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# The South Amboy/Sayreville TIMES

This issue is dedicated in Memory of

Jim Carney

Pat Leonard

Joe "Moose" McCarthy



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## It's Never Too Early To Celebrate St. Patrick's Day

Cooler weather is upon us as we unpack sweaters and scarves while enjoying the color of pumpkins, holiday decorations and family gatherings.

Fall is also the time to don your favorite Irish attire and join the South Amboy Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee for an evening of friends, food and drink at their "Hoist-A-Pint" fundraiser Thursday, November 14th, 2019 at "Raise the Bar", (RTB) 117 Broadway, South Amboy from 7 to 10 pm.

A \$20 pp entrance fee, collected at the door, entitles participants to beer, wine, food sampling and 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.



The South Amboy Arts Alliance and City of South Amboy presented Voices from the Holocaust Artists of Terezin. A collection of music, arts and poetry from the Theresienstadt (Terezni), Ghetto/Concentration Camp 1941-1945. Pictured (l-r) Council President Mickey Gross, Joan Conway, Camille Tooker, Alexei Yavtuhovich, Mayor Fred Henry, Tony Gonsalves, Brian Pena and Emma Glasser. (Photo by Brian Stratton)



Jim Carney

## Jim Carney Remembered

By Steve Schmid

The South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 lost a good friend when Past Grand Knight Jim Carney passed away recently at the age of 89. Jim served the council as Grand Knight during the 2003-04 Columbian year. He lived for his grandchildren and brought them to many K of C events including Breakfast with Santa and Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. He brought his grandkids to the South Amboy Saint Patrick's Day event where they joined the Knights in marching in the annual parade. Many of his grandchildren have fond memories of participating in Knights activities. He wanted his Past Grand Knights dinner at the Old Country Buffet restaurant. He wanted everyone to eat all afternoon and have a place for his grandchildren to play and enjoy their favorite food, snacks and desserts. The South Amboy Knights and their families enjoyed the fried chicken and other food. Jim also organized New York Mets bus trips to Shea Stadium where he would bring his family. He loved to read and became an author, writing about the vagaries of life and how people responded to issues in their everyday world. He wrote three books: "My Life With Elizabeth," "Home Is Where The Honey Is," and "Tracking The Holy Spirit And Other Spiritual Phenomenon." He also entertained friends with a comedy act. Jim was a good man who loved his children and grandchildren and served the Knights well.

## Remembering Joe "Moose" McCarthy

By Tom Burkard

Former South Amboy resident and local baseball legend and superstar, Joe "Moose" McCarthy died on Oct. 11th at age 61.

Moose began a life-long love affair with the game of baseball when he was about 6 years old and became a batboy from 1964-66 for the Babe Ruth League team that his father Joe McCarthy managed, Mechanicsville Fire Co., as the team won 3 consecutive pennants and playoff championships in South Amboy. In the Little Fellas and later Babe Ruth League, young Moose became one of the most feared power-hitters ever to play in either league, and was a home run threat, everytime he came to bat. As a catcher, Moose had a strong/accurate throwing arm, and called a good game, a true leader at a very youthful age, he was looked up to by teammates, and was respected by opponents throughout his youth league days.

Although he had the desire and was gifted in baseball, he constantly worked hard to keep improving, and could always be seen at Veterans Field taking batting practice with his father pitching buckets and endless buckets of baseballs for him to hit. One of Moose's childhood friends, Brian Stratton recalled, "Moose practicing his catching skills, throwing baseballs from second to the home plate backstop area, where a tire was set up by his father for him to throw to for accuracy, and help him throw out the runners."

By the time Moose arrived at Hoffman H.S. as a freshman, many local baseball experts felt that he was very special, and had a chance to be South Amboy's next Major League Baseball player. In '73 as a soph, he blasted 7 home runs, to lead the county, and in his junior year in '74, hammered 3 home runs, while hitting .310, and making The News Tribune's 1st Team All-County, and 1st Team All-County in The Home News, making him the #1 catcher in all



Joe "Moose" McCarthy

of Middlesex County. He finished out his superb schoolboy career in 1975, leading the Governors to a (16-8-1) record, and to the CJ Group I final, where they lost, 1-0 to Manville. He topped Coach Dave Inman's team in batting avg.-.410, home runs-4, RBI-29, and doubles-8.

His impressive list of honors during his senior year in '75 included: 1st Team catcher All-State, All-Groups-Star Ledger; 1st Team All-State Group I-Star Ledger; 1st Team All-Middlesex-Star Ledger; 1st Team All-County-News Tribune; 1st Team All-County-Home News; All-Star catcher-New York Daily News.

In 1975, the proof is in the above listed honors and awards: Joe "Moose" McCarthy was the BEST catcher in the state of New Jersey. Following his stellar high school career, he went on to play baseball at Marshall University.

Joe "Moose" McCarthy was a great man, and if you had a chance to know him, you were blessed. His sense of humor was terrific, and he always had a happy and optimistic outlook on life. It sure would have been great to see him catching in MLB for the Yankees or someone else. Joe "Moose" McCarthy will be sadly missed, but never forgotten.

## Local Rail Commuters Get Relief From Bridge Closures

By Steve Schmid

South Amboy rail commuters have gotten good news from the federal government regarding the troubled Portal Bridge over the Hackensack River. A deal with the U.S. Coast Guard has been announced that will keep the bridge from opening to marine traffic during morning and evening rush hours. The Portal Bridge has been notorious for causing major rail disruptions when it opened for ships but could not be immediately closed. Approximately 500 Amtrak and NJ Transit trains cross the bridge every day and during rush hour a train crosses every two minutes. The North Jersey Coast line which serves South Amboy is one of the rail lines that has been affected. Under the agreement ships would not be able to pass during peak hours from 5 to 10 a.m. and 3 to 8 p.m. The 110 year old swing bridge is slated to be replaced with a fixed span bridge under the Gateway Project It would be built higher and would not have to open for river traffic. Funding for the Gateway Project has yet to be okayed by the Federal Transit Administration.

## Community Blood Drive At St. Mary's

A Community Blood Drive will be held from 8:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. on Sunday, October 27 at St. Mary's Church, Stevens and Augusta St. - school cafeteria. To schedule an appointment: <http://tinyurl.com/GiveBloodNJBS> The sponsor code is 07743 or call 800-933-2566. You can also call Sue at 732-433-5962. **October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.** Join friends and family to donate blood to show your support. Donors must be at least 16 years old with signed NYBC parental consent form, weigh 110 lbs or more and eat before donating. Donors 76 and over must bring a doctor's note. Please bring ID with signature or photo.



## Veterans Day Service

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Pre-Halloween fun at Bubba 33's Trunk or Treat. The staff from the South Amboy YMC are pictured with some very excited trunk or treaters. (Photo by Samantha Stratton)



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### Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard  
**Zebro Retires From Police Dept.**  
 Former South Amboy resident Kevin Zebro recently retired from the East Brunswick Police Dept. after 25 years of hard work and dedication. Kevin worked his way through the ranks all the way up to Captain, where he served as Commander of the Administrative Division. Congratulations Capt. Zebro on a job very well done!  
**Sister Joan Gavron Honored**  
 Sister Joan Gavron, RSM, along with 14 other religious jubilarians from the Diocese of Metuchen were honored Sept. 12 with a luncheon at St. John Neumann Pastoral Center. Sister Joan, a St. Mary's High School graduate celebrated 70 years of consecrated life since she took her final vows. Congratulations Sister Joan, and God Bless!

### OLV Seniors November Meeting

The OLV Seniors will hold their November meeting on Friday, November 1, 2019 at 1:00 PM in Monsignor Dalton Hall. At this meeting dues of \$15.00 will be collected. All new members are welcome. After the business portion of the meeting, we will have a traditional Thanksgiving luncheon. The cost of the luncheon is \$12.00. If you have not already signed up for the luncheon, please call Mary Bouchard at 732-727-5056. All luncheons and dues must be paid prior to the November 1st meeting.  
 Donations of non-perishable food to St. Vincent de Paul will continue. Any questions please contact Teri Yetsko at 732-727-7639.

### Eisenhower School's 50th Anniversary Celebration

Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary School's 50th Anniversary Celebration will be held on Wednesday, November 20th, from 7-9 PM. Please join us for an evening celebrating Eisenhower's history.

RSVP via email to eisenhower50th@sayrevillek12.net.

### Book & Re-Gifting Sale

Saturday & Sunday November 16th & 17th from 1:00pm - 3:30pm at the Sayreville Free Public Library 1050 Washington Road, Parlin, NJ 08859. All Proceeds Go to the Sayreville Free Public Library. For More Information call 732-727-0212.

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## Pleasant little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

- South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 Grand Knight in 2003-04?  
 a. James Carney b. Wayne Castello c. Rick O'Connor
- The name of the South Amboy ferry back in '03?  
 a. The Liberty b. SeaStreak c. City Streak
- Sayreville Borough Council President in 2007?  
 a. Thomas Pollando b. Mary Novak c. Daniel Buchanan
- This Sayreville resident was chosen New Jersey Senior Poet Laureate in '09?  
 a. Mary Haskins b. Ray Reininger c. Jason Mastrowicz
- South Amboy Fire Chief in 2009?  
 a. Larry Martin b. Jamie Norek c. James Larkin
- What is the name of the Sayreville theatre company?  
 a. Main Street b. United c. All-Star Productions Co.
- President of the South Amboy Renaissance Committee in 2009?  
 a. Sy Attardi b. Grace Hoffman c. Leo McCabe
- Where was Checkers fast food business located in Sayreville?  
 a. Jernee Mill Rd. b. Washington Rd. c. Rt. 9 South
- Back in '09, where was Colleen's Kitchen & Catering located?  
 a. South Pine Ave. b. South Stevens Ave. c. South Broadway
- In what section of Sayreville is Dave's Hot Dogs located?  
 a. Melrose b. Morgan c. President Park

Answers  
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Pictured top (l-r) J & S Pizza owners Frank and Diana Mashkuli and their children Jasmine (l) and Sara (r).

Nominated "one of the best newly opened pizzerias in all of NJ" on NJ.com written by Pete Genovese.

**Wills, Estate Planning & Probate Seminar**

A wills, estate planning and probate seminar will be held at the Sayreville Senior Center, November 26 at 10am, at 423 Main Street, Sayreville. The event is open to the public. You do not need to be a resident. SPEAKER: Kenneth Vercammen, Esq. Edison, (Author- ABA's "Wills and Estate Administration book")

For information Call Sayreville Senior Center 732-390-7059 Jen Krushinski, jkrushinski@sayreville.com. You don't have to be a Sayreville resident to attend. For materials if you can't attend, email vercammenlaw@njlaws.com, https://www.facebook.com/events/1095113354031388/

**Friends of South Amboy 50-50**

The Friends of South Amboy will be selling 50-50 tickets for our annual Friends of South Amboy charity event on December 21. Tickets are \$5 and the winners will be announced during the last game on December 21. All proceeds will go to the family of Pat Leonard. For tickets please call Mickey Kuhn at 732-310-4204 or Ed O'Connor at 732-570-9691.

**Friends of the Sayreville Public Library Present**

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The South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 held their annual Columbus Day Mass on Oct. 14th. Father Stanley Gromadzki of Sacred Heart Parish said the Mass. (Photo/info by Joe Lotkowitz)

**Rosary Rally**



St. Mary's and Sacred Heart Rosary Societies co-hosted a Rosary Rally for Our Lady of Fatima, held on Oct. 12th across the street from Sacred Heart Church in South Amboy. (Photo/caption by Joe Lotkowitz)

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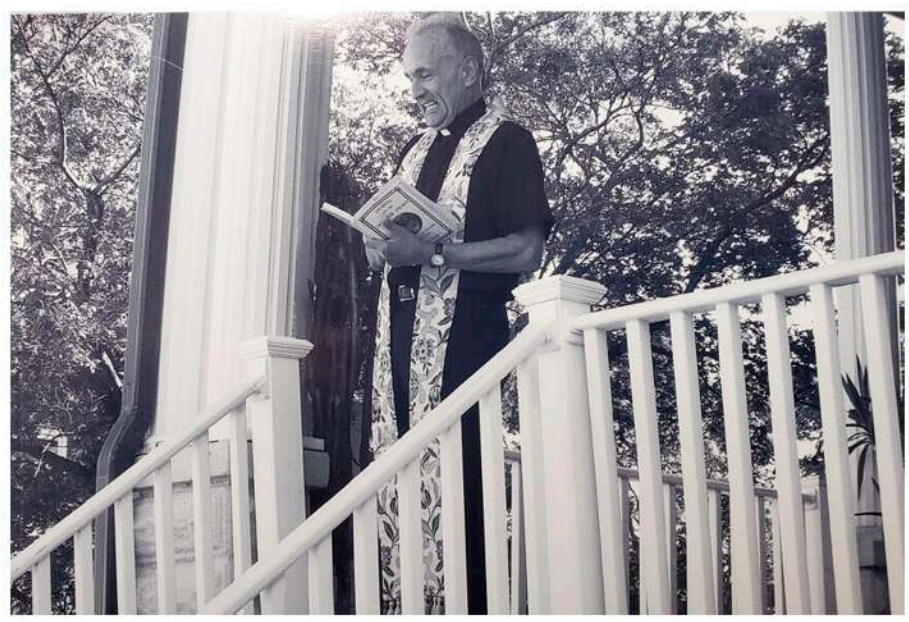
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**Yearbook-St. Mary's 1984**  
 By Tom Burkard


