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The "Sayreville Sparkles 2019" Independence Day Celebration was a huge success attracting thousands of people for the outstanding event. Pictured (l-r) Recreation Director Jerry Ust, Emerson Jones, and Clem Skarzynski as they await the start of the entertainment for the evening, Wanted DOA, a Bon Jovi tribute band. See more photos on page 9. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



Pictured (l-r) at the South Amboy Independence Day Celebration at Waterfront Park are South Amboy Mayor Fred A. Henry, his wife Linda, South Amboy Council President Michael "Mickey" Gross and his wife Sue. The event as always was successful, in which thousands of people, all ages, enjoyed the festivities. See more photos on page 8. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

## Warzecha Is GM In Pro Baseball

By Tom Burkard

Former South Amboy resident and star baseball player on the South Amboy Governors HS baseball team, Craig Warzecha is currently the General Manager (GM) of the Bradenton Marauders, a Pittsburgh Pirates- owned farm team in the Florida State League. Warzecha was named to the position in February, and has done a fine job with the club.

Warzecha joined the Pirates organization in 2015, and quickly became Bradenton's Assistant General Manager in 2017. He attended the University of Tampa, and

his rising baseball career has included positions with the Lakewood Blue Claws, Minor League Baseball headquarters in St. Petersburg, and the Clearwater Threshers, a Philadelphia Phillies minor league team.

When he was hired as GM, Craig said, "I'm excited to celebrate the first decade of Marauders baseball this year, and look forward to continuing the growth of our tradition of bringing entertainment to the Sun Coast." South Amboy is very proud of Craig, and we wish him the best of luck and continued success.

## SA Knights Choose Officers

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 have selected their officers for the 2019-20 Columbian year. Grand Knight Les Wilson, Financial Secretary Deacon Rich O'Brien, Deputy Grand Knight Jan Williams, Chancellor Gary Lattanzi, Recorder Kevin Scupp, Treasurer Steve Schmid, Advocate

Mike DeJoy, Warden Ed Vassallo, Inside Guard Jim Hoehman, Outside Guard Anthony Afryie, Third Year Trustee Pete Kennedy, Second Year Trustee Jack Mieczkowski, First Year Trustee Ray Suchcicki, Chaplain Reverend Stanley Gromadzki, Lecturer John Kobiernicki.

## 4th Degree Knights Elect Officers

Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Monsignor John F. Brady Assembly 676 of South Amboy have elected their new officers for the 2019-20 Columbian year. Faithful Navigator Jan Williams, Faithful Comptroller Stephen Agnone, Faithful Friar Reverend Andrew Szaroleta, Faithful Captain Michael Roemer, Faithful Admiral James Smith,

Faithful Purser Stephen Schmid, Faithful Pilot Edward Vassallo, Faithful Scribe Scott Pampaloni, Faithful Inner Sentinel Kenneth Smetana, Faithful Outer Sentinel Gary Lattanzi, Faithful One Year Trustee Dennis Keller, Faithful Two year Trustee Peter Luccarelli, Faithful Three Year Trustee Raymond Suchcicki.

## 10TH Annual Bowl For Hunger

Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin announced today the 10th Annual "Bowl for Hunger" in partnership with Hackensack Meridian Health, Woodbridge Metro Chamber of Commerce, and Middlesex Water Company.

The event will take place on Thursday, July 18th between the hours of 5:30 PM and 10:00 PM. The location of the event is Majestic Lanes, 525 State Route 9 North in the

Hopelawn section of Woodbridge Township.

The venue will host two bowl sessions with over 550 pre-registered bowlers who, through their support and the support of local sponsors, are uniting to strike out hunger in the 19th Legislative District. The event is open to media, organizers and members of the community.

Last year's Bowl for Hunger raised over \$50,000 for the thirty-one MC Foods

## "Halfway To St. Patrick's Day" Fundraiser

The South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Committee Announces "Halfway to St. Patrick's Day" Fundraiser.

Summer is almost over and but don't forget the very best occasion of the fall season: Halfway to St. Patrick's Day. Halfway to St. Patrick's Day is set to become the next great Celtic holiday for the Fall.

And this year, the South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Committee is happy to announce its first Halfway to St. Patrick's Day fundraiser will take place on Thursday, September 19th from 7 - 9 p.m. at Teddy's Bar, 379 South Pine Ave. South Amboy/Sayreville.

A \$20 per person entrance fee will be collected at the door. Participants will enjoy unlimited free beer and wine, food plus a performance by the D.B. Kelly Drum & Bugle Corp. Proceeds will support the efforts of the South Amboy Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee.

A special performance by the Col. D. B. Kelly Pipe and Drums will top of the evening.

So gather a group of friends, head to Teddy's for drinks and pub grub and join us as we get ready for the South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade, one of the best in the state, Sunday, March 15th.

## Save The Date - South Amboy Artsfest 2019

South Amboy Arts and the City of South Amboy will present the 2019 Artsfest on Sunday September 22, 2019, rain date September 29, 2019. Featuring: Music and Dancing, Art Exhibitions, Performances & Demonstrations, Arts & Craft Activities, Arts & Craft Vendors and Food Vendors. Meet us on Broadway to sign up for your passport for Surprises from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

We are looking for individuals who are willing to share, demonstrate or volunteer their time and effort at our South Amboy Festival of the Arts. Individuals with a sense of community and a love of the arts are needed for this community event.

South Amboy Artsfest will provide a day

for demonstrations, performances and hands on activities for all to enjoy. To make this a rewarding community experience, we need your help and expertise in sharing your culture by demonstrating and/or performing an art form or traditional craft of your culture. We also need help at our registration tables and arts and craft tables. Help in planning for this event is the first priority. Please contact us at southamboyartsalliance@gmail.com or 732-754-7913.

Volunteers, Vendors and South Amboy Businesses please go to the City of South Amboy website to find the form needed to register for this event.

## BENEFIT DINNER DANCE

The OLV Seniors are sponsoring a Benefit Classic Rock/Oldies Dinner Dance Saturday October 19th, 2019 at the Msgr. Dalton Hall, from 6pm to 10:30pm. Buffet Dinner will be provided, but this is a B.Y.O.B. Event. There will be a 50/50, Stage Prizes, and more. Classic Rock and Oldies Live Music from the 50's thru the 70's will be provided by "Clem and Friends"

Tickets are \$40.00 per person. For more info and tix, please contact Teri Yetsko at 732-727-7639 or 732-742-1320. All proceeds to Benefit the OLV School!



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Library Director Elaine R. Gaber (left) is presented with an Amboy Foundation technology grant check from Joseph J. Mullane, Vice President, Amboy Bank. Mary Rager, President of the Dowdell Library Foundation and Elaine were very pleased to announce the grant. (Photo/info submitted)



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### Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard  
Ann Mazanec Retires

One of the most dedicated, congenial and kind employees of the city of South Amboy, Ann Mazanec, who worked for 18 years in the tax office has retired. One of her co-workers said that, "She was the person that had the most interaction with the public, and she went above and beyond to help many of them. Ann would drop off or pick up paperwork at the homes of seniors who were unable to get to City Hall. She knew most of the taxpayers well enough that she could greet them by name whenever they came. Many have expressed sadness that she is retiring." A retirement brunch was held in her honor on Friday, July 12th.

Ann is a wonderful lady, who was always helpful to us, and will be missed. Have a wonderful, healthy, and happy retirement Ann! You deserve it! God bless!

### South Amboy HS Class Officers

Congratulations to the South Amboy HS Class Officers for the Class of 2019 on a job well-done! The officers were: President-Michael Coman; Vice-President-John McCleery; Secretary-Nick Mihalecko; Treasurer-Renee Piazzolla; Member-At-Large-Stephen McLaughlin. Best of luck and success in the future!

### College Achievements

Berkeley College Degrees  
Parlin-Joshua Alvarado, Shawn Esteban, Agata Goman, Fallon Hartman, Brittany Mele, Joseph Saita.  
Sayreville-Maxroland Abalo, Rebecca Asiedu, Elisha Hawkins, Isadore Hawkins, Maliha Khan, Nyger Leslie-Alexander, Telley Messavi, Ramat Muhammed, Amina Nasser, Anabelle Rodriguez, Safiatu Savage, Janet Tweneboah, Victor Urbina.  
South Amboy-Shaiasia Boyd-Dorcy, Elizabeth Bueno, Pamela Castro, April Ortega, Erin Taylor, Shannon Van Allen.  
Dean's List  
Parlin-Liliana Surgent, (College of St. Rose, NY); Kumal Kadakia, Mai Aly, (University of the Sciences).

### Hoffman High School Multi-Year Reunion

All Hoffman HS alumni are invited to a day of laughter, friendship, and nostalgia! Please join us at our multi-year reunion on Sunday, Oct. 13th from 1-5 pm at Mara's on Rt. 35, South Amboy. The cost will be \$65 per person, which includes a buffet, beer, wine, and DJ. Send your check payable to Bill Croddick, 130 So. Stevens Ave, So. Amboy or Jill Pappa Heckman, 364 Conover St, South Amboy. Questions? Contact Helenmae Stader Bilder at hbilder02@aol.com, or stop one of the other committee members, Edward Szatkowski, Mimi Woznica Barbieri, or Kathy Koerner O'Leary. The deadline to purchase tickets is Sept. 15th, so don't miss out on a chance to create new memories. Let's go Guvs!

A PRAYER FOR HEALING  
Lord, you invited all who are burdened to come to You. Allow your healing hand to heal me. Touch my soul with Your compassion for others. Touch my heart with Your courage and infinite love for all. Touch my mind with Your wisdom, that my mouth may always proclaim Your praise. Teach me to reach out to You in my need. Help me to lead others to You by my example. Most loving heart of Jesus, bring me health in my body and spirit so that I may serve You with all my strength. Touch gently with this life that you have created. Amen -S.R...

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## Pleasant little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

- In 1983, where was Penny For Penny Liquors store located?  
a.Parlin b.South Amboy c.Morgan
- President of South Amboy Board of Education in 1970?  
a.Stanley Kowaleski b.Mary Magilicudy c.Francis Stepanovich
- In '66, this bar you probably never heard of was located at 117 North Broadway, South Amboy?  
a.SA Johnny's Pub b.Happy Times Inn c.Mitch's Tavern
- Where did LaMont's Pizza Kitchen move to back in '69 at South Amboy?  
a.Main St. b.Washington Ave. c.South Stevens Ave.
- South Amboy Postmaster in 1989?  
a.Norman Kilcomons b.Glenn Mahoney c.Bernard Cohan
- Appointed South Amboy's Emergency Management Coordinator in '89?  
a.Richard Johnson b.Mark Herdman c.Charles Pickard
- In 1999, this martial arts school was located on Raritan St. in Sayreville?  
a.Sayreville Martial Arts Academy b.Don-Ho Martial Arts c.Sifu Yang School Of Defense
- Where was Raritan Discount Liquors & Deli located in Sayreville in '99?  
a.Bordertown Ave. b.Washington Rd. c.Raritan St.
- Grand Knight for St. Bernadette's Knights of Columbus Council # 8478 in 1994-95?  
a.Kenneth McLaughlin b.Robert Bove c.John Carlos
- The Sayreville-South Amboy Rotary Club President in 2004?  
a.Joseph Kurzawski Jr. b.Harry Walker c.Gregory Wzykowski

Answers  
1c 2a 3c 4b 5b 6a 7a 8c 9a 10a

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**Community Vacation Bible School**



This year we celebrated our 31st year of Community Vacation Bible School (CVBS) from July 8th thru July 12! We had 6 local churches participate, Christ Episcopal Church, First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy, Messiah Lutheran Church, St Mary Roman Catholic Church, St. Bernadette Roman Catholic Church, and Trinity United Methodist Church. The event was held at the Lourdes Center at St. Bernadette Roman Catholic Church, and the theme was "Miraculous Mission." As always all were welcome to this "free will offering" VBS. Thank you to all who contributed, the volunteers and the parents who brought their children. A great time was had by all that came.

