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FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Beef and Beer Fundraiser

A beef and beer fundraiser is being held on Saturday, Feb. 2 at the Bloomfield Firehall, 5301 Lexington Ave., Pennsauken, from 7 to 11 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and are available at the door. All proceeds go directly to helping Barb McKinsey, a 31-year-old non-smoker who is battling Stage IV lung cancer. For more information, e-mail Laci at LaciJD@gmail.com.

Open House

Concord Wellness Institute is hosting an open house at its new location at Cooper Center West, 7150 N. Park Drive, Suite 420, Pennsauken on Tuesday, Feb. 5 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Attendees will be able to meet the staff and tour the facilities. Featuring free chair massages and light refreshments. For more information, call 856-910-0495.

Blood Drive

Pennsauken American Red Cross is hosting a three-day blood drive Feb. 9-11, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Camden County Blood Donation Center, 5425 Marlton Pike, Pennsauken. To schedule a donation, visit <http://www.redcrossblood.org/donating-blood> and click on "Schedule a Blood Donation Appointment Today."

AARP Meeting

AARP Chapter 2861 will meet on Feb. 11 at the Pennsauken United Methodist Church Hall, 3541 Pennsylvania Ave. Social time is at 12:30 p.m., meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. Members are encourage to bring a friend; all are welcome.

Town Watch

Pennsauken's Town Watch holds its next meeting Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 7:30

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Township Committee, Board Of Education Hold Reorganization Meetings

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

In early January, both Pennsauken's Township Committee and Board of Education held reorganization meetings, swearing in newly-elected officers and selecting the organizations' leadership for the year. This annual rite for Pennsauken's most important governing bodies will help chart the town's direction for 2013.

Mayor, Deputy Mayor Sworn In, Re-elected Officials Take Oath Of Office

Township Committeeman Rick Taylor took the oath of office as Pennsauken's mayor for 2013 during the reorganization meeting held at the Pennsauken Country Club on Jan. 3.

The swearing in of Mayor Taylor, Deputy Mayor Jack Killion and re-elected committeemen John Kneib and John Figueroa was conducted by Superior Court Judge Louis R. Meloni of Pennsauken. In addition, the Committee confirmed numerous appointments to various positions throughout the



Pennsauken Mayor Rick Taylor, seen here with his wife, Bernice, as Superior Court Judge Louis R. Meloni officiates the oath of office.

Township.

While the focus of the event remained squarely on Pennsauken's future, members of the Township Committee took an

opportunity to congratulate John Kneib for a successful first term as mayor in 2012. "[John's] done a great job. He was a good *continued on page 20*

Pennsauken Firefighters Retire After Many Years Of Service

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

One hundred and six. That's the number of combined years of service Rich Diamonte, Harry Squibb, and George Tutwiler have given to the community through the Pennsauken Fire Department. The trio retired at the end of 2012, marking both the end of an era and the passing of the baton to a new generation of talented and dedicated firefighters.

Inspired By Firefighters On The Job

Rich Diamonte remembers the fire at

Roberts Brothers Teaching Center in the late 1970s, and being inspired by Bloomfield and Highland Fire Companies battling the blaze. "Not too long after that, I went to Highland Fire Company in November 1977 and put my application in."

Diamonte's memories of his time with the Fire Department are many and varied. But for every tragic moment Rich remembers, there were at least three times as many good ones. "It doesn't outweigh the happy times that you have within the fire

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Firefighters Rich Diamonte, Harry Squibb and George Tutwiler recently retired from the Pennsauken Fire Department after serving the community for decades.

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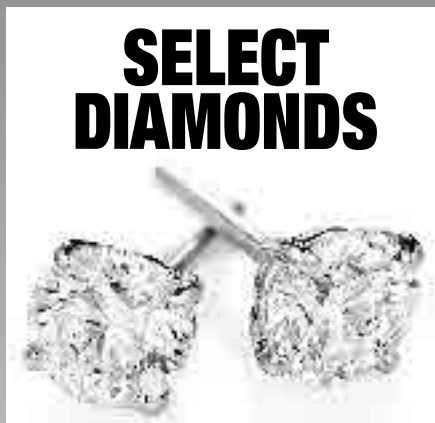
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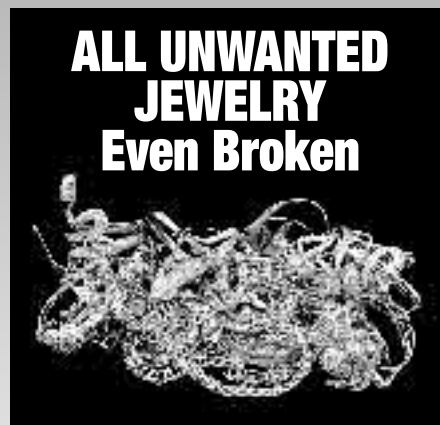
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Mayor Rick Taylor

By Rick Taylor,
Mayor of
Pennsauken
Township

Encouraging Pennsauken Residents To “Share The Love”

First off, I'd like to say how honored I am to serve again as the mayor of Pennsauken Township. Being your mayor is a tremendous privilege, and I look forward to working hand in hand with both the Township Committee and our residents to help our town grow and prosper in 2013.

When we turn the page of the calendar to February, all eyes gravitate to the 14th of the month: Valentine's Day. Now whether or not you consider it a “Hallmark Holiday,” people really do go out of their way to show the important people in their lives how much they care for them. Boyfriends try to impress girlfriends; husbands shower affection on their wives; even kids get into the act, sharing Valentine's Day cards with classmates. And while a lot of hard work goes into making February 14 a special day, it really is easy to love those people who love us. It's more of a challenge to care for those people outside of our comfort zone. They may not be family or friends, but they could definitely use our help, whether we know them or not.

So this February, I encourage our residents to “share the love.” Use this month to help those in need. Lend a hand by helping an elderly neighbor put their trash cans to the curb or shovel the walk of a disabled resident when it snows. Keep an extra eye out for kids playing on your street to make sure they stay safe.

We really don't have to look that far to see people who could really use some assistance. And a little bit of effort on our part can go a long way in these people's lives.

You can also share the love by getting involved with local organizations that give back to our community. We tend to get caught up in the campaigns of bigger charities, and there's nothing wrong with that. But as the adage says, “charity begins at home.” We've got some really great non-profits right here in town. Support Neighbors Helping Neighbors, which provides financial assistance to Pennsauken residents in need, delivering grants directly to pay overdue bills, or help with an emergency. The Rotary of Pennsauken-Merchantville works tirelessly to help support local students, donating free books and scholarships. In addition to supporting initiatives that promote eye health, The Lions Club of Pennsauken supports our local Boy Scout Troop and also sponsors scholarships. The Woman's Club of Merchantville volunteers to help the sick, the disabled and the needy, working to better the life of people in our community. These are just a handful of groups that would love another pair of eager hands ready to roll up their sleeves and get to work.

But you really don't need to join an organization; taking the initiative yourself can also make a local impact. Donate food to one of our local food pantries, whether it's the Food Bank of South Jersey, based right here in Pennsauken, or one of our many, many local churches. We kid that we save a lot souls in our town, but by getting involved in one of these faith-based initiatives, we can also do a lot of good for our neighbors who

could use a helping hand.

And while you're busy sharing the love, you'll be amazed how quickly that love comes right back to you. By lending a hand and helping those in need, you'll not only feel great doing it, but you'll also

get a real sense of accomplishment, knowing that you're helping your home become a better place. And it's addictive; once you start, you can't wait to do even more.

So while you're ordering your roses,

buying heart-shaped boxes of candy, or lighting the candles for a romantic dinner for two, give some serious thought on sharing that love with some of your neighbors, not just during the month of February, but all year round.

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2013 Dog Licences

By Gene Padalino
Township of Pennsauken Clerk

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Dog's Name _____

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Goodwill Holds Fifth Annual Valentine's Bridal Sale February 9



Goodwill Industries of Southern NJ & Philadelphia will host its fifth annual Valentine's Bridal Sale Extravaganza on Saturday, Feb. 9 at its Pennsauken Retail Store, 5461 Route 70.

The running of the brides continues in 2013! Goodwill Industries of Southern NJ & Philadelphia will host its fifth annual Valentine's Bridal Sale Extravaganza on Saturday, Feb. 9 at its Pennsauken Retail Store, 5461 Route 70. The sale will run from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The snow date will be Saturday, Feb. 16.

During this much anticipated annual event, Goodwill will sell both new and gently-used bridal gowns and accessories at

drastically discounted prices. New bridal gowns from designers including Nicole Miller, Alfred Angelo, Demetrios and Maggie Sottero start at \$99 and gently-used gowns start at \$49. Bridesmaid gowns, mother-of-the-bride gowns, flower girl dresses and bridal accessories will also be sold.

Beyond savings, shopping Goodwill supports a worthy cause. Proceeds from this fundraising shopping extravaganza fund Goodwill's job training programs and career services that prepare individuals with disabilities or disadvantages for competitive employment in the community.

Goodwill's Pennsauken Store & Donation Center is open Monday - Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Donations are accepted at the side of the building. Cash, credit cards and check are accepted as payment. All sales are final.

Founded in 1948, Goodwill Industries of Southern NJ & Philadelphia is a non-profit, community-based organization. Its mission is to put people with special needs to work. Revenue from the sale of donated items in Goodwill's 20 retail stores fund job training and career services that prepare local residents with disabilities and disadvantages for competitive employment in the community. For more information, please call 856-439-0200 or visit www.goodwillnj.org.