Msgr. Gerety was St. Mary's pastor, and other priests included Reverends LaBonte, McKnight, and Simon. Popular teacher at the high school were: Carol Smarch, Kathleen Turk, Bill Urbanski, Karen Rossetti, Sister Nathaniel, Sister M. Grata, William Ryan, Eugene Malhame, and Nancy Csurbak. Jeanne Polinski was the Guidance Counselor, and JoAnn Testa the Librarian. Patricia Burke was the School Nurse. Adeline Tiritelli and Ruth Kuchinski were and still are school secretaries. The new school year was barely a month old when the shocking news from Beirut, Lebanon, that 216 sleeping U.S. Marines were killed after a truck loaded with TNT drove into the U.S. Marines Headquarters Building, and detonated. While on the St. Mary's scene, the Class of '84 had plenty of extra-curricular activities to keep them busy. The 3rd Annual Fall Dance was a huge success. Fave clothing styles of the day, worn at the dance by the girls were plastic leather or silk pants, and the boys could be seen wearing piano ties and sleeveless velour shirts. The class chose "Come On Feel The Noise" by Quiet Riot as its official school anthem. The Battle of the Sexes was tons of fun for the students, and featured the Balloon Pass and Musical Chairs. The Christmas Ball was a beautiful night to remember, and was held at the Dorian Manor in Old Bridge. Everyone had a blast at the Senior-Faculty volleyball game. The Academic Quiz was really "One for the books." The yearbook was called "Step By Step," and was dedicated to John Morvay. Tyrrel Walsh was the editor. Mary Pat Burke was President of both the Senior Class and Senior Senate. Some of the members of the Class of '84 selected randomly include: Janice Beaudry, Donald Diem, Rhonda Rivers, Jennifer Verchick, Maureen Farley, Kathleen Testa, Amy Vona, Jacquelyn Smolinski, Robyn Ruotillo, Tom Repsha, Yvonne Piatek, Joseph Pacella, Theresa Nelan, Kenneth Lickman, Courtney Edgerton, Diane Durynski, Cindy Boehler, Karen Blanken, Ellen Asseng, Robyn Callahan, Patrick Flanagan, Gregory Ertl, Marlene Malkiewicz, Frank Musarra, Sharon Newberry, Marie Polak, Maureen Swier, Daniel Ziembra, Peter Carey, Joanne Johnson, Erica Martin, Patricia Nugent, Scott Nusbaum, Robin Kilcomins, Maria Szymanski, Donna Ust, James Roman, Gabriella Pall, Timothy Klimek, Donna Langer, Francis McCarthy, William Nixon, Linda Jawidzik, Michael Grandinetti, Ann Cunningham, Nicole DePasquale. In April of '84, Jack Nicholson and Shirley McLaine won Oscars for "Terms of Endearment." The New Orleans World's Fair opened in May, did you go? The Eagles boys basketball team had an outstanding (18-7) record, but dropped 2 to city rival Hoffman, as did the Blue & Gold girls hoops club. Mary Jean Sibilia scored her 1,000 point in basketball. Some of the fine senior athletes included: Michael Caldon, John Bayers, Mark Daszkiewicz, Chris Pelletier, Allison Carew, John Bayers, Edward Heyburn, Randy Golembieski, Joseph Rachwal, David Kelton, Thomas Keevins, Steve Martin, Jeff Pacansky, Jeanne Radwanski, Richard Santangelo, Tom Szaro, Pete Slanina, Karen Waltz, Pat Slattery, Michael Talian, Lisa Zdzienicki. Top pop songs in the nation around graduation time were: "Let's Hear It For The Boy"- Deniece Williams; "Hello"- Lionel Richie; "Time After Time"-Cyndi Lauper; "Oh Sherri"- Steve Perry. St. Mary's Class of '84 was a most interesting group of teenagers, ready to conquer the world. They were really fun loving, good kids, enjoying life in the '80's to the fullest



**Blessing Of The Animals**  
 (Photos/captions by Joe Lotkowitz)



**Father Dennis Wezorak, Pastor of St. Mary Church greets all pet owners before he performed the Blessing of the Animals ceremony Sept. 29th at St. Mary Rectory.**



**The animal owners are pictured with their pets getting the blessing from Father Dennis.**

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Gregory Scharpf, President and CEO, stated, "At Amboy Bank, we are dedicated to helping our local community prosper, and we are proud to lend a helping hand to our neighbors who need it most. Our annual food drive will help to restock the shelves of the food banks in our area."

Branch locations and details about the food drive can be found on Amboy's website, [www.AmboyBank.com](http://www.AmboyBank.com).

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 By Anthony Florio & John Siclare

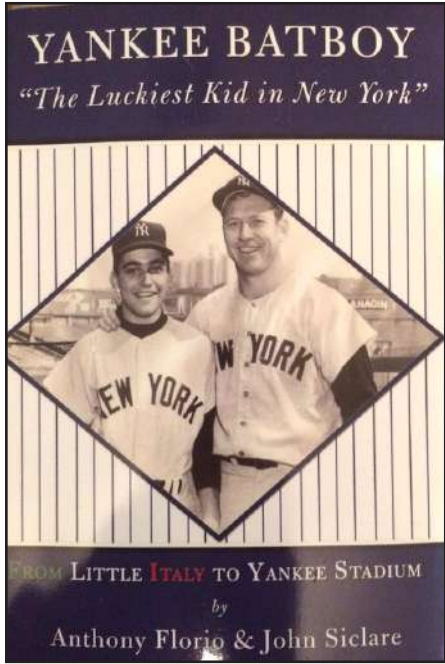
In 1961, Anthony Florio is a 15-year old teenager, living in Little Italy, who in his own words "Eats, sleeps & drinks baseball. A kid who idolizes Mickey Mantle and believes he's the biggest baseball fan that ever lived. Imagine how it felt for a kid like this to be asked to be a batboy at Yankee Stadium. To actually be around the famous ballplayers of the day."

During this time frame the Yankees were loaded with star players, and besides Mickey, sent two others to the Hall-of-Fame, Yogi Berra and Whitey Ford, in addition to Roger Maris, who broke Babe Ruth's home run record in '61 with 61 homers. Florio also said that "This is my story and the excitement of walking into Yankee Stadium for the first time in my life in the very same underground tunnels that Babe Ruth had walked through. It still excites me to this day, whenever I think about it."

Anthony Florio had encouragement from family and friends for many years to write a book about his fantastic memories of that special time.

This book which was published in 2015, includes countless memories of the players, photos of the players with Florio pictured in many, as well as personalized memorabilia he received from many New York Yankees. Yankee Batboy-"The Luckiest Kid In New York" is an outstanding work and a must read for all baseball fans.

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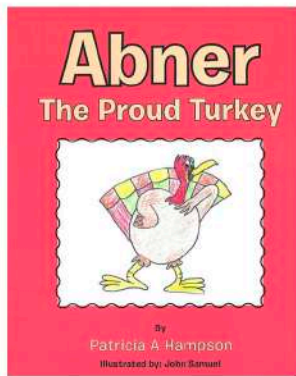
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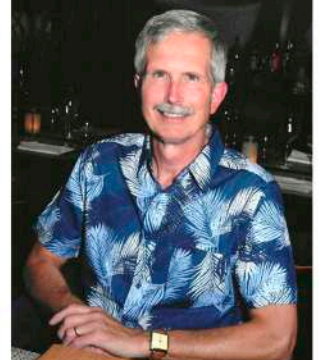
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**Patricia A Hampson**



**Abner The Proud Turkey**  
 By Patricia A Hampson  
 Illustrated by John Samuel



**John Samuel**

Patricia A Hampson, former Sayreville and Spotswood resident has just published two children's books, "Abner The Proud Turkey", followed by "A Gift For Santa". The Abner tales have been around for over 40 years and were told to her children, grandchildren and now great grandchildren as well as many children in her Children's ministry. Abner starts out in life being pampered and thinking he is very special. He becomes a bit of a bully, but as his life unfolds he learns that being a bully is not always the way to be. He ends up being a friend to all. "A Gift For Santa" tells the tale of two elves who want to give back to Santa for all he does for everyone.

Pat has had a life-long love of children. She says she never met a child she did not like, teenagers included. For twenty five years she directed the Youth Talent Program for the Sayreville Recreation Department giving many young people a chance to showcase their talents.

Abner could not have come to life without the talents of the illustrator, John Samuel. John grew up in Sayreville and graduated with the class of '78. Cartooning has always been in John's life. In fact, while posting his cartoons on Face book, an old high school classmate, Diane Campolargo, mentioned that her mom, a children's author, was in need of an illustrator, and that John's style of drawing would fit her story! Author and illustrator were a perfect fit, and by the time "Abner" was published, a second children's book, "A Gift For Santa" was completed. Both "Abner, The Proud Turkey" and "A Gift For Santa" are available at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com), [barnesandnoble.com](http://barnesandnoble.com), as well as [liferichpublishing.com](http://liferichpublishing.com).

**OLV To Hold Annual Christmas Bazaar on November 9, 2019**

Our Lady of Victories (OLV) Parish will hold their annual Christmas Bazaar on November 9, 2019 from 10am to 4pm in Monsignor Dalton Hall. There will be 75+ vendors that will be selling their crafts and merchandise during this event. We will also have wheels of chance including baked goods, gift cards and toys as prizes. There will also be a 50/50, tricky tray, children's games and pictures with Santa.

Jackie Gluchowski, OLV Home School Association President, commented, "The OLV Christmas Bazaar is not only about shopping and great prizes; it is a parish tradition that brings friends and family together in an enjoyable atmosphere. It's so nice to see the support of the parish, school and community; it is truly what makes this event so great every year!"



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## Extended Hours At County Clerk's Office

To Process Vote-By-Mail Applications Oct. 29 and Nov. 2

The Middlesex County Clerk's Office will be open for special extended hours to process Vote-By-Mail applications and ballots for the upcoming general election. The special hours will be 8:30 am to 7 pm on Tuesday, October 29, and from 9 am to 1 pm on Saturday, November 2.

The Office is located on the 4th Floor of the Middlesex County Administration Building, 75 Bayard Street, New Brunswick.

Voters will be able to fill out applications for a Vote-By-Mail ballot and vote the ballot in the same visit. Voters who complete their ballots during these two days only can leave their completed ballots at the Clerk's Office for delivery by staff to the Middlesex County Board of Elections.

All other Vote-By-Mail ballots must be dropped off to the Middlesex County Board of Elections by the close of polls on Election Day, November 5. The Board of Elections is located at 11 Kennedy Boulevard, East Brunswick.

Voters who wish to send their Vote-By-Mail ballots through the mail must ensure they are postmarked no later than November 5. These mailed ballots must be received at the Board of Elections 48 hours after polls close.

"One of the most important rights we have is the right to vote. That is why Middlesex County has embraced a Vote-By-Mail initiative to help those who cannot make it to the polls on November 5," said County Clerk Elaine M. Flynn. "The extended office hours ease the process of voting even more."

Voters may visit the Clerk's Office during normal business hours to apply for a Vote-by-Mail ballot: 8:30 am to 4:15 pm, Monday through Friday. The deadline to apply for a Vote-By-Mail ballot in person is Monday, November 4 at 3 pm. Voters must then mail or drop off the voted ballot to the Board of Elections before the deadlines stated above. For further information, please call the Clerk's Elections Division at 732-745-4202.

## Our Lady of Victories Student Government



On Friday, October 11, Our Lady of Victories installed the new student government at the school. Mass. Principal Cynthia Casciola-Kitts and teachers Mrs. Valerie Romer and Mrs. Barbara Misiewicz are pictured with students. (Photo/Info Submitted)

## American Legion Post 211 Memorial



Pictured are flags and wreath that were presented by American Legion Post 211 for the following Sayreville residents killed in the Vietnam War: Raul Orta, USMC, KIA 2/1/67; Wayne A. Grant, USA, KIA 10/26/67; Francis D. Battista, USMC, 11/11/67; Thomas A. Marchut, USA, 2/5/68; Walter D. Faith, USA, 2/24/68; William B. Kimball, Jr., USA, 5/6/68; Richard E. Biesiada, USA, 5/21/68; John P. Byrne, USMC, 4/30/69. (Photo/info by Joe Lotkowitz)

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“The Parlin Site Community Team joined the public for some fun in the sun with two recent events Sayreville and Old Bridge Days - visited by nearly 5,000 local township organizations, vendors, and neighbors. This gave us an opportunity to share some of the numerous products that we make at the plant and how they are used in everyday items. We appreciate everyone’s interest and support in our site and look forward to partnering with Old Bridge and Sayreville on future events for children and our neighbors in need.” Pictured left to right: Cat Mistretta, Stephen Liberty, David Kriskowski, Paul Poltritzky. (Photo/Info Submitted)

### **Eighth Annual Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Ceremony** (Photos/captions by Joe Lotkowitz)



Art Valentino (l) recited the Pledge of Allegiance for the Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Ceremony. Here he salutes with Rich Kosmoski (r).



Guest speaker Nellie Malet is shown speaking to the veterans about Survivor’s Benefits, and whether they, or their survivors may be eligible, and how to go about applying for them.



Chaplain Joseph Myers (l) presents the Invocation and Benediction for the ceremony, which was held by American Legion Post #211, Sayreville. Rich Kosmoski (r) served as MC.