**Rolling Thunder BBQ**



Recently, members of Rolling Thunder Chapter 2 NY..... rode their bikes over to Venetian and had a BBQ for our veterans. It was a wonderful day and they also went up to the floors to visit those residents who couldn't come out of bed. (Photos/info submitted)

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**Yearbook-Sayreville 1999**  
 By Tom Burkard

The yearbook was titled "From Start To Finish," and what a year it was! William Bauer was Superintendent of Schools. . . Arnold Oftedal was principal. . . Some SWMHS teachers were: Gregg Palmer, Eleanor Schneider, Lynne Steele, Matthew Pazinko, Angela Tomczyk, Lori Rosen, Patricia Feltz, Lee Voza, James Craft, Susan Jaysnovitch, Donna Amato. The Student Council was comprised of President-John Jackson; VP-Shelby Poplowski; Sec.-Erin Kelly; Treas.-Kelli Cooper. . . The Senior Class Council: President-Karen Martin; VP-Kimberly Salaycik; Treas.-Charles Bowden; Corresponding Sec.-Nicole Telesosky; Recording Sec.Tifanie Bender. . . Some of the seniors randomly selected include: Jean Anthony, Ryan Appleby, Candice Bauman, Jessica Barry, Anthony Blaszk, Bella Boateng, Jennifer Bell, Dana Brus, Troy Burke, You Chen, Christine Chrzan, Maria Chu, Sarah Cobb, Kelli Connors, Arthur Coward, Dominique DeSantis, Mary Ellis, Mary Fallon, Brian Feger, Robert Goscinski, Sandra Gieg, Tara Hahn, Randolph Hammond, Tina Marie Holmes, Thomas Hospidor, Vera Hunger, Sarah Jastrzebski, Barry Kaplan, Thomas Kapusta, Kimberly Keenan, Timothy Kenny, Jamel Killiebrew, Michelle Krainski, Jennifer Kukulski, So Min Lee, Eric Leonhardt, Christine Lesko, Teresa Lucadano, Ryan Masterson, Aalok Mody,

April Miller, Matthew McDonnell, Jennifer Murphy, Judy Ng, Jesse O'Brien, Patrick O'Connor, Danielle Ogden, Walter Pytel, Dana Pasztornyicky, Gema Patel, David Pollando, Jonelle Quinto, Nadia Rucinski, Abdul Savage, Brenda Shaver, Nisha Shah, Scott Schlottfeld, Thomas Starace, Thomas Szcapanik, Matthew Steiner, Nicole Telesosky, Abdullah Wahab, Drew Warden, Evan Weinstein, Christine Whaley, Edward White, Toni Marie Zammit, Vanessa Zielinski, John Farinick, Ken Hays Jr., Russell Thomsen, Marcin Ziobron. . . Pat Doll and Andrew Golden were Co-Editors-In-Chief of Echo Lites, the school newspaper. . Elizabeth Vassallo and Winifred Huang were Co-Editors-In-Chief of Images, the literary magazine. . Nicole Fitzgerald and Shauna Lynch were Co-Editors-In-Chief of Quo Vadis, the yearbook. Amanda Vineyard was captain of the color guard. Mike Solovey and Sam Guine were the drum majors in the marching band. . . There were plenty of extracurricular activities ranging from clubs and organizations to the many different sports teams. Popular school plays in '99 were "Romeo & Juliet." and "Fiddler on the Roof." The SWMHS Class of '99 was a very talented and diverse group of young adults who certainly made the school and Borough of Sayreville proud.

**VOICES OF THE HOLOCAUST**  
 ARTISTS OF TEREZIN: AN EVENING OF REMEMBRANCE  
 AT THE DOWDELL LIBRARY

On Tuesday, August 13 at 6:30pm, the Dowdell Library is honored to host the Artistic Remembrance Project's "Voices of the Holocaust—Artists of Terezin," a live music, poetry reading, and discussion presented by Collegium Musicum. The program includes an exhibition dedicated to the children's opera Brundibar, staged at the Teresienstadt (Terezin) Concentration Camp in 1944; the exhibit was originally prepared for and exposed at Berkeley University as part of their Culture Against Destruction Project. It has been provided to Collegium Music to be used as part of "Voices of the Holocaust—Artists of Terezin" Remembrance Project by Elena Makarova Initiatives Group, Haifa, Israel.

According to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM), Theresienstadt operated from November 24, 1941 to May 9, 1945. During this time, it served as a settlement, assembly camp, and concentration camp. "In its function as a tool of deception," the USHMM states, "Theresienstadt was unique . . . [because] the Nazis used the Theresienstadt ghetto to hide the nature" of mass deportations. Though Nazi propaganda depicted the camp as a resettlement community with a lively cosmopolitan vibe, "the ghetto was in reality a collection center for deportations to ghettos and killing centers in Nazi-occupied eastern Europe."

More from the USHMM: "Despite the terrible living conditions and the constant threat of deportation, Theresienstadt had a highly developed cultural life. Outstanding Jewish artists, mainly from Czechoslovakia, Austria, and Germany, created drawings and paintings, some of them clandestine depictions of the ghetto's harsh reality. Writers, professors, musicians, and actors gave lectures, concerts, and theater performances. The ghetto maintained a lending library of 60,000 volumes.

"Fifteen thousand children passed through Theresienstadt. Although forbidden to do so, they attended school. They painted pictures, wrote poetry, and otherwise tried to maintain a vestige of normalcy. Approximately 90 percent of these children perished in killing centers."

You can learn more about Theresienstadt at the Voices of the Holocaust—Artists of Terezin program, through the Dowdell Library, and online, including the valuable information available via the USHMM at <https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/content/en/article/theresienstadt>.

**High School, College Students Sought For County Youth Conservation Corps**

Applications are now being accepted for the Middlesex County Youth Conservation Corps, whose mission is to protect and preserve the more than 8,000 acres of Open Space owned and maintained by Middlesex County. The County recognizes that these natural areas must always be guarded from misuse, polluters, and the forces of nature, and needs help in keeping these areas green and safe. Conservation Corps crew members earn \$10.50 per hour and will work Saturdays from September 21 through November 23, 2019. Work will primarily take place at County Open Spaces in Old Bridge, Monroe and South Brunswick. Students age 16 and over are encouraged to apply.

"Maintaining and preserving our open spaces and trails is a challenging task, and our Youth Conservation Corps has continued to rise to that challenge," said Freeholder Charles Kenny, chair of the County's Infrastructure Management Committee. "This program has helped countless young people learn valuable skills, such as cooperation and responsibility, while their environmental work ensures Middlesex County will stay clean, green and healthy."

"The Board of Chosen Freeholders has always been very proud of the Youth Conservation Corps and the remarkable work it has done to improve the environment of our County," said Middlesex County Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios. "The County is devoted to its land management goals as well as the personal development of its younger residents. This program allows the County to reach both goals in a responsible and economical way." Activities include trail building, litter clean-up, invasive species removal and wildlife habitat improvements. Applicants should be enthusiastic, motivated and willing to work and learn as a part of a team. Also, applicants must have the capacity to walk several miles and stand for extended periods of time, the willingness to get dirty and work outdoors in various weather conditions and the ability to use various hand tools. Space is limited. Interested applicants should send a cover letter and resume for employment to: Griffith Boyd, Middlesex County Office of Parks and Recreation, PO Box 661, New Brunswick, NJ 08903.

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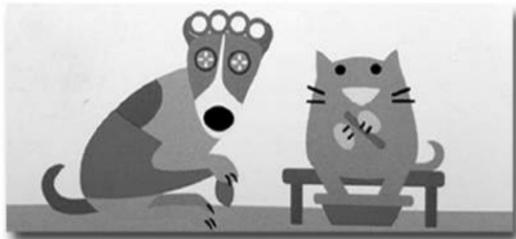
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## Duck The Dog Days Down At The Dowdell!

(Article submitted)

As the days grow longer and summer vacation dwindles ever shorter, the Dowdell Library remains busy as ever. You know the drill: books, events, technology, climate control, all of it free, all of it fun! Here's what's happening in August!

Let's start at the finish line: don't miss the Dowdell's End of Summer Party, running from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm on Monday, August 26! Wave goodbye to the season with prizes, refreshments, and live music from The Paul Nagy Project!

Now back to your regularly scheduled programming... On Maker Mondays, young visitors will have the opportunity to explore a number of novel technologies including the Finch Robot, Raspberry Pi Retro Gaming Emulator, Makey Makey, and more! Crafty Tuesdays will feature analog make-it-yourself activities; projects include MIY Telescopes, MIY Space Slime, MIY Jelly Bean Buildings, and MIY Pom Pom Roller Coasters. On Wednesdays, Sadie's Studio in 3-D pairs Toddler STEAM Tales, a tech-themed storytime, and 3-D Printer Magic, a program blending expensive machines and cheap plastic. Both events run from 1pm to 2pm every week.

You don't want to miss Out of This Universe Thursdays, which offer another dose of Toddler STEAM Tales alongside unique events like a Cosplay Contest, Universe Party, and Rubik's Cube Challenge! Finally, Fridays are Club Days! Options include Anime Club, Art Club, Board Game Club, and Videogaming Club. Meetings are planned for every Friday and will run on a drop-in basis from 1pm to 4pm. No registration is required; please contact the library for additional information.

The Dowdell is also offering a unique set of separate events for its teen and tween patrons. T(w)een Books and Bites, Dowdell's bring-your-own-read book club, will meet on Monday, August 12 from 2:30pm to 4pm. Raspberry Pi Retro Gaming sessions are scheduled for Monday, August 5 and Monday, August 19 from 2:30 pm to 4 pm. Screenslayers, a new movie hate-watching club, runs from 2:30pm to 4:30pm on Tuesdays including August 6 and 27. Two Animation Workshops are penciled in for Tuesday, August 13 and Tuesday, August 20 from 3pm to 4:30pm. Each Wednesday, t(w)een patrons will have the opportunity to design and print their own 3-D objects during 3-D Printer Magic with Tinkercad, running from 2:30pm to 3:30pm. Major Thursday offerings include Board Game Bonanza and Rubik's Cube Challenge on August 1 from 1pm to 4pm; MIY Sundaes from 3pm to 4pm on August 8; a Universe Party from 2pm to 4pm on August 15; a Cosplay Contest from 2pm to 4pm on August 22. And what about adults? No worries—the Dowdell's got plenty planned! Looking to expand your mind? Dowdell's Yoga Series is chugging along with Yoga for Beginners on Tuesday, August 27 from 6:30pm to 7:15pm. Interested in 3-D printing? Try EZ 3-D Printer for Adults on Thursday, August 8 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm and take home a new spoon holder! Looking for a healthy, flavorful, and easy-to-make new nosh? Learn to make a Noodle Veggie Salad on Tuesday, August 13 and Tuesday, August 20 from 12pm to 1pm. Finally, make a little music at P.L.A.Y. After Dark, running from 6:30pm to 8pm on Monday, August 19. Bring your own instrument (whatever it may be) and jam along with your community!

