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January 20, 2022

55 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE TO ROCHESTER YOUTH

Action was still slow until the Region 1 Championships January 8 & 9 with the St. Martin run event. St. Martin teamed with Sam Bunch at the Albany Boys and Girls Club. Another Syracuse show, this time in December, was canceled due to no doctor. Buffalo's Terry Williams scheduled a show February fifth, but postponed it until later due to the conflict with the National Silver Gloves. We're scheduled for Watertown January 29. Then we head to Independence, Missouri, February 2. We're also eyeing a date at Montgomery late February or early March.

Jan. 8 & 9: ALBANY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB: REGION 1 SILVER GLOVES

CHAMPIONSHIPS: 51 Region 1 youth earned advancement to the National Championships in Independence, Missouri, starting February 2nd. Silver Gloves State Champions from New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, and Rhode Island (includes all the rest of New England) fought for the right to compete for National Honors. Nine Rochester boxers earned a place for the event. Four are National Silver Gloves veterans and the others are new. They are Lanair Jackson, Marcus Chatman, Javier Mitchell, Shaheim Feature, Jamil Ortiz, Kyvon Moore, Legend Taylor, Lyfe Taylor, Jalil Johnson, Divon Gramling, and Pierre Robinson. Shaheim Feature and Kyvon Moore are from the Irwin Club at Montgomery Neighborhood Center and Lanair Jackson is from St. Martin. St. Martin's Gemil Ortiz qualified, but will miss due to a family event.

The tournament was in jeopardy due to the virus, but got the go ahead from the Health Department on the condition everyone was masked. We brought 150 masks to help with the masking mandate. The venue director, Sam Bunch, supplied more. However, most of the audience, heeding the state mandate, came with masks.

Shaheim Moore had a close call to being eliminated as his yearly medical exam had expired. Coach Theo Irwin searched about six Urgent Care locations before finding one to do a physical. They got back barely on time for his bout. It turned out that the Urgent Care Centers were doing virus testing. Shaheim's championship bout was easy compared to the effort to find a doctor. He decisioned Connecticut's Troy Moore. It was 7 degrees on Saturday.

The weather was tricky. Heavy snow around the Syracuse area going and ice on the way back. Cars and trucks that slid off the road reminded us to be slow and careful. Stayed two nights at a hotel. St. Martin sponsored and ran the event for the 39th time.

We're sorry we didn't have any pictures from the New York State Silver Gloves because the film turned out faulty. If anyone has a picture or two, we'd like them.

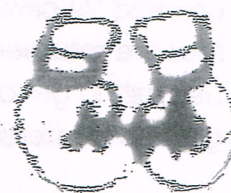


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January 29: JEFFERSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE GYM in WATERTOWN.: GUNS & HOSES EVENT featuring competition between the police and firefighters, There were also a couple Jefferson County probation officers and a state correction officer. One P.O. mentioned having contact with M.C. Officer Ross Zacco. Another Johnny Pepe show. Packed house, biggest crowd seen in recent memory. John brought in a number of teams, including famed Crandall Chargers college team from Moncton, New Brunswick. They were allowed across the border because they were fully vaccinated. They were undefeated in the show. 150Chris Williams fought a Charger, Sean Finiger, in one of three open class bouts. Chris stalked Finiger throughout, but Finiger boxed beautifully. In the third Finiger scored a telling body blow, ending the match. Two other scheduled boxers were disappointed, 132Kamron Overton came in at 129, too light for his Crandall Charger opponent. 70 pound Kyvon Moore, an Irwin boxer, had his opponent pulled out by his parents due to a discipline matter. The roads were great, but it was -10 in Watertown that morning. I guess north country people don't mind cold weather. Theo Irwin brought us in his car purchased only two days earlier.

The show was a benefit to help support the Jefferson County Police dogs which are used by Watertown Police, the Jefferson County Sheriff, and NY State Police. It also contributed money for expenses for a local girl suffering from a form of bone cancer.

February 2-5: STONEY CREEK HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER: INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI: 2022 NATIONAL SILVER GLOVES:

The 2022 Silver Gloves season concluded with 51 Region 1 (NY,NJ,Con. & RI) boxers, 8-16 years, surviving state and Region 1 competitions, vying for National honors.

