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Bouchard**
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Kurtz**
**Michael "Mickey"
Mauro**

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Slow Down for Sara Walk

This year's 7th Annual Slow Down for Sara Walk is Oct. 20th, registration at 10:30 a.m. Kennedy Park (Sara's Garden). Registration is \$10 and includes: coffee, bagels and a chance to win a door prize. Walk begins at 11 a.m. Partake in the fun with a chance to win Gift Baskets, Raffles and more while donating to a great cause! Also, donations are being accepted for The New Beginnings Animal Shelter (food, toys, treats, etc.) Rain date: Oct. 27th. All proceeds go to the Sara Dubinin Memorial Foundation to continue presenting scholarships and contributing to community events. Please contact Betty at 732-261-1033 with any questions.



Sara Dubinin

SWMHS HOF Nominations Sought

The SWMHS Hall of Fame Committee is seeking nominations for its 2020 induction program, scheduled for spring of 2020. Nominees must be graduates of Sayreville High School who have made outstanding contributions to their profession, organization, or community. Briefly list the individual's accomplishments, year of graduation, and contact information, including email address. Nomination forms can be found on the Hall of Fame link on the Sayreville High School website, or call Elaine Kubacz at 732-727-0192. Nomination letters may also be submitted to: SWMHS Hall of Fame Committee, 20 Holly Drive, Parlin, NJ 08859, before November 8, 2019, or emailed to: barb.anderson2@verizon.net, or epkubacz@verizon.net.

Fish and Chicken Fry

The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville will be having a Fish and Chicken Fry on Friday, October 18, 2019. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance and there are limited tickets available at the door. Chicken is available by advance order only. Take-outs will begin at 5:00 and dining room seating will be from 5:30-6:45pm.

For tickets please call 732-257-6353 or e-mail us at churchoffice172@optimum.net.



Pictured (l-r) by the new large format LED sign at the entrance to the South Amboy Middle/High School and Library complex are Mayor Fred Henry, Councilwoman Zusette Dato, and South Amboy Superintendent of School Jorge Diaz. (Photo Submitted)

New Sign For School/Library

(Article submitted)

The City of South Amboy is pleased to announce another addition to the City's efforts to keep residents informed about ongoing activities. In cooperation with the South Amboy Redevelopment Agency, the City recently installed a large format LED sign at the entrance to the South Amboy Middle/High School and Library complex. This latest addition will allow both the Schools and The Sadie Pope Dowdell Library to advertise ongoing activities at the campus and will also provide another method of urgent messaging in the event of an emergency.

"This is another example of how the City government, South Amboy Schools, and the Redevelopment Agency can work together to achieve projects that benefit all residents.

We have received many compliments on our first digital sign at City Hall and hope to gradually extend our digital outreach as redevelopment continues in the City", said Mayor Fred Henry.

Funding for the sign was provided by the South Amboy Redevelopment Agency [SARA]. Executive Director Eric Chubenko said, "this is just a small example of the type of projects we hope to accomplish in support of our schools, library, and recreational programs in the City. As we review each application for redevelopment in the city, the Authority tries to ensure smart growth that will support those important functions of the City that benefit the most residents."

Sayreville Schools Get \$2.7 Million

Gov. Phil Murphy announced that the Sayreville school district was one of 28 school districts chosen to receive funding for free, full-day Pre-K. The state gave Sayreville \$2,799,800 to implement full day Pre-K. Our local school district currently

offers Pre-K, but only on a half day program. The money from the NJ Dept. of Education affords Sayreville to change to a full day, and free for all Borough of Sayreville residents. The full day program will be open to 3 and 4 year old children.

Blast From The Past Car Show



Cars from all decades were at the recent Blast from the Past car show and concert held at Kennedy Park. (Photo by Marissa Barbieri) See more photos on page 23.

Former Police Chief Kurtz Dies

Former South Amboy Police Chief LeRoy W. "Red" Kurtz, 93, of South Amboy died on Friday August 30, 2019 at Haven Hospice at JFK Medical Center, Edison. Born in Milltown he lived in South Amboy all his life. A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II he served aboard the U.S.S. Pondera with the Seabees before becoming an officer of the South Amboy Police Department in 1950, rising through the ranks in an over 37 year career and retiring as Chief of Police in 1987. A 1975 graduate of the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia he also was a member of the Mechanicsville Fire Department in his younger years. LeRoy was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy

since the age of 4 and served in many different capacities including elder and deacon. He was an avid golfer and handyman and enjoyed traveling with his wife.

Son of the late Louis and Marie Christ Kurtz he is also predeceased by his wife of 61 years Rosemary E. Bloodgood Kurtz in 2013; his grandson Matthew A. Kurtz in 2016; his brother Berthold Kurtz and his sister Mae Giera. He is survived by his children LeRoy Kurtz and his wife Noreen of Manahawkin, Matthew Kurtz and his wife Elizabeth of Sayreville, Sharon Kurtz of South Amboy and Sarah Conlon and her husband John of Sayreville; his grandchildren Mark Zrebiec and his wife Kelly, Gary Zrebiec, Melissa Jakulevicius and her husband Robert, Noreen DeSarno and her husband Peter, Alison McMahon and her husband Eric, Jennifer Kurtz and her husband Eric Marchitelli, Jamie Kurtz, Christopher Kurtz and Paul and Erin Conlon; his great-grandchildren Taylor, Brenna, Bailey, Brett, Anthony, Mason, Benjamin, Ella, Miles, Nicholas, Maxwell, Adeline, Rory, Leo, Lucy, Matthew and Connor; several cousins, nieces and nephews and his caregiver Kathy Connelly

Funeral services were held on Wednesday September 4, 2019 at 9:30am at The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy which was followed by a 10:30am service at First Presbyterian Church, South Amboy. Interment was in Christ Church Cemetery, South Amboy. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, 150 North Broadway, South Amboy, NJ 08879 or the National Foundation for Suicide Prevention.



LeRoy W. "Red" Kurtz

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The annual Sayreville PBA picnic was recently held at Burke's Park, and everyone had a great time and lots of fun outdoors. (Photo by Marissa Barbieri)

Texas Hold 'Em Fundraiser

(Article submitted)

Mechanicsville Hose Co. #1 will present Texas Hold 'Em Fundraiser tournament on Oct. 5th, 3 pm at President Park, 5 Roosevelt Blvd., Parlin. Prizes will be determined by the number of players. Maximum 90 players. Buy in for the event is \$60. To reserve your

seat, contact Steve at 732-546-2123. All proceeds benefit Mechanicsville Hose Co. #1. The event includes cards, food, and drinks. You must be 21 or older to participate in the event.