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## "That's Where They Fry 'Em"

By Elaine Holton Scott

I was a very young child, around 4 or 5, when I went with my parents to take a ride past the Rahway Prison. I know I was very young because I was still living with my family...but that's for another story. It could have been way back in 1952, after a 5-day prison riot in April of that year had ended. I think, though, it was probably after an execution had taken place. After what seems like a lifetime ago, I can still remember my dad pointing to the dome of the prison on that sunny day and saying to my mother, "That's where they fry 'em." "Fry 'em?" I wondered, as I sat alone in the back seat staring at the building as we drove by. With the extensive imagination all children have, some really bad images came into my mind. Oddly, I had felt better when I learned my father had meant bad men were put to death in the prison's electric chair. I guess it just seemed better to me than being fried. In Rahway Prison, actually located in Avenel and not in Rahway, that chair had been "well-used."

In those years, New Jersey didn't waste a lot of time giving killers the chance to live long after being convicted of murder. As a matter of fact, they didn't coddle any of their prisoners serving time there. They were made to work, with getting picked to be on a Chain Gang the most welcomed job of all for many "jailbirds." Working in the fresh air in their black and white striped uniforms, the prisoners picked up the trash along the highways, all the while being chained together at their ankles. "Don't look at them!" my mother had warned me as we passed a group working on Route 9. Looking out the small rear window of our car, I did look, and when one man smiled at me, I smiled in return.

Rahway Prison, now called East Jersey State Prison, actually opened its doors in 1901 as a Reformatory. In 1929, it was changed to be a Maximum Security all-male prison. In 1951, the last of multiple wings was added to the prison. In 2013, the prison housed approximately 1,500 inmates. On December 27th, 1960, a very jealous husband named Ralph Hudson stabbed his wife to death in a jealous rage in Atlantic City. He was convicted of this murder and, as my dad had said, he was "fried" on January 23rd, 1963. Hudson was to become the last man to be executed at this prison, as well as, in the entire State of New Jersey. With the abolishment of Capital Punishment in NJ on December 17, 2007, the prison system isn't so harsh. Instead of working on a chain gang, guys can opt to learn about Auto Body & Mechanics; Culinary Arts, Painting & Decorating; Horticulture, while studying to obtain a College Degree.

What has also changed in our Justice System is probably, to so many females, the greatest change of all. Just think...men had always had the right to beat their wives, suffering no consequences for doing so no matter how bad the beating. A very brave woman would change all that in 1985 after winning her case, Tracey Thurman vs City of Torrington. Tracey Thurman had been severely beaten, stabbed, and gotten her head stomped by her husband after she had made repeated calls to the police asking for their protection. She had received none. When she won her case against the Connecticut Police Department, a national law, known as the Thurman Law, was put into effect FINALLY making spousal abuse an automatic arrestable offense.

## Classic Car Cruise Night September 13

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## Berklee College Of Music Graduate



**Tyler Richmond**

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member and lead guitarist of the Rich Blues Experience. Tyler currently works at Let There Be Rock School as a music instructor, Frederick, MD. He will be relocating to Nashville, TN this fall. A graduate of Walkersville HS, Class of 2015, Tyler's passion for music carries over to every aspect of his life, especially the Boy Scouts of America, where he still serves his troop, as a committee member and music badge counselor. He is a 2015 Eagle Scout.

## South Amoby Independence Day Celebration July 3, 2019

(Photos by Brian Stratton)



Al Chez (with trumpet) and the Brothers of Soul had the park ROCKIN!



Some of the many food vendors on hand to feed the crowd.



The Historical Society of South Amboy.



These youngsters had a blast scooping up rubber ducks.



South Amboy Arts had crafts for the children.

## Sayreville Sparkles 2019! Independence Day Celebration

(Photos/captions by Tom Burkard)



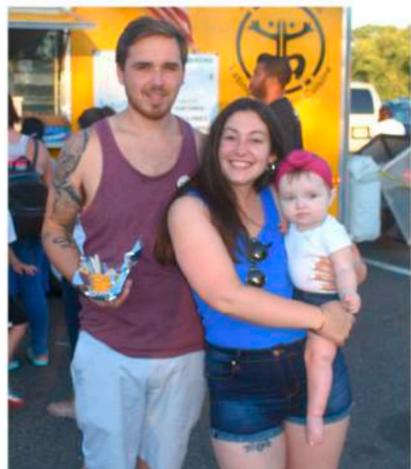
All the way from Massachusetts, the band, Wanted DOA would have made Sayreville's Jon Bon Jovi proud for their cool performance.

Sayreville Republicans, running for office in November were on hand to celebrate Independence Day.

Pictured (l-r) Christian Hibinski, Art Rittenhouse, and Donna Roberts.



American flags were proudly displayed everywhere.



This happy couple with their beautiful baby had a great time.



Recreation Director Jerry Ust, along with his staff, borough workers, and volunteers made the day a most memorable one.



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# St. Stan's Carnival

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Another winner at the Water Race Game.



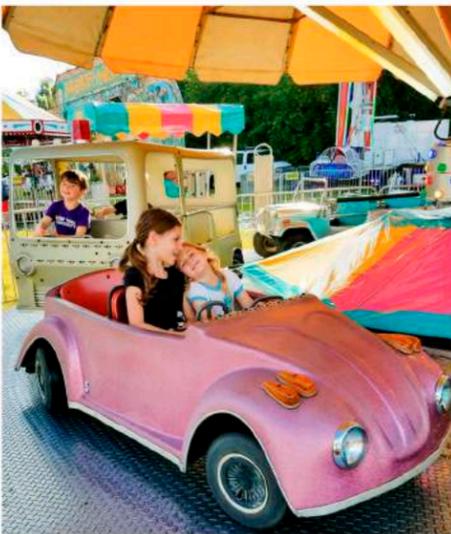
The always popular cake stand was jam-packed.



Members of the historical society had their own table near the food tent.



Members of the Sayreville Emergency Squad are pictured at their table.



St. Stan's School students and sisters, Melanie and Veronica Aiello, take a ride in a fast car.

← (Photo by Meredith Madeira)



Addison Colgan, Isabella Porcaro, and Novalie Torres strike a pose before their spinning ride in the air. (Photo by Katie Diamond)

# South Amboy Arts & Crafts Summer Program

(Photos by Brian Stratton)



The 2019 South Arts and Crafts Program Counselors (seated l-r) Patrick Walsh, Nadia Barcheski, Emily Arlia, Sean Kudelka, Jamie Moran, Fallon Nowak, Kyle Gasiewsk. Community Service Counselors (center l-r) Philip Joks, Victoria Tierney, Kelly Pierce, Justin Noon, Jelissa Caraballo, (back l-r) Katherine Koestler, Nicole Koestler, Selina Maisonett, Dennis Noon, Amanda Hayes, Sarah Knapik, Brandon Arlia. Not pictured, Shyann Timms.

Having fun doing Arts & Crafts.



Counselors give a jump rope clinic.



Fun on the Swings.



## It's a Wrap!

Saris & Textiles of India

South Amboy Arts and the City of South Amboy in collaboration with Middlesex County Division of Arts & History Services will be presenting an exhibition on Indian Textiles at the South Amboy Arts Gallery located at 141 North Broadway now to Thursday August 8th.

This exhibition, designed by Isha Vyas and curated by Richa Puri, will be opening on Sunday, July 14th at 1 p.m. and will focus on traditional Indian clothing and fabric decoration. The curators will be available to discuss the regional clothing styles and fabrics, along with a demonstration on how to drape a sari. All are welcome to attend FREE OF CHARGE.

Come join the festive colors and information of cloth and season! Any questions or information regarding private showings please call 732-525-5932 or email southamboyartsalliance@gmail.com



The opening day of the exhibition instructed how a sari is wrapped..we had individuals that wanted to learn the how to for upcoming events they would be attending. How beautiful one can feel in a piece of fabric so soft delicate and beautiful... (Photo/Info Submitted)



### Southeast Asia Ethnic Cultures Celebration

(Photo/article submitted)

Sayreville Public Library celebrated the cultures of Southeast Asia on Saturday, June 29, 2019 at the Sayreville Senior Center. The program, coordinated by librarian, Aziza Haque, and hosted by Master of Ceremonies, Ajanta Siddiqui, featured traditional colors, tastes, and sounds of the region in an atmosphere of jewel-toned saris, harmoniums and tabla drums, and strands of flowers.

Dr. Faruque Azam, President of the Bangladeshi Association of New Jersey (BANJ), introduced the region and countries of Southeast Asia before joining Laila Farzana in a recitation and love song. Dr. Arindam

Chakraborty and his group, Rhythm-Spec, presented an array of music and song from different areas in the Sounds of India.

Following a buffet of samosas, pita sandwiches, and sweets, Martir Kachey Praan entertained with Heart Close to the Soil, authentic folk tunes and dances of Bangla with demonstrations by Ajanta Siddiqui and Shabbir Ahmed. The event culminated with the audience joining in a dance to Bollywood songs sung by Pallavi Bellwariar, a wonderful tribute to the diversity of our community as well as an opportunity to share in the culture of our neighbors.

### Sacred Heart Gets \$6,000

(Article submitted)

On Saturday, July 7, following 4 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church, the Sacred Heart Rosary presented Father Stanley Gromadzki, pastor, with a check for \$6,000 to go toward the cost of repairs for the church's pipe organ. The money was the result of

fundraisers the Rosarians sponsored over the last year. The members also recognized Father Stanley's 30th anniversary of his ordination and his contributions during his priestly life.

### OLV Seniors Meet and Greet

The OLV Seniors will hold two Meet and Greet sessions for new members on Monday, July 29th and Thursday, August 1 from 10 AM to 12 noon in OLV lower church. We will answer any questions you

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### OLV Trip to NY Play

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to NYC to see Ain't Too Proud on Wednesday, October 2nd at 2 PM. The cost of the trip is \$250.00 which includes the theatre ticket (orchestra section) bus transportation, bus gratuity, dinner at Hurley's and bus snacks. For further information or to reserve a seat please contact Teri at 732-727-7639 or 732-742-1320.



## Interns Wanted

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Please enclose your name, address, phone, and college you attend, in addition to your major field of study. You will be notified if accepted.

### A Loser In Search Of A Win

By Albert Gomolka Jr.  
 SA Times Poet Laureate  
 C. 1976

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 Or how down and how sore  
 Or how tough it had been  
 For in the end the victory is sweet  
 And the one who once lost  
 now triumphs the win  
 And if more than twice,  
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### South Amboy City Wide Yard Sale

June 29, 2019 (Photos by Brian Stratton)



Sandy (l) and Mike Reilly (r) had great items for sale including many sports treasures.

This yard sale is always a popular stop with items deep into the back yard.