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### Amboy Bankers Volunteer at Eva's Village

As Eva's Village volunteers, Amboy Bank employees helped to prepare the Community Kitchen, serve lunch, and cleaned-up after the meal service. The mission of Eva's Village is to provide care and support for people who are struggling with poverty, hunger, homelessness and addiction. Their community of supportive services, based in Paterson, includes food, shelter, addiction and mental health treatment, childcare, job training, medical and dental care, and housing.

"Eva's Village is truly making a difference in the society and in the lives of the people they serve. We believe in their mission to help everyone who comes to them for help with a comprehensive and

individualized approach. They address both basic needs, like food and shelter, as well as more complex issues, such as mental health and homelessness. We commend their kindness and compassion, and we are proud to support their mission," said Greg Scharpf, Amboy Bank President and CEO.

#### The Military

(Author Unknown)  
(Submitted by Joe Lotkowitz)

- Armed Forces Day  
For those who currently wear the uniform.
- Veterans Day  
For those who used to wear the uniform.
- Memorial Day  
For those who never made it out of the uniform.

So let's all thank the Lord and say a prayer for all the men and women who served for the good old U.S.A.

### Polka Dance

Save The Date- Polka Dance hosted by the Rotary to be held at VFW, Jernee Mill Road, Sayreville on Sunday, November 10th. For more information contact Greg 732-721-0400 email greg@customfinancial.org or Rocco- 732-721-0475.



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## Attention Residents of South Amboy and Sayreville

(Article submitted)

The city of South Amboy in conjunction with the Historical Society of South Amboy has embarked on a project to place the names of the men that were Killed in Action during World War I, World War II, Vietnam and Iraq on street signs throughout the city of South Amboy. The veteran's names will be placed on the street sign where the veteran resided in South Amboy. The veterans' names listed below were Killed in Action on foreign soil. The list does not include veterans that had South Amboy mailing addresses or died from accidents or illness. The resident location was determined by utilizing information from newspaper articles and the US Census.

On Saturday, November 9, 2019 at 11 AM there will be a dedication ceremony at the Historical Society's Gallery located at 141 No. Broadway, (across from city hall). If you are a relative or friend of one of the veterans

or just would like to be part of this historic event, your presence will be most welcome. The street signs will be on display and a roll call of the names and the location will be announced at this dedication ceremony. Light refreshments will be available.

### World War I

Bailey, Martin J; Christensen, Edward; Kerr, Thomas T; Kuskenkti, Otto; Lovely, Luke A; Olenicak, Ignatius; Render, John H; Sharkey, Danial; Smith, Charles; Walczak, Charles.

### World War II

Anderson, Harold; Briggs, William; Connors, John A; Fazio, Francis J; Fisher, Stanley; Gatz, Eugene P; Inman, Howard B; Jaje, Walter A; Jaskowiak, Vincent T; Keenan, Walter, F; Kielkowski, Stanley; Kuligowski, Frank; Little, Howard Jr; Nebus, Max; Nelson, Louis; Orndoff, Verlyn F; Pizzillo, Thomas L; Pupek, Chester F; Pupek, Edmund M; Quinlan, Dennis C; Render, Harold J; Skowronski, Charles; Springel, Walter; Thompson, William P; Weber, William MD; Wood, Alfred Jr.

### Vietnam

Brown, Charles P Jr; Hughes, Robert; Nemeth, Michael.

### Iraq

Sabban, Benjamin L.

*Note:* There were no veterans' names listed from South Amboy that were KIA during the Korean Conflict.

A very special thanks goes out to Mary Szaro, President of the Historical Society of South Amboy for doing very diligent research to determine the location of the residences of the veterans. Thank You.

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### The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, BA, MS

The majority of people take for granted one of the most important safety features available to them when they need to escape from a fire. Though this device is not needed if you must escape from a ground floor room, it does play a significant role if you are escaping a fire from the second floor or higher. This important safety device is the "fire escape". If you reside in a second story apartment/home or higher and fire is blocking your normal escape route from the interior of the structure, how do you expect to get out of the building?

The fire escape was invented in the 18th century England. It was a device that was fastened to a window and would enable a person to descend to the street level without injury. A series of disastrous tenement fires in the late 19th century in New York City led to the enactment of the first fire escape regulations in the United States. Tenements during this period had single open stairwells for egress which acted like a chimney under fire conditions and blocked escape routes.

As building codes became more prevalent in the United States around the turn of the 20th century, fire safety became an important concern for new construction. Building owners were increasingly required to provide adequate escape routes if a fire erupted in the building.

Exterior iron/steel fire escapes were installed as a second means of egress for tens of thousands of buildings across the country, not only in tenements but in factories, hospitals, and schools. These fire escapes have proven to be not only an exit path for occupants but a platform for firefighting as well.

With the urban sprawl and increase in the amount of construction in the mid-20th century, particularly the increase in public

housing in major cities, certain problems with fire escapes became clear. In the poorer cities like Chicago and New York, fire escapes were commonly used for everything but their intended purpose. In the hot summer months, residents would sleep outside on the platforms of their fire escapes.

By the 1960's, fire escapes fell out of favor and were removed from building codes as an acceptable component of means of egress. As we look around our communities, many of them still exist on older buildings. Many of these fire escapes were installed more than 100 years ago and may not work when a fire erupts and are needed as a life saving device. Look at the Main Streets in your town where there are storefronts with apartments above called "taxpayers". These are typical buildings that would require a fire escape because of having only one interior stairwell for escape. For years, it has been known that maintenance of existing fire escapes is not a priority of the landlord. These fire escapes have moving parts with ladders that should drop to the ground when a person's weight is applied. Weathering over the years may have caused these parts to develop rust which would prevent them from working properly. If you live/sleep on the second floor or above and have concerns about your fire escape, lack of or non-working, you have options available. Different escapes devices such as escape ropes and ladders are readily available and simple to use in the event you must escape a burning building and your interior route is blocked by fire. Sometimes the thought of jumping out the second floor window is a much better option then attempting to run through a burning hallway/stairwell. The jump may cause broken bones that can heal, getting caught in the fiery stairwell may cause death!

### From The Firefighters Archives



1965- Pictured (l-r) is South Amboy Mayor Richard Schultz congratulating Fire Chief Frank Conroy Jr., 1st Assistant Chief Anthony Charmello, and 2nd Assistant Chief Joseph Keegan, following the 75th Anniversary of the NJ State Firemen's Association Parade at Wildwood. The South Amboy firefighters brought home this huge 1st place President's Trophy for being the best in New Jersey.



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Families from Our Lady of Victories participated in a fundraiser night at Texas Roadhouse. The OLV Dynamic Catholic Kids club sponsored a bake sale to support their charity work. The group participates in soup kitchens and serves meals at various events in recognition of Veterans. Pictured are Samantha Mierzwiak, Riley Gluchowski, Catherine Zavoda, Sean Haggerty and Thomas Mierzwiak (Photo/Info Submitted)

## Sayreville's Hit The Bricks 5K Race

Photos by Tom Burkard



Pictured (l-r) Tim Oliver, his son and youngest runner, Damien, 10 years old, and Recreation Director Jerry Ust. Tim and Damien finished 3rd and 4th respectively in the Male Open Division.



Women's Open Division winner Christina Loihle comes to the end of her championship run.

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## Sara's Walk



Family, friends and members of the community gathered to remind everyone to Slow Down for Sara on Sunday, October 20th at Sara's Garden in Kennedy Park. It was a beautiful tribute to Sara Dubinin and all proceeds of the Walk go directly to The Sara Dubinin Memorial Foundation to provide funds for scholarships, community events and to promote Sara's Law, the NJ Next-of-Kin Registry ([https://emvc.state.nj.us/MVC\\_NOK/AVSStart.jsp](https://emvc.state.nj.us/MVC_NOK/AVSStart.jsp)). We are so grateful to everyone who attended, community sponsors, Sayreville EMT and to all who made this event a success. (Photo/Caption Submitted)

## October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

By Rosario and Sheila Gonzalez, Mastectomy Fitters

It is said that every 13 minutes, one person in the US loses their life to breast cancer. In 2019, it is estimated that over 260,000 new cases of female breast cancer will be identified. This is unforeseen in the 21st. century as we spend billions of dollars in breast cancer research. The numbers are overwhelming. (Men are not exempt from developing breast cancer; over 2,600 new cases of breast cancer in men will be identified in 2019).

Cancer is a disease in which cells in the body grow out of control. When the cancer starts in the breast, it is called breast cancer. This is the most common form of cancer affecting women after skin cancer. Typically it affects women who are 50 years and older, although; about 10% of the new cases of breast cancer is reported in women under the age of 45.

Young women at high risk include those who have a relative who was diagnosed with

breast or ovarian cancer, have a certain breast cancer gene [brca1 and brca2] mutation, Ashkenazi Jewish descent, had lobular carcinoma in situ, ductal carcinoma in situ or ductal or lobular hyperplasia.

Early detection remains the most important tool for women. If you think you are at risk – speak to your doctor! Genetic testing can identify abnormalities that will result in your physician exploring various treatment options, early on. You can always decrease your risk by keeping by maintaining a healthy weight, exercise regularly, limit alcohol consumption and avoid exposure to carcinogens.

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Anthony Travisano (l), President of the Morgan Lions Club, presents a check for \$500 to Mark F. Schlauch 1st Vice President of Sayreville Association Brain Injured Children. (Photo/Info Submitted)

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Ed Vassallo (l) and Sarah Van Clef are performing some great oldies at the Open Mic Night held at the Knights of Columbus #426 Hall on Sept. 27th. Everyone in attendance had a great time. (Photo/caption by Joe Lotkowitz)



## Local Musicians Form "Boys on the Side"

By Clem Skarzynski

Around 2 years ago, 2 local musicians from the local "Party Band," "Smoke and Mirrors," thought it would be an interesting challenge to change up their present musical/band lineup, and form a band with 2 Female Vocalists as the front, with a solid 3 piece "backline" of musicians to back the ladies up. After careful searching for the right combination, "Boys on the Side" was born! With South Amboy's Dave Silva on Drums, Marlboro's Neil Mach on Guitar, they added Sayreville's own Tom DiBenedetto on Bass, to back their Vocalists, Donna Dunn, and after many auditions, Sayreville's Stephanie Mulham, completed the line-up! This band with it's unique arrangement, and with awesome vocals from the ladies, brings this band to another level! Their set list includes

the likes of Joplin, Ethridge, Winehouse, Morisette, Blondie, and the Pretenders, just to name a few! But, don't despair, the "boys" do their share too, with an outstanding blend of Male/Female Rock! Really different from what most of us have seen and heard. With that said, put Saturday November 2nd on your music calendars, and head on down to South Amboy's "Blue Moon," and hear, and see for yourself! Drummer Dave Silva is also a member of Sayreville's "Clem and Friends," and shares the drumming duties with Melrose's own Tim Fee, founding member of "The Rockdaddys." So, ya wanna listen to some well blended Rock 'n' Roll, make it a point to be there! And Ladies..keep those "Boys on the Side"!!

## One Hit Wonders-60 Years Ago

1959-Gotta Travel On-Billy Grammer; The All-American Boy-Bill Parsons; The Little Space Girl-Jesse Lee Turner; I've Had It-The Bell Notes; Tragedy-Thomas Wayne; Sea Cruise-Frankie Ford; Pink Shoe Laces-Dodie Stevens; Tell Him No-Travis & Bob; Guitar Boogie Shuffle-The Virtues; Three Stars-Tommy Dee; Kookie, Kookie (Lend Me Your Comb)-Edd Byrnes; Sorry (I Ran All The Way Home)-The Impalas; Only You-Frank Pourcel's French Fiddles; So

Fine-The Fiestas; Bongo Rock-Preston Epps; Hushabye-The Mystics; You're So Fine-The Falcons; Waterloo-Stonewall Jackson; Here Comes Summer-Jerry Keller; Sea Of Love-Phil Phillips With The Twilight; Say Man-Bo Diddley; Battle Hymn Of The Republic-The Mormon Tabernacle Choir; Deck Of Cards-Wink Martindale; The Enchanted Sea-The Islanders; Woo-Hoo-The Rock-A-Teens; Uh! Oh! Part 2-The Nutty Squirrels.

## #1 Pop Hits On Oct. 26

2004-Goodies-Ciara with Petey Pablo  
1997-Fly-Sugar Ray  
1983-Total Eclipse Of The Heart -Bonnie Tyler  
1971-Maggie May-Rod Stewart  
1969-I Can't Get Next To You -The Temptations  
1959-Mack The Knife-Bobby Darin

## #1 Country Hits On Oct. 26

2003-Tough Little Boys-Gary Allen  
1991-Anymore-Travis Tritt  
1988-Strong Enough To Bend -Tanya Tucker  
1978-Tear Time-Dave & Sugar  
1966-Open Up Your Heart -Buck Owens  
1958-City Lights-Ray Price

## Bon Jovi At Open House

By Tom Burkard

Former Sayreville resident and superstar rocker, Jon Bon Jovi took part in an open house at Joseph's House in Camden recently on World Homeless Day. The event was held to show off \$1.2 million in upgrades and improvements. The money came from donations from huge corporations, public grants, and Bon Jovi, a generous philanthropist.

## In The Movies-2019

Our ratings of new movies out this year from 0-10 with 10 almost impossible to get as the perfect movie.

**The Fanatic**-A pretty wild movie with John Travolta playing a very strange role...6.5.

## The Catholic War Veterans, Sacred Heart Memorial Post 578

Monday, November 11th, 8:00 A.M. Veterans Day Mass, Sacred Heart Church, Washington Avenue. All Catholic Veterans are invited to attend. Monday, November 11th, 11:00 A.M., Veterans Day Services, Sacred Heart Cemetery, Johnson Lane, Parlin. Public is invited to attend.