Music at Saint Mary's

Music at Saint Mary's presents; an Americana Organ Recital! Welcome back, Concertgoers! Join organists Shea Velloso and Christopher Deibert as they open the 2019-2020 concert season with a good old-fashioned Americana organ recital. This concert/sing-a-long event will highlight the power and majesty of the Saint Mary Church Jardine and Sons 1883 pipe organ; Sunday, October 20, 2019, 4:00pm, at Saint Mary Church, 256 Augusta Street, South Amboy NJ, 08879. Free admission (\$15 donation suggested). A wine and cheese reception will follow the concert. For questions call MASM @ 732-857-0202

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It's Polka Time

The South Amboy/Sayreville Rotary will present a night of Polka dancing on Sunday, November 10, 2019 from 2-6pm at the VFW Hall on Jernee Mill Rd in Sayreville Music by Heroes featuring Eddie Biegaj. For tickets call Greg 732-721-0400 or Rocco 732-721-0475 or email - sasyrotary@gmail.com Tickets \$20 per person in advance Refreshments and polish kitchen available for purchase.

Roast Beef Dinner

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Pleasant little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

1. She was selected Miss South Amboy in 1958?
a. Joan Jurski b. Mary O'Halloran c. Marissa Patel
2. The Borough of Sayreville Skate Park officially opened in?
A. 2010 b. 2014 c. 2003
3. Where was Sheehan Consulting Group located in South Amboy back in '95?
a. North Broadway b. Main St. c. Bordentown Ave.
4. This deli was located on South Pine Ave., Morgan back in 2003?
a. Johnny's b. Pine Avenue c. All American
5. In 1965, she was chosen Queen of South Amboy's 75th Anniversary Fireman's Parade?
a. Olga Munson b. Charlene Jacobitz c. Christine Baranowski
6. Wear was Charlotte's Western Wear located in Sayreville?
a. Rt. 35 South b. Rt. 9 South c. Washington Rd.
7. South Amboy Board of Education President in '95?
a. Michael Felice b. Robert Kelly c. Marycatherine Noble
8. Sayreville Police Dept. D.A.R.E. Officer in 1995?
a. Sgt. Joseph Myers b. Capt. John Wasilewski c. Ptl. Walter O'Halloran
9. South Amboy Fire Chief in 2003?
a. Larry Parsons b. Mark Herdman c. Michael Coman
10. Where was Hunka Bunka located in Sayreville?
a. MacArthur Ave. b. Jernee Mill Rd. c. Washington Rd.

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

Business Of The Month
Harbor Dental Associates



The excellent staff at Harbor Dental Associates, front (l-r) Kim Siva, RDH, Michele McNulty, Office Manager, back row (l-r) Lisa Garbellotto, Dental Assistant, Dr. Stephanie Trottnow DMD, Doreen Perlmutter, Dental Assistant. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

Harbor Dental Associates is a full service dental office where the staff and doctor pride themselves on doing the right thing. Harbor offers a beautiful and comfortable environment, gentle dentistry and cleanings, and fair prices. They believe in treating the patients and each other like family.

The office opened March 18th of this year, and although the girls are new to the South Amboy community they are not new to each other or this region of New Jersey. Michele, Kim Lisa and Doreen have been working together for many years. Dr Trottnow met this staff in April of 2015 and "fell in love". She had been working in many different dental offices, including her own in Manhattan, but never felt more at home than with this staff in Old Bridge, NJ. This prompted the doctor to make some decisions to have a better professional life, leaving the New York scene behind. Only with the tremendous support of this strong group of women has Dr Trottnow been able to realize her full potential and dreams. When corporate changes in the original office changed the dynamic of patient care, the group decided to move on together.

This is how Harbor Dental was born. Although there are many great dental offices, it is rare to find one where every component is excellent. The girls tried to make Harbor Dental a very cozy and almost spa-like atmosphere. The entire staff is dedicated to continuing education and integrating new technology into the practice as it grows. Michele McNulty is

an office manager extraordinaire. She can help any person to utilize the most from their dental insurance and health savings accounts. No insurance, no problem; she will find a way to make an affordable treatment plan or obtain financing. She has guided many patients to get the treatment they need and deserve. Kim Silva offers thorough and gentle cleanings. Patients who generally have fear or sensitivity during hygiene always comment how pleasurable their cleanings are at Harbor Dental Associates. Dr Stephanie Trottnow believes in trying to do all stages of dentistry under one roof. She is proficient in multiple procedures including surgery and cosmetics, her passions. Like Kim, Dr T tries to be very gentle and alleviate patient fears with a soft touch, sense of humor and even a song. The singing dentist believes nobody should be made to feel ashamed or judged, and every person deserves to have a nice smile. Dental assistants Lisa, Doreen and Kenya are extremely diligent in cleaning the dental rooms between patients, explaining procedures and helping the doctor to provide comfortable, high quality care.

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On Wednesday, September 11th, the DuPont Parlin Veterans Network hosted the sites annual 9/11 Memorial Service. More than 50 site employees assembled on the front lawn of the DuPont Parlin site to watch our Nations Colors lowered to half-mast, hear Taps played, and to observe a moment of silence to remember those lost on September 11th, 2001. The Parlin Veterans Network was honored to host members of the American Legion Post 211 Honor Guard, some of whom are DuPont retirees, as special guests to the event. The DuPont Parlin Veterans Network would like to thank all who were in attendance. Thank you to our flag detail, Richard Derer and Bob Conway. Thank you to William O'Connor for his speech. Special thank you to the members of American Legion Post 211 that were in attendance: (Photo/Info Submitted)

Benefit Classic Rock/Oldies Dinner Dance

The OLV Seniors are sponsoring a Benefit Classic Rock/Oldies Dinner Dance Saturday October 19, 2019 at the Msgr. Dalton Hall, from 6pm to 10:30pm. Buffet Dinner will be provided, as will water and soda, but this is a B.Y.O.B. Event. There will be a 50/50, stage prizes, and more. Classic

Rock and Oldies Live Music from the 50's thru the 70's will be provided by "Clem and Friends." Tickets are \$40 per person. For more info and tix, please contact Teri Yetsko at 732-727-7639 or 732-742-1320, and Carmen Delikat at 732-254-9425. All proceeds to benefit the OLV School!

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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 teachers 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 the 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 Ziemba, 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 Sibilica 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.



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Please join Sacred Heart Church Altar Rosary Society members in praying the rosary for our nation on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2019 at 12:00 noon in front of Sacred Heart Memorial Hall on Washington Ave., across from the church.

Please contact Joan at 732-727-7379 for more information.