There was something for everyone as children found items that they could enjoy.



Ryan Villig poses in front of his store on Pine Ave. where he had more than a few things for sale!



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## Elvis Visits Sayreville Senior Center

(Photos/captions by Joe Lotkowitz)



Richie Santa is all dressed up in his Elvis costume and ready to begin his set and tribute to Elvis Presley for the Sayreville Thursday Senior Club. Everyone really enjoyed Richie and had a great time listening to the "King's" music.



Maryann Spisso (l), President of the Sayreville Thursday Senior Club congratulates Richie Santa on a fine tribute at his "Elvis gig" on July 11 for the Senior Club.

## Rumbles from the Rock and Roll Reunion

By Clem Skarzynski

Hey Rock 'n' Rollers, lots of music coming your way. First on the calendar, Tuesday, July 23rd, at South Amboy's Dowdell Library will be the acoustic guitar wizardry of Jerry Smith and Dan Toye, who will perform individually, and as a duo, with covers and "original" songs from their solo CD's, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. These 2 guitarists have been there for me for me thru the years, for shows I've done to "open" for the bands, and always there for the "benefit shows" I've organized over the years. They are members of "Musicians On A Mission" that raise monies for various charities with many other Jersey musicians. Jerry and Dan are a great example of what "helping others" really means. C'mon and give 'em a listen. Next up on the Dowdell schedule is "The Paul Nagy Project," a 4-piece bunch of "Classic Rockers" doing songs from the 60's thru the 80's. With Paul Nagy on the lead guitar, Scott Bishop on keys, Roger Blake on the bass and Dave Lippencott on the drums, they get it done the way a great 4-piece group should, solid and together! I've had the pleasure of jamming with these guys, and Scott Bishop is a "regular" with "Clem and Friends" doing the keyboard chores. They blend their talents well, and

are "tight" with their arrangements. If you're a "Classic Rock" fan, or not, give them a listen, you'll enjoy their mix of music and combined talents. So, put Monday, August 26th on your Rock 'n' Roll calendar. 6:30 to 8:00 pm "Music at Dowdell." Coming up quick, are the annual shows sponsored by the Sayreville Recreation Dept. Under the direction of Jerry Ust and Elyse Barone, at Sayreville Kennedy Park, with Saturday September 14th, "Sayreville Day," from 11 am to 4 pm, and the 11th Annual "Blast from the Past" Car Show and Concert, Sunday the 15th from 12-4 pm. Happy to announce that Central Jerseys #1 Classic Rock Band, "Clem and Friends" with their own "special blend" of "classic rock" with a few horns added, will be at both shows, thanks to Elyse and Jerry...so mark that calendar..more info to follow in the next issues! A little bit further down the road, place Saturday October 19th on your date book as "Clem and Friends will be supplying the dance music for OLV's "Oldies/Classic Rock Dinner Dance, at Msgr. Dalton Hall..Doors will open at 6:00pm for that show..Lots more info to follow in the next issue also. Till the next issue..be well and "Rock n Roll"!

## Woodstock Week-50 Years Ago

1969-The Top 20 single records in Billboard (USA) Magazine for the week of Aug. 16, 1969, and their artists were: #1 In The Year 2525-Zager & Evans #2 Honky Tonk Women-The Rolling Stones #3 Crystal Blue Persuasion-Tommy James & The Shondells #4 Sweet Caroline-Neil Diamond #5 A Boy Named Sue-Johnny Cash #6 Put A Little Love In Your Heart-Jackie DeShannon #7 Ruby, Don't Take Your Love To Town-Kenny Rogers & The First Edition #8 My Cherie Amour-Stevie Wonder #9 What Does It Take-

Junior Walker & The All-Stars #10 Baby I Love You-Andy Kim #11 Spinning Wheel-Blood, Sweat and Tears #12 Laughing-Guess Who #13 Polk Salad Annie-Tony Joe White #14 Get Together-The Youngbloods #15 Green River-Creedence Clearwater Revival (CCR) #16 Lay Lady Lay-Bob Dylan #17 Mother Popcorn-James Brown #18 Quentin's Theme-Charles Randolph Grean Sounde #19 My Pledge Of Love-Joe Jeffrey Group #20 Give Peace A Chance-The Plastic Ono Band.

## #1 Country Hit July 27

2002-The Good Stuff-Kenny Chesney  
1996-Daddy's Money-Ricochet  
1982-Take Me Down-Alabama  
1976-Teddy Bear-Red Sovine  
1966-Think Of Me-Buck Owens

## #1 Pop Hits-July 27

2004-Confessions Part II-Usher  
1995-Waterfalls-TLC  
1983-Every Breath You Take-The Police  
1977-Looks Like We Made It-Barry Manilow  
1967-Windy-The Association

## Bon Jovi Back In Moscow

By Tom Burkard

On May 31st, Bon Jovi brought his "This House" tour to Russia, marking the first time in 30 years, since the band played before the then Communist-ruled country in 1989. Bon Jovi's leader/founder Jon Bon

Jovi brought a somewhat different lineup with him to Moscow this time, with the exception of keyboard superstar David Bryan and dynamite drummer Tico Torres.

## One Hit Wonders-55 Years Ago

1964-Midnight Mary-Joey Powers; What Kind Of Fool (Do You Think I Am)-The Tams; California Sun-The Rivas; Penetration-The Pyramids; High Heel Sneaker-Tommy Tucker; (Just Like) Romeo & Juliet-The Reflections; Steal Away-Jimmy Hughes; Haunted House-Jumpin' Gene

Simmons; Selfish One-Jackie Ross; Funny (How Time Slips Away)-Joe Hinton; We'll Sing In The Sunshine-Gale Garnett; Little Honda-The Hondells; Ringo-Lorne Greene; Tobacco Road-The Nashville Teens; Last Kiss-J. Frank Wilson & The Cavaliers; Have I The Right?-The Honeycombs.

## You Tube-In

One of the best songs on Bruce Springsteen's new "Western Stars" album is "Hitch Hikin'...Bruce's bass player Garry Tallent has a new song released, "More Like Me," which has a 60's/garage band sound to it.

## Movie Mania-2019

Our movie experts have devised a rating system to inform you of new movies that have been released since January 1st. The ratings go from the lowest 0.0 to the highest 10.0.  
--Extremely Wicked, Shockingly Evil, & Vile (Ted Bundy)-starring Zac Efron, John Malkovich, and James Hetfield, better known as founder/guitarist/lead singer of the metal group Metallica. 8.0.  
--Stockholm-starring Ethan Hawke. 8.0  
--The Poison Rose-starring John Travolta, Morgan Freeman. 8.0.  
--Rocket Man-a look at rockstar Elton John's life, with a feel of a Broadway musical at times. 7.2.  
--Murder Mystery-starring Jennifer Aniston, Adam Sandler. 7.0.  
--Backdraft 2-starring William Baldwin, Donald Sutherland. 6.5.  
--Wine Country-starring Amy Poehler, Maya Rudolph 1.5.

## Remember The Bayshore 5?

Late 1960's-This South Amboy rock 'n' roll band featured lead singer Mike Conley, guitarist/vocalist Bob Eginton, Skip Buckalew, Frank & Bill Graff, and leader/drummer Joe Hessner.

## 50 Years Ago

Aug. 22, 1969-Protection Engine Co. held its 24th Annual Dance at St. Mary's HS Gym. Entertainment was provided by popular Perth Amboy band, "The Invaders," who featured Sayreville's own Jess Dehnz Jr. on saxophone. If you go to youtube.com, you can hear their excellent 45 rpm record, "O'Lord."

## Karaoke Night September 20

For all of you local singers, the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 resume their Karaoke night, Friday September 13 at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy beginning at 8 p.m. If you enjoy singing anything from

the Beatles to Billy Joel come out and sing in a nightclub atmosphere. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 732-721-2025.



## Match The Star & Band

By Tom Burkard

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. __ Sam The Sham      | a. The Shondells          |
| 2. __ Little Anthony    | b. The Raiders            |
| 3. __ Gary Puckett      | c. The Silver Bullet Band |
| 4. __ Bob Seger         | d. The Four Seasons       |
| 5. __ Frankie Valli     | e. The Detroit Wheels     |
| 6. __ Joan Jett         | f. The Union Gap          |
| 7. __ Tommy James       | g. The Pharaohs           |
| 8. __ Paul Revere       | h. The E-Street Band      |
| 9. __ Bruce Springsteen | i. The Imperials          |
| 10. __ Mitch Ryder      | j. The Blackhearts        |

Answers 1g 2i 3f 4c 5d 6j 7a 8b 9h 10e.

## Summer Art Exhibits Dowdell Library!

The Sadie Pope Dowdell Library is thrilled to announce a pair of new art installations: Pauline Perlman's "Imagination Dolls" and Danielle Wilkinson's "Nature Photography Mandalas." Located in the Davidoff Family Exhibition Area and throughout the library's display cases, these collections are visible at all times during the library's operating hours. All are strongly encouraged to stop by and enjoy these unique, thoughtful, and engaging artworks!

Pauline Perlman's handcrafted dolls have been displayed at more than fifteen libraries around the state of New Jersey. Perlman began making the dolls about four years ago when she joined the Rahway Senior Center, where she attended sessions to learn about doll design. Crafted from media including paint, glue, wood, spools, wool, fabrics, ornaments, and even human hair, her work combines two key materials: recycled goods and imagination. "My ultimate wish is for them to find a home in the Smithsonian

in Washington, D.C., for the remainder of their years," says Perlman. "Children are very interested in them as well as adults."

Danielle Wilkinson is an artist currently creating and teaching workshops in drawing, photography, spirituality and yoga. She earned her BFA from Ramapo College of NJ and her NJ Art & Education Certification from St. Peter's College; she taught art at David Brearley Middle and Kenilworth High School for fourteen years. Her Nature Photography Mandalas are created from digital photographs capturing fractal patterns in the natural world. "My artwork is meant to evoke inner growth, awareness, and peace," Wilkinson says. "Each mandala has a way of drawing the viewer into the present moment. Photography is about capturing the moment. Meditation is about being in the moment. Spirituality is about being grateful for the moment. This is the essence behind my Nature Photography Mandala Creations."

## School Sports

By Tom Burkard

### Riley Finishes Outstanding Collegiate Career

Jackie Riley recently finished her incredible collegiate career at Kean University. She graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor Degree in Psychology, and also turned in a tremendous softball season, playing the role of pitcher/DH. She finished with numerous high level awards this year. Jackie enjoyed softball all these years including playing in Italy last year and attending the Division 1 Women's College World Series & catching a home run ball as a spectator this year. Her superb stats for the season were:

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ERA - 1.33 (19th lowest nationally), career - 1.82 (30th nationally)  
Hits allowed/7 innings - 5.57 (64th lowest nationally)  
Opposing team batting average - .211  
Innings pitched - 115.1  
Strikeouts - 71 (232nd highest nationally)  
Shutouts - 6 (27th nationally)

**Batting**  
Batting average - .333  
Strikeouts - 4 in 117 At bats (150th nationally toughest to strike-out)  
Hits - 39  
Doubles - 5  
Home Runs - 2  
Slugging Average - .427  
RBI's - 35 (156th highest nationally)  
Fielding percentage - 1.000 (5th in Conference)

#### 2019 Honors & Awards

NJAC 1st team Utility player, NFCA All-East Region; 1st team Utility player/pitcher, Co-Sida/Google Academic; All-District 1st team Pitcher, Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC); Division III softball 1st team pitcher; NFCA Division III All-American Third team Utility player/pitcher. Only 45 players Nationally for All-American are selected from across All Division III schools. Only the 9th All-American ever for Kean Softball and 3rd Third team All-American for Kean Softball.