## Halloween Open Mic

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 host a special Halloween Open Mic Friday October 25 at 8 p.m. at the K of C on 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. If you can sing solo or participate in a group you are invited. All you have to do is plug in your instruments. Wear a Halloween costume for a night of fun. Refreshments are available. For more information call 732-721-2025.

## American Revolution Catholics Lecture November 8

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 host a lecture and discussion by Paul Soltis of the New Jersey State Park Service about how Catholics in the American Revolution contributed to the American victory over the British by fighting on the battlefield and working behind the scenes. The event will be held Friday night November 8 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in St. Pat's hall underneath St. Mary's church with the entrance on Church St. in South Amboy. Admission is free and light refreshments will be available. For more information call John Kobiernicki at 732-721-1514.

The Miraculous Prayer  
Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked for many favors. This time I ask you this my special one (mention favor). Take it, Dear Jesus, and place it within your own broken heart, where your Father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes, it will become your favor, not mine. Amen. (Say this prayer for 3 days, promise publication and your favor will be granted. Never known to fail.) -L.F.

## MUSIC TRIVIA? Eyes

By Tom Burkard

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|--|-----------------------------|
| 1. __ Eye Of The Tiger                 | a. Crystal Gale             |
| 2. __ Private Eyes                     | b. Frankie Valli            |
| 3. __ Lyin' Eyes                       | c. Hall & Oates             |
| 4. __ Sad Eyes                         | d. Sugarloaf                |
| 5. __ My Eyes Adored You               | e. The Eagles               |
| 6. __ Green-Eyed Lady                  | f. Survivor                 |
| 7. __ Brown Eyed Girl                  | g. Guess Who                |
| 8. __ These Eyes                       | h. Robert John              |
| 9. __ Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue | i. Van Morrison             |
| 10. __ Eye In The Sky                  | j. The Alan Parsons Project |

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

## Where Have You Gone, Stan Jankowski Jr.?

Stanley Jankowski Jr. was born in South Amboy, on April 4th, 1937, to Kathleen Nagle and Stanley Francis Jankowski Sr., where he has resided his entire life. He graduated from Saint Mary's HS Class of 1954.

He coached Rotary and managed the First Aid Little League baseball team to 2 championships in 1959 and 1960. Jankowski also played a lot of softball in the South Amboy Men's Fast Pitch League. In addition, Stan, along with James "Jim" McCable founded the South Amboy Girls Softball League, and he coached teams for 20 years. In the first year, the league had 6 teams, and by the second season, the league featured 8 senior, 8 junior, and 6 midget teams, an unbelievable growth in participants, thanks to their energy, hard work and dedication. They also established and coached the first South Amboy Girls League All-Star team.

Stan's work experience included DuPont's for 6 years; South Amboy Water Dept. for 10 years; Massing's Gas Station; Amerada Hess for 28 years, where he retired from. Stanley also served in the Army National Guard.

After retirement, he took on a part-time job with South Amboy and Sayreville School systems for 11 years.

Stanley was Second Ward Councilman for 4 years and a Board of Ed member for 9 years.

Jankowski served in the U.S. Army and later for 5 years in the U.S. Army Reserves.



Stanley Jankowski Jr

An avid sports fan, his favorite teams are the Mets, Jets and New Jersey Devils.

Stanley has been married to Ann Meggison Jankowski for 60 years, raised 6 children, Leslie Mary Tighe, Ann Margaret Feihl, Amy Jankowski, Stanley F. Jankowski III, Jennifer Scully and Heather Jankowski, and a proud Poppy to his 15 Grandchildren and 7 Great Grandchildren.



## School Sports

(As of Oct. 13)

By Tom Burkard

### Girls Soccer

**Sayreville (5-8)** Top offensive players-Jacqueline Ventricelli, Adrianna Westcott, Samantha Szymanski. Goalie Selma Ahmemulic has notched 2 saves. Other fine performers are Maureen Figueredo, Janai Negroni, Olivia Siverio, Samantha Soto.

**South Amboy (0-11)** Top offensive players-Jessica Henry, Alexis Moakler, Belkis Velesquez, Evalise Perez, Faith Nemeth.

### Boys Soccer

**Sayreville (3-10)** Top offensive players-Matias Rosario, Ziad Elwardany, Kevin Appau, Caio Egas De Oliveira, Ostap Milan, Leon Daley, Dylan Clerigo, Matthew Stowe, Jaiden Ennett, Brandon Amador.

**South Amboy** (No information available)

### Girls Tennis

**Sayreville (5-5)** Top players-2nd singles-Jasmine Yehudaioff; 1st doubles-Grace Ekpe & Camilla Rutkowski; 2nd doubles-Julia Kitrys & Anushka Kondur.

**South Amboy (0-9)** Top players-1st singles-Selina Maisonett, who leads the team with 3 victories; 3rd singles-Jelissa Caraballo, who has 1 victory.

## 55 Years Ago

1964-In the first cross country/track meet held at the new Madison Twp. HS Track Stadium, the Spartans defeated St. Mary's, 40-15. The Saints team record for the 2 1/2 mile run was shattered by 4 Eagles; Jim Doyle 15:33.6, Gary Brown 15:35.2, Bill Casey 15:42.9, and Dan Volosin 15:52.3. They were closely followed by John Germak 15:50.7, Jack Diem 15:59.2.

## NJ Devils Holiday Outing Dec. 27

For all of you hockey fans, Saint Mary's Church and the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 sponsor their annual Christmas holiday outing to see the New Jersey Devils with top overall draft pick Jack Hughes, host the Toronto Maple Leafs with superstar center John Taveras Friday

## Pro Baseball Watch

Houston Astros standout pitching prospect, Brandon Bielak of Sayreville had an outstanding minor league season, and has moved closer to the Major Leagues. After starting 2019 at Corpus Christi, an AA team in the Texas League, he was promoted to Round Rock a AAA team in the Pacific Coast League, where he once again excelled. At Round Rock, he was (8-4) with a 4.41 ERA, over 85.2 innings pitched, 85 strikeouts, and held opponents to a .220 batting avg. His overall stats for '19 were: innings pitched-121.2, strikeouts-119, opponents batting avg.-.220, won-11 lost-4.

Riley O'Brien, grandson of South Amboy legend Johnny O'Brien, had a banner year in the Tampa Bay Rays farm system. A fine pitcher, he was promoted to Montgomery, an AA Southern League team, where he finished (5-6), 3.93, over 68.2 innings pitched, 72 strikeouts, and an opponents batting avg. of .215. Overall stats for '19: innings

## Bombers Beat Edison 3-1

Sayreville girls soccer club topped Edison, 3-1, as Jacqueline Ventricelli paved the way with 2 goals and an assist. Adrianna Westcott also scored, and Samantha Szymanski contributed an assist.

## Sayreville Girls Down Woodbridge

Sayreville girls tennis team nipped Woodbridge, 3-2. Jasmine Yehudaioff won in 2nd singles; Grace Ekpe & Camilla Rutkowski captured 1st doubles; Julia Kitrys & Anushka Kondur won in 2nd doubles.

## Yogi-isms

The great New York Yankees catching legend, Yogi Berra, was quoted as saying the following:

"I usually take a 2-hour nap from 1 to 4."

"Ninety percent of the game is half mental."

"Take it with a grin of salt."

## Coach Cifelli To Retire

Sayreville boys soccer coach Nick Cifelli will retire at the end of the season after 19 years at the Bombers helm. He has had an amazing coaching career, with over 200 wins, and even more importantly has been an inspiration to many Sayreville athletes and students both on and off the field, through his 34 years as a teacher. This year's team is (3-10), but with any breaks could have been much better, as the Blue & Gray lost several games by only 1 goal. Congratulations on a fine coaching career, and best of luck always, Nick!

December 27 in a 7 p.m. game. Cost of \$70 includes lower level reserved seat and a \$10 voucher good for food and drink. If you're interested, the deadline to purchase tickets is December 2. For more information call Chris at 732-735-1737 or Steve at 732-727-1707.

pitched-102.2, strikeouts-107, opponents batting avg.-.202, won-7 lost-6.

The future keeps looking brighter for these two fine young baseball players, and it won't be long until you'll be seeing them in the big leagues. Keep watching next year for Sayreville's Brandon Bielak with the Houston Astros, and Riley O'Brien, grandson of Johnny O'Brien with the Tampa Bay Rays as they continue their rise to MLB. Best of luck Brandon and Riley!



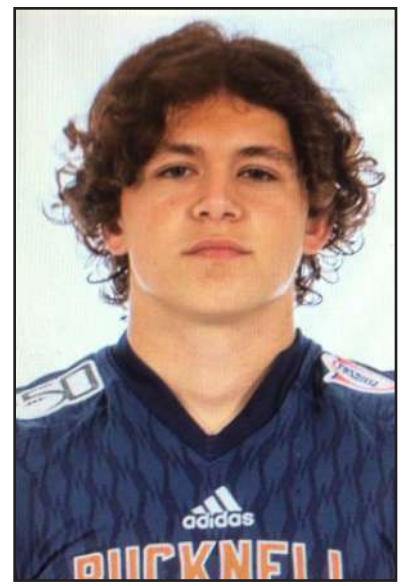
Riley O'Brien



Brandon Bielak



Patrick Walsh in cross country action for Rutgers U.



Connor Holmes

## College Notebook

Patrick Walsh (South Amboy) of Rutgers U., finished 9th place, 27:00.9, in an 8K cross country race at the Fordham Fiasco/Ed Joyce Memorial...Connor Holmes (Sayreville) hauled in a 15-yard touchdown pass as his Bucknell (0-5) team was pounded by Princeton U., 56-23. He finished the game with 8 receptions for 88 yards. On the year Holmes has notched 12 catches for 129

yards...Myles Hartsfield (Sayreville), playing for the University of Mississippi (3-3), has 17 solo tackles, 5 assisted tackles, and 1 interception...Erin Wimmer (Sayreville) has scored 2 goals for Georgian Court University (4-4-1) women's soccer club...Linwood Crump (Sayreville) has registered 1 assisted tackle in limited action over 2 games with Temple University (4-1).

## Sayreville Bombers Football Update

(As of Oct. 13)

Sayreville now (2-3), made it two wins in a row, as they edged by New Brunswick, 7-0 with Jayvis Rayside providing a 9-yard TD in the first half. The defense came up really big, throughout the contest, especially when it stopped the Zebras cold, as they threatened to score in the closing minutes...

The Bombers captured their first win of the season, by downing Edison, 9-6. Christian Becoat, playing in his first game

this season after being out with an injury, caught a 7-yard touchdown pass from Mark Whitford. Santana Fonseca, came in and booted the game-winning field goal from 25 yards out with only 3:00 left in the game.

Two-way standout, Jayvis Rayside leads the Bombers in rushing with 255 yards, and also 35 tackles. Whitford has completed 31 of 67 passes, and has rushed for 241 yards in 51 carries.

## Bomber Boys Rip Perth Amboy

Sayreville boys soccer squad plastered Perth Amboy, 8-1. Matias Rosario had a huge game with 4 goals and an assist. Ziad Elwardany added 2 goals, Kevin Appau 1

goal, and 1 assist, Caio Egas De Oliveira 1 goal, Ostap Milan 2 assists, and 1 assist from Leon Daley, Dylan Clerigo, and Matthew Stowe.

## Mickey Mantle Visits The Area In 1986



Believe it or not, another person who was at the historic Mickey Mantle visit to the Laurence Harbor baseball field in 1986 came through with these great shots top pic: just arriving and signing autographs; middle: Mickey and a man from his entourage; bottom: Mantle ready to get into his limousine following the dedication of the field, and his autograph session.

A special thanks go out to Margaret "Peggy" Prusakowski Poulson for kindly sharing these photos she took of Mickey Mantle.

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# The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

## From The Youth League Archives



**Late 1970's**-The talented South Amboy Little Fellas League All-Star baseball team is pictured after winning a trophy. Pictured top row (l-r) Coach Joe Pacansky, Steve Martin, Peter Smith, Mark Thompson, Coach Mr. Leonard, Carson Bloodgood, John McQuade, Kevin Gorczyca, Coach Mr. Wence. Bottom row (l-r) Billy O'Leary, Jeff Pacansky, Billy Bright, Joe Lewis, Pat Leonard, Jimmy Beshada, Kenny Huryk, Craig Gorczyca, John "Skeets" Skarzynski. (Photo courtesy of Jean Smith, Names courtesy of Skarzynski Family)

## Columbus Day Football Classics

Hoffman vs. St. Mary's

**1969**-Quarterback George Krzyzanowski fired 4 touchdown passes to lead the Saints to a 38-8 romp over the Guvs. The Eagles scoring went as follows: Krzyzanowski fired a 40-yard TD pass to Nick Charmello; Charmello raced on an end sweep for another TD; Krzyzanowski found Charmello on another scoring strike; Krzyzanowski found Bob Duffy for 2 more touchdown aeriels. Notching 2-point conversions were Andrew McGinn, Bernie Mackiel, and Duffy. Bob McQuade recorded a safety for St. Mary's. Charmello accounted for 18 of the 38 points scored by St. Mary's. There is no record of who scored for the Purple & Gold.