Do We Prefer to Forget the Atrocities People Have Gone Through?
 (Article submitted)

With this Presentation Each Heart will Feel and Each Mind will Remember... The City of South Amboy and the South Amboy Arts Alliance will be presenting the entire original artistic remembrance project, 'Voices from the Holocaust Artists of Terezin' at South Amboy MS/HS Theater on Sunday, October 6th. The presentation will include music, art and poetry from Terezin which had been a ghetto/concentration camp from 1942-1945. If you have ever read, 'I have never seen another butterfly', a book of children's drawings and poems from the Terezin Concentration Camp, you will learn from the pictures and through the words the life these children lived...


Students from South Amboy Public Schools will be a part of this presentation.

The art exhibition will be on display in the theater's lobby beginning at 1 pm. The performance will begin at 2 pm.


All exhibition materials are provided to Collegium Musicum by Elena Makarova Initiatives Group, Haifa Israel. The Art Exhibition is based on the Children's Opera "Brundibar", a story based on the events from Prague 1938 to Theresienstadt (Terezin), 1944. This event is free and open to the public. Grant funding has been provided by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders through a grant award from the Middlesex County Culture and Arts Trust.

Further information can be directed to artdirector@collegiummusicumnj.org or email: southamboyartsalliance@gmail.com or call 732-754-7913


South Amboy P.B.A. 63 Cornhole Tournament
 (Photos by Ursula Brower)



The South Amboy P.B.A. 63 held its first-ever Cornhole Tournament, and it was a huge success, as 36 teams competed.



Former Laurence Harbor resident Billy Brower, who is one of the top-ranked cornhole throwers in the state of New Jersey (1) fires another one on the mark. Billy, and his teammate placed 4th out of the 36 entrants.



AOH members did an excellent job cooking some delicious food, and are pictured here taking a brief break from their busy day.



On September 13, the 8th graders at Our Lady of Victories were instituted as leaders of the school at the opening Mass of the school year. (Photo/Info Submitted)

11th Annual YMCA Tot Trot & Youth Fun Run

The Child Care Services Branch of the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy is hosting its 11th annual Tot Trot & Fall Festival on Sunday, October 13th at Metuchen High School (rain or shine). The charity event helps the Y support families from the community by providing scholarship assistance to those unable to pay the full cost of child care. The fund also provides aid to families in crisis and allows us to temporarily provide tuition assistance in the event of a family emergency.

Over 350 families are expected to attend the event, making it the largest fundraising event for the YMCA's childcare branch this year. "We invite the community to support the run while helping us fulfill our mission of providing quality programming for all children and families in our communities," said Rose Cushing, President & CEO of the

YMCA of MEWSA. "At the YMCA, we believe that no one should be turned away from our programs and services based on their ability to pay. Help us continue to help those in need," said Cushing.

Families with children from crawlers to 12 years old are invited to join in the fun. The event begins at 9:30 am and includes vendors and activities prior to the races including games, crafts, a Bounce House, face painting and tattoos (wristband must be purchased). Vendors and food trucks will also be on hand that day.

Registration is available at www.runsignup/ymcaofmewsat.

For more information on the Tot Trot & Fall Festival, contact Melinda Wilson at 732-548-5468 or at melinda.wilson@ymcaofmewsa.org.

DIEKER'S PUMPKIN PATCH

Photos by Tom Burkard



Jim Dieker (l) owner of Dieker's Farm on Bordentown Ave., and his employee Jake are pictured at the farm's new Pumpkin Patch, just in time for Halloween. There are also old tractors on display, and it's a great place to bring the kids for a fun day, and photo ops!



Owner Jim Dieker (c) stands with youngsters, who are holding pumpkins they just picked out at the Dieker's Pumpkin Patch.

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Sayreville 9/11 Memorial Service

Photos by Marissa Barbieri



Presentation of wreaths



Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin



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Niece and nephews of Robert Hughes

Remember When?



1974-South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 was presented with a flag that had been flown over the capitol in Washington, DC. Congressman Edward Patten brought the flag and presented it to the council. A Mass and Communion breakfast was held at the Council Home to commemorate its 75th Anniversary. Over 150 members and guests attended. Pictured in photo (l-r) District Deputy St. Clair Parris, Congressman Edward Patten, who was the principal speaker, Grand Knight William McAndrew, and Chairman Frank Nagle.

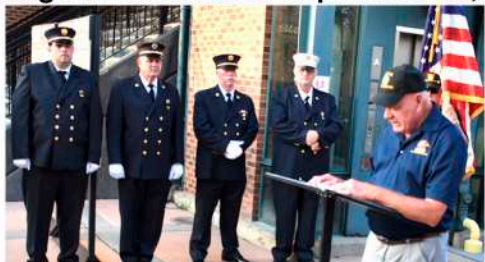


American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62 911 Memorial Service

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Firefighters and others from the large crowd in attendance, take a moment of silence to honor those who perished in the devastating 911 disaster on September 11, 2011.



American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62, South Amboy Commander Bob "Zak" Sekerak gives an inspiring speech to the crowd.



South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry shares his thoughts and memories of that very sad day for all.



Girl Scouts and adults bring flowers to be placed by the 911 memorial, where a candle was also lit.



South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry, Commander Bob "Zak" Sekerak of American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62, South Amboy, and all speakers/ participants are pictured following the Memorial Service.

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 October 14. Good luck!

Vintage Car Contest Winners - August

Last month's Vintage Car was a 1960 Rambler American. Winners who correctly identified it were: Stephen Laskewic, Jim Robinson, Mark Moniello, Jack & Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, Bruce Grankowski, Steve Yuhas.

Incorrect Answers-1962 Studebaker Lark; 1951 Dodge Cornet; 1954 Nash Rambler; 1959 Opal Kapitan.

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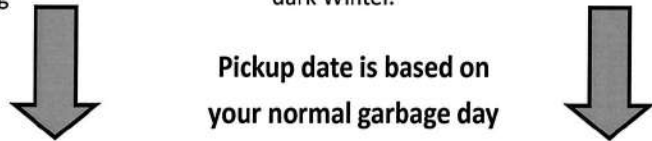


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Take advantage of this great opportunity to get rid of unwanted household items before the long dark Winter.



If your weekly garbage pickup is on Monday	October 9, 2019
If your weekly garbage pickup is on Tuesday	October 16, 2019
If your weekly garbage pickup is on Thursday	October 23, 2019
If your weekly garbage pickup is on Friday	October 30, 2019
The regular monthly Bulk Garbage drop off will be as usual on Saturday, October 19 from 7am-11am at the DPW Facility.	

#SouthAmboyIsOnTheMove

South Amboy Artsfest 2019

Photos by Brian Stratton



South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry (r) with his wife Linda (c) and Anne Chrzaszcz (l) pose inside the Arts Alliance Gallery.