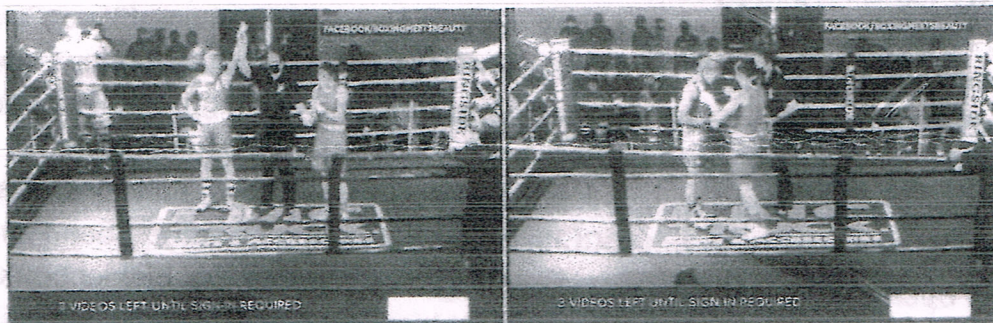
St. Martin, sponsors of the State and Regionals, led the National contingent against the other seven regions. The Region 1 girls excelled in winning eight championships. The Griffith twins, almost automatic winners, didn't disappoint. Rickii won at 125 lbs. and Randi won at 132. They're from Gouverneur NY. Only two Region 1 boys won - 13/14 106 Chris Ruiz and 15/16 114 Jasir Junior. Rochestarians Marcus Chatman, Javier Mitchell, and Jalil Johnson won bouts, but couldn't close the deal. St. Martin's Jamil Ortiz couldn't go as he had to go to his sister's graduation. Irwin club's Kyvon Moore (lost too much school due to Covid quarantine) and Shahheim Feature (family issues) also didn't attend. Now, wait until next year!

Travel by car coming home was easy as roads were all clear. Going was otherwise. We were stopped by the storm for nine hours. When we finished the last 60 miles, we

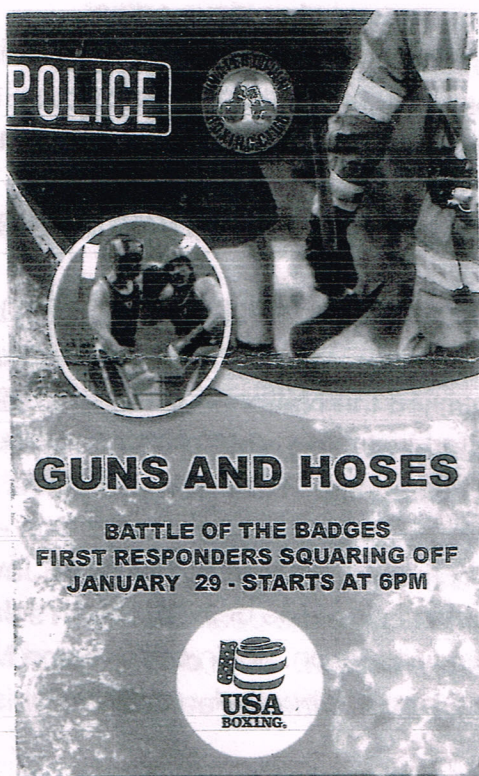
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counted 29 cars and trucks off the roads. Some of the trucks weren't removed by the time we returned. Had quite a time talking with the stranded truckers. We learned not to use salt to get out when stuck by ice. Use kitty litter. We witnessed this. Truckers are great and interesting talkers.

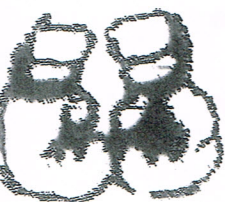
Boxing is picking up over the next months. 2/26 Buffalo Salvation Army. 3/12 Buffalo Flare Center. New York State Golden Gloves: All at Riverworks. March 20, April 16, May 15. June TBA. We're trying to fit in a date at Montgomery in the near future.



Griffith twins win again at National Silver Gloves



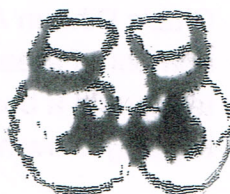
Watertown show



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Competed in two shows in the past month - both in Buffalo. The Golden Gloves start at Buffalo's Riverworks March 20, April 16, May 15, and June TBA. We've been invited to an all junior show in Troy, N.Y., May 21.