**1959**-The Eagles easily handled Hoffman, 26-0. The Blue & Gold lit up the scoreboard on a 3-yard TD run by John Lukie, and Steve "Ducky" Flanagan added a 2-point conversion to make it 8-0. Flanagan then bolted in for a 2-yard touchdown--14-0, St. Mary's. Joe Coughlin recovered a Governor fumble in the end zone for a TD, as the lead built to 20-0. Quarterback Bill Borbely fired a 53-yard scoring strike to Flanagan for the final scoring. Flanagan notched 14 of the Eagles 26 points.

### Lineups:

#### St. Mary's 26

W. Zrebiec re Coughlin rt Frank Brennan rg Bob Curtis c J. Cesare lg Jim Zdanewicz lt R. Sullivan le Borbely qb Cliff Carr rhh Flanagan lhb Lukie fb.

## T.H.E. Game

Sport-Baseball

Year-1973

**Teams**-Hoffman vs. Dunellen in the Guvs final regular season game.

This column is dedicated in memory to the great Joe "Moose" McCarthy

**Recap**-Joe "Moose" McCarthy had one of the greatest offensive games in Hoffman history. In the first inning, he blasted a 2-run homer, and amazingly in the same inning, unloaded a grand slam home run to drive in 6 of the Guvs 10 first inning tallies, as Hoffman destroyed Dunellen, 18-1. Although no records were kept, you can bet that his 6 RBI and 2 homers in one-inning performance will never be topped. The homers were his 6th and 7th of the year earning him the title of "Middlesex County Home Run King."

**Player-of-the-Game**-Joe "Moose" McCarthy, Hoffman Governors.



#### Hoffman 0

D. Harvey re-t T. Deutsch rt F. Moore rg John Jarusiewicz c Frank Guiamano lg George Reick lt A. Berry le Bob Martin qb E. O'Dell rhh E. Randazzo lhb T. Romano fb.

**1949**-St. Mary's hammered Hoffman, 27-0. The Eagles jumped out to a quick 14-0 first quarter lead on a TD pass from Bob Kenny to Gene Harkins, followed by Alfie O'Connor ploughing up the middle for the extra point. Ray Hajdusek than broke loose for a 5-yd. TD run, followed by another extra point by O'Connor. In the second quarter, Ray Scupp got loose for a beautiful 45-yard touchdown run, making it 20-0, Eagles at halftime.

The third quarter was scoreless, but highlighted by Hoffman's John "Skeets" Skarzynski's interception of a pass intended for "Rod" Carney. In the final stanza, Kenny found Harkins again with another TD pass, and Bill "Biff" McKeon blasted in for the extra point.

### The Lineups:

#### St. Mary's 27

Harkins le Grace lt Vince Abbatiello lg McKeon c J. Stefanski rg J. Quinlan rt G. Carney re Kenny qb O'Connor lhb Scupp rhh D. Caliendo fb.

#### Hoffman 0

John Ciol le B. Richmond lt J. English lf G. Geant c L. Letts rg J. Carney rt Jim Inman re Bill Bouchard qb Bob Munck lhb Don Munn rhh Bill Brown k-fb.

## Pop Warner Football

1965 Morgan Panthers

Morgan 26 South River 0

Joe Mastorio scored on a 5-yard touchdown run, and Bruce Fusco carried the PAT on a line buck for the first scoring of the game. Joe Gabel raced 60-yards for the second Morgan TD, and he also scored again on a quarterback sneak. Kevin Lynch went over right tackle for the extra point. Dennis Ryan partially blocked a 12-yard punt, and Fusco got the ball on a reverse and bolted around left end for the touchdown, and the PAT was missed...

Morgan 27 Perth Amboy 0 (Benefit game for the Benjamin Carr Fund)

The Perth Amboy Buffaloes were no match for the powerful Panthers of Morgan, and Mastorio started the scoring with a 3-yard touchdown run over right guard. Lynch then converted on a drive over left guard. He then broke loose for a 45-yard TD jaunt, and Mastorio got the PAT. Gabel then hit Ed McGuinness on a beautiful TD bomb, as the Panthers assault continued on Perth Amboy. Gabel ran for another Panther TD on a right and rollout. Mastorio added the extra point with a buck over right guard.

### Coming Next Month

The 1965 Morgan Panthers take on local rivals the South Amboy Sabres. Don't miss it!

## 35 Years Ago... Hoffman Wins State Title

By Tom Burkard

**1984**-Rookie baseball coach, George Krzyzanowski achieved the ultimate goal in high school coaching, by leading his highly talented Hoffman team to the Group I state baseball championship. The legendary roster consisted of: Kevin Gorczyca, Dave Gumprecht, Rob Ruskuski, Mark Thompson, Joe Samuelson, Bob Gallery, John "Skeets" Skarzynski, Joe Ramer, Peter Smith, Scott Gumprecht, Andrew Moran, Randy Stratton, Billy Bright, Jim McCabe and Stan Zawacki. CJ Group I Semifinals Hoffman 3 Metuchen 0- Mark Thompson fired a brilliant 6-hit, shutout to lead Hoffman to a 3-0 win over Metuchen. Peter Smith drove in 2 runs, and Andrew Moran contributed an RBI. CJ Group I Final Hoffman 4 Bound Brook 3-The Governors pulled out a hard-fought, 4-3 victory in 9 innings over Bound Brook to cop the Central Jersey Group I title. Kevin Gorczyca's infield single with two outs in the 9th drove in the winning run. Billy Bright doubled in the 9th with one out, moved to third on Stanley Zawacki's infield single, and scored on Gorczyca's huge clutch hit. John "Skeets" Skarzynski went the distance to pick up the win, hurling a fine 5hitter, while striking out 8. Bright blasted a home run in the 5th inning. Skarzynski also added an RBI for Hoffman. Group I Semis Hoffman 5 Woodstown 2-Thompson, pitched and batted Hoffman to victory, by tossing a 3 hitter, striking out 6, and also belting a 2-run homer for the game winner. Smith and Randy Stratton each drilled RBI singles. Group I State Championship Hoffman 3 Emerson Borough 0 Hoffman (18-3) behind Skarzynski's masterful 3-hit performance, in which he limited state powerhouse Emerson (29-3, Ranked #12 in state) to 3 singles, while striking out one and not walking a batter. With no score in the top of the 4th inning, Skarzynski walked, went to second on a single by Smith, and both scored on a booming two-base hit by Thompson, to make it 2-0, Governors. The Purple & Gold lit up the scoreboard again in the 6th, when Smith singled, went to second on a throwing error, then to third on

a wild pitch, and scored on a passed ball. Coach Krzyzanowski has vivid memories of the '84 Governors. "I can still envision John Skarzynski on the mound with his nice lefty pickoff move picking somebody off first. Also the overall solid defense of the team with Smith and Ruskuski, and the speed of Stratton and Bright in the outfield, and Gorczyca catching. In the state final, second baseman, Scott Gumprecht made two big plays that kept Emerson Borough from getting back into the game. Thompson and Skarzynski were both number 1 pitchers in my book. The addition of Rob Ruskuski as a transfer really filled the hole at shortstop. What a great set of hands on "Rus!" These guys were really vocal, outgoing kids. They were always off the bench, talking and jawing, always involved in the game. The legendary Hoffman Governors 1984 Group I State Baseball Champions finished with a superb 19-3 record. The talented athletes received many awards for their achievements. The News Tribune for its All-County 1st Team chose Skarzynski at first base and Thompson -pitcher. Gorczyca-catcher and Smith-third base were Honorable Mentions. Skarzynski copped his second straight Gold Glove as TNT's first baseman. The Star Ledger picked Skarzynski as All-Middlesex County's 1st Team pitcher; Thompson-2nd Team pitcher; Gorczyca-catcher and Smith-third base were Honorable Mentions. AllState Group I First Team-Skarzynskipitcher; 3rd Team-Thompson-pitcher. Four players were 1st Team All CVC choices: Pitchers-Skarzynski and Thompson; Catcher-Gorczyca; Third Baseman-Smith. Three were picked for the 2nd Team All CVC: Second Baseman-Scott Gumprecht; Outfielder-Andrew Moran; Designated Hitter-Zawacki. Stats, Etc.-Thompson was the Middlesex County ERA champion with a miniscule 0.72. Skarzynski turned in a nice 1.45. Skarzynski had the best winning percentage in the county with a perfect 9-0, 1.000. Thompson finished 8-1. Smith was Hoffman's leading hitter with a .409 batting average. Gorczyca was drafted by the San Diego Padres in the 19th round. . .

## Glory Days In Local Sports

**1955**-Sayreville downed St. Mary's, 8-1 in baseball, as junior Bobby Witkowski fired a brilliant no-hitter and blasted a 2-run homer...1962-St. Mary's blasted Red Bank Catholic, 10-2. Winning pitcher Ray Ridell fired a 1-hitter and struck out 15. Art O'Donnell ripped 4 hits including a double and triple. Joe Pohl chipped in with 3 hits, while Tom Fitzmorris went 3-for-3 with 2 doubles...1976-Hoffman belted Green Brook, 6-2 in baseball play. Jack Conlon was the winning pitcher, and got lots of support from Greg Kardos with 3 RBI, and George Bongiorno who belted an RBI double...1983-Montgomery topped St. Mary's girls soccer squad, 4-3. Trish Loftus

blasted in 2 goals, and Chris Cartwright another one. Regina Reczkowski had an assist, and goalie Theresa O'Brien notched 12 saves for the Saints...1997-Sayreville ripped Edison, 23-6 on the football field. Omar Joseph broke loose for a 65-yard TD on a kickoff return, and also caught a 22-yard touchdown strike from quarterback Charles Bowden. Bowden reached paydirt again from the 1-yard line on a quarterback sneak. John Nuber registered 2 interceptions...2001-South Amboy nipped Middlesex, 3-2 in boys tennis action. Winners were: singles-Dan Nuzzie; doubles-Jared Gonsalves & Randy Fallon; Janusz Kamieciak & Tim Ricablanca.

## Champions



2019 Middlesex County B Division Senior 60+ Softball League champions, The Highwaymen are pictured Back row (l-r) Joe Lopez, Danny Mendoza, Ed O'Connor, Pete Clapsis, Brian Williams, Matt Litowitz. Front row (l-r) Mark Litowitz, Jack O'Connor, Dana Kimmel, Tom Durski, Ron Croddick. (Photo/names by Tom Durski).



Sayreville Recreation Director Jerry Ust (c) congratulates Stephen Lewicki (r) of South Amboy, who had the top time in the Sayreville Hit The Bricks 5K race, finishing in 19:12.36, to top the Male Open, and Christina Loihle (l) of Sayreville, who turned in the fastest time in the Female Open with a 23:54.36. Recreation Director Jerry Ust, staff and volunteers did a fantastic job, and raised \$4,000 for the Sayreville BIC. Jerry thanked everyone including the sponsors, who helped with this very worthy cause. (Photo/caption by Tom Burkard)

### Lewicki, Loihle Win Sayreville Hit The Bricks 5K

Stephen Lewicki of South Amboy won the Male Open, and Christina Loihle of Sayreville captured the Female Open championships at the annual Sayreville Hit The Bricks 5K race. Lewicki finished the course in 19:12.36, and was followed by Sean Donnamaria of Parlin in 19:55.94, and 3rd place finisher Tim Oliver of South Amboy

in 20:43.86. Loihle had a winning time of 23:54.36, and 2nd place was Kristin Havens of South River who finished at 24:38.06, and 3rd place Courtney McQuade of Sayreville with a time of 26:25.14. Congratulations to all who participated in this great fundraiser for the Sayreville BIC!

### MLB Baseball Scout - Part 4

John "Flip" Phillips

After the June 1968 MLB Draft, Bill McKeon started scouting for the new American League franchise, the Kansas City Royals. His story continues:

"I started scouting for the KC Royals in the summer of 1968. Later that summer Sid Thrift the scouting supervisor asked me to go full time scouting, which I did. And, thus began my real professional baseball scouting career. I began scouting the AAA International League, the AA Eastern League, and the single A New York Penn league. In the summer of '68, there were only 8 or 9 people comprising the entire KC Royals organization. It wasn't until January 1969 that they expanded their farm system scouts, minor league managers, coaches and front office and radio/TV people.

One night at a dinner hosted by Mr. Kauffman, the team owner, he explained his desire to sign European soccer players. He considered them the finest athletes in the world. When I returned home to South Amboy N.J., I envisioned having a baseball school and college where the drafted players would not only be taught baseball, but would also include going to school. I presented the idea to Lou Gorman the scouting and farm director, who told me to review the idea with the GM, Mr. Cedric Tallis. He referred me to Mr. Kauffman, who liked the idea, and as a result the Kansas City Royals Academy became a reality. I conducted the first Academy tryouts in Miami and Jacksonville Florida, and more in the New York, Pennsylvania, and the New Jersey area, plus one in Toronto, Canada. I was offered the position of Academy Assistant Director but turned it down. It meant relocating and I wanted to continue scouting.

One of my interesting scouting adventures happened at one of the June 1969 Drafts where I wanted to sign a player named Greg Gross from the Harrisburg area in Pennsylvania. I explained to my boss

Lou Gorman that I thought he had Major League potential. However, Tom Ferrick the Royals super-scout said he could not hit home runs. I said my job is to find Major Leaguers, not another Babe Ruth, and this kid has Major League potential. Tom Ferrick insisted that the Royals draft a pitcher also from Pennsylvania, around the Norristown area. I said if we don't draft Greg Gross, we won't get him. The Houston Astros drafted him, and he went on to play 18 years in the Majors! And, I doubt if he ever hit more than 10 home runs during his career. (Bill was right on the mark here; he had a grand total of 7 during his career).

