish friends, and the ones I have yet to meet. You're a good-hearted bunch!

And even if you happen to be an "adopted" Irish person like I am, take the time to wear your green proudly on St. Patrick's Day... and every day throughout the year.

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Judy McKristen.

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Taste Of Pennsauken Returns April 24

The Woman's Club of Merchantville Evening Membership Department will once again be sponsoring their "Taste of Pennsauken" event on Monday, April 24, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Pennsauken Country Club, 3800 Haddonfield Rd. The cost per person is \$20; attendees will be able to taste dishes from a variety of restaurants in Pennsauken and the surrounding area. Money raised from the event will go to support the nonprofit Prevent Child Abuse New Jersey; pro-

vide scholarships for local students; and assist several local charities. For tickets, or to participate as a table sponsor or restaurant, contact Jan at (609) 410-4650 or e-mail janwh@aol.com.

Woman's Club March Meetings

The Evening Membership Division of the Woman's Club of Merchantville will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 14 at the Merchantville Community Center at 7:00 p.m. The speaker will

be Pennsauken Mayor, Betsy McBride. Guests are welcome to attend.

The Woman's Club of Merchantville will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 15 at the Merchantville Community Center, 212 Somerset Ave., at noon. There will be a tea luncheon, followed by a meeting and program on Woman's History Month.

To attend a meeting, or for more information, contact Jan at (609) 410-4650 or janwh@aol.com.

Talented Students Compete In Woman's Club Spelling Bee

The Woman's Club of Merchantville recently sponsored the 28th annual Spelling Bee for fourth and fifth graders from the Merchantville, Maple Shade, and Pennsauken schools. Thirty-nine contestants, who were all selected by their schools, competed at Howard M. Phifer Middle School in Pennsauken.

Since 1989, local clubs in the New Jer-

sey State Federation of Women's Clubs have sponsored spelling bees. Clubs either hold a spelling bee of their own or ask schools to hold spelling bees, after which the club sponsors the three winners in the District Spelling Bee. Winners from the District Spelling Bee compete in the State Spelling Bee, held at NJSFWC Headquarters in New Brunswick, NJ.

After many rounds and spelling words like usual and abhor, the winners were: in first place, Amina Dyer, Carson School; second place, Lillian Braciszewski, Our Lady of Perpetual Help; and third place, Laila Worley, Carson School.

Other top spellers were Kayla Fillman, Benjamin Franklin School; Mica Nesmith, Jaylin Hill, and Yariana Gonzalez, Burling School; Christine Nguyen, Jada Pichardo, Andy Duong, Kayley Phan, Nevan Bennett, and Noel DeJesus, Carson School; Lakena Son, Jason Hebert, Couture Knight, Cayla Gordon, and Aniyah Salvaggio, Delair School; Devin Spencer, George

B. Fine School; Jane Hoang, Jaden Colon, and Cortez Beckford, Longfellow School; Matthew Brown, Jason White, Zoe Jackson, Shane Wood-Embrey, Charles Dinh-Gonzalez, Clelia Novak, Quinn Thomas, and Eva Kelly, Merchantville School; Akash Malleeswaran, Joshua Williams, and Samantha Kuchera, Our Lady of Perpetual Help; Imani Vega, Benjamin Williams, Osinachi Okpara, and David Nguyen, St. Cecilia School; and Briana Deiwert, and Bella Francesconi, St. Peter School. All of 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 the students on. Another big thank you goes to the Pennsauken School Board and the District's staff members who helped that day.

Pennsauken Lions Hold Pancake Breakfast, Membership Open House

A springtime tradition sponsored annually by the Pennsauken Lions Club, the Ned Davis Memorial Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, April 9, at Macaro's Deli and Catering, located at 6225 Westfield Ave. in Pennsauken. The all-you-can-eat pancake and sausage breakfast will now include made-to-order omelets and will be served from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Tickets are just \$10 per person and are on sale now from any Lions Club member or at Macaro's Deli and Catering.

The money raised from this event benefits the Pennsauken community in a variety of ways. Funds help provide scholarships to multiple eighth grade graduates and two graduates from Pennsauken High School. It assists residents that need eyeglasses or corrective surgery that might not otherwise be able to afford it; and helps sponsor annual eye screenings for Pennsauken pre-schoolers and kindergarteners to determine eye issues before they become a real problem.

During the holidays, the Lions help children with vision issues do shopping for their families; and in the summer, they help for local boy scouts go to camp.

Lions Hold Special Meeting On March 20

The District Governor for Lions District 16-L will be visiting the Club on Monday, March 20. This special event begins at 6:00 p.m. and will be held at the home of Lion Sharon Rush, 1 Frost Rd., Cinnaminson NJ. The meeting also serves as a membership open house. If you have interest in becoming a Lion, you are invited to attend the dinner and learn more about upcoming events. Attendees asked to R.S.V.P. to Sharon at (856) 665-5286 by March 13.

The Lions Club is open to anyone 18 years of age or older who would like to be of service to the Pennsauken Community. Anyone interested should contact Pennsaukenlionsclub@gmail.com.



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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

By Dr. Ronnie Tarchichi, MEd2., M.S., M.B.S.,
Superintendent, Pennsauken Public Schools

February is behind us and we are embracing the month of March. As always, I would like to thank the administrators, teachers, parents, and students for their hard work this school year. Standardized testing is growing closer as we embrace the PARCC season. Let's encourage our students to do their best and take this test head on, along with the NJ ASK, NJBCT, and SAT. Our students all need

to know that if they truly apply themselves, there is no task they cannot accomplish. A PARCC letter is going out to our families shortly and will be placed on our website. Again, I am very proud of our students, parents, and educators who work hard for the success of Pennsauken students. Please remember that for the success of our school district and township, it is necessary to work together in a positive and productive fashion. I am very proud to be superintendent of a district like Pennsauken with great students, great parents, and great educators.

High School

Our high school has been running very efficiently since the beginning of the school year. Academically, our students have grown in their new schedules, and have performed excellently amongst their peers. To showcase the intellect of our students and the hard work of our teachers and coaches, multiple students have attained academic scholarships, along with athletic scholarships, to colleges and universities. Special congratulations to Coach Tabb and the winter track team on adding even more titles in their state championship. Congratulations also go to Martin T. Booker, who has 10 state titles under his belt as a senior in Pennsauken High School. You are making us all Pennsauken Proud. The Pennsauken basketball team put on a great show against the New Jersey State Police; it was an amazing game, followed by a free throw contest, three-point contest, and games of knockout. Special thanks to our wrestling coaches this year, who took our young wrestlers to the playoffs; they had a tremendous season. Academically, our transition to a high school with multiple academies and career and technical education programs continues to progress at a very proficient rate

through multiple partnerships with colleges and universities.