2/26: SALVATION ARMY GYM: BUFFALO: The gym is on Main Street and was comfortably filled. 16 bouts and St. Martin and the Irwin Club supplied competitors for 5 bouts. 150Lanair Jackson found another big opponent his age-10- and size in Buffalo Boxing Club's Cam Johnson. Jackson nicknamed "Sonny Liston" due to his size and left jab, quickly overcame his first bout jitters. He scored a standing eight count in each of the three rounds to easily get the decision. Things didn't go as well for the other two St. Martin competitors. 133Cameron Overton fought Toronto Gideon club's outstanding Mathusan Mahindas. Cameron fought over his anticipated 125 Golden Glove weight. In an otherwise very competitive bout, Cameron sustained a nose injury, putting him at a disadvantage. Twice the doctor examined his nose and allowed him to continue. However, late in round three, coach Ortiz stopped the bout to not risk further injury. Hopefully, Cameron will be ready for the March 12th bout at the Flare Center in Buffalo and Golden Gloves March 20. 152Christopher Williams fought Niagara Falls' Ammar Escalch. Escalch got a questionable split decision win, begging a rematch. Niagara Falls Coach Ray Casal agreed for a 3/12 rematch at the Flare Center. Theo Irwin's two entries took victories. 70Kyvon Moore decisioned Dunkirk 2XL's Joseph Lopez. 98Shamrre Feachere shedded enough of his wildness to decision Ray Abdallah of Lackawanna. The show was Joe "Riverside" Mahiques' second ever show and it went well. He owns pizza places and gave pizza to officials and coaches during weigh ins.

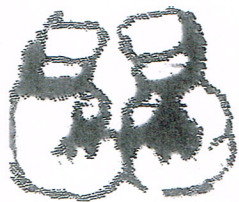
The old St. Martin van transported the clubs admirably. Starting out in sunshine, snow started and increased as we approached Buffalo. Coming back was snow free. The van got new front brakes and also passed inspection before the trip.

3/12: FLARE CENTER: BUFFALO: Theo Irwin drove. A rather frustrating experience as an Irwin boxer no-showed and a St. Martin boxer pulled out claiming a sore shoulder. The promised rematch of Chris Williams with Niagara Falls' Ammar Escalch didn't come off as the Niagara Falls team pulled out. The planned Lanair Jackson-Cam Johnson bout rematch failed as Johnson was a no show. This left St. Martin's 70Jayden Alvarez

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the only competitor. In a first bout effort, he took on an experienced Buffalo Boxing Club's Dihaun Alwaslim and distinguished himself in a spirited losing effort. A large number of areas were represented - Pittsburgh, Dunkirk, Lackawanna, a Canadian team, and a boxer from Australia. Good driving going, but coming home high winds and blowing snow made visibility difficult at times.

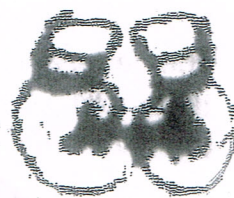
An optimistic note. We have interest by some medical people to provide doctors for boxing bouts and possibly to do some annual physicals. Stay tuned.



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4/16: BUFFALO GOLDEN GLOVES SEMI-FINALS: Four tournament boxers tried to advance. Only one did via a bye - 147Kieshawn Stone. 147Chris Williams was stopped by Syracuse Faith & Hope Club's Elijah Johnson. Johnson waged a strong body attack. Chris probably should have tried to outbox Johnson instead of slugging. Comebacking 156Tre'von Stone took on Amir Anderson of the Syracuse Ray Kidz team. He did well, considering his long layoff, but lost the decision. The Stone brothers are coached by their father, long time St. Martin boxer Marlee Stone, an Empire Games outstanding champion. The controversial bout was between St. Martin's Kam'ron Overton and Rochester's Cory Brooks. Kam'ron lost a split decision and caused much discussion for days after. The trip's reward was provided with coach Theo Irwin's 100 Naseem Cullt's win over Rochester Nasty Knuckle's Trevon Williams in a non tournament add on bout. 70Jayden Alvarez was also scheduled and made the trip, but his opponent was withdrawn and no substitute was available. Coach Irwin provided the transportation in decent weather.