SA Police Chief Darren LaVigne keeps a watchful eye on things!



But can he dunk that ball?

SA BOE members Lynn Kasics & Paula Taggart (seated) & Joan Conway helping out at the Arts Alliance tent. Joan is also a Board Member of the Arts Alliance.



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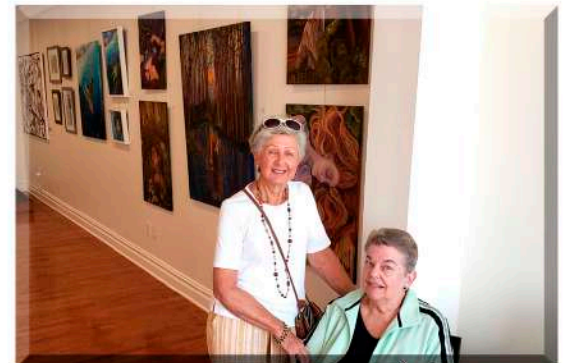
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One of the bands performing on Broadway.



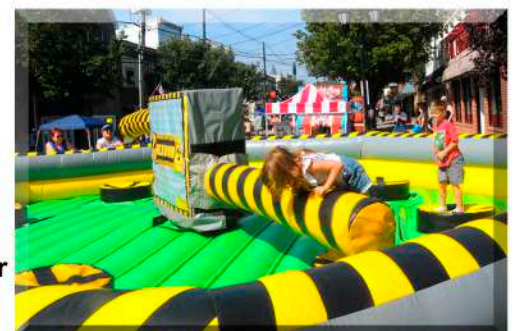
Joan Downs (l) and Claire Kuhn (r) helping in the Arts Alliance Gallery.



Craft tables, vendors of all types lined Broadway, there was something for everyone.



Just one of the inflatables for the children.





MCC To Host Free Harvest Fest Community Celebration Oct. 3

Visit Middlesex County College for an evening of fun for the whole family on Thursday, Oct. 3 from 5-8 p.m. (rain date October 4). They'll be hayrides, pumpkin patch and pumpkin decorating, trunk or treat, games, music, and a showcase of MCC's student clubs.

In addition, Kroozin Productions will present a car show. You can purchase items from the food trucks, including Latin Bites, Bro-Ritos, and Tasty Trolley. In addition, an exhibition of new works of faculty and

OLV Seniors October Meeting

The OLV Seniors will hold their October meeting on Friday, October 4, 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

Sayreville Public Library Temporary Closure

The Sayreville Public Library will be closed to the public for renovations from Saturday, October 12 through Sunday, October 20. The Old Bridge, South Amboy, South River, and East Brunswick libraries will honor Sayreville library cards, as always, and will be happy to offer our patrons full library

staff of the College's Visual, Performing and Media Arts Department will be displayed in the Studio Theatre.

HarvestFest is being held in conjunction with a fall open house. Prospective students can visit the campus, take tours, meet faculty and staff, and learn about the academic programs and support services the College offers. Visit middlesexcc.edu/openhouse to register. Activities are free but please bring a non-perishable food donation for the MCC Cares Food Pantry.

portion of the meeting, cake and coffee will be served. Donations of non-perishable food to St. Vincent de Paul will continue.

Any questions please contact Teri Yetsko at 732-727-7639.

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The Paul Nagy Project rock 'n' roll band really rocked the Dowdell Library at the End of Summer Party recently. Pictured (l-r) is Paul, Roger, Dave, and Scott. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Paul Nagy Project Releases New CD

By Tom Burkard

The Paul Nagy Project, a local rock 'n' roll band really rocked the Dowdell Library in South Amboy recently, and the talented musicians have released a new CD called "Paul Nagy Project." The group combines superb musicianship and vocals to recapture 7 great cover songs including "Gimme Some Lovin," "Keep Me Hangin' On," "Wild Night," and "Hazy Shade Of Winter." The Paul Nagy Project puts out a lot of energy in their live shows, and on their new, outstanding CD. Paul Nagy is featured on guitar, Scott plays keyboards and handles lots of vocals, Roger is the bass player, and Dave is the fine drummer. If you get a chance, catch this exciting and talented band at one of their live shows or give a listen to the CD!

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Something's Happening Here

By Elaine Holton Scott

For quite a few years now, Marie Osmond has been advertising one of the diet programs on television. It's quite shocking, to me at least, that along with all the digital magic being done on these commercials, Marie Osmond's face keeps changing...the changes making her barely recognizable. I'm not just referring to her lips, long ago oversized by Botox injections. It's her entire face which now has a resemblance to so many other high-profile people. In 1967, Buffalo Springfield sang the lyrics, "Something's happening here. What it is ain't exactly clear..." Fifty two years later, something really is happening here, and it's very clear to most of us women who, as the old saying goes, "don't miss a trick." One by one, celebrities, both women and men, are starting to have "that look"...a certain something which, after multiple facelifts, makes them start resembling each other in an eerie almost other-worldly kind of way. At first, it seems to begin with a subtle "correction"... a little nip here, a little tuck there. Then, after more visits to plastic surgeons, the changes are almost overwhelmingly obvious...and often very sad. In trying to recapture the appearance of youth, they often just look like misshapen old people who got too many facelifts, fat injections, Botox, suctioning, chemical peels, cheek and chin implants, eye lifts, nose jobs, eye "tweaking," face chiseling, skin abrasions, de-wrinkling, and every other "innovative" measure being used, and that's not even including major "repairs" to the neck, fat injections into the back of the hands, liposuction, and Brazilian butt lifts. What's even sadder is how young

people are "getting things done" before any tell-tale signs of aging appears.

Youth lasts for only a short period of time...and it can't be replaced. Proof of that are the before and after photos of Priscilla Presley, Goldie Hawn, Kenny Rogers, Carol Burnett, Robert Redford, Cher, Janice Dickinson (the self-proclaimed first super-model), Mickey O'Rourke, Meg Ryan, Sylvester Stallone, Wayne Newton, Daryl Hannah, Ursula Andress, Donatello Versace, Lisa Rinna (lips!), Melanie Griffith and Bruce Jenner even before he became Caitlyn Jenner. Of course, we can't forget the late Joan Rivers and Burt Reynolds. I believe it would be very hard indeed to find any celeb, young and old alike, who hasn't had something done for self-enhancement.

We seem to have come a long way, or sunk to a new low in self-esteem from the days when movie and stage actresses were obtaining a more youthful look by pulling the skin on their faces back with tape and attaching it behind their ears. I believe when silicone implants became readily available in the 1970's, it was the beginning of a "change this, change that attitude." Now, it appears to be endemic in the entertainment business.