Middle And Intermediate Schools

The staff at the Intermediate School and Middle School continue to offer our students a smooth transition from primary to secondary education. The Middle School science fair was tremendous success. First place winner Andrew Nguyen's project explored how age affects short term memory. Great Job Andrew! The American Legion Poster contest was another tremendous success in the Intermediate School, with our first place winner Fatema Hussain's depiction of the Washington Monument, which will now be entered in the Camden County contest. Great job Fatema! The teachers and administration have worked very hard to ensure significant growth in their young scholars at the Park Avenue Campus.

Elementary Schools

Our elementary schools have run very professionally since the beginning of the year and continue their smooth operation. Students have grown both academically and emotionally this year, preparing them for the Intermediate

School. Some of the great things happening at our elementary schools are:

- Franklin students experienced how skateboarding and science can be partners in crime
- Carson students learned a great deal about financial literacy from Temple University MBA graduate students
- Our students at Baldwin saw how clothing and career aspirations go hand in hand
- The 100 day projects at Fine and Roosevelt Schools were paraded around campus by our students and teachers
- Longfellow students have enjoyed Friday fun with central administration; and thanks to their diligent and caring PTA, student success has increased along with parental involvement

Spend Time With The Super

Please join me weekly for "Coffee and Questions with the Superintendent," taking place this month on Thursday, March 30 before the Board Meetings from 5:00 to 6:55 p.m. Parents are encouraged to come to the central administration office, 1695 Hylton Rd., and ask questions regarding any topic within the school district.

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Celebrating Students Of The Month At Fine



These wonderful students at Fine Elementary were nominated by their teachers to be recognized as students of the month for January. Congratulations!

Roosevelt's Students Of The Month



Congratulations to these Roosevelt Elementary students, seen here with Principal Tanya Harmon, for being honored as students of the month for January. January's theme was "Hard Work, Trying To Improve."

High School Scholars Help ELL Students Learn



Pennsauken High School Achievement Committee (PAC) Scholars assist English Language Learners (ELL) at Fine Elementary. Throughout the school year, PAC Scholars interact with ELL students, reading, speaking, and conducting activities with these eager learners to help them boost their English conversation skills.

Pennsauken Board Of Education Recognizes High School Students

The Pennsauken Board of Education recently recognized seniors Hannah Pietzsch and Johnny Almonte from Pennsauken High School as students of the month.

Hannah has a 4.175 GPA. She is a member of the National Honor Society, French National Honor Society, French Club, and has had lead roles in Pennsauken High School musicals in both her junior and senior years. Hannah will be attending Lebanon Valley College in the fall and plans to major in Speech Language Pathology.



Pietzsch

Johnny is an honor roll student and has a 3.38 GPA. He is a member of Pennsauken High School baseball team and was recognized with the most improved award. Almonte has committed to Chestnut Hill College to study accounting and business, while also taking the field for the Griffins.



Almonte

Congratulations to these great students!

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Longfellow Students Win At Learning Through Game Show Assembly

Longfellow Elementary students were recently treated to a fun and exciting way to review the curriculum they have been studying in class. All 200 plus students were able to participate in a game show-style assembly, presented by Unique Entertainment.

Teachers provided the host with questions related to topics currently being covered in their classrooms. There were also physical challenges, and bonus trivia questions related to popular music and movies.

"It was very cool to have a game show at our school," said second grader Chloe Burgos. "I loved getting to answer questions with the buzzer!"

The Longfellow PTA works hard to raise funds for these awesome assembly experiences, which are researched and booked by assembly coordinator/second grade teacher Melissa Shaner.



Students at Longfellow Elementary enjoyed a fun and education game show-style assembly.

Baldwin Students Enjoy Career Day



Students at Baldwin Elementary recently learned about different careers. As part of the unit of study, the children were invited to wear clothing that would show what they wanted to be when they grow up. There was a range of career aspirations, including firefighters, doctors, musicians, and even superheroes!

Learning Financial Literacy At Carson School

A group of graduate students from the Global MBA Program, Fox School of Business at Temple University recently visited fourth graders at Carson School. The Temple graduate students taught a lesson on earning money, budgeting and personal finance. The MBA students provided the fourth graders with a PowerPoint presentation and ran a small group activity that challenged them to think about the importance of budgeting money and daily, weekly and monthly expenses. The Temple University students were impressed with our students' responses, questions and their engagement!



Graduate students from the Fox School of Business at Temple University taught Carson fourth graders a lesson on earning money, budgeting, and personal finance.



By the Pennsauken Board of Education: Nick Perry, President; Allyson Meloni-Scavuzzo, Vice President; Cheryl Duffy; Michael Hurley; Diane Johnson; Leona Moss; Jennifer Slattery; Orlando Viera; and JoAnn Young

As social media takes on a more prominent role in our society, the Pennsauken School District has looked into increasing its social media presence over the last few years. While there is currently no district-wide social media

Pennsauken School District To Launch Facebook Page

page, several departments have used social media to highlight Pennsauken students and their accomplishments. A perfect example is our high school's athletic department, headed by Eric Mossop. You can find Pennsauken Athletics on both Facebook and Twitter.

Social media outlets, such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, provide opportunities for school districts to share a variety of information. For the most part, this form of communication is well received. However, social media threads can devolve from helpful to uncivil very quickly.

Over the last several years, there have been a variety of articles discussing the pros and cons of school districts utilizing

social media. The major strength of social media is that it allows us to be better connected to the community and increases opportunities for transparency. It also establishes a platform to highlight school initiatives and acknowledge the accomplishments of outstanding students. Of course, there are numerous challenges as well. In the last several months, for example, threats posted to school district pages in Penns Grove and Gloucester Township have caused certain schools to be put on lockdown. Though lockdown procedures are a necessary part of security, they do cause disruptions in the educational environment and can increase anxiety for students and staff. Additionally, some districts have reported issues with individuals posting inappropriate material, such as false claims about staff and students, or negative comments that could potentially be harmful to the district and the surrounding community.

The Pennsauken Board of Education, in conjunction with Superintendent Tarchichi and other members of our administration and staff, have monitored

the challenges and strengths that social media has offered in other districts. We already have in place policies that address appropriate use of social media between our staff and students and use of social networking sites. After a great deal of research, the Pennsauken School District has decided to embark on creating a Facebook page. In order to dedicate the appropriate time and resources to managing this page and ensuring that it follows our policies, the Pennsauken Board of Education has hired Frank Sinatra as our part-time District Communications Liaison. Mr. Sinatra will not only maintain content on our Facebook page, but also Pennsauken.net, the District's web site, which was re-launched last year. A 40-plus year resident of Pennsauken, he serves as the public relations consultant for Pennsauken; maintains the Township's web site; and is editor of All Around Pennsauken. He has almost 20 years of experience in advertising, marketing, public relations, journalism, and technology. The Board believes his experience makes him uniquely qualified to do this job. As one

of Mr. Sinatra's first tasks, he will be establishing the Pennsauken School District Facebook page, which will officially be launched later this month.