#### Riley Set Records At Kean

4 runs/game (2018); 16 put-outs/game (2018); 14 Doubles/season (2017); 2 saves/season (2019); 91 RBIs/career (2017-2019); 1.82 ERA/career (4th best all-time) (2018-2019); and 2 saves/career (2018-2019).

Congratulations Jackie on a truly amazing career, and best of luck in the future!



Alfie Clark (r) is pictured at Yankee Stadium near the display case that holds baseballs with the names of former Yankees. Alfie was showing his daughter Stephany (l) and her son Colin, a 6-year old, the ball with his father Allie Clark's name on it. Allie was a South Amboy native who went on to star for the NY Yankees in the '47 World Series, and Cleveland Indians in the '48 World Series, and is one of 2 players in history to play on 2 World Series Championship teams in his first 2 years in the big leagues. (Photo submitted by Stephany Clark)

### Bombers In All-Star Classic

Two Sayreville Bombers football players and one cheerleader participated in the prestigious Autoland Classic recently. The contest featured the Middlesex County All-Stars vs. Union County All-Stars. The Sayreville players were defensive tackle Benedict Arnold, and center Agustin Del Valle. Yazmin Agostini was a member of the Middlesex All-Stars cheerleading squad.

### Pro Baseball Watch

Brandon Bielak of Sayreville is pitching for the Houston Astros AAA affiliate Round Rock in the PCL. He is currently (3-3) with a 5.48 ERA, 37 strikeouts in 42.2 innings, and has held opposing batters to a .253 avg.

Riley O'Brien, grandson of South Amboy legend, John O'Brien, is a pitcher in the Tampa Bay Rays farm system, and is with Charlotte in the Florida League, Class A+. He is (2-0) with a 1.59 ERA, and 35 strikeouts in 34 innings pitched.

### Harrigan Named NEAC Scholar-Athlete

The North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) announced the 2018-19 Scholar-Athletes, which included 34 student-athletes from the College of Saint Elizabeth. Kathryn Harrigan, a freshman, who was a standout on the softball team, was selected.

In order to be chosen, a student-athlete competing in a conference-sponsored sport must achieve a combined grade point average of 3.4 or higher for the fall and spring semesters and must have been in good standing on his or her team. Congratulations, Kathryn!

### SH Seniors Trip For Fiesta De San Gennaro

Sacred Heart seniors are running a trip Thursday September 12 to the Staten Playhouse in Staten Island. Cost of \$98 includes roundtrip motor coach transportation, tips, one hour open bar and one hour wine bar. Romantic Italian songs will be played. A three course lunch will be served. This includes fresh garden salad, lunch entree, dessert, coffee and tea. For more information call Judy at 732-727-0154.

### OLV Senior Trip to Christmas Lights in Dyker Heights

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to the Christmas Lights in Dyker Heights, Brooklyn NY. On Friday, December 6, 2019. The price of the trip is \$145.00 which includes bus transportation, bus gratuity, dinner at Tommaso Restaurant, guided tour of the Dyker Heights Neighborhood, all taxes and gratuities. For further information or to reserve a seat please call Finita at 732-721-5081.

### WWW.? Letters

This month's outstanding business is Sayreville Seafood, better known as Little John's! I know this because my family calls this place their second home. On any given day you can find my father, grandfather, and/or great-uncles. My boys also know it as the place with the best eggs. I know it as the place who gave me my first job. John attends celebrations in our family, like my father's retirement from SPD and also sad events like my grandparents funerals this past year. Little John's holds a special place to the Buffalino, Cassidy & Maher family. (Photo/letter/caption by Michele Maher)



## Sayreville Recreation Dept. Summer Programs & Special Events

(Photos/captions by Tom Burkard)



Janet Cook, Basketball Camp Director (back row, far left) is pictured with assistants and happy youngsters who have participated in the excellent program.



Children enjoying a craft program with a summer counselor.



Youngsters proudly show their beautiful art creations.



Kids really enjoy the water balloon toss, and this boy anxiously waits to catch a balloon which is in flight.



Pictured in front of Sayreville Seafood on Memorial Day is Nick & Chat Buffalino, and Nick's great-grandchildren, Justin & Colin Maher, 80-years apart.

## The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

### Youth League Champions



1965-The Mets captured the Sayreville Senior Little League Championship. Pictured bottom row (l-r) Joe Gabel, Bobby Beagan, Ed Dyches, Dave Grodski. Middle row (l-r) Harry Thompson, Gary Unkel, Bob Rodziewicz, Gary Przybylowski, Ken Lyon, Bob Casazza. Top row (l-r) Paul Tischler, Coach Ben Burley, Steve Dzubek, Manager Ernie Casazza. Missing from photo: Stan Grzes, Paul Gulick. (Photo/names courtesy of Joe Gabel)

### South Amboy Slow Pitch Softball

Top Pitchers 1969-74

In our research, we uncovered the won-lost records of pitchers who competed in the SA Slow Pitch Softball League during the first 6 years of the league from 1969-74. The following is a list of pitchers and how they fared during that time frame.

Jack Gallagher 37-18, .672; Gene Cross 30-22, .576; Ed Conroy 27-4, .871; Tom Magielnecki 26-10, .722; Jack Mason 23-7, .767; Jerry Prusakowski 19-2, .904; Frank Kennedy 18-9, .667; Dave Stolte 17-7, .708; Tom Kuc 17-7, .708; Charlie Conroy 16-0 1.000; Ed Paczkowski 16-30, .348; \*Larry Parsons 13-5, .722; John Clark 11-1, .917; Pete Inman 10-2, .833; Joe Gatyas 10-18, .357; Don Potts 9-5, .643; Paul Kurtz 8-3, .727; Neil O'Connor 8-9, .470; Jack O'Connor 7-0, 1.000; Bill Connors 7-1, .875; Jack Paro 6-0, 1.000; Tom Lange 6-3, .667; Ron Poulsen 6-10, .375; Tom Grabert 5-2, .714; Tony Maliszewski 5-2, .714; Rich Ebinger 5-4, .555; Pat Rock 5-5, .500; Pete Kenny 5-6, .454; Kurt Wilczewski 4-0, 1.000; Mike McCarthy 4-6 .400; Don Wernett 4-7, .364; Len Hersey 4-10, .286; Henry "Henny" Conroy 3-0, 1.000; Poland 3-1, .750; \*\*Tom Burkard 3-2, .600; Marty Moe 3-2, .600; Wayne Pillar 3-3, .500; Gary Novak 3-4, .429; Phil Rainone 3-6, .333; Jim Greenhaus 2-0, 1.000; Tom Komick 2-0, 1.000; Bob McKeon 2-1, .667; Frank Leonard 2-1, .667; Mike DeLucia 2-2, .500; Dave Powers 2-3, .400; \*\*\*Joe Crowe 1-0,

1.000; Jay McKeon 1-1, .500; Jim Holovacko 1-3, .250; Al Sorrentino 1-6, .143; \*\*\*\*John Kaboski 0-0, .000.

\*Went on to become the #1 All-Time leader in victories for the South Amboy (SA) League with over 230.

\*\*Started as a first baseman, and played shortfield before pitching full-time from 1987-92...Went on to win 110 games (110-56, .663), to finish #3 in All-Time SA League victories.

\*\*\*Played the infield most of his outstanding career in the SA League... Selected All-City shortstop in '71, and All-City second baseman in '72...Became one of the greatest tournament pitchers around, and also the best in other leagues, such as Perth Amboy. Joe pitched in the SA League for several years, but mostly played infield...As a pitcher, he was known for his quick back-pedaling after delivering a pitch, to clog up the middle, and prevent countless base hits with his golden glove...Joe probably won more than 200 games pitching in tournaments and outside SA Leagues...He is regarded by most as the greatest Slow Pitch softball pitcher of All-Time in South Amboy/Sayreville.

\*\*\*\*The late John Kaboski played third base for many years, and did not start pitching until 1978. He went on to an outstanding career, and won over 200 games, #2 on the All-Time SA League victories list.



1970-The Sayreville Bombers baseball team captured the Central Jersey Group IV state championship, and was honored with a huge banquet. Pictured (l-r) star players Dan Hockenjos, Kevin Lynch, Joe Gabel, and Coach John Wortley. (Photo courtesy of Joe Gabel)

### The Sayreville Public Library presents: "The Space Race"

On Wednesday, July 31, 6:30PM, you are invited to relive the dramatic "space race" from the pioneering Mercury and Gemini flights to the first Apollo moon landings and the lesser-known missions that followed. Along the way, presenter Kevin Woyce will introduce the visionaries and scientists who

made space travel possible, and the American astronauts who boldly traveled "Where no one has gone before."

This event is free and open to the public, not only Sayreville residents, but registration either at sayrevillibrary.org or at 732-727-0212 is strongly suggested.

### Glory Days In Local Sports

1958-St. Mary's beat Hoffman, 5-3 in City Series action. Charlie Conroy was the winning pitcher and struck out 12, while Pat Mullane ripped 3 hits for the Saints. Joe Phillips and Tom "Tex" Leonard chipped in with a double apiece. 1968-Sayreville won its 15th straight baseball game, jolting JFK, 8-4, as Bob Smith notched the victory. Bob Rodziewicz and Gary George had 2 hits and 2 RBI apiece, Fred Poli 2 hits and an RBI, Nick DeBiase and Reggie Carney added a single and RBI apiece. Carney relieved Smith in the 7th inning, and struck out the side. 1975-Hoffman junior lefty pitching ace George Bongiorno finished (6-0-1) and in 44 innings pitched allowed only 2 earned runs

### Diamond Dust

1979 South Amboy Little Fellas League English Chevron 10K of C3-Winning pitcher Tom Mierzwiak struck out 13.

1977 South Amboy Babe Ruth League Raritan River Railroad 9 Independence 8-winning pitcher John Inman was 4-for-4 including a double, and RBI, and Tom O'Connor blasted a single and triple to drive in 3 runs.

1976 South Amboy Little Fellas League Enterprise 13 Protection 10-John McQuade, Shawn O'Connor, and Mike Conroy drilled 3 hits apiece.

1975 South Amboy Girls Softball League Jets 6 Royals 3-Jackie Franczy blasted a home run.

1975 South Amboy Midget League Yanks 5 Cardinals 1-Tom Szaro drilled 5 hits for the Cards.

Pirates 2 Mets 1-Matt Green unloaded a 2-run homer.

1975 South Amboy Little Fellas League Enterprise 11 Parkway Fabricators 2-winning pitcher Tim Kelly blasted a home run, and John Kennedy stroked 4 hits.

1966 South Amboy Little Fellas League First Aid 3 Protection 2-Gene Berardo drove in the game winner with a double. Dan Toye blasted 2 singles and a double in support of winning pitcher Mike Gerding.