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A Pennsauken "Tail" Of Happily Ever After

By Judith Kristen, AAP Contributor

On Aug. 10, 2012, a beautiful five-year-old black lab named Ashley escaped from the confines of her backyard. And in a flash, she was gone.

Even with over one thousand five hundred flyers, hundreds upon hundreds of telephone calls, thousands of Facebook postings, and more visits to local rescues than one could count, Ashley's Dad, Jim Higgins, was in total despair. Ashley was nowhere to be found.

August turned into September, then October, then November, and no stone was left unturned. Yet still, after many, many more tenacious searches: on foot, by car, on Craig's List, and PetFinder, Mr. Higgins' beloved Ashley was still among the missing. Even Jim's other dog, a tiny twelve-year-old spitzfire named Peaches was longing for her fellow canine friend.

By then, well over one hundred days had passed without one solid word about Ashley. It didn't look good for anyone.

Then, on Dec. 2, almost four months

to the day she went missing, Ashley turned up at Jim's front door!

She was literally half the dog she used to be. Once weighing in at 104 pounds, the beautiful Lab now weighed a frighteningly slim 49 pounds!

Other than the obvious weight loss Jim knew his dog was her old self. She wagged her tail and jumped all over him in sheer happiness. Ashley was thrilled to be home. She headed for her food bowl, her favorite toys, and then paraded with joy around the home she had been missing for far too long. And needless to say, Peaches was happy to have Ashley home too.

Ever the caring pet parent, Jim sought immediate medical attention for Ashley. And other than her extreme weight loss and the removal of four very large ticks, she was in amazingly good shape.

And Mr. Higgins' advice for those who may find themselves in a similar situation one day? "Never give up hope! Post flyers; present your story to the long arm of the internet; call every shelter

within your area every single day. And just when you think you've exhausted all of your options, start all over again! Elicit help from family, friends, and co-workers

And microchip your dog!"

And also, I must add, never underestimate the power of love that your dog has for you. Love always finds its way

back home.

Call Ashley's story an early Christmas miracle if you will. I know the Higgins family does.

Ashley, a five-year-old black lab, escaped from her backyard without a trace in August 2012. Nearly four months later, she returned back to her loving family.



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Historic Remnants of Romance On Pennsauken Creek

By Robert Fisher-Hughes
AAP Columnist and Amateur Historian

It is reported that Valentine has lost his sainthood. This should not be surprising, considering that he is the symbolic champion of romantic love. Today, romantic love has lost the glossy filters that formerly revealed it in idealistic tones of chivalry and gentle devotion. In our own past here in Pennsauken, romantic love blossomed on the grassy banks of the old Pennsauken Creek, and some of our early tales of romance center on the fertile land of the Morgan farm near where the mouth of Pennsauken Creek brushes the supple neck of the Delaware River.

Among the very early English settlers of our vicinity were Samuel Cole and his wife Elizabeth Ibbs Cole. According to John Clement, an early historian of Camden County, Samuel Cole was a hatter or haberdasher by trade when he and Elizabeth left his ancestral home of Cole's Hill in Herefordshire, England, to come to West Jersey in America. It was 1682 when this Quaker family settled on land near the mouth of Cooper Creek, across from the home of William Cooper, a former near neighbor from the old country. At this time, some genealogical research indicates Samuel was about 30 years old and Elizabeth about 32, and their son, Samuel, an infant. Samuel Cole built a home for his family here and established himself as a leader in the community. Cole served in the legislature twice, and served on a committee to settle (temporarily) the line between Burlington

LOOKING BACK IN HISTORY

and Gloucester Counties.

The Cole family had not lived very long on Cooper Creek when Samuel Cole sold that home and 100 acres to another early settler, Henry Wood. Shortly, the family moved to land on the south branch of Pennsauken Creek near the King's Highway, where Samuel Cole built a relatively primitive log home to start and established a farm which he named "New Orchard." Here Samuel, Elizabeth and their young son and daughter lived for several years, when Samuel Cole was called to return to his former home in England to settle certain business.

Despite the length, delays and uncertainties of travel across the Atlantic Ocean in those days, it was expected that Samuel would complete his business and return before long to home and hearth and family on Pennsauken Creek. Meanwhile, the small family would have to carry on at the farm where neighbors and visitors were few, despite nearness to both the King's Highway and the creek, which was a principal artery for travel and communication relative to the day.

Time passed and the expected date of Samuel's return passed as well. It is said that Elizabeth Cole began to travel to Philadelphia to meet ships arriving from England in hopes of meeting her returning Samuel or to receive some word. Neither came to her.

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WAGSWORLD One More Adventure With An Old Childhood Friend

By Bob Wagner
AAP Columnist

I parked my truck in the lot above the pond. We had come here as kids, hundreds of times, mostly walking, sometimes on our bikes, from third grade on. This little pond, and the woods around it, had been our own private wilderness, filled with adventures. Chasing frogs, turtles, chipmunks, catching small fish; we roamed the paths and muddy banks, armed with slingshots and pocket knives, always on the lookout for exciting new experiences, and treasure.

Many an old, dirt-filled bottle was found. Loose railroad spikes and strange, round, glass marble-like objects lay in the bed of the railroad alongside the pond. As we grew older and bolder, we occasionally hopped a slow freight and rode South into the city, or North, sometimes as far as Riverside, before jumping off.

This was such a memorable part of our lives, never quite forgotten over 55 years of growing older, that it was one of the most important places on my best friend's bucket list of final resting spots.

I smiled as I walked the nice macadam path down to the water's edge, taking in all the changes that had been made over the years. A fishing pier, seats and a fire ring, the once muddy path leading almost all the way around the pond. Today's kids would have a hard time getting dirty.

My best friend from first grade on had been around the world. Hiked the Appalachian Trail, canoed across Canada, and finally settled in the wilds of Maine. I moved three blocks from where I was born. As he faced his impending death, over a long and painful couple of years, we shared old stories, past successes and failures, and plans for the future, no matter how short. Towards the end, he shared his last wishes about the disposition of his meager estate, and his final resting places. Quite a few, actually. Favorite spots he felt important in his life, all in the great outdoors, in mostly remote areas. He left it to me to gather his ashes, pass them on to friends and family, and see that his final wishes were honored.

It's been a few years in the doing. Not an unpleasant task, after the initial first trips. But it is time for closure. The last

trip, right to where the love of nature, water, trees, and all God's creatures began for my friend. Right here, blocks from where we lived as kids.

I opened the last film canister that held the final remains of my oldest friend. I

said a silent last goodbye. As I reached out over the water, I turned slightly, as the wind suddenly blew in my face, and the slippery mud flung me on my butt, one leg in the pond, arm in the briars, and new jeans smeared in black muck.

I could hear his laughter echoing in my head as I trudged back to my truck. Going home once again to face the wrath of a good woman, brought on by muddy jeans, blackened socks, and briar pierced shirt sleeves. It was another fine adventure.

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BIG Council Announces 2013 Steering Committee

First Meeting of 2013 A BIG Success

The Business, Industry and Government Council of Pennsauken recently announced the members of the organization's steering committee for 2013. The committee was voted on by members of the B.I.G. Council present at January's meeting.

Congratulations to Chairman Tim Ellis, Primerica and Associates, Vice Chairwoman Janet Stevens, Stevens Management Group, Secretary Fran Gavin, Sir Speedy Printing and Marketing, and Treasurer Terry Carr, Pennsauken Township Department of Economic Development. Tony Marinelli, Marinelli & Associates will continue to serve as the B.I.G. Council's independent accountant. The steering committee has also appointed the following individuals as at-large members: Mario Daulerio, Jr., All Around Pennsauken; Kathleen Harvey, Plant Artistry, LLC; Keith Shaw, Shaw's National Karate Institute; and Frank Sinatra, All Around Pennsauken.

Pennsauken's B.I.G. Council saw a strong turnout at its first meeting of 2013. Held at Colleen's Restaurant and Caterer on Route 73 North and Remington Ave, participants heard from Frank Sinatra, editor of All Around Pennsauken and public relations director for Pennsauken Township. Sinatra spoke about corporate social responsibility, business activities that create a positive impact on the environment, consumers, employees, and communities. Recent research conducted by international market research and consulting firm Penn Schoen Berland, shows a direct correlation with corporate social responsibility initiatives and increased brand differentiation and customer loyalty. "More than 75 percent [of consumers polled] said corporate social responsibility is important no matter what the economic environment is. Whether it's a recession or an upswing, companies have to give back," explained Sinatra. "There are a lot of people here competing for business. How do you set yourself apart? Fifty-five percent of people are more likely to choose a product that supports a certain cause."

Sinatra also encouraged attendees to support the B.I.G. Council's corporate social responsibility initiatives to both give back to the community and help grow their business. "There's a lot of things that [the B.I.G. Council] supports. It's all about being socially responsible and being a member of the community we're in. You can't put a dollar value on getting involved. But it means big things for you, for the work that you do, and how people see your business."


Our Next Meeting

The next B.I.G. Council meeting will be held on Feb. 13 at Colleen's Restaurant and Caterer on Route 73 North and Remington Avenue. Registration begins at 11:45 a.m. The cost is \$20 per person. The guest speakers will be Pennsauken Mayor Rick Taylor and Andrew Svekla from the DVRPC. As this meeting happens to fall on Ash Wednesday, an appropriate menu will be served to accommodate the Lenten observance. To RSVP for the event, please e-mail Terry Carr at tcarr@twp.pennsauken.nj.us by Monday, Feb. 11.