***Plastic surgery was initially performed in 1918 to help disfigured WWI veterans be accepted in society without feeling ashamed. In WWI, facial injuries prevailed, especially with soldiers fighting in trenches and pilots flying planes without protection for their upper bodies. The word, "plastic," derives from the Greek word, "plastikos," which means to mold or to give form.

Catholics In The American Revolution Lecture Nov. 8

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 host a lecture and discussion by Paul Soltis of the New Jersey State Park Service about the role of Catholics in the American Revolution and how they contributed to the American victory over the

British. The presentation will be held Friday 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. For more information call John Kobiernicki at 732-721-1514.

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The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, BA, MS

As I have reported so many times in the past, firefighting is constantly revolving with new techniques, apparatus, tools, and equipment. This article is going to focus on our Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), and the changes being incorporated into new clothing. Heat stress is still the number-one cause of fatalities in firefighters, although cancer is rapidly moving up in numbers, so the concern to PPE manufacturers is how to balance protection from contaminants and still maintain high levels of breathability in our PPE. One way to keep out contaminants is to make PPE fully encapsulating but that will not work for firefighting because the more you tighten the interfaces, the less air exchange occurs. The PPE must be breathable to allow perspiration to evaporate which is a cooling process for the body. To prevent contaminants from entering under our PPE, as between our coat and pants area, some PPE manufacturers are placing Core Guard, an elastic strip from the lower coat area that overlaps the top of the pants when closed.

In the wristlet area of the coat sleeve, Dupont's Nomex Nano Flex fabrics are being used to block particulate contamination. This fabric is also being used at the bottom of the pant at the calf guard to go over the boot to block contaminants. Preventing contaminants from reaching our skin can reduce the effects of cancer in the long run.

Other areas of PPE changes that the manufacturers are looking at is in the ergonomics. When you get new PPE, it is critical that you are measured properly for a correct fit and in so doing, you have agility to perform your duties without tiring quickly or getting injured. Manufacturers are attempting to meet the demands of structural

PPE with higher levels of thermal protection and lower weight that will reduce heat stress and strain on the firefighter.

In the past few years we have seen an increase in PPE cleaning and the removal of contaminants in order to prevent carcinogens from coming in contact with our body. Fabrics that wash off easier as well as accessory items such as hook-and-loop fasteners and moisture barriers are being re-evaluated. There are many different PPE manufacturers out there and each one is attempting to develop a new product or design for the firefighter and the PPE worn by them. You may hear various names for fabrics that are being incorporated into new PPE such as: Nano Flex; TECGEN 71; ATHLETIX; GORE CROSSTECH; TECASAFE; GBX; Kevlar; Stedprene; and Arashield are just a few that I have found.

With all the contaminants and carcinogens that we come across when fighting fires, it becomes essential that our PPE be cleaned more frequently and more thoroughly than ever before. If more money was readily available, firefighters could be issued two sets of PPE. A clean set to be worn while the contaminated set is being cleaned and decontaminated. Maybe in the future this will become a reality.

In the future we look to see gear that is lighter in weight and more flexible. If the PPE you are wearing now doesn't fit properly or is very heavy, the garment is working against you making it harder to move and placing more stress on your body. There is no limit to the different types of material and fabrics available for firefighting PPE on the market today. There is a demand for the best possible PPE available for our firefighters who risk their lives in the protection of others.

Columbiettes Install Officers

The South Amboy Columbiettes have installed their new officers for the 2019-20 Columbian year. President Daniela Mieczkowski, Past President Cheryl Schmid, Chaplain Father Stanley Gromadzki, Vice President Vicky Lattanzi, Financial

Secretary Anne Bloodgood, Secretary Peggy Dombrowski, Treasurer Nancy Smetana, Sentinel Myrna Defoe, The officers were sworn in during a recent ceremony held at the South Amboy Knights of Columbus hall.

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Fall Into An Awesome Autumn At The Dowdell Library!

September is Octo-Over, and your friends at the Dowdell Library are plunging headlong into a Free Fall! Check out the latest no-cost events and activities at South Amboy's favorite post-equinox hangout.

October is T(w)eentober Mystery Month! In honor of Teen Read Week and Teen Tech Week, t(w)eens are challenged to translate sentences in different languages without any computer assistance. Entries are limited to one per person per week. At the end of the month, all correct translations will be placed in a drawing and one winner selected at random. Good luck!

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.

Calling all elementary school students: Principal Dunphy will stop by for a Celebrity Storytime on Wednesday, October 2 from 3:30pm to 4:30pm! Kick off October by spending some quality time with your principal while enjoying light refreshments.

Scheduling shift! Toddler STEAM Tales now run on Mondays from 12pm to 1pm, Wednesdays from 1pm to 2pm, and Thursdays from 4:30pm to 5:30pm. Swing by for a tech- or arts-related storytime and activity whenever it's most convenient for you!

South Amboy's science nerds are strongly encouraged to attend Science Bites, a weekly showcase where they'll discover a new food-based experiment. The program runs every Tuesday between 3:30pm and 4:30pm!

As always, Wednesdays are for 3-D Printer Magic, where expensive machines meet cheap plastic. Receive a pre-printed object or design your own in Sadie's Studio between 3:30pm and 4:30pm. While you're waiting, why not have a bit of Fun with Languages during the same time slot?

As always, the Dowdell goes big on Thursdays. Sing your heart out at All-Ages Karaoke on October 3 from 3:30pm to 5pm. Celebrate South Amboy's diversity and inclusivity at the first annual Rainbow Party on October 10 from 3:30pm to 5pm—this celebration is open to all! Scare yourself silly with sweets and activities at the Spooktacular

Coach Bingo & Tricky Tray

St. Stan's H.S.A. is sponsoring their 7th Annual Coach Bingo & Tricky Tray fundraiser on Friday, October 18th in the school gym. Doors will open 5:30 p.m. and calling begins at 7:30 p.m. Ticket price is \$30 per person and includes 12 games of bingo (3 cards per game), coffee, tea, and

Halloween Party on October 24 from 3pm to 5pm. Finally, celebrate Halloween all day long on October 31 with a drop-in Costume Contest and All-Ages Indoor Trick-or-Treating!

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.

Students looking to get a leg up on the competition may want to participate in either of the Dowdell's two Research Workshops on Tuesday, October 15 or Tuesday, October 29 from 2:30pm to 3:30pm.

Do you have any stuffed animals a bit... Past their prime? Bring them in for Frankencritters, a craft program guaranteed to leave your plushies all mixed up, on Monday, October 28 from 3:30pm to 5pm.

As for adults... Looking to expand your mind? The Dowdell's Yoga Series is chugging along with Yoga for Beginners on Thursday, October 3 from 6pm to 7:30pm and Meditation for Beginners on Tuesday, October 22 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, an Autumnal Culinary Event is slated for Monday, October 7 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.