1963 Sayreville Little League Lions 1 Zagata's 0-Ed McCarthy fired a 3-hitter and struck out 10. Bill Marine laced 2 singles for the Lions.

1963 Championship Series Zagata's 4 Riverside 2-Zagata's swept the series to take the title. Jack Trenta was the winning pitcher, and Frank Sadowski went 2-for-2 for the champs. Ken Lyon took the tough setback.

### 75 Years Ago

1944-Hank Walerzak, in his first varsity game fired a 4-hitter and struck out 6, as Sayreville slammed St. Mary's, 7-2. Ted Gutkowski blasted a 2-run homer and single for the Bombers.

### Major League Baseball Scout Bill "Biff" McKeon

By John "Flip" Phillips

My "old" grammar school basketball coach has lived a very busy, eventful, productive and interesting life since graduating from St. Mary's in 1950. In summary: professional baseball player, soldier, college graduate with a BS and 2 MAs (School Administration and Physical Education) from Seton Hall University, high school teacher, athletic director, high school principal, college baseball coach, minor league coach and manager, color analysis for the minor league Evansville Otters, married over 60+ years to his lovely Lady Elizabeth (met while playing for the Evansville team), father of 7, grandfather of 12 and great grandfather of 2. And, while accomplishing all this became a well-traveled major league scout, which this story is about. I began writing the story, but after reading and re-reading what Bill sent me, I decided what better way to tell it than his own words. So, here it is:

"In 1960 for whatever reason, I decided I wanted to be a professional baseball scout. I wrote Mr. John Quinn the general manager of the Philadelphia Phillies requesting his help. I knew Mr. Quinn from the days he

for an 0.32 ERA, and struck out 74 batters. 1982-Hoffman topped Green Brook, 5-2, as Kevin Gorczyca drove in 2 runs. John Mulligan and John Skarzynski blasted a triple apiece.

1998-St. Mary's girls softball squad downed Dunellen, 7-5, as winning pitcher Jen Lynam drilled a double. Jackie Demeraski belted a 2-run double and single, and Jen Ferrara stroked a 2-run single. 2001-Sayreville boys track team placed 3rd in CJ Group IV Sectionals. Jesse Mesina won the 400 meter dash in 50.0, and the Bombers took the 4 x 400 with Jesse Mesina, Ken Smith, Robin Mesina, and Anthony Reid leading the way in 3:20.9.

### T.H.E. Game

Year-2004

Sport-Baseball

Teams-Cardinal McCarrick (1-0) vs. South Amboy (0-0)

Recap-The Governors opened their season with a 13-10 victory over the Eagles. Freshmen sluggers Brian Seres, Nick Scarillo, and Adam Szatkowski combined for 7-for-11 at the plate, scored 9 runs, and had 8 RBI to lead the SA offense. In his first 2 varsity at bats, Seres singled and homered. Scarillo ripped a 2-run single in the top of the 7th to seal the win. Joe Bartlinski was the winning pitcher in relief. Pat Hackett crunched a 3-run homer for the Blue & Gold, while Kyle Babulak ripped a single and double to knock in 2 runs for McCarrick.

Players-of-the-Game-Seres, Scarillo, Szatkowski, Bartlinski.

### 45 Years Ago

Sayreville Wins Group IV Title

1974-The Sayreville baseball team (20-6-1) faced a strong North Hunterdon (16-4), for the Central Jersey (CJ) Group IV championship.

The Bombers scored the only run of the game in the second when Ray Borup singled, Kevin Spiecker singled, and winning pitcher Brian Lynch ripped a single to score Borup, as Sayreville won, 1-0. Lynch was the starting pitcher and was relieved by Borup after 4 1/2 innings, and again for part of the 7th inning, after Lynch came back to pitch in the 6th and part of the 7th innings. Megill contributed a double for the champions who were coached by Norbie Smith.

### 25 Years Ago

1994-The South Amboy Youth Baseball 13-year old all-stars captured the Laurence Harbor Memorial Day Tournament championship. The team was coached by Mike Dempsey, John Barrett, "Dink" Cyriax, and Roger Housman. The fine players were: Scott Dempsey, Frank Nicklas, Jason Cross, Roger Housman, Tim Pasquale, Joe Vigilante, John Barrett, Jim Dempsey, Greg Marshall, Matt Rubio.

was the general manager of the Boston/Milwaukee Braves, who on several occasions invited me to ride with him, when we went to Sunday Mass, when I played in the Braves' organization in Waycross Georgia. I hoped he remembered me, and I asked him if he would give me a chance to become a scout within the Phillies organization. Mr. Quinn wrote back that Ben Marmo, the Eastern Scouting Supervisor would be in touch. And, he welcomed me to the Phillies Organization. I was now a professional baseball scout!

Back in the early 1960s there was no professional free agent draft like they have today. This meant that the scout had to read newspapers and rely on friends and coaches to alert the scout to prospects. My coverage was Middlesex, Monmouth, Somerset and Union counties. Within a short time, I noticed that several experienced scouts that I knew were at the same games, which meant that I was scouting the right players. I got to know them, and we became friends.

So, it began. The story will continue in future editions. And, if you knew Bill there will be a few laughs along the way.

**WWW.?**

**WWW.? Winners For June**

The answer for the June WWW.? Mystery Photo contest was Sayreville Seafood, & Main St. Sub Station/Deli located at Main St. in Sayreville. The winners who correctly identified it were:

Chuck Pickard, Pat & Bill Scully, Dennis Quinlan, Dennis & Kathy O'Leary, Vince Farina, Dawn Roberts, Kevin Kania, Jack Piskorski, Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, Jim Malkiewicz, Elizabeth Leveille, Lisa Grankowski, Stephen Yuhas, Don Zrebiec, JoAnn & John French, Mary Agnes Morris, Edna Mazur Pilch, Joseph Schlenger, Michael Greenhaus, Judy Guilfoyle, Joan Fulham, Dave Krempecki, Rich Szkodny, Virginia Zrebiec, Yvonne Kronowski, Laurie Loftus, Marie English, Ed English, Stephen Laskiewicz, Joan Gorczyca, Gerry Sherry, Leon Credico, Bruno and Anne Szatkowski, Barbara S. Straczynski, Gary Feret, Dane Colburn, Mark Moniello.



Does this look familiar to you? Let us know what you think it is, and send your answer in to: satimes@aol.com. Good luck! (Photo by Tom Burkard)



June-WWW.? Sayreville Seafood, & Main St. Sub Station/Deli Main St. Sayreville.

**Where in New Jersey?**



This month's Where In NJ was a wild ride, especially in 2012. Send your answers to SATIMES@aol.com by August 19th. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

**June Information Where in New Jersey?**

By Brian & Phyllis Stratton

The correct answer was Jack Baker's Lobster Shanty & Sunset Ballroom Located at 83 Channel Drive, Point Pleasant Beach.

**Where in NJ? Winners for June**

Dennis Quinlan, Pat & Bill Scully, Jack Piskorski, Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss Elizabeth Leveille, Jim Malkiewicz, Stephen Yuhas, Eleanore Westerholm, Marie English, Ed English, Dane Colburn.



June-Where in New Jersey-Jack Baker's Lobster Shanty & Sunset Ballroom, Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey



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**"Chat With The Chief"**  
(Photos/captions by Joe Lotkowitz)



South Amboy Police Chief Darren LaVigne (l) is pictured at his outdoor police satellite station near the Amboy Bank on the corner of David St. & South Broadway. Chief LaVigne was set to answer any issues South Amboy residents might have. Patrolman Kales is pictured on the right.



Providing another "Chat With The Chief" Community Outreach program is South Amboy Police Chief Darren LaVigne, who was answering questions, and taking care of residents concerns, while providing important info at his satellite station on July 9.



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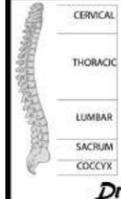
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*The Spinal Column*  
By Dr. John Misiewicz

**Prevent Childhood Drowning**

Playing in the water at the beach or pool can be great fun for the summer, and great exercise and should be part of everyone's childhood. But the reality is...that drowning is the second leading cause of accidental death in children. What should parents always remember as they slide on those bathing suits and pack up the car?

1. Teach your child to swim!!

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that swimming lessons should be considered for children ages 1 to 3. Parents should decide about swimming lessons based on their child's physical abilities, emotional readiness, and closeness to water. Families with pools or who live near a lake should consider lessons at an earlier age.

2. Always supervise your child in the water. Never even for a moment leave small children alone or under the supervision of another young child while in or near any kind of water. This includes bathtubs, toilets, buckets, or irrigation ditches. Keep a young child within arm's reach when in the water. Even if you choose swimming areas with lifeguards, you still need to keep an eye on you kids. Lifeguards can't always watch every person at every moment.

3. Make sure your pool is surrounded by a fence.

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, a fence that completely surrounds a pool isolating it from the house can cut drowning risk by half. To really be safe, a fence should be at least 4 feet high, difficult to climb, and have a self latching lock closure. Building codes don't always require fencing around inflatable pools, but many of them contain thousands of gallons of water and stay up for weeks at a time.

4. Learn CPR

All parents should know CPR. Starting CPR immediately can mean the difference between life and death, and can prevent severe brain damage. To find a class near you, contact the American Red Cross or speak with your local emergency first aid squads to see when they offer CPR classes.

5. Some other suggestions for parents to prevent drowning, don't use air filled aids like water wings. Instead use lifejackets. They are designed to keep kids safe. All children should wear a life jacket in a boat or at the water's edge. Know how deep the water is and what's underneath before letting kids jump in. Never let kids dive in until you know there's enough water, for example a pool should be at least 12 feet deep under the diving board. When at the ocean teach kids what to do in a rip current. Swim parallel to the shore until you can get out of the current, then swim back to shore. Alcohol is a major risk factor when it comes to teen drowning. Talk to your kids about the dangers of drinking and swimming.

**Matthews-Gorczyca**



Dawn Matthews and Kevin Gorczyca were married on July 3, 2019. The ceremony was officiated by Reverend Jill Dilner at the Grand Marquis in Old Bridge. The bride and groom celebrated with a beautiful cocktail hour and reception consisting of 150 guests. Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Gorczyca! (Photo submitted by Marie Dean Anderson)

# 'Alyssa's Law' Inspires Federal Legislation to Improve School Security Nationwide

New Jersey Law Serves as National Model

Legislation was recently introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives to expand a New Jersey law under which public schools are required to install silent panic alarms to protect students during emergency situations.

The law (formerly A-764) is known as "Alyssa's Law," after former New Jersey resident Alyssa Alhadeff, a 14-year-old student who was one of 17 people killed during last year's mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglass High School in Parkland, Florida. The law was sponsored by Assembly Democrats Ralph Caputo, Cleopatra Tucker, Annette Quijano, Valerie Vainieri Huttle, Shavonda Sumter, Angela McKnight, Herb Conaway and Eric Houghtaling.

Now just a few months after "Alyssa's Law" was enacted in New Jersey, the measure has inspired federal legislation to make it the law of the land nationwide. The bipartisan School Violence Prevention and Mitigation Act of 2019 (H.R.3665) recently introduced by Texas Representative Roger Williams and Florida Representative Ted Deutch would require all schools to install at least one silent panic alarm, which when activated would directly alert the closest law enforcement

agency of an emergency.