BIG Council Membership Drive In Full Swing



The B.I.G. Council's membership drive is well underway. Paying members, including Keith Shaw of Shaw's National Karate Institute and Fran Gavin of Sir Speedy Printing and Marketing, seen here with Membership Coordinator Nancy Ellis, receive special benefits, including reduced costs for monthly meetings, discounted ad rates in All Around Pennsauken, and other exclusive offers. For more information, contact Nancy at 856-220-6313 or nancywarrenellis@aol.com.



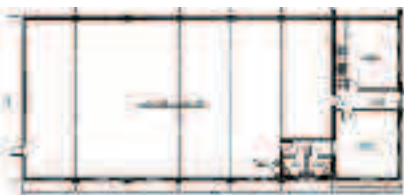
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During the week of the show and sale there will be free artisan workshops and demonstrations. On Sunday, April 21 at 2 p.m., there will be a presentation by a master woodworker with examples of woodworking and explanations of how they were created. On Saturday, April 27 at 10:30 a.m., NTS Glass Works will have a stained glass demonstration. There will also be a hands-on origami workshop that day at 1:00 p.m. The class is limited to 14 adults; supplies are free and you must sign up in person at the circulation desk. Other programs, such as dried flower art and children's art projects, are planned throughout the week.

In addition, there will be a "Meet the Artist" reception on April 28 from 2 to 4

p.m., where attendees will be able to purchase select works of art.

Please look for more information in All Around Pennsauken and on Channel 19 for dates and times.

Poetry Contest

Sharpen your pencils, put your thoughts on paper and enter your poetry in our Annual Mary W. Levin Poetry Contest. Entries may be mailed or hand delivered to Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library, Poetry Contest, 5605 Crescent Blvd, Pennsauken, NJ, 08110 by 6:00 p.m. on May 3. Submissions must be original works and not previously entered. Open to Pennsauken and Merchantville residents in Kindergarten through adult. Only one submission will be accepted from each participant. Detailed information can be obtained in March at the Library's lobby. Flyers will be distributed to all of the public and private schools in Pennsauken and Merchantville. Prizes will be awarded in various categories at the awards reception in June.

To contact the Friends, e-mail: FriendsOfLibrary@yahoo.com and type "art show" or "poetry" in the subject line.

Woman's Club Holds Annual Basket Auction

The annual basket auction, held by the Evening Membership Department of the Woman's Club of Merchantville, will be on Friday, March 8. This event combines an entertaining social evening with a worthwhile fundraiser benefiting many local, national, and international charitable organizations.

The members of the Woman's Club gather new items, such as household goods, electronics, restaurant gift cards, linens, etc., and put together about 50 baskets with an average value of \$35 to \$50 or more for silent auction. There are also prizes of higher value offered. In years past, these included televisions, vacuum cleaners, and special vacation packages.

Admission tickets are \$7 in advance or \$10 at the door and include free coffee and tea, homemade desserts provided by the members, and door prizes. Additional food items will be offered for purchase, such as hoagies, pizza, soft pretzels, and soda or water.

Doors open at 6 p.m. at the Pennsauken High School cafeteria and distribution of prizes starts around 8 p.m. Call Geri at 856-665-5468 for tickets. It's a fun night and especially good for families. Hope to see you there.



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Historic Remnants of Romance On Pennsauken Creek

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At length, Elizabeth's vigil at the port was noticed by a mariner named Griffith Morgan. Morgan was a native of Wales and by all accounts a mariner. It is said that he may have suffered religious persecution in Britain, though it is unclear whether he was a Quaker or other denomination, and some of the recorded

incidents of a Griffith Morgan running into trouble over religious orthodoxy may refer to another of that name, as that Welsh name was not uncommon.

The story of Elizabeth Cole's missing husband and her family's plight is said to have moved Griffith Morgan to search out the mystery and discover Samuel Cole's fate: on his return voyage from

England, his ship stopping over at Barbadoes, Samuel caught fever and died. He was buried on that distant island and no word sent on.

When Griffith Morgan disclosed these facts to Elizabeth Cole and her vigils ended, the sad journey back from the port of Philadelphia on the Delaware and up Pennsauken Creek to New Orchard, alone, must have seemed too cruel. The Welshman accompanied Elizabeth on the voyage, the story tells us, and helped to bring the sad report to friends and neighbors before leaving the Cole family to adapt to its new circumstances.

The Cole farm must have been a good site. It descended from Samuel Cole to his son Samuel, with Elizabeth Cole, the widow, appointed administratrix of the estate in September 1893. The farm and the old log home remained with the family for some time and the Cole's descendants flourished. The location ceased to be known as New Orchard, but became known as Colestown. At that place, an early church was established, along with one of the earliest surviving burial grounds in our area.

Meanwhile, Griffith Morgan became a visitor to New Orchard and a caller upon the Cole family. Then he became

more and dearer than a mere caller. In December 1893, Griffith Morgan and Elizabeth Ibbs Cole were married in Philadelphia.

Perhaps to start a new life, and so that Griffith Morgan as head of household would not begin as the guest of his young step-son at New Orchard, the family settled on land Morgan purchased at the mouth of Pennsauken Creek. Here a new home was built of sandstone and mortar in a place where the former seafarer could be near the water-borne traffic of both the river and the creek. Here Griffith and Elizabeth grew their family, adding their son Alexander.

Alexander Morgan later married Hannah Cooper of the founding family of Camden. The family flourished. Over time, the Morgan family married with Mickles and Brownings and Burroughs and other prominent founding families of our vicinity.

The Cole descendants also married and expanded, founding new branches that still call South Jersey their home to this day.

Today, the historic Griffith Morgan House still stands as testimony to the romance, tragedy and renewal of the story of Elizabeth Ibbs Cole Morgan and her family.

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In Memoriam



The February issue of All Around Pennsauken is dedicated to Mike Branca, a longtime Pennsauken resident who was a loving husband, a good father, a joyful grandfather, and a great neighbor and friend. You will be remembered always.



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By Judith Kristen
AAP Columnist

Loving Life And Finding Joy In The Every Day

Well, here it is: another February is upon us and my first instinct was to write about Valentine's Day and Love. It's that "chick thing," ya' know. And frankly, it would be very easy for me to do considering who I married. I could fill this edition of All Around Pennsauken, along with today's New York Times, Chicago Tribune, and Miami Herald, talking about the love and joy I have in my life since I met Andrew.

But... you knew there'd be a "but" in there, didn't you? I have decided to write about other things.

I believe I have much joy in my life, certainly because of Andrew (there's that name again), but also because of the many other things I embrace. Those things that set my soul on fire, the things that touch my heart, that give my everyday life purpose and meaning.

I love my friends. I love them dearly. If ever I need a smile on my face or a really good laugh, I look no further than Bobbie, Debbie, Francine, Jude, Julie, Janet, Nancy, Tim, Ron, Betsy, Frank, Mike... you get the idea.

I love music. There isn't a day that goes by when I don't crank up the tunes and play one of my favorite songs, old or new, and get up and sing and dance around the office. Now there's a visual for you, huh?

I love to cook. It's a source of nourishment on many levels. It's also creative and fun. We gather around our table nightly and eat wonderful meals, some simple, some elaborate, some exotic, and some just plain old down home cookin'. It's a

chance to catch up on how we spent our day, to smile at each other, and a time to talk about the state of the world, the state of our lives... and what's for dessert.

I love teaching children. There's tremendous joy in seeing the light of knowledge shine back at you from a child's eyes. All teachers are familiar with that gift of light.

I love helping our dear animal friends and being the voice for those who cannot speak for themselves. All animals want to do is to love us and yet sadly, many of those doggies and kitties will never know the kind and loving touch of a human hand, unless we take it upon ourselves to do what we can to help.

As I sat here writing this column, I was amazed at how many more things I could say that bring me this kind of happiness, fill me with so many different kinds of wonderfulness: reading, travel, rock concerts, long car rides, moonlit nights, Christmas, birthday parties... There's a lot in this life to love, if you just let it love you back.

Every day can be a Valentine's Day when you embrace the time you have here, when you toss aside your own agenda and allow the goodness in your heart to prevail. And yes, it is just that simple.

Joseph Campbell sure knew what he was talking about when he said, "Follow your bliss." It's the best road you'll ever travel.

See you next month.

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PHS Student of the Month Ricardo Soto, seen here with both his mother and Board of Education Member Mrs. Stephanie James-Wilson.



Michael Alfano, Student of the Month recipient, with his family proudly by his side, and Board of Education Member Mr. Rick Brown.



Board of Education Member Mr. Bernard Kofalet with PHS Student of the Month Lorraine Velez and her parents.



Si Van Minh Doan, PHS Student of the Month, seen here with both his father and Board of Education Member Mr. Matthew McDevitt.



Bria Mosley, PHS Student of the Month recipient, accompanied by her family and Board of Education Member Dr. Allyson Meloni.



PHS Student Felisha Nation, with her mother proudly by her side, and Board of Education Member Mr. Danny O'Brien.



Melissa Nguyen, Elementary School Student of the Month recipient, accompanied by her family, Principal Slater, Teacher Ms. Stallings, and Board of Education Member Mr. Matthew McDevitt.



Mary Ann Dwomor, Phifer Middle School Student of the Month, seen here with her mother, Vice Principal Harmon, and Board of Education Member Mr. Dung Nguyen.