Curious what else is going on at your local library? (We can never fit everything here!) Stop by in-person or visit our website to sign up for our newsletter and view adult and children's activity calendars, which are updated on a monthly basis.

Comments, queries, compliments? Please visit www.dowdell.org, or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org. The library is located off John O'Leary Blvd, adjacent to South Amboy Middle High School. Summer hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10am to 8pm; and Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 5pm.

dessert. Additional bingo boards and daubers will be available for purchase. Attendees are welcome to bring their own food and refreshments. Tickets can be purchased in the Parish office or by calling/texting Gina at 732-277-2552. You must be 18 years old to enter and participate.

Columbus Day Evening Mass Oct. 14

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 host their annual Columbus Day Mass at 7 p.m. Monday October 14 at the K of C at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Sacred

Heart Pastor Father Stanley Gromadzki will preside. Light refreshments will be available. For more information call 732-721-2025.



The Central Jersey District of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks retired dozens of flags on Saturday, September 14 in a formal ceremony at the Menlo Park Veterans Memorial Home. The ceremony honored the flag and all it stands for. Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios, along with NJ State Senator Joe Cryan, veterans, members of Elks leadership, and members of various Elks lodges, had the honor of participating in the ceremony by placing a flag upon the altar for retirement. Service-worn flags were presented by stations and disabled veterans. "When we care for our flag, we are honoring our country and those who have protected it," said Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios. "As always, we will continue to remember our veterans, both living and deceased, and how their sacrifices have ensured our safety." (Photo/Info Submitted)



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Our man on the scene, Walter Krzyzkowski (r) is pictured with Glen Burtnik, the leader of The Weeklings, and member of The Orchestra (ELO), Max Weinberg's Jukebox, and Summer of Love music director. He was also a member of Styx. The photo was taken at the Jonas Brothers in Asbury Park for the MTV Awards show. (Photo/info submitted by Walter Krzyzkowski)

Sayreville Singer/Songwriter Seeks To Inspire Future Artists

Submitted by Jeff Nelson, as written by Clem Skarzynski

Jeff Nelson, a 19-year old Singer/Songwriter from Sayreville, decided during his junior/senior years at St. John Vianney High School, to get "serious" with his ability to write and sing his "original" songs, and "covers," he had been doing for several years. So, the "self teaching" began with learning some guitar and piano to accompany his vocal talents. Currently a Sophomore at Drexel University, Jeff is the "Lead Male Vocalist" for the Drexel University Rock Ensemble, which consists of a lead female vocalist, 3 guitars, bassist, and drummer, with the Class/Band teacher giving his talents with his guitar playing. Jeff pretty much does his own musical backing with his "original material," whereas the "covers" usually already have their own musical tracks behind them. Jeff does his recording at DLM Recording Studio in Highland Park, NJ, and does utilize a team of associate writers to help with his writing and music, but he does the majority of the writing, lyrics and backing vocals himself. 2018 brought about the release of Jeff's first album, self titled, "Jeff Nelson, Vol. 1," with 9 covers and 1 original, "WHY"! He has since performed at numerous venues, including the House of Independents in Asbury Park. His newest song, "Need You" is now on Spotify, where he is "verified" also on Google, and Apple Music. He also has 25K followers on his Instagram Account which is @jeffnelsonmusic.Jeffs. His Inspirations are, Shawn Mendes (to which his following states "he looks and sounds like Elton John, and Billy Joel! His Music



Jeff Nelson

is also available on iTunes, I Heart Radio, Amazon Music, Shazam, and Pandora. Email Jeff at: jtn2100@gmail.com. Quite a resume at this stage of his "dream." Jeff's songs are also streamed around the world in over 20 Countries! Jeff's goal is succeeding in his vocal and musical works, and being an inspiration to future artists with the same "dreams!" Good for you Jeff. Amazing work. Wishing you well in your musical talents and endeavors! Listen to his work, you'll agree, "He's On!"

Jerry Smith Selected For New CD

By Clem Skarzynski

Congratulations and well done to South Amboy's Acoustic Guitarist/Singer/Songwriter, Mr. Jerry Smith, on being selected to add his music to the "Musicians On A Mission" CD 2019, Volume 8. The "Mission has a vast group of extremely talented musicians, so, being selected to include your work on the CD is quite an honor, reserved for the best of the group! Jerry has to submit 3 original written tunes from his "library" to the committee, at which time the best of the 3 songs will be chosen for the track on the CD, and the songs have to be previously unpublished, and copyrighted by the writer. Jerry, has been there for me, the writer, at all of my "Benefit Events" over the years, and

always with some great original songs. His dedication song to the residents of Sayreville, for the "Songs for Sayreville" benefit, after the destruction and loss of property caused to local residents from Superstorm Sandy, was so appreciated by all who attended the event. Jerry has that knack to write the perfect lyrics to the situation in every original song he writes. Not an easy stroke of the pen, as all of us Musicians can attest to. So, Jerry, a well deserved honor, which I'm sure you'll be noticed. The CD RELEASE AND ANNIVERSARY PARTY, will be on November 17, 2019 at the Middletown Arts Center, where Jerry will publicly perform his song, so go write a good one Jerry! Congrats!

#1 Country Hits On Sept. 28

- 2001-What I Really Meant To Say -Cyndi Thomson
- 1992-Love's Got A Hold On You -Alan Jackson
- 1980-Old Flames Can't Hold A Candle To You-Dolly Parton
- 1975-Daydreams About Night Things -Ronnie Milsap
- 1966-Almost Persuaded-David Houston
- 1958-Bird Dog-The Everly Brothers

#1 Pop Hits On Sept. 28

- 2002-Dilemma-Nelly with Kelly Rowland
- 1995-Gangsta's Paradise-Coolio with L.V.
- 1983-Tell Her About It-Billy Joel
- 1978-Boogie Oogie Oogie-A Taste of Honey
- 1962-Sherry-The Four Seasons
- 1959-Sleep Walk-Santo & Johnny

- 1964-Midnight Mary-Joey Powers; What Kind Of Fool (Do You Think I Am)-The Tams; California Sun-The Rivas; Penetration-The Pyramids; High Heel Sneakers-Tommy Tucker; (Just Like) Romeo



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Gene Cornish is one of the four founding members and the guitar virtuoso of The Rascals. His Rock and Roll Hall of Fame career has been a rollercoaster ride of spectacular highs and catastrophic lows.

Gene has now decided that the time is right to tell his incredible rock and roll saga in "Good Lovin, My Life As A Rascal."