Caputo originally introduced the bill that would become 'Alyssa's Law' in January of 2013 in the aftermath of the mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut. Dozens of other school shootings have been reported around the country ever since. This legislation gained renewed interest following the tragedy in Parkland, and the concept of silent panic alarms resonated nationally.

"I couldn't be more thrilled that Congress is working to expand 'Alyssa's Law' to every school in America," said Caputo (D-Essex). "We will never forget the tragedies at Sandy Hook, Parkland and countless other schools nationwide, and we must never stop fighting to make sure it never happens again. Silent panic alarms can be useful tools for school personnel and law enforcement during emergencies, from active shooter scenarios to lockdowns to non-fire evacuations. While we cannot prevent every security threat, we can ensure our schools are prepared to diffuse emergencies as quickly as possible."

"We have to utilize all sensible measures available to us to help our schools defend

themselves against an attack," said Tucker (D-Essex). "These systems help give students, parents and staff the peace of mind that in the case of an emergency, there is a direct link to local law enforcement."

"A quick response from law enforcement to an emergency can make all the difference in the outcome," said Quijano (D-Union). "We owe it to these children and the adults charged with their care to give them as much help as possible if they are ever confronted with a life and death situation."

"In an emergency, every minute counts. It is particularly crucial when children are involved," said Vainieri Huttle (D-Bergen). "Too many schools have been targeted and too many innocent people have paid the price. Beefing up school security to better protect our children is a necessity."

"Boosting security measures with a silent alarm that would notify law enforcement as soon as it is activated could help reduce the potential for greater harm in an emergency," said Sumter (D-Passaic/Bergen). "Any measure that can help lessen this risk is a step worth taking."

"There is no single, quick fix to eliminate

the threat of violence in our schools. But there are steps we can take to better protect students and staff if they are ever faced with a dangerous situation. This is one of them," said McKnight (D-Hudson). "This is an investment worth making."

"No student should ever feel unsafe when they walk into a school building. With this law, we provide a vital connection between students, faculty, and local police that will help them feel safer in the classroom," said Conaway (D-Burlington). "We can't prevent every emergency, but we must prepare for them as best we can."

"If one of our schools found themselves facing an emergency, we want them to have every tool available at their disposal to deescalate the situation," said Houghtaling (D-Monmouth). "Making our schools a safe and secure place for children to learn and grow is our top priority."

The federal legislation would also create federal grant programs for public schools to identify and mitigate vulnerabilities in security related infrastructure. It awaits consideration in the House of Representatives.

## Middlesex County College Awarded Grants to Expand Apprenticeships

Middlesex County College is a partner in two New Jersey consortiums that were awarded U.S. Department of Labor grants, one to support apprenticeship programs for students in allied health certificate programs, and the other for those in advanced manufacturing.

"One of this administration's top priorities is to build a future workforce that is skilled, nimble, and responsive to employers' needs," said New Jersey Labor Commissioner Robert Asaro-Angelo. "There is no better way to do that than through apprenticeship. We are so proud of the work being done by our Office of Apprenticeship and the USDOL's New Jersey Office of Apprenticeship as we build capacity among our industry partners and engage more young workers in the viable

career path of apprenticeship."

These two Scaling Apprenticeship Through Sector-Based Strategies grants, totaling \$16 million, will provide apprenticeships for more than 6,600 individuals and will serve to expand New Jersey community colleges' efforts to build career pathways that are driven by the needs of the state's key industries. Apprenticeship programs combine classroom education and training with work experience, and are developed and implemented in close partnership with employers.

The first grant, totaling \$12 million, was awarded to a consortium of 15 community colleges in New Jersey led by Bergen Community College. MCC will receive funding to support students in Allied Health

certificate programs offering apprenticeship opportunities and pathways to academic credit. Programs include Medical Assistant, Medical Billing and Coding, Pharmacy Technician, Certified Nursing Assistant, Community Health Worker, Phlebotomy, EKG, and Patient Care Technician. Partners include CVS Health; RWJ Barnabas Health System and five other healthcare entities; the NJ Health Care Industry Association, representing long-term care facilities; District Council Local 1199J health care union; NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development; New Jersey Workforce Development Boards; Garden State Employment and Training Association; and the New Jersey Council of County Colleges.

Roseann Bucciarelli, dean of Continuing Education at Middlesex County College, noted that the health grant will allow students to attend for free or low-cost, depending on their income; transportation and child care costs may also be covered. A grant-funded success coach will work directly with participants. She said participants may also receive a stipend for their apprenticeships and earn college credit.

Dr. Bucciarelli said the state is encouraging these pathways to college credit opportunities.

"Pathways to further education mean pathways to a career," she said.

The second, the Advanced Manufacturing Apprenticeship Grant, for \$4 million,

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**Fishing Flashes**

By Teo "Weebles" Weber



**Salt Water**

The summer fishing pattern we are used to has arrived. Plenty of Fluke with some big ones, but keepers are still hard to come by. Best bet for keepers is the Barnegat Bay area. Fish over 10 pounds have been caught here. Great Bay is a good choice too. Someone even caught a Cobia there while fishing for Fluke. Surf fishing at Island Beach and LBI is good for small to medium Bluefish. There are good numbers of Kingfish in the surf with them. Blowfish are all over Barnegat Bay. Local fishing in Raritan Bay is slow. A few small Blues are being caught. Some people I saw at Ideal Beach only caught one big Skate. Party boat fishing for Bluefish is on and off, sometimes to fill out the day they fish for Ling, Sea Bass and Chub Mackerel. Some Benito have shown up, they even came into Barnegat Inlet chasing bait. Semi tropical fish like Mahi, Spanish Mackerel and False Albacore are being caught at this time offshore.

**Fresh Water**

They don't catch them all, as I found out one Sunday afternoon in the Black River off of State Park Road at the end of June. I caught 3 Trout and 2 Sunfish in spite of the high water due to recent rain. Because of the excessive presence of Algae and the problems it is causing, it is not recommended to fish in Lake Hopatcong at this time. Bass, Catfish, Pan fish and Carp are biting in Jersey lakes and rivers statewide.



**The Policeman**

(Author unknown)

They may knock him,  
they may knife him,  
Take away his rights and pay,  
But he's just the same old hero  
On the sidewalks night and day;  
And the loudest to deride him.  
While the city sleeps in peace,  
When a little danger threatens,  
They're the first to cry "Police!"  
There's a brave old heart that's beating  
'Neath that uniform of blue;  
There's a life that's ever ready  
To be sacrificed for you;  
And they never stop to think of those  
They love but leave behind  
They are only plain policemen.  
And a plain "cop" doesn't mind.  
They worshipped him in years gone by,  
In the days when "cops" were kings;  
They cheered his every effort  
And inspired greater things;  
So when you see him passing by,  
Just remember he's a man,  
And remember he would die for you  
As only "coppers" can.

## "Flounder Fisherman Flounder"

By Jerry Pizzillo

The above title is a headline taken from the centerfold of the Daily News from New York City back in 1974. Generally, I write articles pertaining to local history for the South Amboy Historical Society, but at a recent get together with the society I told this story and was encouraged to pass it onto our fellow South Amboynians.

Let's set the date, March 1974. The day started as any blustery day in March, wind blowing, cold and sunny. But the lure of the sea called three friends to go fishing. Joe Wallis, Pat "Woody" McCarthy and this writer. At the time, I was working the midnight shift for the Penn Central Railroad in New Brunswick and was to meet the boys at Atlantic Highlands fishing pier to board the fishing party boat "The Satellite". We anticipated a good day of Ling and Whiting fishing in the Atlantic Ocean. We boarded the craft, met our fellow anglers and set sail.

We were well out to sea where land could not be seen and had a good day of fishing and caught some good size fish. About 2 PM the captain rang his bell to reel in lines to head back to port. Then it happened. I saw the first mate come up from the lower part of the boat and was soaking wet and the back of the boat was underwater. The captain ordered we put life jackets on and he advised us that we are SINKING. The captain sent a Mayday alert to the US Coast Guard and fellow party boat captains that the Satellite was going down with all hands onboard. Within a short time three Coast Guard helicopters were overhead to lend aid. One lowered a portable pump to

pump seawater that was coming in around the propeller shafts to keep the craft afloat. Luckily for us the Pilot Ship was not far from our location and sent her small tug boat to the rescue. The rescue tug pulled alongside of the Satellite and we had to jump from the sinking boat onto the deck of the tug while the sea was knocking both crafts together. We were then transferred to a US Coast Guard Cutter in route to the location and taken back to port.

After we disembarked from the cutter, we walked off the pier into the waiting arms of all the TV media. ABC, NBC, CBS, WPIX, they were all there to greet us and get the first-hand report of the incident. NBC news reporter Linda Elerbe stuck a microphone in my face and asked, "What happened out there?" I was so nervous from the media, not the sinking, I blurted out "We sank".

Thus my 15 minutes of fame went down the drain. Looking back, needless to say, we had a good day of fishing, an encounter of a different nature with good friends, and we all returned to the safety of dry land. The Satellite was kept afloat by the pump and towed back to Atlantic Highlands by another party boat. What happened to this sea worthy craft was never determined.

**TO SAINT JUDE**  
 May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored and glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude gave me hope. -E.P.

## Youth League Softball Dynasties/Champions (Girls) Part 2

By Tom Burkard

### South Amboy Rotary 1987-88

### South Amboy Girls Softball League Junior/Senior Division Champs

1987-Manager Kim Reick, Octavia Zampella, Wayne Ingstrup; Players-Jennifer Ingstrup, Cristina Zampella, Kara Shilling, Shannon Reick, Mary Purcell, Stephanie Housman, Nancy Baranowski, Pam Krieger, Lori Cannon, Melissa Herrick, Debbie McCloud, Betsy Garcia, Michelle Herrick.

1988-Manager Kim Reick, Octavia Zampella, Wayne Ingstrup; Player Departure-Debbie McCloud; New Players-Stacy Currie, Kelly Kayser, Karen McNerny.

### D.B. Kelly 1989-90

### South Amboy Girls Softball League Junior/Senior Division Champs

1989-Manager Roger Robertson; Players-Kate McLaughlin, Michelle Robertson, Dania Musto, Tricia Purcell, Kristy Parfianowicz, Kelly Flannery, Stephanie Schultz, Allison Toth, Jennifer Ingstrup, Joy Ingstrup, Mary Purcell, Kirsten Ross, Kristin Pasquale.

1990-Manager Roger Robertson; Players-Kate McLaughlin, Michelle Robertson, Dania Musto, Mary Purcell, Kristy Parfianowicz, Kelly Flannery, Stephanie Schultz, Jennifer Ingstrup, Joy Ingstrup, Kirsten Ross. Player Departures-Tricia Purcell, Allison Toth, Kristin Pasquale; New Players-Carolynn Schultz, April Elyea, Michelle Northrup, Heather Poland.

### 1991-92 Landmark Cafe

### South Amboy Girls Softball League

### Junior/Senior Division Champs

1991-Manager-Joanne Castello, Wayne Castello; Players-Danielle Aramini, Dena Castello, Rosemary Cuesta, Lisa Disbrow, Jennifer Dusko, Jessica English, Tricia Gay, Windy Honimar, Mary Kate McQuade, Alisa Newcomb, Anna Pipala, Ryan Rone, Sue Rowley, Bridget Shannon, Tiffany Tooker, Nyree Arana.