The Pennsauken Board of Education is hopeful that we can utilize social media to highlight our extraordinary district. While the District faces a wide variety of challenges, there are many positive things happening in our schools. We believe that we can use our Facebook page to increase awareness of all of the wonderful accomplishments of our students and staff, which will hopefully help to create a more balanced and accurate depiction of the amazing community in which we live.

Board Bit Of The Month

Seventy-one percent of American teens and 79 percent of American adults use Facebook. With such high usage of this social networking site, the Board of Education believes it can facilitate communication within the Pennsauken School District and the Pennsauken community.



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Roosevelt Celebrates The Year Of The Rooster

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Roosevelt parent Mrs. Nguyen shared the story of Chinese New Year with the classes of Mrs. Upshaw, Ms. Vesper, Mrs. Acraini, and Mrs. Harris. Mrs. Nguyen discussed how Chinese New Year is the most important holiday in the Chinese culture and shared how they prepare for the New Year. Some children who celebrate Chinese New Year came to school dressed in their special clothes to share in the fun! This was a great, cultural learning experience for all.



Mrs. Nguyen shared the story of the Chinese New Year with kindergarten and first grade classes at Roosevelt Elementary.

Phifer Students Destined For Greatness

Phifer Middle School recognized students "Destined for Greatness" for the month of January. Congratulations to Michelle Hoang, Carlo Angione, Hannah Dahl, Edden Abanyie, Moncerrath Popoca, Ashely Rodriguez, Peniel Bartels, Jessica Luu, Carlos Vega, Ryliee Rivera, Brian Ramirez Alonso, Duy Nguyen, and Mulunesh Kramer.



Franklin Celebrates 100th Day Of School



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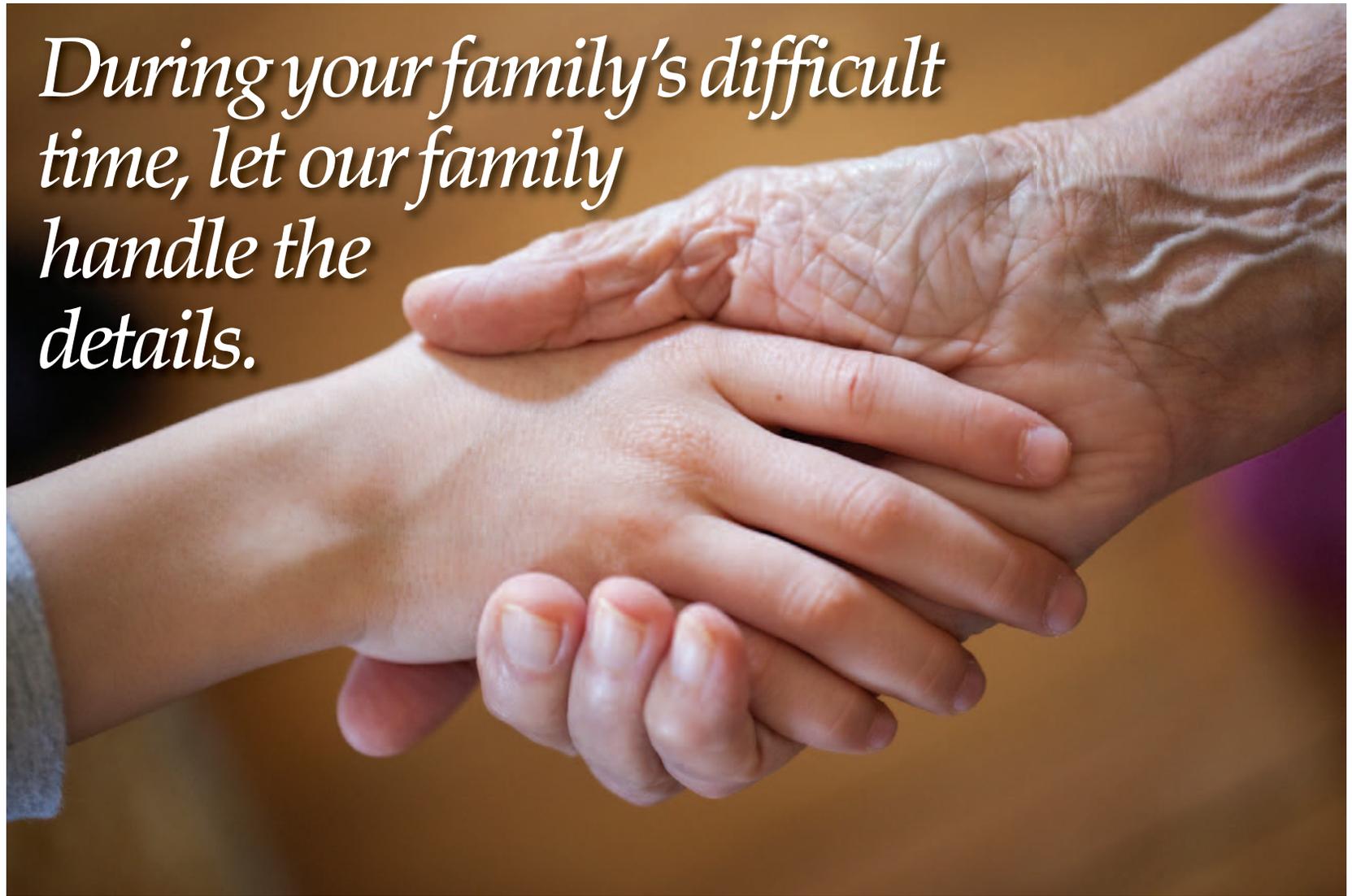


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Pack 116 Holds Annual Pinewood Derby

By Mary Anne McFarland

Pennsauken's Cub Scout Pack 116 recently participated in the annual Pinewood Derby, one of the most anticipated activities of the year.

In December, the boys are given their pinewood derby kit: a block of wood 5" long by 2" wide; four plastic wheels; and four nails for axles. The block of wood is cut by an adult leader into the shape of the boys' choosing. Then the boys sand and decorate their car and weight the car to the coveted five ounces, which enables them to become a member of the "5000 Club," a long standing tradition of Pack 116. The boys are given awards for being in the 5000 Club; and every year they achieve that goal, the award gets bigger, starting from a patch to a pin to a medal to a trophy. The Pack has boys who have been in the 5000 Club consistently for five and six years!

In preparation for the race, Cub Scouts bring their cars for the official weigh in and once turned in are impounded until the race. The cars race down a 45-foot, computerized track. Each race takes less than five seconds. The computer times the cars to ten-thousandths of a second. After all the cars have raced, it calculates fastest to slowest, and sets up the next heat. The difference

between first and last place can be only a second or two, sometimes even less.

This year's top finishers were Bonaventure McWilliams, seventh place; Joshua Williams, sixth place; Isaiah Johnson, fifth place; JT Miller, fourth place; Breanden Blessinger, third place; DiAngelo Vasquez, second place; and Ignatius McWilliams, first place. The top six finishers will represent the Pack at the District Pinewood Derby this month. At that derby, the top six finishers from all the different Cub Scout Packs from within Camden County will race at the Voorhees Town Center.