From his humble roots, growing up in Rochester, New York, to his rise to superstardom with The Rascals, Gene tells not only his story but the story of The Rascals, and of the rock and roll scene of the most

electric time in the music business, the 1960's.

Gene's story is much like the story of The Rascals. A meteoric rise to the top, followed by a devastating and sudden break up, and then a fall from grace and then a rise to redemption.

Gene tells his life story of fame and stardom which was taken away from him when The Rascals disintegrated, and how his life then spiraled into a near 30-year drug addiction, that took him to the point of homelessness. He then tells of his rise to redemption which culminated in a near death experience on stage in 2018.

"Good Lovin" is told with unflinching honesty, and in vivid detail by Gene. Nothing is held back and his stories of the rock and roll life are riveting.

"Good Lovin" is a tale of love, music, brotherhood, despair, success, tragedy and triumph. Gene's story is 100% original, 100% honest, 100% moving and 100% rock and roll.



By Tom Burkard

Dance Crazes

1. __ Soupy Sales
2. __ The Village People
3. __ Van McCoy
4. __ The Miracles
5. __ Los del Rio
6. __ Cliff Nobles & Company
7. __ Chubby Checker
8. __ Grand Funk Railroad
9. __ The Orlons
10. __ Joey Dee & The Starlites
11. __ The Larks
12. __ Ric Silver
13. __ The Diamonds
14. __ The Dovells
15. __ Freddie & The Dreamers

- a. The Macarena
- b. The Twist
- c. The Stroll
- d. Hully Gully Baby
- e. The Mouse
- f. The Loco-Motion
- g. The Hustle
- h. Electric Slide
- i. The Peppermint Twist
- j. The Jerk
- k. The Wah-Watusi
- l. Y.M.C.A.
- m. Do The Freddie
- n. Mickey's Monkey
- o. The Horse

Answers: 15m. 14d 13c 12h 11j 10i 9k 8f 7b 6a 5e 4g 3d 2c 1a



The legendary rock 'n' roll group, Three Dog Night performed at Concert 10 in 1972.

Do You Remember Concert 10 In 1972?

By Tom Burkard

Almost everyone, regardless of their age has heard about the legendary Woodstock Festival 50 years ago in August 1969, but how many rock 'n' roll fans out there ever heard of Concert 10, which was held July 8-9, 1972 at Pocono International Raceway in Long Pond, PA?

Nearly 120,000 people attended, and concert promoters envisioned big profits, and had hoped for another Woodstock, as they hired some pretty big acts of the day in '72 to perform, including Emerson, Lake & Palmer; The J. Geils Band; Edgar Winter; Humble Pie; Faces with Rod Stewart; Three Dog Night, who finished the weekend show early Sunday morning.

Similar to Woodstock, concert-goers heading to the show, ran into traffic congestion, and many abandoned their

vehicles, and walked to the racetrack.

The fans in attendance suffered through the rain, mud, and long waits in between acts, due to the unfavorable weather conditions, with few complaints. Despite the large turnout, the concert was pretty peaceful, and the medical staff reported treating only 15 people for bumps and scrapes. One New Jersey man died in a traffic accident on Interstate 80 while trying to reach the concert on July 7.

Also, reminiscent of Woodstock, was the tons of trash which was left behind, and over 100 Boy Scouts and some music fans, helped workers, clean the racetrack.

A Concert 10 promoter said that 100,000 tickets were sold, and he felt that it was "the first rock concert that worked."

One Hit Wonders - 55 Years Ago

- & Juliet-The Reflections; Farmer John-The Premiers; Steal Away-Jimmy Hughes; Haunted House-Jumpin' Gene Simmons; Selfish One-Jackie Ross; Funny (How Time Slips Away)-Joe Hinton; We'll Sing In The

- Sunshine-Gale Garnett; Little Honda-The Hondells; Ringo-Lorne Greene; Tobacco Road-The Nashville Teens; Last Kiss-J. Frank Wilson & The Cavaliers; Have I The Right?-The Honeycombs.

School Sports

By Tom Burkard

Bombers Drop First Two Games

The Sayreville Bombers football team has been off to a rocky start this season, dropping their first 2 contests against Hunterdon Central, and Piscataway.

Hunterdon Central clobbered Sayreville, 33-6, in the season opener. The Red Devils star back Will Ezema put on a one-man offensive performance, and almost single-handedly defeated the defending sectional champions, by scoring 5 touchdowns and adding a 2-point conversion to account for 32 of his team's 33 points.

The Bombers leading offensive player last year, Anthony Jackson had a total of 149 all-purpose yards which included

catching 6 passes for 61 yards. The GMC's top quarterback in 2018, Mark Whitford connected on 10-of-18 passes for 82 yards. Sayreville's rushing game was held to only 82 yards. Jariel Taveras racked up 14 tackles and Dylan Gorczyca added 12 tackles.

In the second game, the powerful Piscataway Chiefs stopped the Bombers, 21-7 and held the locals to only 161 yards from scrimmage. Jarvis Rayside accounted for 64 yards on 17 rushing attempts, while Mark Whitford completed 8 of 20 passes for 64, including an 14-yard TD strike to Javiion Simmons.

Love Match

By Steve Schmid

Sayreville High School football coach Chris Beagan couldn't fully enjoy last year's 11-1 record and the state sectional championship because he was suffering from stage 4 renal failure as a result of Berger's disease. He was very tired from the hard work of coaching the Bomber football team and the medication he needed. While preparing for last year's state playoffs his kidney was functioning at 18 percent. He was forced to miss several practices during the playoff run. Beagan's medical treatment was no longer effective and he needed a new kidney. Luckily his wife Laurie was a perfect match for her

husband, which meant if Chris's kidney failed, he wouldn't have to go through the rigors of kidney dialysis. The successful kidney transplant occurred February 6 at Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston. The operation lasted 4 hours and Chris and Laurie rested side by side in the recovery room. Chris and Laurie are thankful to the staff at Saint Barnabas, and are grateful to the Sayreville community for their prayers and support. Chris is looking forward to a healthy football season and hopes the Bombers can rebound from losing their first two games to Hunterdon Central and Piscataway.

Young Slugger Has Big Heart And Super Bat

By Al Ust

In the spring of 2018, a young 3rd grade student at Harmony Elementary School in Middletown was battling a rare blood cancer. His name is Luca Lacano.

Brody Tooker, a 5th grade student at the same school, and former South Amboy resident, felt he had to do something positive to help his fellow school mate and friend.

He came up with an idea to start a fundraiser for Luca. Brody's idea was to make and sell T-Shirts with the slogan "LUCA STRONG" written on them, but he needed help, so he enlisted his parents, Ryan and Barbara Ust Tooker to assist him. The three Tookers went to Michael's and purchased T-Shirts, then went home and placed the slogan on them.