DEATH OF A NATIONAL SILVER GLOVE FOUNDER.. On January third Frank Hess died. He started the tournament about 54 years ago along with Frank Grinodos. Grinados owned a printing business. He died a few years ago. State tournaments started in the middle of America and the state tournaments spread from coast to coast. St. Martin was awarded the state tournament 40 years ago. When the number of states entering the National Tournament became too big, eight Regionals were created in addition to the States, with the Regional winners advancing to the Nationals. St. Martin was selected to run the Regionals for Region 1 along with the State tournament. All Silver Glove personnel are volunteers.

THE WESTERN NEW YORK SPORTS & ORTHO HELPING SOLVE THE NAGGING "DOCTOR PROBLEM." Doctor's Josh Brugger and Christine Blonski have pledged help in providing doctors. An agreement has been made for some future shows. They are much appreciated.

UPCOMING: SATURDAY APRIL 30, MONTGOMERY NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER, 10 Cady Street. This is an anniversary show. Our first show was April 30, 1970.

May 16. Finals of the Buffalo Golden Gloves.

May 21. We've been invited to a junior tournament at the Lansingburgh Jr. High in Troy, NY.

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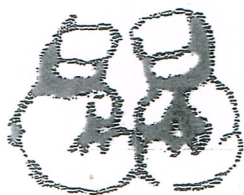
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Franklin L. Hess Obituary, March 18, 1935 - January 3, 2022

Franklin L. "Frank" Hess Canton - Franklin L. Hess, 86, of Canton, passed away at 5:05 pm, Monday, January 3, 2022 at the Sunset Manor Nursing H

Lanair "Sonny Liston" Jackson winner at Buffalo





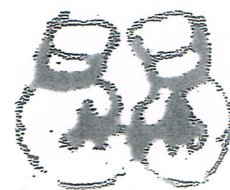
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4/30: MONTGOMERY REVIVAL IV: The show was the same date as our first ever show at the old St. Martin Center on N. Clinton Avenue 4/30/70. Possibly the biggest show than the three previous Montgomery shows with almost shoulder to shoulder fans. 12 bouts involving five Rochester clubs, several from Buffalo, Lackawanna, Lockport, Dunkirk, and Geneva. In the opener Baden's Empire Me Fitness, coached by old St. Martin boxer Charles Murray, had his son, 70Kendrick Murray, take a narrow decision over St. Martin's Jayden Alvarez. Many years earlier, eventual professional champion, Charles "The Natural" Murray, won his first bout in this same gym when Montgomery's Eddie Johnson had a show here with the St. Martin ring. Another old St. Martin boxer turned coach, Cierra Taylor, had her son, 120Legend Taylor, decision Gavin Czech of Lockport. 120Ivan Hernandez, Jamestown, outpointed Gavin Pursel, also from Lackport. 130Eh gay Doh, an Armando Munoz boxer, decision Buffalo's Emanuel Cogdell. In a featured return bout from earlier in the month, 115Naseem Galtt, Irwin Club, again defeated Munoz classy boxer Ty'Von Williams. 115Divine Bramling, Rochester's Bee Relentless Club, decisioned Buffalo's Allan Calderon. In an all Irwin intramural, 90Kyvon Moore bested tough teammate Troy Giles. Giles put in a strong effort. In a lightheavyweight bout, Kamari Rodgers, Buffalo, stopped Rochester Future Club's Justin McGill. Buffalo's Evan Gambe bested fellow Buffalonian Christian Palomino. Buffalo's Evan Gamble decisioned Buffalo's Christian Palamino. Rochester's 160Abdul Muhammad outpointed Lackawanna's Ryan Sullivan. In the finale, Geneva heavyweight Martin Vasquez stopped Buffalo's Luis Gonzales.

A real hero of the event was custodian Larry Valencourt. He fixed a bad ring bolt, enabling the show to go on interrupted.

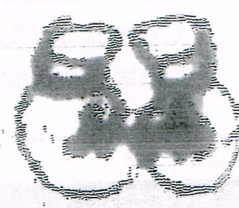
The old 2008 van has been working faithfully of late with about one hundred eighteen thousand hard working tough mostly city miles. Been saving for a replacement with a lot to go.



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May 28, 2022

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JUNE 18: ANOTHER BIG MONTGOMERY SHOW. 2:00PM. \$10.00 ADMISSION.
LOCAL ROCHESTER CLUBS AND OUT OF TOWN CLUBS COMPETING....