The boys also vote on the cars for design and paint job. This year's winners were: Joshua Delgado, most creative; Jayden Hopson, best paint job; and Isaiah Doughty, best overall car.

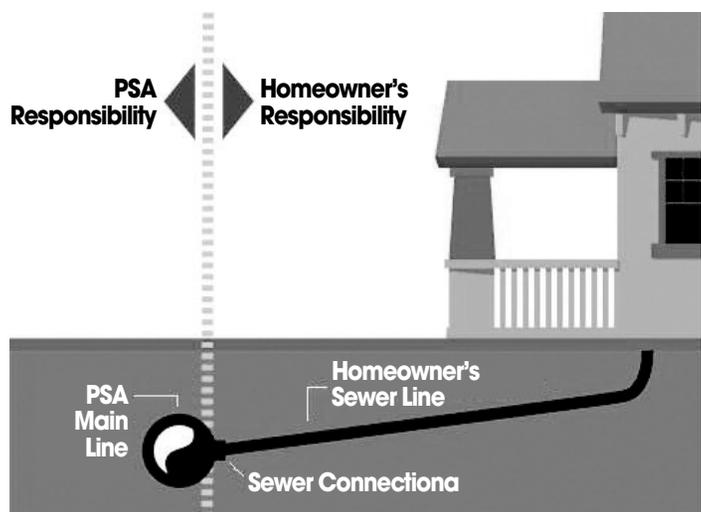
It's not too late for boys age 5 to 11 to join the fun of Cub Scouting. The Pack meets the first and third Fridays of the month at the Martin Luther School on Terrace Ave. and Rt. 130 at 7:00 p.m. Upcoming events include a sleep over at the Martin Luther School; a Cub Fishing Derby in April; and the Family Cub-O-Ree camping trip in May. For more information, call (856) 313-7751 or e-mail cspack3116@gmail.com.



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A Look Back: Pennsauken Fire Department Celebrates 100 Years Of Service

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor and Judith Kristen, AAP Columnist

As part of Pennsauken's 125th anniversary, All Around Pennsauken is taking a look back by republishing articles that showcase the Township's rich history. This article previously ran in the June 2013 edition.

In 1913, 52 dedicated residents of East Pennsauken banded together to help serve and protect their community from the threat of fire. One hundred years later, their foresight and vision continues to take shape, inspiring men and women to rush from their homes, speed towards burning buildings and car accidents, and fight back the flames.

From Humble Beginnings

Getting the East Pennsauken Volunteer Fire Association, No. 1 off the ground wasn't easy. Funds were difficult to come by. Purchasing a second hand motorized fire engine in 1916 left the group with just \$7.11 in their treasury. Members mortgaged their own homes and pulled from their savings. Ham dinners and raffled off chickens, a significant fundraiser back in the early 1900's, did much to get this worthwhile endeavor off the ground.

Fast forward to 1926, this small group of residents barely scrapping two coins together grew into seven fire stations placed throughout Pennsauken. Neighborhoods such as North Merchantville, Bloomfield Park, Delaware Gardens, Delair Park, Bridgeview, and Highland were protected by Pennsauken firefighters.

Today, Pennsauken's Fire Department protects the town round-the-clock with both full-time firefighters and dedicated volunteers.

A Family Tradition

A man who was encouraged by his neighbors to join his local fire company in the 1950's is now oftentimes the patriarch of a long line of firefighters, with a third or fourth-generation family member currently serving in the department. Fathers, sons and daughters; brothers and sisters; cousins and best friends; these family connections continue to make up the largest part of the Pennsauken Fire Department's membership base.

Traditions developed by the bonds of firefighting extend far beyond the firehouse. Lifelong friendships are formed during their many years of service, with members of the firefighting "family" taking part in the special moments of their lives, including weddings, births, and baptisms. They are also there for each other during the tough times, particularly as it

pertains to the job. In its 100-year history, three Pennsauken firefighters have paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to the town: Edward Pomroy, Franklin Dennis, and Herman Blank; their brothers and sisters-in-arms remember their passing and honor their memory to this day.

Reflections From Firefighters

As part of the 100th anniversary celebration, which culminated with a special ceremony on June 1, 2013 at Fire Station 1, the Pennsauken Fire Department assembled firefighters past and present together for a series of special photos. Former members traveled across the country to come back and be a part of this special 100-year memento.

During the photo sessions, several members of the Pennsauken firefighting family shared their thoughts with All Around Pennsauken's Judith Kristen. Here are her observations from the event:

Jack Weiss is a dapper, beautifully-spoken man who looks like a well-maintained 65 year old; not the 85 years he actually is. Starting out as a firefighter during World War II at the tender age of 16, he has put in all of his heart and soul into a way of life he has dearly loved for the last 69 years.

Jack comes from a long line of firemen and a family who always believed in giving back and serving the community in any way they could. His advice to those in their youth without direction or

a clue as to what to do with their lives? "Learn that life is bigger than just yourself. Think of others, give back, serve your community. It's the only real way to live life to the fullest."

Gerald Manley is a happy 30 year old who has dedicated his life and followed his dream to become a proud member of Station 1. Gerald's voice echoed the sentiments of many of the firemen I spoke to, "Life is much, much more than all about you. Give back to your community, do well in school, live an inspired life."

Cassie Anderson is 11 years old and obviously not a firefighter, but her dad, Jim, was. Now retired, Jim Anderson still lives an exemplary life and his daughter is very, very proud of her father.

"Dad has helped me in so many ways. He taught me things even without telling them to me directly. I learned from watching him, and I understand the importance of being a good friend, how much it means to be kind and thoughtful to others. Giving back and helping other people is what life is all about and it brings out the best in who you are too."

Cassie is certainly on the right track, thanks to Jim. And whether she becomes a firefighter herself, she has learned tremendously valuable lessons from her dad.

Mike O'Brien has spent the last 20 years as a fireman. You can find him on Merchantville Ave. at Station 2. I asked

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What You Need To Know About Hydrant Flushing

With the first of our biannual hydrant flushing coming up this April (Sunday through Thursday nights between the hours of 7:00 and 11:00 p.m., beginning April 2 and continuing through April 13), the MPWC wanted to take the time to address some of the questions that seem to pop up each year regarding the program.

Why are you flushing hydrants?

Flushing fire hydrants serves three primary functions:

Any accumulated mineral formations are scoured off of the lining of the water mains.

Water that may have been sitting in dead end areas is removed.

Hydrants can be inspected and repaired so they are operating at 100 percent when fire departments need them.

Does the fire department know you are using their hydrants?

While fire departments, public works, and sewer authorities use the fire hydrants for various needs, all of the hydrants are in fact, owned by and maintained exclusively by the MPWC.

Why do you flush the hydrants at night?