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PHS Hosts Second Annual Career Day



On Jan. 18, Pennsauken High School hosted its second annual Career Day for 12th grade students. The daylong event included workshops and panels on college/military expectations, workplace readiness, mock interviews, and career pathways. In this picture from left to right is Sergeant Lincoln, LeRoy Jones, Gary James, Samuel Adames and Sergeant McGill.

PHS Speech and Drama Class Present Holiday Performance

Mr. Trautz's Speech and Drama II and III classes wrote and performed a holiday play for the nursery school children who come to PHS as part of Mrs. Kostka's Parenting class.

The Speech and Drama II and III students wrote the play, planned and constructed the set, organized costuming, props, makeup, and performed the show for the children on Dec. 19. The students took on all the roles necessary in producing a play; they independently and collaboratively took on each responsibility of the process on their own.

At the conclusion of the performance, Santa gave the nursery school children presents and the reindeer, as Mrs. Claus and the elves met with the children.



Students enjoy the holiday play presented by the PHS Speech and Drama classes.

Students Win Fine School Spelling Bee



Congratulations to the following students for winning the Fine Fourth Grade Spelling Bee: Dylan Sparano, Jovan Mercado and Anna Renauro. These students represented Fine School at the Women's Club of Merchantville's Annual Spelling Bee on Jan. 12 at Pennsauken High School. Be sure to give these super spellers a big high five when you see them!

Leo Club Donates Toys To Needy Families

The Leo Club, along with the staff at Pennsauken High, donated over 35 toys for the Angel Tree Toy Collection on Dec 17. Pictured (left to right) are Kelly Nguyen, Thomas Lo, Nini Tran, Elwood Martz, Pennsauken Parks and Recreation, and Jen Luu.



Free District Health Fair Planned For March 14

The Pennsauken School District is planning a comprehensive health fair on Thursday, Mar. 14 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. at Howard M. Phifer Middle School. The free event, entitled March Into Good Health, is another in a series of health fairs that have been coordinated by School District nurses and nutrition services for many years. All Pennsauken residents, their families and friends are invited to attend.

The goal for the evening is to promote health and wellness, and improve lifestyles through sharing important health information, lectures, demonstrations, fitness activities, health screenings, and developing an awareness of available health resources in our community.

Over 70 organizations and groups are expected to participate. One of the featured events at the fair will be lectures from Cooper University physicians on current health topics.

In addition, there will be a free raffle with a chance to win great prizes, including one girl's bike and one boy's bike, courtesy of the Pennsauken Pride! and the Pennsauken Education Association.



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Students Enjoy Volcano Day At Delair School

Third grade students at Delair School recently held their annual "Volcano Day." Parents and friends were invited to the school for the event.

Each child had the chance to describe

how they designed and made their volcano, and then went through the process of having it erupt.

This activity, organized by Third Grade Teacher Ms. Rudd, is always a

highlight of the school year.

The students work hard to plan and develop their volcano, and are quite excited to have an audience to see them explode!



A student prepares her volcano for eruption while her classmates observe.



A volcano erupting amazes these students during the presentation.

Longfellow Recognizes Students Of The Month, Honor Students

Congratulations to the First Marking Period Honor Roll Students: Ebony Arelo, Jalen Brown, Tyrone Eubanks, Samantha Johnson, Alexander Noguera, Andy Ortiz, Evelyn Palmero, Ariana Roberts, Gavin Ruby, Nicole Tran, Andre Pratt, Nicholas Gonzalez, Andrew Nguyen, Nina Tran, Sydney Cooper, Deywill Rodriguez, Thuyen Doan, Thaleena Ly, Kaylalis Olivo, Ariana Veal, Elvin-Sang Vo, Nadir Paige, Aaliyah Williams, Samira Lari, Bryanna Marcellus, Aaron McCubbin, Jennifer Pham, Sulley Marie Sanchez, Egypt Lovett, Raymond Chau, Jerad Kobo, Milton Narvaez, Zsionni Lucas, Emma Ramriez, Luzaurea Torres, Brandon Tran, Lyna Tran, Ruby Tran, Linda Tran, Jolie Johnson, Rebecca Hudson, Danny Hernandez, Elayna Berrios, Erik Beltran, Jhocelin Morquecho, Aigner Settles, Layla Abdullah-Martinez, John Amador, Henry Huynh, Samara Molina, Ivan Ramirez, and Christopher Weaver.



Longfellow's Student of the Month recipients for December: Denise Martinez, Jessica Do, Ari Tyson, Amaris Ware, Cameron Casey, Joel Azcona, Evelyn Martinez, Nina Tran, Aniya Jones, Henry Huynh, and Christopher Lechuga, seen here with Principal Landrus Lewis.

As Seen In The Penndian: Ally Week Helps Eliminate Discrimination

By Hahn Nguyen, Class of 2014

From time to time, All Around Pennsauken will reprint articles seen in the Penndian, PHS' student newspaper. This article is from the paper's fall edition.

Pennsauken High School's effort in preventing and spreading awareness of bullying and sexual discrimination is currently in action! The GSA (Gay-Straight Alliance) is organizing an event called "Ally Week" to raise awareness and support for those who are struggling with bullying and sexual discriminations. It is extremely important for everyone to recognize and acknowledge their peers' differences and struggles.

The Penndian had the honor to have an interview with Ms. Kaklamanis, moderator of GSA, to further explain about this event in details.

What is the ultimate goal of Ally Week?

"The goal is to have as many students as possible sign the pledge."

I pledge to:

1. Not use anti-LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender) language and slurs;
2. Intervene, if I safely can, in situations where other students are being harassed;
3. Support efforts to end bullying and harassment

What is the significance of the bracelets?

"The bracelets are being sold to raise money for the GSA club so we can have more events and to promote equality for all people/students. The bracelets have the word 'Equality' on them."

What inspired you or GSA club to establish this event?

"GSA's all over take part in this event. We are trying to raise awareness about bullying people based on their sexual orientation."

What are the responses and feedback that you've received so far?

"Some of the response has been good and some bad. The overall response has been good. A lot of students are eager to sign the pledge and buy a bracelet to support our cause."

What are some changes that you expect to occur after the event?

"The hope is that students will be more aware of what they are saying to make sure they are not offending anyone. We hope that students will realize what impact being bullied can have on a person."

Upcoming Events...

February 4-8	School Counselors Appreciation Week
February 5	Pennsauken Intermediate School Parent/Teacher Conferences - 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
February 7	Phifer Middle School Parent/Teacher Conferences - 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
February 11	Franklin School Family LEGO Night - 7:00 p.m.
February 13	Longfellow School Family LEGO Night - 7:00 p.m.
February 18	Schools Closed - President's Day
February 19	Carson School Family LEGO Night - 7:00 p.m.
February 20	Burling School Family LEGO Night - 7:00 p.m.
February 21	Roosevelt School Family LEGO Night - 7:00 p.m.
February 21	Board of Education Conference Meeting - Administration Building - 7:00 p.m.
February 22	Pennsauken High School Double Dozen Cabaret
February 25	Delair School Family LEGO Night - 7:00 p.m.
February 26	Fine School Family LEGO Night - 7:00 p.m.
February 28	Board of Education Business Meeting - PHS Rm. #327 - 7:00 p.m.

GED Registration

An additional registration date for GED will be on Monday, Feb. 11 at Howard M. Phifer Middle School, 8201 Park Ave.

The program includes free study materials and runs for twelve weeks. Classes meet Monday through Thursday from 7 to 10 p.m.

To register and schedule your entrance test, please call 856-675-1262.

PENNSAUKEN SCHOOL NEWS

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MPWC – A Year in Review

By Michael A. Saraceni, COO

As we approach the challenges facing us in 2013, it is important that we stop and take a close look at some of the accomplishments and advancements made by the MPWC throughout 2012. The following items exist as progress and highlights:

- Completion of a greywater re-use project in partnership with the Pennsauken Country Club, Pennsauken Township and the Township of Maple Shade, whereby the Country Club's irrigation system has been removed from the potable/finished water system, replaced with treated wastewater from Maple Shade.
- The MPWC purchased and sponsored a Reverse 9-1-1 system, capable of notifying all residents/customers in the event of emergencies and critical events. This system was offered to our host communities of Pennsauken Township and Merchantville Borough for their use at no cost to them. For more information or to sign up, visit www.mpwc.com.
- The MPWC contracted with Hopeworks 'N Camden to upgrade our website. Hopeworks is an organization that works with developing children in the field of technology and preparing them for their futures. This project was a success and was completed at a significant reduction in cost to our ratepayers. Visit us at www.mpwc.com.
- We refinished our 1,000,000 gallon Woodbine Avenue Elevated Tank, inside and outside, as part of our elevated tank asset management program.
- Our staff designed and installed an improved valve control system for the 3,000,000 gallon Park Avenue Elevated Tank, significantly reducing design and installation costs to bare minimum. This will increase the efficiency and performance of the tank.
- We replaced over 1,200 residential and commercial water meters with upgraded, "radio-read" technology, reducing confined space entries for our personnel and reducing the need for us to enter properties to obtain meter readings.
- Replaced the filter media at the Browning Road plant with manganese greensand, which reduced the need to use certain approved chemicals for the treatment process, lowering treatment costs while improving the technology.
- We replaced nearly a half mile of badly deteriorated water mains as part of our ongoing asset management and infrastructure upgrade program.
- We installed a capacitor bank at our Haddonfield Road booster station, which controls and reduces energy consumption at that station, reducing our utility charges.
- Due to improved treatment technologies at all plants, we eliminated the use of various approved chemicals designed to meet water quality standards.
- We received a favorable facility sanitary inspection

report from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Agency.