The Royals selected the pitcher that I disagreed with, and I was told to go sign him. I was asked by Lou Gorman the assistant scouting director what I thought it would take to sign him, and I said \$10,000. When I called the boy to arrange a signing discussion, he told me that my call was his first knowledge that the Royals drafted him. When I met with the boy and his parents, I offered \$5,000, they wanted \$100,000. When I left without signing him, I had them down to \$50,000. Several days later I offered \$7,000 and they were down to \$25,000. I was told to give him the \$25,000 because we had trouble signing our number 1 and 2 picks and it made us look bad. I called the boy and his parents to set up another meeting.....and guess what, I signed him for \$10,000. I called my boss Lou Gorman and told him I signed the boy for the \$10,000 I recommended. He said: Great, now we have more money to sign some other drafts. However, it did not end well for the boy, he was released the following year.

**To be continued**

Next month the "Buddy Kerr Story." Who is Buddy Kerr? In Bill's early scouting career, he became very good friends with a former major leaguer named Buddy Kerr, who was then in the scouting business. Next month Bill will tell the story.

### Music at Saint Mary's

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Franz Danzi, Aaron Copland, Percy Grainger, Eugène Bozza, and living composers Arturo Márquez and Amanda Harberg. Sunday, November 17, 2019, 4:00pm, at Saint Mary Church, 256 Augusta Street, South Amboy NJ, 08879. Free admission (\$15 donation suggested). This family-friendly concert will be followed by a Meet-the-Artists reception.



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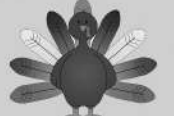


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## SAYAA Baseball/Softball Champions Update

By Joe McKeivitt, SAYAA Vice-President, Director of Rec Baseball

I'm writing in response to your request for previous champions in the SAYAA Baseball/Softball Rec League. Due to decreased enrollment over the years, South Amboy has partnered up with neighboring towns to create a Rec League for our teams to play in. On the baseball side, the league consists of South Amboy, Sayreville AA, Cheesquake, Spotswood, Highland Park, and South River. On the softball side, the league consists of South Amboy, Sayreville AA, Old Bridge, Spotswood, South River, East Brunswick, and Milltown. We've only recently began recognizing champions again with a week-long playoff held at the conclusion of the Spring season. Here are the results from the last 2 playoffs.

### 2018 Baseball:

- 7u: 1st Place - Sayreville AA, 2nd Place - South River
- 10u: 1st Place - South Amboy, 2nd Place - Spotswood
- 12u: 1st Place - Cheesquake #2, 2nd Place - Cheesquake #1
- Babe Ruth: No Playoffs were held

### 2018 Softball:

- 8u: 1st Place - Sayreville AA, 2nd Place - South Amboy
- 10u: 1st Place - Spotswood, 2nd Place - South Amboy

- 12u: 1st Place - Spotswood, 2nd Place - South Amboy
- 16u: 1st Place - South Amboy, 2nd Place - Sayreville AA
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The Fans and Players get together for a group shot after game. (Photo submitted)

## SWMHS ALUMNI SOFTBALL HELD AT BURKES PARK

By Patrick Douglas

Over 60 fans and players were on hand for the 6th Annual SWMHS Alumni Coed Softball game held at Burkes Park in Sayreville on October 13th. They enjoyed a very friendly, fun 9 inning game and later attended a barbecue at the Knights Of Columbus in Sayreville. The game is sponsored by the Vintage Bombers.

The teams were managed by two Vintage Bomber Players. The Vintage Bombers are an alumni team who play in the Middlesex County Senior Softball League. Ed Last

put his "Base Invaders" up against Steve Makwinski's "Wild Bunch Bombers" The Base Invaders ultimately took the day with a 15-12 victory. But the final score was of no concern to anyone. Just getting together to create new memories is what this day is all about.

Since 2013 these Sayreville HS Alumni have been putting this game together and every year it gets bigger and better.

After the game there was a catered barbecue at the Knights Of Columbus where hamburgers, hot dogs, ribs, potato salad and macaroni salad was served.

4 Giants tickets to the Giants vs Cardinals game were raffled off and 700.00 was raised for Camp Quality. A camp for kids with cancer. A charity that the Vintage Bombers have helped to support for several years now. The funds were handed over to a grateful Bill Schnitzerling who has been helping to run the camp since it's inception. The ultimate goal of Camp Quality is to help kids with cancer, be kids again.

Thanks to all who attended the game and or played in it. Thanks everyone who participated in the event, and for helping to support the kids. A special thank you to all who helped in putting the game and the barbecue together.

And lastly, a special shout out to Vintage Bomber teammate Frank Bracht, without whose generosity and benevolence, none of this would be possible.

### Matawan Day



Stephen Baker of the New York Giants was on Main St. signing autographs and posing for photos at Matawan Day recently. Here he shows off a replica of the Super Bowl Trophy the Giants won, while he was a member of the team. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

### OLV Senior Trip to Esther at Sight and Sound

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to see the play Esther at Sight and Sound in Lancaster, Pennsylvania on Thursday, April 23, 2020 for the 3 PM Matinee. The cost of the trip is \$180 which includes the play, the luncheon at Shady Maple, bus transportation, bus gratuity and snacks on the bus. We also have priority seating for the play. Contact Teri at 732-727-7639 for reservations or questions.

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# The Creepiest Time of the Year

By Elaine Holton Scott

Walking along in the darkness of night, the sounds of the fallen autumn leaves carpeting the ground seem almost deafeningly loud as they crunch beneath our feet...and darkness comes very early in late October. Looking upward, the tree branches, stripped of their leaves, resemble outstretched arms in readiness to grab anyone or anything passing by. Even the sky at this time of year looks blacker as it hovers menacingly above, or maybe it just seems that way to people like me who have overactive imaginations.

There is no other time of the year which promotes scary thoughts as the days preceding Halloween...and those days are always filled with low-budget movies trying their best to make being afraid into a profitable business. Mostly ridiculous, those made for Halloween movies usually pull in healthy box office numbers. Yet, no matter how hard these much younger film makers try, no matter how much digital crap is used, the newer scary movies just don't hold a candle to the old black & white films all of us seniors used to watch.

**\*Dracula:** Loosely based on Bram Stoker's novel, Dracula, published in 1897, this 1931 movie has remained one of the scariest movies ever filmed. Starring the incomparable Bela Lugosi whose words, "I want to drink your blood," had chilled right to the bone long after leaving the theater. Later, it would scare the heck out of all of us who had watched this movie on small television screens in the '50s, '60s and '70's.

**\*Frankenstein:** Mary Shelley, at the age of 18, had her novel, Frankenstein, first published in 1818. In December of 1931, the movie with the same title was released into theaters, with Boris Karloff challenging Bela Lugosi as the most frightening figure on the screen.

**\*The Mummy:** Released to movie theaters in 1932, Boris Karloff's character of Imhotep coming alive after 3,700 years still has the power to frighten the living daylights out of anyone who loves being frightened.

**\*The Wolfman:** Released in December of 1941, this surely was a Christmas gift that year to everyone who enjoyed being scared

at the movies. Starring Lon Chaney Jr., the story is about a man who returned home to Wales, somehow getting bitten by a werewolf along the way.

**\*House on Haunted Hill:** In February of 1959, this movie starring Vincent Price was released to movie theaters and the Majestic in Perth Amboy was one of them. My friends, Nancy Newcomb Schade and Rosanne Cross Savoi, and I had taken the Marathon Bus with Red the Bus Driver at the wheel, across the original Victory Bridge on a very cold Saturday to see it. Since we were only 11 years old at the time, in this day and age the fact we had gone alone with no chaperone would even be scarier than the movie. What I remember most is how we had screamed in fear as we watched House on Haunted Hill while eating candy the entire time.

**\*Night of the Living Dead:** This 1968 black & white, extremely low-budgeted movie is, perhaps, the scariest movie ever made, in my opinion anyway. Unlike most of the other old movies which became "hokey pokey" with the passage of time, this movie hasn't. If you haven't seen it or would like to see it again, check out the movies on demand on your TV set. I recently watched it again and I still got afraid. Happy Halloween, Everyone!!!!



Our Lady of Victories students had an opportunity to learn about the American Revolution. The Sayreville Historical Society hosted a presentation by the Sons of the American Revolution. The presentation discussed various aspects of the war such as events that took place locally, the differences in the uniforms and the various rifles the soldiers used depending on region. Students Molly O'Connor and Daniella Verlingo attending the presentation with their teacher Mrs. Pawski, who serves as a Trustee for the Sayreville Historical Society. (Photos/Info Submitted)

# Democrats for Fiscal Responsibility



**Vicky Kilpatrick**  
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**David McGill & Michele Cassidy Maher**  
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➤ **STOPPING OVERDEVELOPMENT**

Vicky Kilpatrick and council Democrats led the fight to reduce overdevelopment in Sayreville by 30% and used the open space fund for the first time as she worked to acquire more open space near Kennedy Park.

➤ **KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE**

As public-school teachers and mothers, Vicky Kilpatrick and Michele Cassidy Maher prioritize school safety. That's why council Democrats put more police officers in Sayreville's schools to protect our kids.



➤ **IMPROVING OUR ROADS**

As council members, Vicky Kilpatrick and David McGill provided increased funding for road improvements, finally allowing the borough to fix many more roads, like Pulaski Ave and Main Street extensions, that have needed repair for years.

"Creating local jobs, improving our roads, stopping overdevelopment and protecting our families is why we are running. Join us, as we work together to ensure that Sayreville residents have the best quality of life possible."

## ➤ VICKY, DAVID AND MICHELE



**ELECT**  
**Vicky Kilpatrick**  
DEMOCRAT FOR MAYOR

A two-term councilwoman who led the fight to reduce overdevelopment by 30% and worked to acquire open space adjacent to Kennedy Park, Vicky Kilpatrick knows the importance of protecting our quality of life. As a public school teacher and a mother of two, she voted for funding to put more police officers in our schools to keep our children safe.



**ELECT**  
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DEMOCRAT FOR BOROUGH COUNCIL

A former council member and retired police detective, David McGill knows what it takes to keep our families safe. That's why David will work to protect our kids at school and keep our residents safe in our town by investing in roads and infrastructure improvements.



**ELECT**  
**Michele Cassidy Maher**  
DEMOCRAT FOR BOROUGH COUNCIL

A mother, a teacher and a former broadcast journalist, Michele Cassidy Maher knows how important open space is for our quality of life. That's why she worked to bring new turf fields to Sayreville, spearheaded Triggs Park renovations and initiated the planning of skate park renovations.

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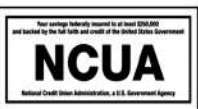
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**The Vintage Car Contest**



Can you identify the year, make and model of this car? Send your answer in to satimes@aol.com. Deadline is November 11th. Good luck!

**Vintage Car winners for September**

The following Vintage Car contestants were winners for September by naming the 1954 Kaiser Darren correctly; Kim Chere, Dane Colburn, Anthony Carlo, Stephen Laskiewicz, Bruce Grankowski, Gregg Alexander, Jack & Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, Elizabeth Leveille,

Peggy and Steve Yuhas, Marie English, Ed English., Mark Moniello, Jan Williams said, "The car pictured this month is a Kaiser Darren. The doors went into the fenders. It was an attempt at a "sports car." Only 435 were produced. The year was 1954."



1954 Kaiser Darren



MCC Professor N.V. Heller with one of the pieces in her exhibit, "Father and Son," 2018. (Photo/Story Submitted)

**Middlesex County College Professor to Exhibit Artwork, 'The Darkest Room'**

Middlesex County College Art Professor N.V.Heller will present "The Darkest Room," an exhibition of her work. It will run from November 4-December 5 in the Studio Theater Gallery on the College's main campus in Edison. An opening reception will be held Thursday, November 7 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. The public is invited. The gallery is open weekdays from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and can be viewed by appointment by emailing Professor Heller at NHeller@middlesexcc.edu.

In her gouache drawings, Professor Heller explores nightmares, time travel, the British royals, loss of sight, murder and mayhem in a series of small works.

"I have focused on the figure-ground relationship and porous boundaries between subject and background, focal point and periphery," she said. "Elements come forward while maintaining sufficient ambiguity for the viewer to find other images in an active visual field that also functions as subject

in my work. Pareidolia, a phenomenon in which the mind responds to visual or sound ambiguity by filling in the blanks and forming patterns or recognizable images from random data, plays a role in determining my images. By searching the ground in my drawings a viewer may discover imagery in the stains or fissures just as I have, or see altogether different subjects. These images dissolve if the eye moves on or the mind wanders. This transience within a still image intrigues me."

Professor Heller holds a master's of fine arts from Columbia University and has presented and curated numerous exhibitions. She was awarded a National Endowment of the Humanities grant, and grants from the Artist Fellowship, the Puffin Foundation, the Ludwig Vogelstein Foundation, and the Elizabeth Foundation for the Arts, as well as a fellowship from the New York Foundation for the Arts.



# Stop The Sayreville Democrats



## Vote Line A Nov. 5, 2019

# Bring Balance To The Council

- ★ Democrats Are Fiscally Irresponsible ★
- ★Thousands Of \$\$\$\$\$\$ To Lawyers
- ★Thousands Of \$\$\$\$\$\$ To A Planner Who Does Not Show Up At Meetings
- ★ Cater to Developers who sue the Borough
- ★ Pay premium price for open space land

- ★ Democrats are poor planners:★
- ★Divert money from the Sayreville Schools  
No planning for increase in traffic with new developments
- ★ Refuse to be proactive in checking for contaminated land before allowing approval for building or purchasing land.