5/7: CASAL BOXING CLUB: NIAGARA FALLS, NY: Turned out to be a disappointment. Didn't get called until the Chief of Officials called needing an official. Then there was a call for two boxers - 95 and 100 pounds. Brought the two boxers requested. Their opponents no showed. So we performed some official duties and when it turned out enough officials eventually came, we left early. Good effort, no results.

5/15: BUFFALO RIVERWORKS: FINALS: BUFFALO GOLDEN GLOVES: An overall St. Martin disappointing Golden Gloves ended great. 147Kieshawn Stone, coached by his father, Marlee Stone, a former St. Martin standout himself, stopped Syracuse's Elijah Johnson in the first round to become an Open Class champion. He earned advancement to the National Golden Gloves in August at Tulsa, Oklahoma. Johnson had defeated St. Martin's other 147 pounder, Chris Williams, in the semi finals.

5/19: DAY OF CARING: At Montgomery. The boxers put up tables and chairs for volunteers the night before. There was a light lunch at noon. Volunteers - both from the neighborhood and corporate sponsored volunteers worked on building the gardens, picked up trash from streets near the center, painted in the interior, etc. It rained, so lots of people got wet. Sponsored volunteers came from Aetna, Paychex, and a number of other corporations. The biggest group at the Day of Caring I'd seen.

5/21: LANSINGBURGH HIGH SCHOOL: TROY, N.Y.: Billed as an all junior event, there were a number of seniors however. We brought only three juniors. Two got to compete as planned. 100Shamir Feature, an Irwin battler, edged Saratoga's Carrdyn Hall, 70Jayden Alvarez took on tough Faqur Doursey of the Hittaz Boxing Club. He held his own versus the highly regarded Doursey, but lost the decision. 152Lamar "Sonny" Jackson was slated to box another 152 pounder, but the weighin found Lamar's opponent to be 165 pounds to Lamar's 148.8. So Lamar's bout was canceled due to the weight difference. Theo Irwin drove and we shared expenses. Made a lunch stop on the way back. While at the show we lined up some competitors for our upcoming June 18th show at Montgomery.

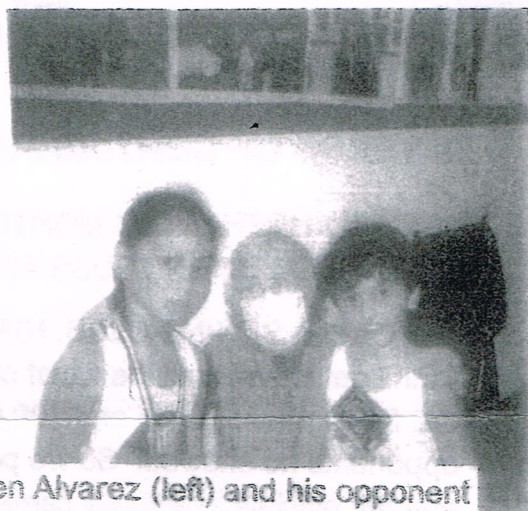
OTHER UPCOMING: After our show on 6/18, Buffalo shows dominates 5 the schedule. Joe Mahiqes has a 6/25 show, probably at the Salvation Army gym.

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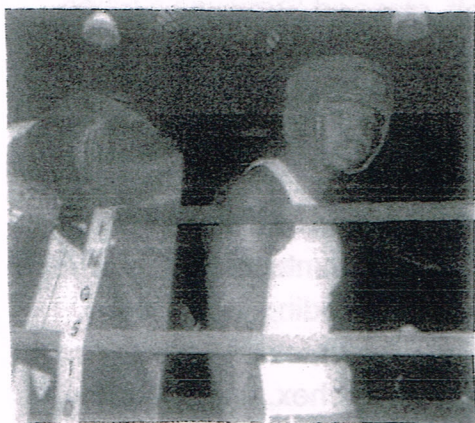
Daryl Graham has a show Friday, 6/20. 6/21 is the return of the annual closed Buffalo Club show for their members. Most of the Buffalo elite attend for this dinner show under tents. Boxers get fed the same menu as the elite guests. Everything first class.



Coach Ortiz with Glovers Overton, Stone, and Williams at the Golden Gloves



Jayden Alvarez (left) and his opponent flanking ringside Dr. Libby at Buffalo.



Kam'Ron Overton at the Golden Gloves.



Galt at Golden Gloves.



Action at Montgomery 4/30.



The controversial old grain storage building next to Buffalo Riverworks