- As demonstrated in our annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), we continue to maintain compliance with State and Federal water quality standards. For more information, visit www.mpwc.com.
- Assisting the Township of Pennsauken for qualifying for "Sustainable Jersey," as participants on their "Green Team." Visit www.sustainablejersey.com for more information.

We will be continuing with meter replacement, main replacement and infrastructure repairs and upgrades in 2013 to keep our water system in peak and optimum operating condition. Please know that our dedicated professionals remain vigilant and ready to assist you with any questions or service needs.

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PUBLICWORKS Pennsauken Makes Strong Commitment To Recycling



By Bernie Kofeet
Public Works Superintendent

I want to thank everyone for your efforts to recycle and to comply with the requirements concerning trash disposal.

For the year 2011, the last year statics are available, Pennsauken saw a significant increase in the tonnage of materials recycled. This could only be accomplished by the collective efforts of the businesses and residents making a conscious decision to recycle.

Since 1987, when mandatory recycling began in New Jersey, the recycling effort has greatly expanded, as new markets for various materials became available. Many of us will remember the early days of recycling in Pennsauken, with the five-gallon black bucket for cans and bottles, and newspapers needing to be bundled separately.

Today, the containers hold five times the previous amount, bottles, cans, and newspaper no longer need to be separated; and many more types of materials can go into the can.

I'd like to just go over a few details for those who may be new to Pennsauken, or who may not be aware of our recycling program and trash collection requirements.

Pennsauken has a strong recycling program. Residential recyclables are collected once a week on trash days by Waste Management. We use what is called "Single Stream Recycling," which means you can put all of your recyclables into your yellow recycling bucket. There is no need to keep cans and bottles separate from papers.

The Township and the school district continue with an interlocal shared services agreement, which has allowed the school district to expand its recycling program. This agreement enables the district to significantly increase the amount of recyclables collected, reduce their cost for waste disposal, and create educational programs for the students. Hopefully, the students are bringing what they learn about recycling back into the home, sharing their knowledge with other family members.

I'd like to remind all institutions and commercial businesses that they are also required to have recycling programs. The enforcement of recycling at institutions

and commercial establishments is under the jurisdiction of the Camden County Department of Environmental Affairs. If you need help establishing a recycling program in your business, or have any other questions concerning recycling, the Department of Environmental Affairs is happy to assist you. They may be reached at 856-858-5241.

Several times during the year, the Camden County Department of Environmental Affairs offers "Household Hazardous Waste Collection" events in various locations around the county. These events give residents an environmentally safe way to dispose of things such as pesticides, household cleaners, oil based paints, antifreeze, and other hazardous item. Please check the "Talking Trash" block in All Around Pennsauken for upcoming events. For a complete list of items accepted, visit <http://www.camdencounty.com/parks/going-green/special-household-waste-collections>.

Since January 2011, certain electronic were banded from landfills and incinerators. In Pennsauken, we are fortunate to have an electronics recycling company located in town. Residents may take any electronic item, not just those prohibited items, there for recycling. The company, Newland Recycling, is located on Burrough Dover Lane. There is a dumpster where you may drop your items 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The Pollution Control Financing Authority of Camden County recently began accepting electronics waste for disposal at no charge for Camden County residents. Items may be dropped off at the Pennsauken Sanitary Landfill, 9600 River Rd. Pennsauken, between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Please remember that trash and recyclables should be placed on the curb, not in the street, no earlier than 4 p.m. of the day preceding the collection day and removed not later than 8 p.m. on the day of collection. Waste Management begins collections at 7 a.m.

Generally, collections should be completed by 4 p.m. If for some reason your trash or recyclables are not collected by the end of the day, please notify Public Works promptly so that our sanitation inspector can address the issue with the waste hauler.

Also remember that residents are permitted to place up to six containers, bags or trash cans or a combination, each

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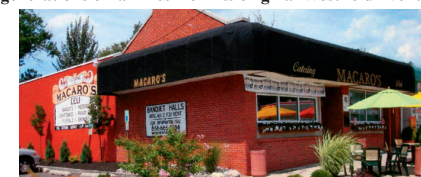
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Township Committee, Board Of Education Hold Reorganization Meetings

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mayor. It's a pleasure to work with you," says John Figueroa, who was re-elected to Township Committee with Kneib in November of last year.

"John's platform was all about transparency. He did a wonderful job. He lived it each and every day," added Deputy Mayor Jack Killion. "You've turned the thinking around. It's very important. That's what Pennsauken's all about: [being] out in the forefront, doing things a little differently and a lot better than everyone else."

Kneib thanked the Committee for their support during his time as mayor, expressing his gratitude for the opportunity to serve as Pennsauken's ambassador. "It was the promise I made to the people, that I really wanted to change the philosophy of politics in general. I think we certainly made great in-roads doing that and listening and understanding people's thoughts and ideas, and embrac-

ing those ideas."

The free exchange of ideas to help Pennsauken grow and thrive in a civil and professional manner was also a theme in many of the comments made during the reorganization. Mayor Taylor took the opportunity to recognize JoAnn Young, Ellyn McMullin and Donna Zuber, three Pennsauken residents who regularly attend Township Committee meetings to learn what's happening with their local government and their town. "I want to thank the three of you for being vigilant and representing a lot of people in Pennsauken," explained Mayor Taylor. "[JoAnn, Ellyn, and Donna] take advantage of [their rights as] a citizen of Pennsauken. We've gotten a lot of feedback from them and a lot of things [have] been put into practice."

Other involved residents were thanked by Committeewoman Betsy McBride for their commitment to Pennsauken. "To those of you who have

volunteered to serve on the boards, both newly appointed and seasoned members, I thank you for your desire to serve our great community," McBride also spoke about the work being done with local agencies, as well as businesses and property owners along the Route 130 corridor, to clean up the highway, which she identified as a "gateway" to Pennsauken. "Improving the image of 130 will improve our gateway, [attracting] people to turn off [the highway] and come and see our wonderful town."

As the reorganization meeting came to a close, the Township Committee looked forward to once again working side by side with Pennsauken's residents and businesses for the further benefit of the town.

"We're blessed to have such wonderful people here," says Killion. "It's truly a team effort; Pennsauken has one of the best teams and you're all part of it."

"Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve you," added Taylor. "I work with a group of people who really believe that they're here to serve people. I feel very blessed."

Board of Education Installs New Board Members, Elects Officers

The Pennsauken Township Board of Education held its reorganization meeting on Jan. 8 at Pennsauken High School. During the meeting, the Board announced the official results of the annual school election and installed its new board members. Superior Court Judge Edward J. McBride, Jr. administered the oaths of office to Richard Brown, Carlos Raul Rodriguez, Dung T. Nguyen and

Bernhard Kofoet. The Board of Education also appointed Matthew McDevitt as president, and Stephanie James-Wilson as vice president.

"It's an honor to be able to serve the community, to help this board move forward, to be really instrumental in developing educational policies," says Board Vice President James-Wilson. "I'd like to be a really strong advocate for the town and the district, as well as the educators."

"The most important thing that the

Board of Education is tasked with is providing an excellent education to the students of Pennsauken. That's our number one priority. That drives everything else that we do. We always have to keep it in mind," added Board President McDevitt. "I look forward to working closely with the administration and the superintendent to make that happen."

Additional photos from the reorganization meetings can be found on All Around Pennsauken's Facebook page.

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p.m. at the Pennsauken Police Station, 2400 Bethel Ave., Second Floor. All are welcome. For more information, call 856-663-0110.

Calendar Tea

Athene Chapter #201, O.E.S. of New Jersey is hosting a "Calendar Tea" fundraiser on Saturday, Feb. 16 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Merchantville Masonic Lodge, 6926 Park Ave., Pennsauken. The donation is \$12 for adults, \$5 for children under 10 years of age. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. For more information, contact Linda at 856-952-9319.

Comedy Night

Delaware Gardens Volunteer Fire Company, 540 49th Street, Pennsauken, will be holding a comedy night and beef and beer on Saturday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. at their fire hall. There will be a DJ afterwards. Tickets are \$25 and are available at the door or by contacting Secretary James Ney at 609-352-2946 or ltjn24109@aol.com.

Class Reunion

The PHS Class of 1972 is holding its 40th Reunion on Saturday, Feb. 23 from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Pennsauken Country Club. The cost for this casual, Mardi Gras-themed event is \$40 per person and includes a buffet dinner and dessert. A cash bar will also be available. Guests from other classes are invited and welcome to attend. RSVP with payment is required no later than February 10. Make check or money order payable to "PHS Class of '72 Reunion" and mail to: Carol Nash, 125 DeSilvio Drive, Sicklerville, NJ 08081. You can also pay by credit card by visiting <https://sites.google.com/site/1972phsclass-reunion/>.

Irish Nite

Mary, Queen of All Saints Parish is hosting its annual Irish Nite, Saturday, Mar. 2 from 7 to 11 p.m. at Msgr. Kavanagh Hall, 48th St. and Camden Ave., Pennsauken. An evening of great food and fun. Irish music provided by Balliná. Beer and set-ups are provided. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Tables of 10 or more can be reserved. Call 856-662-2721 for tickets.



Newly elected Board of Education President Matthew McDevitt presides over the group's reorganization meeting at Pennsauken High School.



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Pennsauken Firefighters Retire After Many Years Of Service

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company, the camaraderie, the tricks they play in the firehouse on you. There were a lot of good times.”