- ★Democrats do not listen to the public or professionals:★
- ★ Voted NOT to get radios endorsed by all emergency service professionals in Borough.  
Putting the public in danger.
- ★ Voted NOT to hire ambulance service recommended by Sayreville Emergency Squad and Morgan First Aid. Putting public in danger
- ★Residents attended meetings over concerns on Main Street and in Melrose and the Council ignored their concerns.

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**Where in New Jersey?**



This month's hint is "it all started in New Jersey" Send your answers to Satimes@aol.com by November 11th.



**September Information**  
**Where in New Jersey?**

By Brian & Phyllis Stratton



The correct answer was the old Vesuvio's Restaurant at 705 10th Street in Belmar. They closed in 2013 and 2014 the location was reopened as Federici's on 10th. A few years back Phyllis and I were on a pizza place kick, hitting Vic's in Bradley Beach, Pete & Elda's in Neptune, Joey Tomato's in Point Pleasant to name a few. It dawned on me that there was a place in Belmar called Vesuvio's that my family and I visited often visited when we were on vacation during the 60's. Phyllis and I decided to give it a try, and as I walked through the door, I felt like I had stepped back in time. The pink leatherette booths, formica counters, the plastic cups and I even think the waitresses with their bouffant hairdos were the same ones from the sixties. The menu had not changed at all, and the pizza was as good as I remembered it. I was sorry to hear that

such an iconic spot had closed, but was excited to learn that it was taken over by Federici's - which is one of our favorite places. **Where in NJ? Winners for August**

Winners who correctly answered were: Dennis Quinlan, Jim Malkiewicz, Marlene Letwenski, Eleanore Westerholm, Marie English, Ed English., Dane Colburn



September-Where in New Jersey  
Vesuvio's Restaurant  
Currently Federici's on 10th  
705 10th Street, Belmar New Jersey

**WWW.?**



This month's WWW.? structure which was located in South Amboy or Sayreville no longer exists. Do you know what this was? (Photo by Tom Burkard) Send your answers in to: satimes@aol.com.

**WWW.? Winners For September**

Last month's photo was of Bear's Hot Dogs located on Bordentown Ave. in Sayreville. Winners who correctly identified the business were:

Chuck Pickard, Estelle Pluskota, Dennis & Kathy O'Leary, Judy Guilfoyle, Dennis Quinlan, Don Zrebiec, Ken Sumski, Pat & Bill Scully, Jim Malkiewicz, Dawn Roberts, Kevin Kania, Joan Fulham, Walter Starzec Jr, Stephen Laskiewicz, Charlotte Sadowski, Laurie & Gary Loftus, JoAnn & John French, Steve Kieselowsky, Edna Mazur Pilch, Chelle Martin, Joan Gorczyca, Elizabeth Leveille, Peggy and Steve Yuhas, Marie English, Ed English., Judy Paczkowski, Gary Feret, Gerry Sherry, Leon Credico, Maryanne Matarangolo,

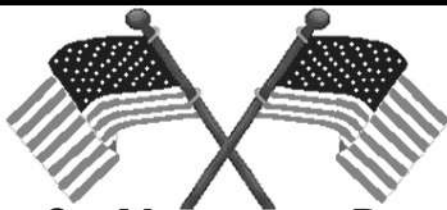
Mark Moniello, Eleanore Westerholm, George F. Kern III, Lisa Grankowski, Dane Colburn.

\*Pat and Bill Scully also had the Aug. issue WWW.? photo correct, and so did Ron Twardos, but they were inadvertently omitted.



Sept-WWW.? Bear's Hot Dogs  
Bordentown Ave, Sayreville

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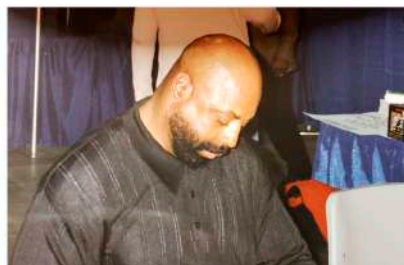
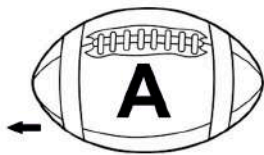
**Quinlan Wins Football Challenge Game #2**

Former South Amboy resident Dennis Quinlan once again was the only winner in The Football Challenge Game #2, correctly identifying NFL greats Dan Marino, and Joe Klecko. He missed on George Blanda and Ed "Too Tall" Jones. Congrats, Dennis on a job well done!



**The Football Challenge Game #2**

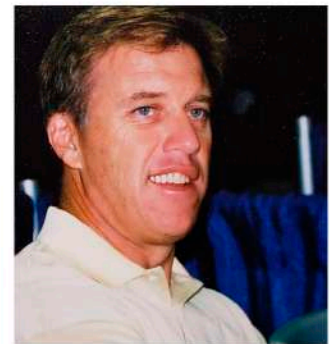
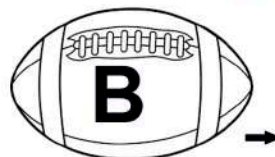
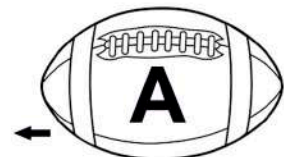
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**THE FOOTBALL CHALLENGE GAME #3 (THE FINAL)**

(PHOTOS BY TOM BURKARD)

THREE OF THE FOUR FORMER NFL STARS PICTURED ARE IN THE PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME IN CANTON, OHIO. CAN YOU IDENTIFY THESE GREATS? IF YOU THINK YOU CAN, SEND YOUR ANSWERS IN TO: SATIMES@AOL.COM. ENTRY DEADLINE IS NOV. 11TH. WINNERS IN THE FOOTBALL CHALLENGE FINAL WEEK WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE NOV. 23RD THANKSGIVING ISSUE. BEST OF LUCK!





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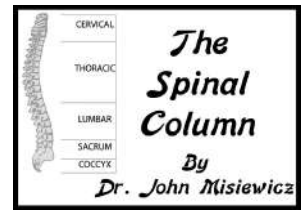
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**Senior Swimming**

I understand that as summer ends our thoughts turn to fall activities. Going over information for the next month's article I realized I never discussed adult swimming and water exercises.

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The trading of a rattle  
For a shiny Tinker Toy  
Now standing here before me  
As he goes to shake my hand  
His arm outstretched politely  
Is my tiny little man  
I want to hug and kiss him  
But he'll have no more of that  
He has a world to conquer  
As he tugs his tiny hat  
He stands in open doorway  
In sunlight  
bright and grand  
I can't see his tiny smile  
Just his waving tiny hand  
He pets the dog,  
goes down the lawn  
Then turns to wave again  
And hurriedly he carries on  
To meet a tiny friend  
Now I know  
he's turned the corner  
And I've missed  
his last goodbyes  
But it's hard to see  
a tiny man  
When you look through  
misty eyes.*

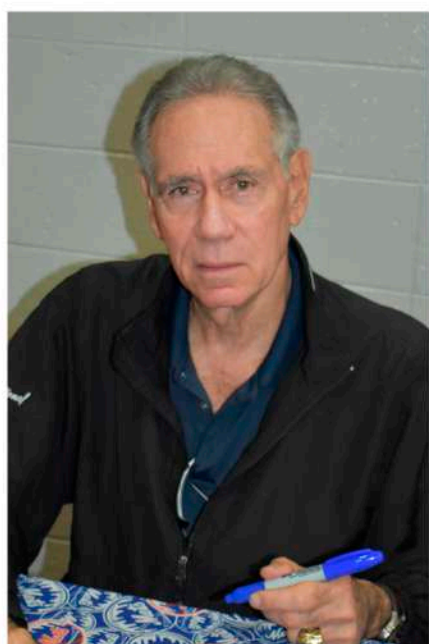


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(Never known to fail) Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me, herein you are my mother. Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth! I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it and it will be granted to you. Thank you. -M.M.

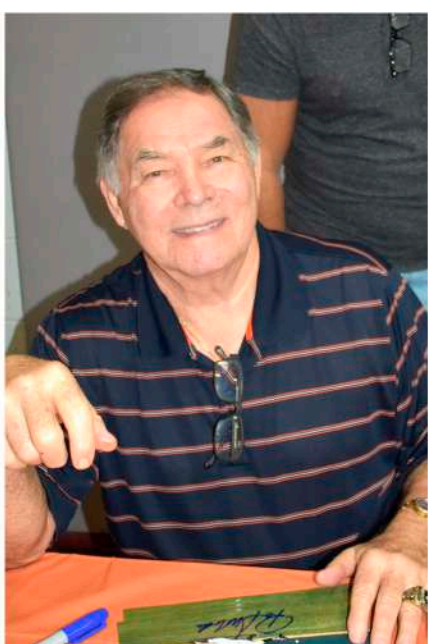
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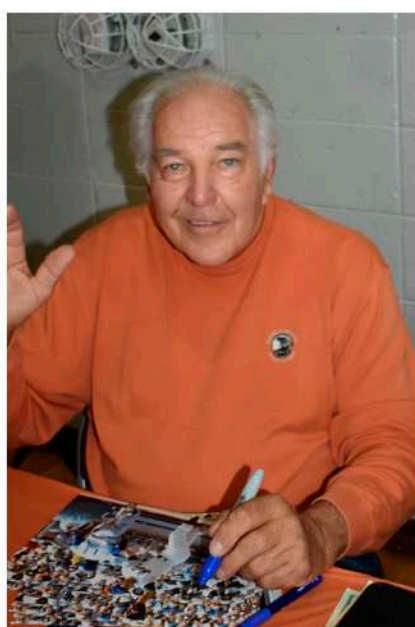
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Art Shamsky-'69 NY Mets



Ron Swoboda-'69 NY Mets



Ed Kranepool-'69 NY Mets



Larry Holmes-  
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Rick Cerone-NY Yankees



Pepper Johnson-NY Giants



Kevin Nash-  
WWE Superstar Wrestler

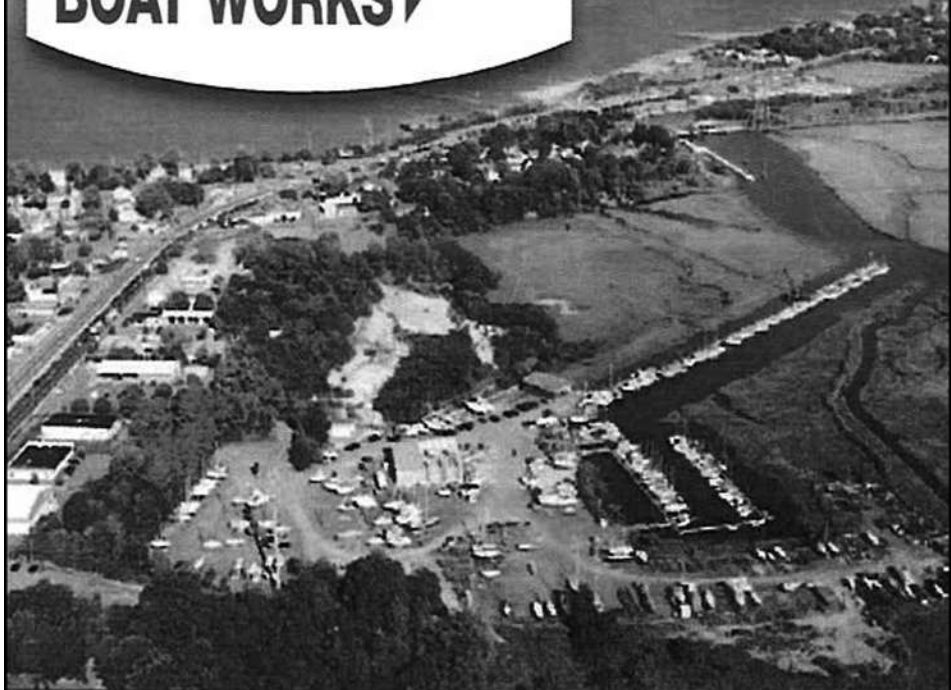


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## Fishing Flashes

By Teo "Weebles" Weber



### Salt Water

The southern fish came in as I found out. I got a surprise while surf fishing at LBI Spray Beach in mid September. I caught 2 small Bluefish and 2 small Kingfish. I got a rod bending bit, after a battle, it turned out to be a large Pompano which weighed in at 2 lbs 6 oz and over 17 inches long. That is a big one for this far north. A follow up trip a few days later resulted in a catch of 2 Kingfish right off but nothing to follow it up as conditions deteriorated. At Barnegat Inlet, I caught some little Sea Bass and Blowfish and I saw a few Bluefish. The surf at Island Beach and LBI is producing Bluefish from snapper size to 7 lbs on poppers and fresh mullet. A few Small Strippers are showing up in the action. Party boats are doing well, jigging Bluefish from 3 to 7 lbs. False Albacore and Benito are present too. Fluke season ended on September 21st. It wasn't too bad on Barnegat and LBI on the last day. Up in Sandy Hook it wasn't too good-very few keepers. The Porgies have arrived to take up the slack. It's good fishing for medium and large dinner plate size Porgies. Beach fishing in Raritan Bay remains slow. Snapper Blues are all over and Blowfish are plentiful in Barnegat Bay.