While the MPWC strives to impact as few of our neighbors and customers as possible, we are also sensitive to the rules and laws that regulate businesses and schools. The MPWC also continues its regularly scheduled work throughout the week. This includes the treatment of water, reading water meters, replacing and/or servicing of water meters, and making repairs to hydrants, service lines, and water mains.

How do you decide where and where to flush?

The MPWC is fortunate to have our treatment stations located in such a fashion that it essentially divides the service area into two "zones." From there, the flushing teams use a directional flushing approach, beginning at each station and working out towards the ends of the distribution system.

How will I know when my street will be flushed?

We share our flushing schedule on our Facebook page, as well as on our website, www.mpwc.com. We post each night's flushing schedule by noon each day. The full two-week schedule is not posted in its entirety ahead of time because it can be affected by a number of issues, including weather events, main breaks, or fires. When the proposed

schedule is interrupted for any reason, it is reworked before posting so that we can provide the most accurate information each night.

During the two-week flushing program, do I have to do anything differently?

If certain steps are followed, there should be no impact to your water quality and appliances:

Keep an eye on Facebook or our website, if accessible, to see if we're in your area; and please check each day in case a schedule was revised, as described above.

Try not to run your water between the flushing times of 7:00 and 11:00 p.m.

After 11:00 p.m., or when you wake in the morning, run your cold water ONLY from a source that does not have an aerator or screen to avoid clogging. Running your hot water can result in minerals being drawn into your water heater. The best places to run your cold water tend to be outside hose spigots or the cold water tap in your tub. Run until the water is clear.

If you notice discolored water on your hot water side, you may need to drain your water heater until clear.

If you notice a decrease in pressure from a sink or shower, you

may need to remove and clean any mineral build up from your aerator.

If you notice a decrease in pressure or discoloration in your washing machine, you may need to remove the water feed line and clean out the aerator in the back of your washing machine.

(Disclaimer: if you are not familiar or comfortable with performing regular maintenance to your appliances, please consult a professional plumber)

Am I being charged for the water being flushed from the hydrant?

No, the only water that MPWC customers are charged for is the water that passes through their water meter.

Isn't flushing a waste of water?

When it comes to ensuring the best quality of water available flushing is not viewed as a "waste." The MPWC tries to run the hydrant only as long as is required to make sure that the water main is flushed clean. A typical hydrant will only need to be run 15 to 20 minutes. In fact, the MPWC follows the flushing guidelines that are recommended by the American Water Works Association and followed by countless water utilities across the



country to maintain top water quality for our customers.

While we realize that not every single question and concern might have been addressed, we hope that this information will help ease some minds and broaden some understanding. If there are still any lingering questions, please feel free to reach out to use at (856) 663-0043. We are staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year to assist and answer our neighbors and customers.

The Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission meets on the second Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m.

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Pennsauken Kicks Off 125th Anniversary With A Special Event

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lived in town for 40 years and I'm a graduate of Pennsauken High School. It's the people that make this town great. I'm very proud of Pennsauken."

And since it's customary for presents to be opened during a birthday celebration, those in attendance learned about some gifts that the entire town is sure to enjoy. First, DiBartolo Bakery, located at 667 Haddon Ave. in Collingswood, is offering every Pennsauken resident a discount for purchases made during the entire month of March. Just show an ID or some piece of documentation when you visit the store. Also, Deputy Mayor Jack Killion shared some very good news for residents.

"We're 99 percent sure that we're going to have on the municipal side a zero percent tax increase for the fifth straight year," says Killion. "Everyone in the Township's administration worked very hard to help us continue to do good things in town while being fiscally responsible."

The Township plans to continue celebrating Pennsauken's milestone anniversary in a variety of ways in the coming months. Here's what's being planned so far:

- The Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission is installing a special 125th anniversary logo on its three million-

gallon water tank, located on the corner of Park Ave. and Haddonfield Rd.

- Special banners commemorating Pennsauken's 125th anniversary, which can be hung inside or outside of area businesses, are being offered to companies for purchase; see page 8 of this issue for details
- As part of the Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library 10th annual Art Show and Sale this April, the organization is asking for submissions with a "Pennsauken" theme
- A special "Pennsauken-opoly" game, filled with Township landmarks, is being developed as a keepsake for residents; see page 6 of this issue for details
- Banners with the 125th anniversary logo have been installed around town and will line Pennsauken's major streets for the entire year
- The Pennsauken Historical Society is working to create a special retrospective on the town's history, details to be forthcoming
- "Our Town," the 1950s-era film that highlighted Pennsauken, is being aired on Channel 19; in addition, a new video, "Our Town... Today," will be produced by Pennsauken Television
- Pennsauken High School's Chorus will be performing a vocal tribute to the Township, singing popular songs from

a variety of different eras

As a signature event, the Township is also planning a gigantic community-wide celebration on Saturday, June 10. This event is not just for current residents; this party, filled with family-friendly entertainment, delicious food offerings and musical performances, is also a "homecoming" for those who have moved away from town.

"We have a proud history here and we've been blessed with many people who share in Pennsauken's growth," says McBride. "We're happy to have you and your children here as part of our future and we're glad you're here to help us celebrate."

For more information about the town's 125th anniversary, visit www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/125-years.

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- Adult Yoga—Thursdays, March 2, 9, 16 & 23; 6:30–7:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Be sure to wear comfortable clothes and bring your mat.
- Health Insurance Marketplace Special Enrollment—Fridays, March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31; 3:00–5:00 p.m. Throughout the year, appointments are available for those who would like to investigate their eligibility for Medicaid or CHIP, or for those who have had qualifying changes to their health insurance (such

as losing your job, getting married, having a baby or having a death in the family). You must make an appointment to meet with the Health Care Navigator. Please call (877) 922-2377 to make an appointment.

- Munch and a Movie—Tuesday, March 14; 12:30 p.m. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy a FREE movie and snack, courtesy of The Friends of the Library. For this month's movie selection please call (856) 665-5959.
- Second Annual Friends of the Library Membership Meeting—Sunday, March 19; 1:30 p.m. Members of the Friends of the Library and those interested in joining the organization are invited to attend a special program featuring Pennsauken High School students singing selected songs from their upcoming spring musical, "The Wedding Singer."

- Resume Workshop—Wednesday, March 22; 10:00–11:30 a.m. Hosted by Career Strategies, this workshop will give you tips on how to build a strong résumé. Please bring a hard copy of your résumé and sign up at the Reference Desk to participate.
- Library Board Meeting—Monday, March 27; 6:00 p.m. The Library Board is the governing body for the Pennsauken Library. Each month the members meet to review current issues, budget, policies, and staffing. The community is encouraged to attend these meetings.

For Teens:

- Teen Dance Club—Fridays, March 3,

10, 17, 24 & 31; 4:00 p.m. Turn up at the Pennsauken Library to learn a new hip hop routine! For ages 13 to 17.