In January, Rich and his family have moved to Rockhill, SC to support their son, who is looking to join a fire department in that part of the country. And while he looks forward to the extra time that comes with retirement, there's a lot about being a firefighter that he'll miss, particularly the excitement that comes from racing to a call.

“Making the decision to retire wasn't easy. Anyone will tell you, you become an adrenaline junkie,” explains Diamonte. “Every day, you're not sure what it's going to bring you. You're up at a moment's notice and running out of the firehouse. It's constant change.”

Passing Along The Finest Tradition

Harry Squibb tried unsuccessfully to join the Fire Department right after high school in 1968. Cut to seven years later, Squibb finally joined in September of 1975 after returning to the area after serving in the Air Force.

“A lot of firefighters were friends of mine. They just encouraged me to join,” says Squibb.

Looking back at his time with Pennsauken's Fire Department, Harry felt that every moment was “memorable.” But the fact that he was able to share his passion for firefighting with his two sons is something he's most proud of. “I'm lucky. I have my two sons still involved.”

“The brotherhood is astronomical,” adds Squibb. “I still have friends I made 35 years ago in the fire service. We're as close now as the first day we met. And to have my kids follow in my footsteps is a wonderful thing.”

Teaching Pennsauken's Youth About Fire Safety

Being a firefighter was something that George Tutwiler always wanted to do. He joined the department as a volunteer in December 1978 after he moved into town.

Tutwiler's most memorable moments involve the twelve years spent teaching fire prevention and fire safety to young people in Pennsauken's schools. “One of the best things [in my career] was teaching the young kids. It's funny how you see them grow up and they remember you when get older. Some have even become firefighters.”

While retired from firefighting, Tutwiler is still keeping busy. George currently

works part time at Falco, Caruso and Leonard Funeral Homes and remains active with Knights of Columbus Council 3512. He also hopes to continue giving back to the Pennsauken community is some capacity.

“It was a tough decision. I still miss it. I took the job 25 years ago, so I know I have a good future for myself and my family. But I'm always going to miss it.”

The Future of Pennsauken's Fire Department In Good Hands

The trio expressed pride not only in the contributions they've made as members of the Pennsauken Fire Department, but also in the talented and energetic next generation of firefighters.

“The younger generation is taking in the education and training and are proving themselves,” says Tutwiler. “The [firefighting] technology has improved and they're better equipped than we were at that age.”

At a recent Township Committee meeting, the Pennsauken Fire Department swore in three new full time firefighters: Firefighter John Clark, Firefighter Eric Moyer, and Firefighter Justin Squibb, one of Harry's sons. In addition, three firefighters were promoted as officers: Captain Michael O'Brien, Lieutenant Phil White and Lieutenant Daniel Kerr, Jr.

The Fire Department also announced the move to a 24-hour schedule, beginning Feb. 3, providing more comprehensive coverage to protect Pennsauken residents during emergencies.

“Pennsauken's Fire Department just celebrated its 100 year anniversary. Having full time fire service 24 hours a day, seven days a week is a wonderful thing for our residents,” says Township Committeeman Jack Killion, who also serves as Pennsauken's director of public safety. “We now have 18 paid firefighters and 90 volunteers jointly working together. It keeps our taxes down and Pennsauken gets the ultimate fire protection.”

“The department's going through some changes, which is needed. Change is good sometimes,” adds Squibb. “We've left it in some capable hands. We've got some good men and women in the department. They just have to remember one thing: make sure they go home at night.”

All Around Pennsauken thanks Rich Diamonte, Harry Squibb and George Tutwiler for their many years of service to the Pennsauken community and offers many best wishes for a productive and enjoyable retirement.

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By Sonny DiSabato
Senior Citizen Coordinator

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Energy Assistance, Preventive Services Available For Seniors

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The Weatherization Assistance Program helps elderly, handicapped and low-income persons to weatherize their homes, improving their heating system efficiency and conserving energy. Eligible recipients will receive both an energy audit and installation of the recommended energy efficiency measures at no cost. The program is available year round to New Jersey residents.

Created by New Jersey's Board of Public Utilities, the Universal Service Fund helps low-income households pay

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For more information on these programs, visit Camden County O.E.O. at 5287 Rt. 70, Pennsauken. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Residents can also call the office at (856) 910-1180.

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Reflections On February

February is a quiet month. It's a good time to clean closets and cabinets. Feb. 13 is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. The next day is Valentine's Day, a time for candy, roses, and signs of love.

I wish you good health and happiness. Please say a special prayer for our men and women in the Armed Forces.

Pennsauken Lions Club Celebrates 70 Years Of Service

The Pennsauken Lions Club will be celebrating 70 years of service on Monday, March 18 at Pennsauken Fire Company Number 2's reception hall, 2215 Merchantville Ave. The dinner will begin with appetizers and cocktails at 6:00 p.m.; dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person

The Lions Club invites all former Lions, any previous Citizen of the Year recipients, and both current and former Leos to attend the dinner. They will also be sending out invitations for people for whom they have current addresses. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Lions at PennsaukenLionsClub@gmail.com.

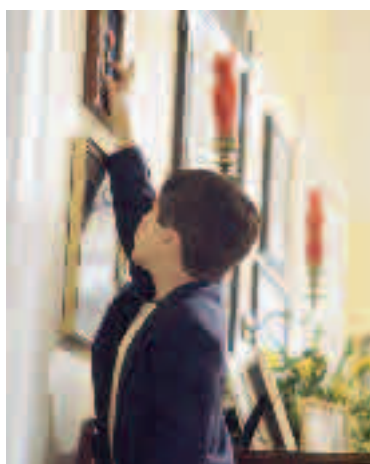
Flea Market and Pancake Breakfast

The Lions will also be holding a Flea Market in conjunction with their annual Pancake Breakfast on April 7 at the PYAA Field House. Spaces are available for \$25. Tables can be rented for an additional \$5. Vendors can bring their own tables and pop up awnings. The spaces will be parking space wide and deep. The Flea market runs from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; set up starts at 6:30 a.m. The Pancake breakfast runs from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cost for the all-you-can-eat breakfast is still just \$5.

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Plant Seeds Now For The Spring Growing Season



By Kathleen Harvey,
Owner, Plant Artistry, LLC

Mid-winter can be snowy, cold and blustery. That's no excuse to ignore your garden. Valentine's Day is this month. If your Valentine is a gardener, consider seeds, house plants, new gardening tools, or a book on gardening instead of the "usual" gifts.

February is also the time to start seeds indoors for this summer's garden. New Jersey is known to grow some of the best tasting tomatoes in the country, but plants need time to get established before they can be planted outside. Many of our favorite vegetable plants require a long warm growing season for best yield, and if you plan to start them from seed, they need to be started indoors, six to eight weeks before they can be planted outside. Starting vegetable plants early allows sufficient time for the seeds to germinate, grow to an adequate size,

and be hardened off so they can survive outdoors and provide plenty of fruits and vegetables for your table.

Starting plants like tomatoes, peppers, and eggplant from seed can be fun and educational for children. Many varieties of each plant are available, and greater variety is often for sale in seed form. For example, tomatoes can be found in bite-sized cherry varieties, medium-sized salad tomatoes, or huge beef steak types that are great sliced on sandwiches. Pepper types include sweet bells, bananas, or hot chiles; each variety has preferred culinary uses.

Local nurseries and big box stores sell seeds and seed starting kits. For those on a budget, seeds can be saved from garden grown vegetables and grown the following year with household containers. To start seeds, use clear plastic containers that have been washed thoroughly. Some of my favorite grocery containers that can be reused for seed starting include

egg crates that come in clear plastic, disposable clear plastic cake, pie, and cookie containers (after eating the goodies that came in them of course), or clear plastic salad containers. Purchase sterile seed starting mix, moisten lightly (not sopping wet), and plant according to the directions on the seed packet. Once seeds germinate, keep the baby plants out of direct sun but where they will receive bright, indirect light, dampening slightly every couple of days. Transplant into small individual containers with drainage holes in the bottom once each plant has grown to about two to three inches tall, and gradually increase the amount of sun they get until it's time to plant outside. Plastic yogurt containers with four holes punched in the bottom with skewers or scissors are a perfect size for seedlings. Use a bit of synthetic starter fertilizer or organic blood meal when transplanting seedlings into individual pots to give them a boost. Be careful not to use too much fertilizer which may burn the roots or cause excessive vegetative growth and lessen yield.

Do not plant outside too early. Many vegetable plants should not be transplanted outside until the soil has warmed and all danger of frost has passed. Eggplants are more susceptible than tomato plants to injury from low temperatures. They do not grow until the weather is warm, and may even be set back if planted outside too early. But with the proper planning and the right amount of TLC, starting a vegetable garden now will ensure a continuous supply of nutritious produce all summer long.

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By John R. Patane, Director, Pennsauken Free Public Library

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the Committee and the Mayor's liaison. A representative from the School District also sits on the board. The board meets the fourth Monday of every month except August at 6 p.m. in the Library's community room. Meetings are open to the public. The board appoints, from within, its members to various committees that address issues such as personnel, building and grounds, and policies and procedures.

The Friends of the Library meet the second Wednesday of every month. They aid the Library by providing supplemental funds and programs that support the Library's mission.

Library staff consists of five profes-

sional librarians, an administrative assistant, nine library assistants and two pages.

Library Collections And Programs

Library collections include circulating adult, juvenile, and young adult print and non-print materials. Books on CD, job center titles, paperbacks, large print books, magazines, newspapers, DVDs and a fine in-depth reference collection are offered for the patrons of the Library. Rotating collections from other cooperating libraries supplement the regular collection. A brisk interlibrary loan service is available for those patrons who need additional titles.