### Fresh Water

Fall Trout stocking begins the week of October 7th. 22,000 Rainbows will be stocked in selected streams and lakes. Sizes range from 14 to 22 inches. Some may even be bigger! In mid November winter stocking will be in selected lakes. All fishing in the lakes and rivers will improve with the changes in the weather.



## The Halloween Ball

(Author Unknown)  
 Ghosts and ghouls  
 And monsters too  
 Mummies and vampires  
 You never know  
 What the zombies will do  
 I'll take the Werewolf of London  
 How about you?  
 Frankenstein is the host  
 At the Halloween Ball  
 It's the best event  
 Throughout the fall.

**Halloween**  
 (Author Unknown)  
 Orange and black  
 On Halloween Night  
 Monsters and ghosts  
 Such eerie sights  
 Trick or Treat It's that time of the year  
 Kids havin' fun  
 Such good times  
 So much candy and cheer.

## THE MIRROR

By Dennis O'Leary  
 Who is that old  
 and mangled fool  
 Across the glass I see?  
 It must be out a window  
 I know it isn't me  
 That faded glass  
 won't show what's real,  
 The only thing that's true  
 The stories and the lessons  
 And the love  
 I learned from you.  
 Fifty-two years  
 now has it been?  
 Or maybe fifty three  
 The thing I know,  
 the Glass won't show-  
 You're the better part of me.  
 Dance and laugh  
 and sing our song,  
 Spend some time with me.  
 The time will come,  
 I'll look across  
 And the Mirror will set me free.

# St Stans School

(Photos/Captions Submitted)



Kindergarten students at St. Stan's School pose with their Johnny Appleseed hats after learning about him. (Photo credit: Catherine Eber)



Students, faculty, and parents at St. Stan's School create a colorful cloud during the grand finale of the Color Run event.



Jordan Livett, third grade student at St. Stan's School, is given the opportunity to experience spraying water out of a fire hose at the annual assembly given by the Sayreville Fire Department.



Bishop James Checchio anoints Madison (Marie) Vitucci with chrism as she receives the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Stan's Church. (Photo credit: Glenn Florczak)



Jennifer Taylor introduces her daughter, Ellie to Bishop Checchio during a recent visit after Sunday Mass at St. Stan's Church. Jennifer is a faculty member and Ellie, a kindergarten student at St. Stan's School.



The 2019-2020 Student Council members gathered after their installation. Pictured (bottom row, left to right) Olivia Baczor, Oliver Miazga, Elizabeth Bera, Darshini Ajithkumar, and Kenneth Laffey. Also pictured (top row, left to right) Lori Hodder, Elena Malinconico, and Irene Foret.

# South Amboy City Wide Yard Sale

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



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**Can't See It Comin'**  
 By Al Gomolka Jr.  
 Times Poet Laureate  
 c.2001

I couldn't see it comin'  
 Winning the lottery  
 When you walked  
 into my life,  
 A snake in the grass,  
 A long awaited  
 answered prayer. . .  
 I didn't want  
 to see it comin'  
 Children growing up,  
 Losing your love,  
 Heart attack,  
 stroke, cancer,  
 Wrinkles, gray hair,  
 old age. . .

I should of seen it comin'  
 Drunk driver,  
 head on collision,  
 Losing my job,  
 my pot belly,  
 Flat tire  
 on the freeway. . .

I would of seen it comin'  
 A lightning strike,  
 Flash flood, a landslide,  
 A shooting star  
 on a pensive night. . .

I just don't see it!  
 Man's inhumanity to man  
 Face lifts, hair transplants,  
 breast augmenting  
 Curveballs thrown life's way. . .

You'd think I  
 could see  
 things comin'!  
 Keep the eyes open  
 Keep the mind alert  
 Keep the heart in faith.

**NOVEMBER AT DOWDELL LIBRARY!**

As trick-or-treat gives way to Turkey Day, Plymouth Rock on down to the Dowdell Library! (Just don't confuse Halloween with Thanksgiving—you might end up haunted by a poultry-geist or troubled by a house full of gobble-ins.) Though the Dowdell won't help you fix Thanksgiving dinner (it's not broken, is it?), it is offering all the cookbooks you can handle and a truly stuffed programming slate. (we'd stop telling Thanksgiving jokes but can't stomach the thought of doing so cold turkey.) Pile your plate with the cornucopia of details below and resist the urge to engage in fowl play.

Sadie's Study Hour runs from 2:30pm to 3:30pm every school day from Monday to Thursday and 2:30pm to 3pm on Fridays! Take advantage of free Wi-Fi and fast ethernet, computer-based and wireless printing, a quiet workspace, and knowledgeable librarians for every assignment.

November is International Picture Book Month, and the Dowdell Library is celebrating with four weeks of unique activities including daily storytimes, weekly book bingo contests, and a month-long community mural-making event! Some additional events are listed below, but picture book lovers are urged to consult the library website, November calendar flyers, or the handy International Picture Book Month infographic (printed separately) for a complete schedule!

For the entire month of November, artists between the ages of eight and seventeen are invited to participate in the Dowdell's Scarecrow Contest! Use the provided supplies and tools to make the most creative physical or digital scarecrow possible. The winner will receive a gift card at the end of the month!

Ever wish you could create your own picture book? Live your dreams at the Dowdell's Picture Book-Making Workshops! Learn about the medium and work on a print book every Monday from 3:30pm to 5pm or get digital by making an ebook every Tuesday from 2:30pm to 3:30pm.

Get your hands full of history at the Dowdell's new Hands-on History Puppet-

making Workshops every Tuesday from 3:30pm to 4:30pm! From Guy Fawkes Day to George Washington's First Thanksgiving, attendees will learn about an event that took place on that very date, then commemorate a key historical figure in puppet form!

As always, Wednesdays are three-dimensional! Learn about 3-D printing while the Dowdell's 3-D printer whips up pilgrim hats, veterans, cornucopias, and turkeys between 3:30pm and 4:30pm. A different object is printed each week!

November Thursdays are a potpourri! Kick off the month by celebrating everybody's favorite decorative vegetable at Gourd Only Knows: An Ornamental Gala on Thursday, November 7 from 1:30pm to 3:30pm. Celebrate the season by mashing your favorite autumnal fruits into a

Fall Smoothie on Thursday, November 14 from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. Commemorate the coldest movie release of the year (Frozen 2!) at the Dowdell's Frozen Party on Thursday, November 21 from 1:30pm to 3:30pm! Make your own snowflake with paper or a 3-D pen, enjoy some chilly refreshments, and participate in every parent's favorite sing-along.

Fridays are Club Days! Options include Anime Club, Art Club, Board Game Club, and Gaming Club. Meetings are planned for every Friday and will run on a drop-in basis from 3pm to 4:30pm. No registration is required; please contact the library for additional information. The Dowdell is also hosting a Super Smash Showdown Video Game Tournament on Friday, November 8 from 1pm to 3pm (yes, on the Switch; no, there aren't banned characters). Finally, everybody's favorite November paper are scheduled to star in the Dowdell's Shuckin' and Jivin': Hand-Turkey and Corn Craft on Friday, November 22 from 1pm to 3pm.

Adult audiences have their own November entertainment options. The Dowdell's Yoga Series continues with Yoga for Beginners on Thursday, November 7 from 6pm to 7:30pm and Meditation for Beginners

on Tuesday, November 12 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Have a tech question? Bring your device to the Digital Café, available Monday through Friday from 12pm to 2pm and Thursdays from 6pm to 7:30pm. Finally, a Stuffing Taste Test is slated for Monday, November 4 from 11am to 12pm.

As a reminder, the Dowdell is now operating on Fall Hours and is open 10am to 8pm Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays; 10am to 5pm Wednesdays and Fridays; and 12pm to 4pm on Saturdays.

**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 -L.P.

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**In Memoriam**



Robert Nieltopp, 87, of South Amboy died on Sept. 24. He was a kind gentleman, and a highly-successful businessman-President of Title Agency in South River, retiring at age 85 in 2017. Shirley Toth, 83, of South Amboy died on Oct. 8. She was a wonderful lady, who was a very active member of the Trinity Methodist Church Women's Group, and also a member of the South Amboy Seniors Club. Patrick Leonard, 51, of South Amboy died on Oct. 12. He was a great guy who will always be missed but never forgotten. Thomas Krainski, 67, formerly of Sayreville died on Oct. 12. He worked for the Borough of Sayreville for 35 years prior to his retirement. May God Bless them all.



**Joseph "Moose" McCarthy**

(11/5/1957-10/12/19)

Joseph "Moose" McCarthy died peacefully on October 11, 2019 in Hardeeville, South Carolina. Raised next to Veterans Field in South Amboy, Joe's spent countless hours at the field -- and, there, he was given his lifelong nickname, "Moose."

Joe was predeceased by his parents Joseph McCarthy, Sr. and Rose (Kudelka) McCarthy, lifelong South Amboy residents. He is a 1975 graduate of Hoffman High School, where he racked up a number of recognitions and accolades including being named All-Star Catcher-New York Daily News, 1st Team All-State Catcher, 1st Team All-State Group I-Star Ledger and 1st Team All-County-News Tribune. After graduating, Joe played baseball for Marshall University.

In later years, Joe found his passion coaching girls softball. He coached several teams in Wallingford, CT winning local and state championships. Besides coaching, Joe enjoyed reading, writing and spending time with friends and family. He also loved sharing his very unique points of view on social media.

Joe is survived by his three children Jaime McCarthy Hollander of Glen Head, New York, Allison McCarthy of Orlando, Florida and Michael McCarthy of McAllen, Texas, as well as two granddaughters, Ryan Rose and Drew Annabelle Hollander.

A memorial will be held in South Amboy in November. Dust off your glove in the meantime -- more details to follow.

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**Obituaries**

Applegate, John F. "Jack," 82, formerly of Parlin died on Sept. 25.  
Blaszka, Edward, 82, of Sayreville died on Oct. 7.  
Bolen, Dolores M. Brady, 86, formerly of South Amboy died on Sept. 28.  
Carney, James J., 89, of Parlin died on Sept. 25.  
Comitini, Vincent A., 76, formerly of South Amboy died on Oct. 2.  
De La Rosa, Abraham B., 77, of Parlin died on Sept. 26.  
Flanagan, Angelina R., 91, of Parlin died on Oct. 9.  
Halas, Lawrence "Larry," 66, of Parlin died on Sept. 29.  
Krainski, Thomas, 67, formerly of Sayreville died on Oct. 12.  
Kwiatk, Louis J., 78, of South Amboy died on Sept. 23.  
Leonard, Patrick, 51, of South Amboy died on Oct. 12.  
McCarthy, Joseph M. "Moose", 61, formerly of South Amboy died on Oct. 11.  
Nakielny, Dennis, 68, of Parlin died on Oct. 14.  
Nieltopp, Robert L., 87, of South Amboy died on Sept. 24.  
Novak, Kenneth II, 44, of Parlin died on Sept. 20  
Samuel, Florence, 89, of Sayreville died on Sept. 30.  
Swenson, Lorraine, 81, formerly of Sayreville died on Oct. 15.  
Toth, Shirley L., 83, of South Amboy died on Oct. 8.  
Walsh, Robert L., Jr., 58, of South Amboy died on Oct. 1.  
Wulffen, John P., 39, formerly of South Amboy died on Sept. 16.



**Patrick William Leonard**

Patrick William Leonard, 51, of South Amboy died on Saturday October 12, 2019 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick. Born in Perth Amboy he lived in South Amboy all his life. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and golfing and loved spending time with his family.

Son of the late Michael Leonard he is survived by his wife Michelle Bialoblocki Leonard; his son and daughter-in-law Patrick and Brittany Leonard of South Amboy; his daughters Keelyn and Nicole Leonard of South Amboy; his mother Alfonsina Facendo Leonard of South Amboy; his brother Michael Leonard; his father and mother-in-law Robert and Maryellen Bialoblocki; his brothers-in-law Michael Bialoblocki and his wife Kelly and Bobby Bialoblocki; his sister-in-law Renee O'Donnell and her wife Lauren and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday October 17, 2019 at 9:15am funeral services were under the direction of The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals".



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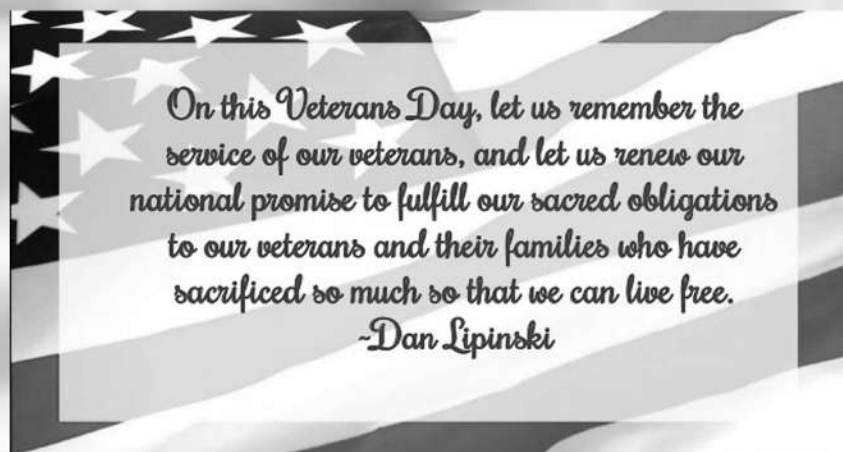
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