1992-Manager-Joanne Castello, Wayne Castello; Players-Danielle Aramani, Dena Castello, Anna Pipala. Player Departures-Rosemary Cuesta, Lisa Disbrow, Jennifer Dusko, Tricia Gay, Windy Honimar, Mary Kate McQuade, Alisa Newcomb, Ryan Rone, Sue Rowley, Bridget Shannon, Tiffany Tooker. New Players-Melissa Chodkiewicz, Lauren Stolte, Karen McNerny, Barbara Ust, Lisa Vigilante.

### 1992-93-94 Jacqueline's Florist

### South Amboy Girls Softball League Junior Division Champions

This is the only team to capture 3 consecutive championships in South Amboy Girls Softball League history, a feat which was accomplished under the genius of Manager Joe Lewis.

1992-Manager-Joe Lewis; Players-Tara Olsen, Nicole Sroczynski, Jessica Hulsart, Julianna Lambert, Kristina Babbino, Kendra McCurtan, Melissa Storey, Kelly Colfer, Alicia Stephanick, Julie Wallace, Marianne Corridon, Laura Toye, Allison Babbino.

1993-Manager-Joe Lewis; Players-Melissa Storey, Kelly Colfer, Julie Wallace, Marianne

## Local Wildlife



Ed English said, "I snapped a photo of this prowler hanging on the window screen of my house." (Photo by Ed English)

## Thank You

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1992-Jacqueline's Florist, captured its first of 3 consecutive South Amboy Girls Softball Association Junior Division titles.



1994-Jacqueline's Florist captured the South Amboy Girls Softball Junior Division championship for the 3rd consecutive year, finishing with 11 wins and 1 loss. Standing, left to right: Coach-Vicki Lewis; Tracey Sommers, Amy Blaha, Julie Wallace, Caroline Semeniuk, Marianne Corridon, Jessica Wallace; Kneeling, left to right, Christine Westfall, Melanie Townsend, Christine Corridon, Laura Toye, Allison Babbino. Missing from picture are Bonnie Keeter and manager Joe Lewis and coach Dave Wallace.

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**Middlesex County College Awarded Grants**

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 was awarded to a consortium of eight New Jersey community colleges led by the County College of Morris. Partners include the German American Chamber of Commerce, Siemens, UPS, and five advanced manufacturing firms.

In addition to support for apprenticeship opportunities in credit programs, MCC will receive funding for the development of certificate programs leading to apprenticeship opportunities, including Electro-Mechanical Technician, Certified Production Technician, and Supply Chain Management/Logistics.

These grants will serve as a cornerstone for broader efforts in New Jersey's community colleges to build Career and Credential Pathway Collaboratives in the health care and advanced manufacturing industries. These collaboratives will bring community colleges, employers, high schools, colleges and universities, labor unions, workforce agencies, and other partners together to identify the common needs of employers, to map existing programs and pathways and to build new pathways in response to industry needs. Each collaborative will coordinate closely with state government agencies and will work closely with the New Jersey Apprenticeship Network, ensuring that work and learn models are incorporated into pathways.

Zakiya Smith Ellis, New Jersey's Secretary of Higher Education, said the grants will provide significant opportunities for students.

"All students in New Jersey should have access to engage in work outside of the classroom related to their field of study, and apprenticeships give students meaningful exposure to build skills that prepare them for success after graduation, she said. "We're excited that New Jersey has multiple grant recipients to continue to expand experiential learning opportunities for students to work with potential employers. Students, employers, and the state economy will benefit from this innovative collaboration."

**The Smoke Column**

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, BA, MS

The fire service is long on tradition and as most firefighters know strongly resist change. A saying that is well known throughout the fire service is, "we have done it this way in the past and it worked so we will continue to do it this way." Fortunately, that way of thinking is changing for the better. In many of my previous articles I have written about new equipment and technologies and have found them being used in our local departments. One of the latest and greatest pieces of life saving equipment is the Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC).

The TIC has been in service for over 25 years and has proven its worth many times over. It was originally developed by the military which is where many of the technologies used in the fire service get developed. Some departments bring the TIC on every call but rarely use it. The TIC works on temperature difference. On the screen of the TIC, hotter objects will show up whiter and brighter while cooler objects will be darker, like an old negative picture. Originally the TIC's weighed 6-7 pounds and were a tough to lug around. Throughout the years they have been improved and hand-held units weigh about 1 1/2 pounds. They have been so refined that they are now available to where they could be mounted on a firefighter's

helmet or in their mask with a video signal sent to a remote computer on the fire scene to be monitored by the incident commander.

Incidents where TIC's are useful can be: search and rescue, electrical emergencies, wildland firefighting, explosives, scene assessment, overhaul, motor vehicle accidents, fire attack, size-ups, law enforcement, hazmat, ventilation, water rescue, confined spaces, rehabilitation, overheated machinery, training, accountability, building construction, arson investigations, and fire prevention. The use for the TIC is limitless! But there are drawbacks where the TIC cannot read through walls, buildings, people, glass, water, or any shiny surface due to the signal being reflected.

Many times, the police department will receive a call for a missing person and needs help searching for a young child who is lost or an Alzheimer's patient who has wandered away from home. The TIC would be the most efficient tool to use in these cases. The TIC can distinguish a person's body heat from the surrounding atmosphere such as a smoke filled room or the darkness of a wooded area.

In teaching a Hazmat situation, students are given a scenario of a leaking 5,000 gallon container of a caustic product. They arrive on scene and immediately call for the hazmat team for assistance. The Hazmat team asks

the question, how much product leaked from the container into the ground? You can't tell by looking at the product leaking from the container or the puddle on the ground. If it was a 5,000 gallon fully loaded container, how much product is left in the container? You can't approach the container for fear of becoming contaminated with the product. If it is caustic, it most likely is some form of acid and can cause serious injuries if it encounters you or your PPE. Step back and use the TIC. It will show you a temperature difference between the product and the air space in the container. This temperature difference, though small, will allow you to distinguish between the air space and the product. You can then estimate the amount of product that has leaked out by determining how much product is left in the container. If the TIC shows the container half full, then you can roughly determine that 2,500 gallons of product has leaked out. This is just one instance of how the TIC can be used. There are still many other cases yet to be determined where the TIC may play a pivotal part in saving someone's life.



**In Memoriam**

Theodore "Ted" Grossman III, 75, formerly of Sayreville died on July 10. He was a former captain of the Sayreville Police Auxiliary for 35 years. Jeremiah "Jerry" Connors, 87, formerly of South Amboy died on July 16. A 1949 graduate of St. Mary's HS, where he starred in baseball and basketball, Jerry went on to a highly-successful career in the United State Marine Corps, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Although living out of South Amboy for many years, his heart was always in "The Pleasant Little City," and he was an incredible historian, with information about his old hometown. Jerry was an avid reader and supporter of The SA Times, and a good friend, who will be sadly missed. Gary "Ziggy" Balon, 68, of Morgan died on July 16. He played in the men's softball league, men's touch football league, coached girls softball with the Sayreville A.A. in Morgan, and coached girls basketball at OLV.



**A PRAYER FOR HEALING**

Lord, you invited all who are burdened to come to You. Allow your healing hand to heal me. Touch my soul with Your compassion for others. Touch my heart with Your courage and infinite love for all. Touch my mind with Your wisdom, that my mouth may always proclaim Your praise. Teach me to reach out to You in my need. Help me to lead others to You by my example. Most loving heart of Jesus, bring me health in my body and spirit so that I may serve You with all my strength. Touch gently with this life that you have created. Amen -T.B.

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**PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can achieve my goal, you who gave me the Divine gift to forgive and to forget all evil against me and that in all instances of my life are with me, I want this short prayer to thank you for all things and to confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you, even in spite of all material illusions. I wish to be with you in eternal joy and thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. Thank you Holy Spirit.

**Jeremiah P. Connors**

Medford - Retired Lieutenant Colonel Jeremiah P. Connors, 87, of Medford, NJ, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, July 16, 2019, at the Samaritan Center at Voorhees, NJ.

Born in South Amboy, NJ, Jeremiah resided in Medford, NJ for the last 41 years. He graduated with his Bachelor's Degree from Belmont Abbey College in N. Carolina, and went on to receive his Masters Degree in Science and International Affairs at George Washington University. Jeremiah was also a graduate of the U.S. Naval War College. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel with the U.S. Marines Corps, serving during the Vietnam War. He also was a regional distribution manager for American Honda Motor Company. Jeremiah was a member of various military related associations, and a former member of the South Amboy Fire Dept. He loved walking and the outdoors, tending to his lawn and garden, watching Philadelphia



Retired Lieutenant Colonel Jeremiah P. Connors

Sports teams, and Jerry Time.

Brother of the late John Connors and Joan DeJoy; he is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Ann Marie Connors (nee Cannon); five children, Karen Clemens (Jeff), Jay Connors (Jeanette), Kathy West (Steve), John Connors (Maureen), and Maureen Petrilli (Tom); his brother, William Connors; two sisters, Dorothy Spiecker and Carol Nuzzie; six grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A private interment with full military honors was held in the Brig. Gen. Wm. C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Wrightstown, NJ.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Jeremiah's memory to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Jones Road, P.O. Box 1131, Medford, NJ 08055; or say a prayer for peace and perform a random act of kindness or mercy on his behalf.

**Obituaries**

- Allen, Margaret M., 87, of Sayreville died on July 3.
- Andriano, Anna, 81, of Sayreville died on June 22.
- Balon, Gary "Ziggy", 68, of Morgan died on July 16.
- Boyd, Michael, 37, died on June 17.
- Connors, Jeremiah P. "Jerry," 87, formerly of South Amboy died on July 16.
- Douglas, Elijah, 65, of Sayreville died on Feb. 11.
- Garbowski, Charlotte, 84, of Sayreville died on July 1.
- Granaghan, John P., 53, of Sayreville died on June 22.
- Grossman, Theodore "Ted" C. III, 75, formerly of Sayreville died on July 10.
- Haklar, Albert, 90, of South Amboy died on July 3.
- Halmi, Anne M., 57, of Sayreville died on July 3.
- Hart, Dorothy M., 89, of Parlin died on July 11.
- James, Marjorie C., 97, formerly of Morgan died on June 25.
- Kuczynski, Dorothy, 98, of Sayreville died on June 25.
- Kwiatkowski, Paul E., 57, formerly of Sayreville died on June 20.
- McKim, Dennis, 49, formerly of South Amboy died on July 3.
- Mezzina, Bridget, 86, of South Amboy died on July 10.
- Noble, Daniel F., 57, formerly of South Amboy died on June 20.
- Phillips, John "Jack," 55, formerly of South Amboy/Sayreville died on July 14.
- Soluri, Ida, 93, of Sayreville died on July 16.



**PRAYER TO ST. JUDE**

(To be said when problems arise or when one seems to be deprived of all visible help, on far cases almost despaired of). Most holy Apostle St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the church honors and invokes you universally as the patron of hopeless cases, of things almost despaired of, pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Make use I implore you of that particular privilege given to you, to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, and that I may praise God with you and all the elect forever. I promise O Blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen. Thank You St. Jude. -S.S.

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