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- Friends of the Library – Wednesday 2/13 – 7:00 p.m.
- Graphic Novel Club – Wednesday 2/27 – 6:30 p.m.

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Food Adventures Outside of Pennsauken: Casa Bella In Haddonfield

By Rachael Rivera, AAP Columnist

My next food adventure takes me just outside of Pennsauken to the town of Haddonfield. Anyone who has spent a few hours strolling the main street there within the last year has most likely walked by Casa Bella, 51 Kings Highway East, a true "gastro gem." I was one of these people until my recent visit there. It wasn't until I caught myself sopping up homemade red sauce with even better homemade bread that I thought, "EGADS MAN! This food is seriously delicious!"

"If you want something bad enough and you want to succeed, you have to go with the punches and stick with your goals." - Yezenia Avila, Casa Bella

I tried the gnocchi in red sauce and cried a little inside when I realized how terrifically addicting they are. These melt-in-your-mouth, light, fluffy delights are that darn good. The sauce is unadulterated tomatoey goodness, void of salty undertones that would take away from the flavors already in the dish. You can see the chunks of garlic and cheese. Hats off to Head Chef Wilson Avila. And you can taste the difference in their meals compared to many franchises who might offer foods that have had a stint in the fridge for a day or two.

When I walked in, owners Yezenia and Wilson Avila were preparing their cozy dining room for an event being held there later that day. Yezenia, who graduated from Pennsauken High School in 2006, was writing the evening's board specials that can be seen outside of their restaurant on any day. I sat, waiting to speak to Yezenia and read through their menu, which lists a number of mouth-watering dishes. There is literally something for everyone. They offer vegetarian dishes, items that are gluten-free, and

some whole wheat pastas. Everything is homemade each day. The pear salad comes topped with peaches caramelized in house, while their linguini di rabe has made it to the pages of popular foodie publications like Jersey Eats Magazine. There is even a 14 oz. sirloin steak on the menu topped with mushrooms and sweet peppers. Finishing the meal is just as pleasant when you look at their dessert menu which includes a sinfully good dish donned the raspberry bombshell, famous Junior's cheesecake straight from New York City or donuts balls dusted in cinnamon and sugar called Zepolis. They also offer regular or decaffeinated espressos and cappuccinos.

At this point you might be asking yourself why you haven't ventured here before but, it gets even better. Casa Bella is a BYOB establishment and they don't charge you a corking fee. There is also an early bird special which began last month. It happens every day but Tuesday and offers a four-course meal for only \$19.95. Patrons get an appetizer, soup or salad, entrée and dessert. Tuesday is pasta day and all pasta dishes are \$10.00. Exceptions apply for both specials and certain dishes but you're still guaranteed a great selection.

I sat down with Yezenia to talk a bit about life in the restaurant world and get an idea on what steps someone might take to someday own their own business. Her job as General Manager (GM) consists of hiring/firing, scheduling and budgeting, which Ms. Avila notes as being the most stressful part. It is the responsibility of her husband, Wilson Avila, and herself to make sure that products are ordered and bills are paid all while running the restaurant. As a GM and owner, the restaurant becomes your life. Holidays and weekends are spent keeping operations running smoothly. This dedication and commitment comes, according to Ms. Avila, from her father, Juan Mendez, who was a chef and restaurant worker for over 50 years. Yezenia even got her

start selling food and drinks at the age of thirteen at car and craft shows in Haddonfield. She also believes that it is these many years of life experience working in restaurants that gave her some of the important knowledge she needed to run her own business. She even met her husband while working in a restaurant.

Ms. Avila, throughout the interview, held family in very high regards and cred-

its her father, husband, workers and other family for helping get her where she is today. They also hope to expand the restaurant to a new location in the next few years. Yezenia was such a pleasant woman to speak with during my visit. She is proud of the business that she and her husband have built and wouldn't think twice about taking a customer in to see the kitchen or tweak a dish to a patron's

specification. She seems to hold customer service in the highest regard and ended our interview by simply saying that anyone interested in getting in to the food industry should think twice and make sure that they are willing to give their all to do well; otherwise it isn't worth it.

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There are only six potential "Trash Holidays" in any year. They are New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day,

and Christmas Day. Two of these holidays are always on a Monday, so collections are moved forward one day and conclude on Saturday of that week. On the other four, collection takes place on your normal day up to the holiday, and then move forward for the remainder of the week, again concluding on Saturday. If one of those four falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the collection the following week is on a normal schedule.

Please check the "Talking Trash" block in All Around Pennsauken for any Trash Holidays or Household Hazardous Waste Collection dates in the coming months. We will also be posting this and other important information to the Township web site at www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us. You can also friend "All Around Pennsauken" and "Pennsauken" on Facebook, where we will also be posting updates.

I hope that the information in this article is beneficial to you and will help us increase our recycling and decrease the amount of trash sent to the landfill or incinerator. It makes sense environmentally and economically to recycle more.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS Engagements

Luis and Iris Morales of Pennsauken announce the engagement of their daughter, Stefanie Morales to Adrian Rodriguez, son of Evangelista and Carmen Rodriguez, also of Pennsauken. Both Stefanie and Adrian are proud graduates of Pennsauken High School.

Their wedding is planned for 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 9, 2013 at Saint Stephen Roman Catholic Church in Pennsauken.

Adrian Rodriguez and Stefanie Morales



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Fire Department Honors Their Own During Annual Banquet

Submitted by Pennsauken Fire Chief Joseph V. Palumbo, Sr.

The Pennsauken Fire Department closed out 2012 with the annual department awards banquet, held on Jan. 5 at Colleen's at the Savoy. One hundred ninety-seven members, their families, and guests attended the affair, which recognized the accomplishments of Pennsauken's dedicated firefighters.

Deputy Chaplain Reverend Michael Mannion welcomed all guests, which included Pennsauken Mayor Rick Taylor,



Director of Public Safety Jack Killion, Committeewoman Betsy McBride, Committeeman John Figueroa, MPWC Director Michael Saraceni, retired Chief Blair Hutton, retired Captain Len Gant, Mr. Phil Cohen, and fire chiefs from Cinnaminson, Collingswood, Cherry Hill and Maple Shade.

Several awards were presented during the evening's festivities, the first being the highest non-operational award any member of the department can receive, the twenty-five year service award. The 2012 recipients of the twenty-five year service award were Battalion Fire Chief John Steidler, which was presented by re-



tired Chief Joseph Lipka; and Fire Inspector Robert Chester, which was presented by his father, Bill Chester.

Ten retired members, whose personal accomplishments, leadership and dedication to the department went above and

beyond the call of duty, were honored with the retirement of their badge numbers. Plaque presentations and badge number retirements were presented to Chief Norman F. Figueroa, Sr. (posthumous), retired Deputy Chief Jack C. Weiss, retired Chief

Ernest F. Busch, retired Deputy Chief Perry M. Bascou, Chief George S. Figueroa, Sr. (posthumous), retired Chief Howard K. Shiley, retired Chief James B. Hutton, retired Chief Joseph Lipka and

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Fire Department Honors Their Own During Annual Banquet

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Captain William Hertline, Jr.

An extraordinary service award was presented to retired Deputy Chief Perry M. Bascou, for his tireless commitment to public education and fire prevention during our annual school programs delivered during the month of October.

Five extraordinary service awards were also presented to the full time personnel assigned to Fire Station 3, for their collective efforts to renovate the quarters at the station during 2012: Lt. Michael O'Brien, FF James Ervin, Jr., FF Michael Stamm, FF Jon Hutton, FF Jose Rivera, and FF Mark Mohlin. A sixth extraordinary service award was presented to retired Fire Official George Tutwiler, for his work over the last five years to improve the practice of fire code enforcement and fire prevention in Pennsauken prior to his retirement on Dec. 31, 2012.

Additional recognition was given to the 2012 top responders: FF Brandon Raczowski, Captain Gary Burgin and



The alumni of the 25 year service award in attendance at the Fire Department's annual awards banquet.

FF George Probasco; as well as the 2012 top training participants: Captain Gary Burgin, FF George Probasco, and FF Michael Cairns.

A special presentation was made by the officers and members of the Fire Station 1 to retired Chief Norman Figueroa, Jr., who marked fifty years of service during 2012.

To conclude the program, Director of Public Safety Killion administered the oath of office to the newly appointed Chief and Fire Officers for 2013.