- Teen Movie Night—Thursday, March 30; 6:00 p.m. Join us for a SURPRISE movie. For ages 13 to 17.

For Children Accompanied By Their Caregivers:

- Storytime—Thursdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30; 1:00 p.m. and Mondays, March 6, 13, 20 & 27; 11:00 a.m. Miss Susan and Miss Sabrina welcome you to a fun-filled time of stories, songs, and a craft. For ages 0-5.
- Toddler Movement—Saturdays, March 4, 11, 18, & 25; 10:30 a.m. Join Miss Sabrina and Miss Susan for a

- fun and active time of music, guided movements, and dance. For ages 3-5.
- Baby Ballet—Saturdays, March 4, 11, 18, & 25; 11:00 a.m. Join Miss Sabrina and Miss Susan for a fun and active time of music, guided dance movements. For ages 3-5.
- LEGO Club—Tuesdays, March 7 & 21; 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. You bring the creativity and imagination and we supply the LEGO and DUPLO bricks (for use in the library only). For all ages.
- Children's Dr. Seuss Party—Tuesday, March 14; 4:30 p.m. Come join our celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday! For children of all ages.

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The Pennsauken Free Public Library is holding a résumé workshop on Wednesday, March 22 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the Community Room. Hosted by Career Strategies, job seekers will gain tips on building a strong résumé; learn how to make your résumé stand

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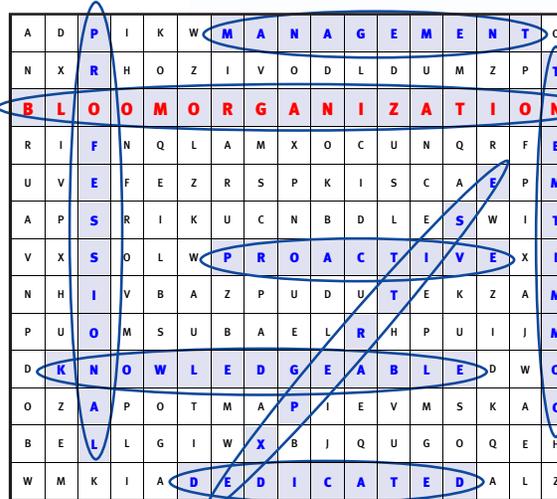
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GOING GREEN Philadelphia Flower Show Gives A Dose Of Spring Fever

By Kathleen Harvey,
AAP Columnist

As I write this month's column, I am recovering from the worst case of the flu I have had in recent memory. Three weeks of coughing, sneezing, and other discomforts have left me tired, weak, and grumpy. Now that I am finally starting to feel a bit better, a different kind of fever begins to creep into my soul: spring fever. My gardening tools have been cleaned, oiled, and sharpened; seeds have been started. I am impatient to get back outside, bask in the sun, breathe the fresh air.

Even though spring isn't quite here yet, we can get a taste of things to come. This month, the Philadelphia Convention Center will be overtaken by nurseries, men, women, and gardeners of all ages who will transform it into a gardener's paradise. This year, the Flower Show is being held Saturday, March 11 through Sunday, March 19. This year's show, titled "Holland: Flowering the World," celebrates the flowers, art, culture and landscape architecture of this region.

The Flower Show will showcase the extraordinary plants, creativity, and talent of this region's top horticulturists and designers, along with award winning landscape and floral designers from the Netherlands. From towering windmills, wooden shoes, and delectable cheeses, to the whimsical bicycles, canals, and vi-

brant tulip fields of the iconic Dutch landscape, the 2017 Flower Show will share the diverse stories of horticulture, innovative eco-design, and modern urban greening and sustainability efforts of Holland.

Designers spend more than a year planning, primping, pruning, and growing plants for the exhibits that will transform an empty space into a beautiful oasis of color, fragrance, and life in the waning days of winter. Their commitment to excellence is evident in creative, inspiring presentations and in the diversity of beautiful plants that are lovingly coaxed into bloom in March.

The Flower Show is an essential experience for horticulturalists and plant geeks of all kinds, attracting 250,000 visitors annually to the Pennsylvania Convention Center, a showcase dating back to 1829. Major groups of exhibits include full scale landscapes, flower arrangements, art, miniatures, and the Horticult, where hobbyists display individual plants lovingly groomed to be their best. A separate market place, adjacent to the show, contains all types of plants, bulbs, tools, even cut flowers to feed your spring fever.

Proceeds from the Flower Show benefit the year-round programs of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society that have become national models of urban greening, including City Harvest, which

creates green jobs and supports a network of community gardens that raise fresh produce for families in need.

This year will be my 22nd consecutive year exhibiting and volunteering at the show. Each year, I carefully grow, feed, pamper, and groom my plants, selecting only the best to exhibit. As one of over

3,000 volunteers who help to set up and tear down the show, this means short nights and long days working at the Convention Center. Whether you are an experienced gardener, or a novice who just wants a taste of spring, nothing beats the cacophony of color, and fresh scent of flowers, trees, earth, and mulch that as-

sault your senses as you walk through the door. It always gives me a serious case of spring fever, but without the need for cold medications!

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Celebrating Saint Patrick's Day In Pennsauken

By Rachael Rivera, AAP Columnist

This month, some people will be focusing on basketball and all the March Madness. Others will be awaiting the glorious holiday that is Saint Patrick's Day. There are many different ways to celebrate this fun holiday.

Saint Patrick's Day falls on March 17 and commemorates both the day that the patron saint of Ireland passed away and the arrival of Christianity in that country. In the Emerald Isle, you're likely to find events like parades and feasting all around the countryside and in the big cities. Here in the states, you'll find a lot of the same with pub crawls and parades. A lot of the local watering holes in

Pennsauken and the surrounding areas have fun specials during the holiday. For example, Pinsetters Bar & Bowl will be featuring a live string band, along with traditional dishes like corned beef and cabbage. We all have our favorites: the 45th Street Pub, Bobby Ray's, Bryson's Irish Pub, Connie Mac's. There are plenty of places a short drive away that are perfect to gather with family and friends to celebrate on March 17.

For the Irish, this holiday is steeped in religion and tradition. It's much more than a day to drink. Traditional Irish homes will lay out a meal consisting of corned beef and cabbage, Irish soda bread, and lots of fresh vegetables like

potatoes and carrots. Meals are usually very hearty. Libations include Guinness stout, Irish coffee and good Irish whiskey, though you are sure to find some interesting concoctions floating around in bars. Grasshopper anyone?

Stay safe and be merry on St. Paddy's Day as you feast and drink with your friends and loved ones. Enjoy your food adventures. Slainte!

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A Look Back: Pennsauken Fire Department Celebrates 100 Years Of Service

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Mike, "Just how many of you see yourselves as heroes?" Mike smiled and said, "All we're doing is our job." I then mentioned, "But your job is saving lives." Again, Mike smiled and said, "It's an honor to serve and aid our community. That's what we're all here for. That's not being a hero. That's just doing our life's work. It's our calling."