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Fire Department Anniversaries And Birthdays

January Service Anniversary

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FF Joseph Giebel, 21 years
FF Jason Gilliam, 1 year
FF Jeffrey Hurley, 33 years
FF Thomas Madden, 7 years
FF Kevin Sochanchak, 1 year
FF Thomas Thress, 2 years
Fire Official George Tutwiler, 34 years

January Birthdays

FF Thomas Snyder, 1/1
Captain William Stow, 1/7
FF Christian Ottero, 1/8
Lt. Rafael Moraza, 1/18
FF Kevin Sochanchak, 1/23
FF Jeffrey Hurley, 1/30
FF Robert Cornforth, 1/31

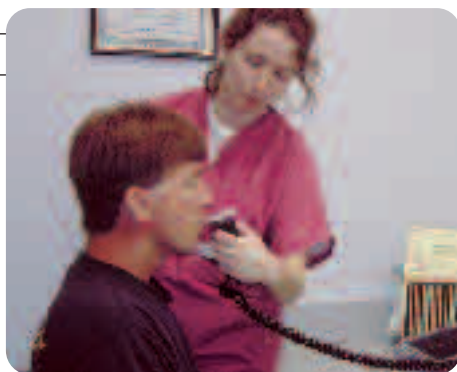
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FF Jeff Carey, 19 years
FF Pete Caruso, 8 years
FF Robert Chester, 26 years

FF Jeff Costello, 8 years
FF Cornell Hawkins, 4 years
FF Larry Holtz, 34 years
FF Matt Johnson, 4 years
FF Nick Johnson, 4 years
FF Mike McKinsey, 11 years
Lt. Mike O'Brien, 21 years
FF Greg Taylor, 15 years
FF Mike Vandergrift, 15 years
February 2013 Birthdays
FF James Turner, 2/2
FF Greg Taylor, 2/2
BFC Mike DiSanti, 2/4
FF Mark Mohlin, 2/9
FO Dan Kerr, 2/9
FF Pete Caruso, 2/10
FF Alan Gudis, 2/10
FF George Probasco, 2/11
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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS PHS Indians Win Second Consecutive Holiday Wrestling Tournament

By Billy Wright, Pennsauken High School Athletic Director

The Palmyra Holiday Wrestling Tournament has been like home for the visiting Indians. For the second year in a row, the squad bested seven other schools to claim the championship trophy. Twelve of 14 Indian wrestlers came home with a medal, led by senior John Henderson, who defended the title he won in 2011. Also garnishing first place medals were Edwin Lopez and Henderson's twin brother, Jacob. Silver medals were awarded to Tyler Carducci, Peter Ibrahim, and Hendrickson Tineo; bronze medals were won by Christian Espinozo, Nheim Bien, Sonny Nguyen, Rafael Padilla, Leroy Thomas, and Aaron Swann.

Pennsauken scored 200.5 points to best Cherry Hill East, Holy Cross, Pitman, Westampton Tech, Palmyra, Gloucester Catholic, and Cumberland.

Winter Track Rounding Into Shape

Once again, Coach Clinton Tabb III has the Indians well prepared for the championship season. The boy's 4x200 meter relay and the 4x400 meter relay teams are presently ranked sixth in the state in Group IV competition. Both relays consist of 800 meter school record holder Eric Butler, Charles Brewer, Zaire Harris, and All South Jersey hon-

oree Antwan Dickerson.

On the girls' side, Rachel Lewis, Olivia Jamison, Aiyanna Ware, and Tiara McDuffie are moving up the state rankings with their recent sixth place finishes in the 800 and 1600 meter relays at the SJTCA meet, held in Toms River.

Indian Bowlers Knock Off Lenape

Olympic Conference stronghold Lenape took on the ladies of PHS bowling in an out-of-conference match-up. Sophomore Jessica Bello led the team to victory with her 205 game and 533 series. Jessica presently sits in fourth place in league individual statistics with a 171 average. Kate Morse, Kim Canlas, Samantha Thach, and Meghan Guagenti round out the line-up for the PHS team.

The boys bowling team is a little slower in racking up team wins but individual stats are steadily improving. Walt Jones leads the team with a 177 average, followed by Bryan Dionglay, Joey Bulicki, Brandon Bulicki, and Kniquan Cephas.

Basketball Working Hard To Improve

Crossing over into BCSL for the 2012-13 season has been an eye-opening experience for both the boys and girls basketball teams. The boys opened their season with state-ranked Trenton Catholic, followed by Rancocas Valley,

ranked tenth in South Jersey, as well as hard fought contests against Cherry Hill East, Williamstown, Camden, and BCIT-Westampton. It took a little longer than expected, but the boy's team finally provided a win for new coach Tony Coleman, beating BCIT 72-61. That initial success was followed up by a win over Moorestown. The Indians sit at 2-5, with two of those losses by only two points. The team is determined to improve as the season progresses, and looks forward to hosting Camden Catholic and Bishop Eustace in February. All Conference football player Isaiah Ingram leads the team in scoring and rebounding, and Gilberto Reyes, Stephen Cobb, Kelly Joyner, J'star Allah and Mike Jones have made significant contributions.

The girls basketball team had an even higher hill to climb, as it opened against state Trenton Catholic, followed by South Jersey top-ranked Rancocas Valley and fourth-ranked Willingboro. The team currently sits at 2-5 with wins over Clayton and Pemberton. The ladies' lineup includes Mercedes Williams, Aleyah Dupree, Tanel Lewis, Alyssa Reyes, Kristen Roberts, and freshman Briana Roberts.

TD Club Honors Ingram

The Touchdown Club of South Jersey has honored Pennsauken two-way line-

man Isaiah Ingram as one of eight Line-man of the Year. The 6'2," 215 lb. TE/DE led the Indians defense with 59 tackles and 20 assists this season.

Cheerleaders Earn Trophy

As a goal for the season, Cheer Coach Nicole DeSesso determined that the

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inSports From Graveyard To Gridiron: Remembering The "Pennsauken Five"

By Domenick Candelieri, Special Contributor to All Around Pennsauken

They graduated from Pennsauken High School in the 1980s. They were football players who made it to the NFL. They were the "Pennsauken Five."

Composed of Todd McNair, Billy and David Griggs, and Keith and John Taylor, the "Pennsauken Five" were friends that all lived on the same block of Remington and Velde avenues. Finding space to play football in their neighborhood was a difficult task for the youngsters, so they made the cemetery their unusual spot to play the game they loved.

"New Jersey is kind of a crowded place," said Billy Griggs during an NFL Films interview in 1990. "So that was our football field while we were in elemen-

tary school."

John Taylor remembered his encounters at the graveyard, cutting and weaving by tombstones and trying to avoid running into trees.

Those sharp movements were at full display during his time as a wide receiver with the San Francisco 49ers. Taylor became a three-time Super Bowl champion, and was best known for his 10-yard game-winning touchdown catch against the Cincinnati Bengals in Super Bowl XXIII.

Taylor's brother, Keith, was a defensive back for the Indianapolis Colts, New Orleans Saints, and Washington Redskins. His best year was when he recorded seven interceptions during the old.

The Griggs brothers had their own success in the NFL as well. During the 1986 season, Billy, a tight end for the New

York Jets, caught a touchdown pass in the Wildcard playoff game against the Kansas City Chiefs, while David started at linebacker for the San Diego Chargers in Super Bowl XXIX.

McNair, a running back for the Kansas City Chiefs, filled a variety of roles on the field, including becoming a lead blocker, special teamer and third-down back. His dynamism placed him 15th on the Chiefs' all-time leading receivers list.

The performance of the "Pennsauken Five" not only gave their town a pile of accomplishments to be proud of, but also inspired others that dreams can be reached. Today, children throughout our town watching professional football in their living rooms know that with hard work, dedication and talent, an athlete from Pennsauken can make it to the



The "Pennsauken Five:" Todd McNair, Billy and David Griggs, and Keith and John Taylor, not only lived on the same block in town, but also achieved greatness in the NFL.

pros. Because it's already happened five times already.

Honorable mention also goes to Pennsauken High School alum Dwight Hicks, who played defensive back for the San Francisco 49ers from 1979-1985; Hicks's outstanding play led him to four consecutive Pro Bowl appearances and two Super Bowl rings.

PHS Indians Win Second Consecutive Holiday Wrestling Tournament

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squad would not just cheer at Football contests and pep rallies, but would also compete in competition for the first time in many years. Not only did all the hard work and practice earn the squad a berth in the Deptford Cheer Tournament, the Indians walked away with a third place trophy, the first time in many years a trophy has been garnished by the Cheer-leading squad. Coach DeSesso is hoping that this success will serve as a stimulus for to the team to aspire for greatness.

All Sport Boosters Club Plans Spring Events

The Club is hosting its third annual Wine and Beer Tasting Social at Colleen's Caterers on Thursday, May 2. This event is well attended and a lot of fun. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. A silent auction will be held with tasty finger foods and music to support the tasting.

Meetings are conducted the second Tuesday of the month in the PHS Library. Come out and join this worthy organization, which is attempting to make the high school athletic experience more rewarding for each student athlete.

PYAA SPORTS

Baseball, Softball, Babe Ruth Registration Begins In February

PYAA Baseball, Softball, and Babe Ruth leagues will be having registration at the PYAA Field House, 3501 Elm Ave. on the following dates:

- Saturday, 2/16, 2/23, and 3/2; 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Sunday, 2/17, 2/24, 3/3; 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.
- Wednesday, 2/27; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Football Volunteers Needed

Come out and show your support for the Pennsauken community! PYAA Football is looking for coaches, a president, and vice president. If you are interested or need more information about this wonderful opportunity to give back to the youth of Pennsauken, please contact Jim Baird 856-952-5287.

The Club will provide \$8,000 in scholarships this year to worthy seniors and sponsor the end of year Athletic Awards Night on Monday, June 3.

Boys Soccer Honored

The boys soccer team was honored for the second time in five years with the Sportsmanship Award at the South Jersey Soccer Coaches Association's annual awards dinner. The winner is determined by a vote of members of the NJSIAA officials association, which services over 65 schools. Once again, our young people have impressed the public with their determined style of play, reflecting a respect for the game, the opponents, and the officials. Coach Billy Snyder, Kevin Jeffers, and Peter Woodcock are to be commended on their leadership.

If you want to keep up with all of the athletic happenings, the school district website, sports button is the place to be. Contest schedules for the 2013 winter and spring seasons can be found at www.pennsauken.net, as well as information about the Varsity Club, All Sports Booster Club, college recruiting, and a wealth of other athletic related information.

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