Norm Figueroa is a wonderfully happy soul who has worn his firefighting uniform with pride for 40 years. His dad, Norm Sr., now deceased, was a past Fire Chief and full-time fireman; and Norm's son and daughter-in-law, Kim, are also members of the department. The Figueroa family is devoted to their community. Now a retired firefighter, Norm has never retired from his sense of community and he had a lot to say about it.

"No one really thinks too much about their local fire company until they need

us. We are there for them 24 hours a day, seven days a week, every single day of the year. We're dedicated to our neighborhoods and everyone in them.

"When anyone chooses to abandon their sense of community, their lives become less and less meaningful. My advice to children, as well as to the adults in their lives, would be this: live a life that is respectful of everyone, donate some time to the place where you live, do what you can, know your neighbors, become more aware. Serving and giving with an open heart makes for happier individuals and a better, safer, and more close-knit community for all to live."

Special thanks to Pennsauken Fire Chief Joseph V. Palumbo, who provided invaluable information for this article.

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By Joe Scavuzzo, Director, Department of Public Works

As we look forward to the sunny days and warmer weather of spring, Old Man Winter leaves us a few reminders of his stay here in Pennsauken. Unfortunately, the groundhog saw its shadow and we're in for a few more weeks of winter.

To begin, our Township roads have made out fairly well this winter, with very little precipitation and temperatures above freezing and in the 40's. Only in New Jersey would we experience a 60-degree day on Wednesday and plow-able snowfall the next morning! As I sit down on a cold Saturday morning to compose this article, I think back to my childhood in the late 1980's, the cartoons that would occupy my weekend and search for a clever title. Elmer Fudd reminds me that, regardless of the mild winter thus far, we are approaching DPW's hunting season... pothole season. No pesky wabbits here... just wild turkeys!

Potholes are a common occurrence in our part of the country, mainly due to the extreme cold of our winters and the unbearable heat of the summer, which

causes weaknesses in our asphalt roads. When water infiltrates the asphalt and gets into the "base" layer below, the water will freeze and thaw, causing the road to heave up or sink down. Apply a vehicle weighing a couple thousand pounds and the asphalt gives out. We have a patch crew that addresses potholes on Township roads. You may notice our crew filling a pothole with temporary "fill" dirt. This is usually done to remedy the safety concern of the pothole during weather that may compromise our permanent patch or when temperatures are too low that our asphalt supplier is closed.

You may have noticed I've used the term "Township roads." This is because Pennsauken Township's Department of Public Works is only responsible for those roads. Camden County is responsible for the upkeep of county roads that pass through our area, which includes snow removal and repairs; likewise, the New Jersey Department of Transportation is responsible for the various highways that flow through our town. If you spot a pothole or road condition that

could use some attention, simply report it. Your phone call to (856) 663-0178 or email to publicworks@twp.pennsauken.nj.us is a one-stop shop for any reporting of poor road conditions. 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 www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/public-works.

Springtime is a chance for all of us to help Pennsauken "bloom." You can count on the crews at your Public Works Department to get our parks, playgrounds, and athletic fields in top shape for the fair-weather activities. The mild winter we are experiencing allows us to switch gears from snow mode to spring mode. Whether it's inspecting park equipment, replacing playground mulch, or maintaining trash and recycling containers, spring is a busy time.

Did you know that Public Works can help you with your gardening? You can pick up 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. We kindly remind you to bundle sticks and branches in lengths three feet or less and not

weighing more than 50 pounds.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach us at (856) 663-0178 or email at publicworks@twp.pennsauken.nj.us. That's all folks!

Magnum Recycling Accepts Old TVs, Electronics

Have an intact TV that you want to get rid of? A CRT computer monitor that doesn't work? Realize it's cheaper to buy a new printer than to fix your old one? You're not alone. More and more, it's been increasing difficult to get rid of electronic devices; you can't just leave them on the curb to be picked up with the trash anymore. Fortunately, there's a Pennsauken-based company that can help. And it's 100 percent free of charge.

Magnum Recycling, located at 5070 B Central Highway in Pennsauken, accepts a wide variety of electronic devices, including intact TVs, game consoles, VCRs, and more.

Any resident in the tri-state area can

drop off their electronic devices – free of charge – at Magnum, Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For those dropping off a large quantity of electronic devices, be sure to call them in advance at (856) 333-0991. Residents are also asked not to drop off electronics during off hours or the weekend.

For seniors or disabled residents that are physically unable to drop off TVs, etc., Magnum will pick up your old electronics for a fee. Simply schedule a pick up by calling (856) 333-0991 and place your items outside of your home.

For a complete list of what electronic items Magnum accepts, visit ThanksForBeingGreen.com.

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There are no "trash holidays" during the month of March. Trash and recycling collection, as well as yard waste and white goods pickup, remain on a regular schedule.

Camden County is hosting a household hazardous waste collection events on Saturday, March 11, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., at the Cherry Hill Public Works Complex, 1 Perina Boulevard, Cherry Hill, NJ.

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Due to Officer Carey's diligent efforts, our post member, Joseph Duffy, remained alive. Unfortunately, he passed three days later.

Officer Carey's professionalism and knowledge of life saving procedures speaks volumes about the police department's readiness, proficiency, and overall quality of service to our community.

As veterans, we know full well that proper training, morale, and devotion to duty play a major part in any organization's success. You sir, lead an outstanding group of talented police officers who are constantly prepared to serve and protect our citizens. We truly appreciate all that you have done and will continue to do for our VFW post and the community.

On behalf of all VFW Post 1270 members, I thank you for a job well done.

God bless you and your fine officers.
Sincerely, Dan Brown,
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Bayada Home Health Care Moves To Pennsauken

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we will be able to work under one roof.”

Bayada’s new office space in Pennsauken will consolidate support office functions, such as IT, communications, and accounting, bringing more than 400 employees into a single location, with plans to transition an additional 100 employees to the site over the next five years. The Pennsauken location will also house the organization’s international training center; Bayada employees from all over the world will be coming to learn how to provide compassionate home health care.

“We are thrilled here in Pennsauken to have Bayada move in. We couldn’t be happier,” says Pennsauken Mayor Betsy McBride. “Bayada chose this location to consolidate for six surrounding counties. It’s also a great opportunity for them to bring everyone together. It’s a great opportunity for Pennsauken and we’re happy to be here.”

Bayada was considering making a

move to Philadelphia. But thanks to Grow New Jersey, a powerful job creation and retention incentive program that strengthens New Jersey’s competitive edge in the increasingly global marketplace, the company received \$18.5 million in state tax breaks to stay in the state and has committed to the creation of approximately 160 new jobs.

“[The incentives] kept us here. We could have been over to Philadelphia, but I’m glad we could come here. My heart’s in South Jersey,” explains Mark Baiada, the president and founder of Bayada Home Health Care. “I want to thank Pennsauken for welcoming us.

“There are a lot of people out there in need of care. We’re only in 22 states. We’re in Ireland, Germany, India, and Korea. We’re hoping that [Pennsauken] is going to be the core of it, the nerve center of Bayada worldwide.”

New Jersey tax payers also benefit from this move, according to Lt. Governor Guadagno.

“There will be an \$86 million net benefit to the taxpayer. Yes, the company stays. Yes, the company gets tax credits over time. But the taxpayers win \$86 million. That’s the benefit we get from the Grow New Jersey program.”

“But how do you put the value on the benefit of keeping 400 people here in New Jersey? Compassionate people; educated people; people who I suspect don’t just give back every day to the people that they serve during their day job, but who also participate in other things in their communities,” adds Guadagno. “How do you put a price tag on keeping those 400 givers in the communities that they serve? Or the extra, new 100 people who will also be here? Or how about putting a price tag on those five or six hundred people who will now go out throughout the world and talk about how great the life is here in Pennsauken, New Jersey? I think the taxpayers gain \$86 million, but the real gain is the community that Pennsauken has surround-

ing it that will benefit from all the people that will serve.”

Bayada plans to renovate the two buildings in phases, with the first group of employees moving in June 2017. In addition to support office staff, the new space will also host Bayada’s Camden County assistive care office, which employs home health aides who provide personal care services.

“We want to be here in 100 years,” ex-

plains Baiada. “It’s all about service to the community, putting roots in the community. We’re here for a long time. We want to be a good neighbor.”

“Our restaurants and businesses are here to welcome you. Our Township administration is here to support you. My colleagues and I are here to applaud you,” adds Mayor McBride. “Thank you very much for coming to Pennsauken.”

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The Browning family farm itself was still occupied and operated beside the Delaware River at a spot near which a new railroad bridge would become the first span across the river south of Trenton in three years’ time.

The latter part of 1892 witnessed a hard fought presidential election be-

tween the Republican incumbent, Benjamin Harrison and New Jersey’s native son, Grover Cleveland. Nevertheless, it is recorded that Delair Democrats helped the Delair Republican Club in hanging their large, elegant Harrison banner for a November political rally. Oh, for a simpler, more civil era!

Sources for this column include contemporary and historical newspaper accounts from the Camden Courier, the Community News, Palmyra Weekly News, and other local newspapers.

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By Arlene Miller, Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library

March is shaping up to be another jam-packed month; and the Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library are offering lots of things to do.

In that first category, all you exercise and meditation fans will be happy to know the Friends of the Library are once again sponsoring free yoga sessions to get us ready for spring. They'll take place on successive Thursdays this month, March 2, 9, 16, and 23, in the Library's Community Room from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Be sure to wear comfortable clothes and bring your mat. And don't forget your water bottle; it's pretty amazing how all those seemingly calm yoga moves help you work up a thirst!

Munch And A Movie On March 14

Our next ever-popular monthly Munch and a Movie get together comes up Tuesday, March 14, from 12:30 – 3:00 p.m. in the Community Room. February's selection, "The Hundred Foot Journey" starring Helen Mirren, got rave reviews from our audience. No

doubt March's feature will do the same. It's just that we can't divulge what that'll be, but you can find out at the library or by calling the circulation desk, or just let it go and be surprised. That's always fun. Remember to pack a lunch and we'll supply snacks and beverages.

Join Us For Our Membership Meeting

On Sunday, March 19, the Friends will hold our annual membership meeting at 1:30 p.m. on the Community Room, so if you're not currently a member but have always planned to join and just haven't gotten around to it, please attend and sign up. We'll be holding the election of officers, followed by our informative video of Friends' 2016 highlights. There will also be entertainment

by the Pennsauken High School's chorus, who will be singing selections from the upcoming musical, "The Wedding Singer," as well as light refreshments.

If you can't attend, you can pick up a 2017 membership form at the lobby desk, sign up and help the Friends continue to help the Library. We welcome new members and love new ideas for events, fundraising, and informative programs the Friends can sponsor.

Art Show Held Next Month

Remember, the Friends' Art Show is coming up next month. We're still finalizing workshops and how-to sessions taking place throughout the week of the show, which will be held from April 23-30. Plan to attend one or all of the free workshops and start yourself on a new

artistic hobby.

Submissions Needed For Poetry Contest

The next thing you have to get ready for: our annual poetry contest. The awards presentation takes place June 7, but submissions will be due in early May to leave time for judging. That's gives you only about two months to decide what you'd like to write. So sharpen

those pencils or make sure your lap top is charged and get started! Submission forms with the rules and categories are now available at the lobby desk so you can get started.

We'll be skipping our regular next Friends meeting in lieu of our upcoming annual membership meeting but will resume our usual second Wednesday sessions on April 12. Maybe we'll see you then!

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movie. None of that has changed. The characters are all the same. The music is so phenomenally in touch with the 1980s that you'll want to wear some neon. This is the movie on stage."

The story follows Robbie Hart, the leader of a popular band that plays weddings. And while his fiancée leaves him at the altar, his life takes an unexpected turn after meeting Julia, a local girl engaged to Wall Street banker Glen. The cast of characters you loved from the movie are wonderfully depicted by the talented students at Pennsauken High School.

"All grade levels are represented in this show; we definitely had a couple of surprises, which always makes auditioning fun," explains Brown. "There are also going to be some very cool special guests that are going to be in the show. I could tell you, but I don't want to give away the surprise."

The students at Pennsauken High School are extremely excited to be able to present "The Wedding Singer" to the community. Some of the cast took the time to share their thoughts about participating in musical theater.

"The cast has come together and really worked hard," says David Charris, a sophomore who plays Robbie Hart. "Part of the timeline of the show is really relatable to what's going on today."

"As long as you put your heart into the process, you will always end up having a good time and making lifelong friends," adds Hannah Pietzsch, a senior who plays the role of Julia.

"Being in the theater is an extraordinary life experience," continues Eustacia Pyne-Bailey, a freshman member of the ensemble. "Anyone who puts their heart into music and drama can feel connected to the cast, the people around them, and most importantly, themselves."

"Come out and see all the hard work each and every student has put into the show," says Brianna Rowland, a senior who plays Angie and is also the dance captain. "Join in the laughs and be a part of the Pennsauken stage family!"

"The Wedding Singer" will be performed at Pennsauken High School's au-

ditorium, located at 800 Hylton Rd., from March 30 through April 1 at 7:00 p.m. There will also be a matinee performance on Sunday, April 2 at 2:00 p.m., which will be held in conjunction with the Senior Citizen Prom. Prior to these performances, the cast will be singing songs from the musical at the Cherry Hill Mall on Friday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m., as well as during the Friends of the Free Public Library's annual membership meeting on Sunday, March 19 at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets for the "The Wedding Singer" at Pennsauken High School are just \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors. Group tickets rates are available and tickets will also be available for purchase at the door. For more information, or to buy tickets in advance, call (856) 662-8500 x5273.

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