Brody's teacher, Lynn Janiack, was so proud of him, she helped him move the project along school-wide. They made almost \$500 in T-Shirt sales. The donation was made in Luca's honor. Luca is doing okay and is in good spirits.

Brody was recognized by his teacher at the 5th grade Graduation. She announced she never quite met anyone like Brody with such a big heart at such a young age.

When Brody was a student in South Amboy, one of his teachers claimed he was a Rock Star-very popular with his fellow students.

By the way, Brody is a catcher for the Middletown Lions Little League baseball



Brody Tooker

team. In a Tournament in Cooperstown NY, he had 13 hits in 16 at bats in six games with 3 Home Runs. Something I never saw before in all my years in baseball, was the 2nd baseman, shortstop, and third baseman from the opposition congratulating Brody as he rounded the bases on his Home Runs. A remarkable young person with a bright future.

Champions



Congratulations to the Sure-Hit Home Improvements men's softball team from South Amboy for winning the Greater Middlesex County Sunday League softball championship. This is the 5th consecutive year that this team has captured the crown. The championship games were played at the Warren Park complex in Woodbridge on Aug. 4th. The champs are pictured as follows: Top row (l-r) Team Sponsor Thomas Ryan, Matt Ryan, with son Matthew, Dave Masi, Joe Bartlinski, Dave Hockaday, Chris McCabe, Christian Geant, Brian Seres. Bottom row (l-r) Mike DeJoy, Brian DeJoy, Manny Puntiel, Joe Sepelyak, Jim Abbatiello.

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

21st. All proceeds will go to Pat Leonard and his family. For tickets please call Mickey Kuhn at 732-310-4204 or Ed O'Connor at 732-570-9691.



Top American Chinese Martial Arts Federation Masters had their annual meeting at Independence Engine Hose Co. #1, in South Amboy, NJ. The meeting which was hosted by Master Jack Skutnik (2nd from left), featured classes taught by 4th generation Grandmaster Shxun of Los Angeles, CA. The weeklong Advanced Training included 8-Step Preying Mantis Kung-Fu; Tai Chi; Chi Kung; Martial Arts Medical. Attending were Masters from different states including: Master Kevin Loftus-South Dakota; Master Jack Skutnik-New Jersey; Master Thanh Van; Master Michael Cimino-Buffalo, NY; Master Alan Nakamoto-San Francisco, CA. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

College Notebook

Connor Holmes (Sayreville) is a freshman wide receiver with Bucknell U. (0-2), and has 2 receptions for 17 yards... Myles Hartsfield (Sayreville) is a defensive back for the University of Mississippi (1-1)

and has registered 7 solo tackles and 1 assist... Linwood Crump (Sayreville) has 1 assist for the Temple U. (1-0) football squad... Erin Wimmer (Sayreville) plays midfield for the Georgian Court U. women's soccer club.

NJ Devils Holiday Outing Dec. 27

For all of you hockey fans, Saint Mary Church and the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 sponsor their annual Christmas holiday outing to see the New Jersey Devils host the Toronto Maple Leafs with superstar John Taveras Friday December 27 in a 7 p.m. game. Cost of \$70

includes lower level reserved game ticket and \$10 worth of food and drinks. 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.

Sayreville Alumni Coed Softball Game Oct. 13

Go Bombers! The Sayreville High School Alumni Game is back!

It's back! . The sixth annual Sayreville High School COED Alumni game will be played at Burkes Parks on Washington Road on Sunday October 13th! Time of Game - 11AM. Please come at least 30 minutes early to sign up for the game, or just come and watch the game and hang out with us afterward. It's always a fun time! This game is open to all Sayreville School alumni (men and women) over the age of 18. We'll play at least 7 innings and after the game there will be a catered barbecue across the street at the Picnic Grounds of The Knights Of Columbus. We'll be serving hamburgers and hot dogs and ribs along with Soft drinks and beer. All free of charge. There will be a cash bar available for mixed drinks however. If you are interested in playing send email to douglas@scarletmail.rutgers.edu.

Amboy Bank Senior Seminars

As part of continuing efforts to serve the senior community, Amboy Bank will hold a number of complimentary "Caring for Aging Parents" seminars throughout September and October. Covered topics will include estate planning, senior home equity options, recognizing financial abuse and fraud and long-term care.

Amboy Bank has always been at the forefront of providing information and consultative services to the seniors in our community," said Gregory Scharpf, Amboy Bank's President and CEO. "We believe these free, no-obligation seminars can be of great value to many families." Attendance is encouraged for those aged 62 and over and/or their adult children. To register for preferred dates and locations, please visit <https://www.amboybank.com>.

The Duke of The Diamond

By Al Gomolka Jr.
Times Poet Laureate
c.1998

As a child,
I had my idols Jesus,
my father, and the "Duke"
And many a times
I would look to confide
In their powers I couldn't rebuke.
Throughout my life
they established
That being good is the real thing
In Jesus, my savior
In dad, my behavior
In Duke, my baseball being.
My dad once gave me
a baseball card
Of royalty swinging a bat
I followed this
star of Brooklyn to afar
Edwin Snider to me
tipped his hat.
Not just homers,
but character yielded
To this young lad made his mark
Hall of Fame bid its call
On how he played his ball
With his psyche
in and out of the park
He was pushed with
pressure and talent
To be the best he could be
Excellence and no less
And to be nice in the process
Now, admired
and respected is he.
There was Willie,
there was Mickey
But I liked Duke the best
'Til this day
he stays one of my heroes
Along with Jesus,
and dad in life's quest.



The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

From The Youth League Archives



1962-This talented Daylight Bakery team finished (12-6) in the South Amboy Little Fellas League, losing to a mighty Progressive Fire Co. club in the playoffs. Pictured Top Row (l-r) ?, ?, Steve Douglas, Tony Ruzsala, Ralph Scully, ?, Ray Zrebiec, Fran Fee, Manager Lou Komosinski. Bottom Row (l-r) ?, Dave Beshada, Scott Douglas, Jake Krolik, Bob Standowski, Andy Wilson, Tom Ruzsala, Johnny Kozak. Do you know any of the question marks. Let us know.

T.H.E. Game

*A tribute to the late Bill Bouchard
Sport-Baseball
Year-1950

Teams-Hoffman vs. St. Mary's in City Series action.

Lineups

Hoffman 2

Krygier lf George Busch 1b Bill Bouchard p John Kovalski ss John "Skeets" Skarzynski c Jerry Covell cf Bob Munck 3b Don Stratton 2b Jim Inman rf.

St. Mary's 0

Bob "Don" "Pep" Bennett 2b Harkins lf Jack Vail 1b Bill "Biff" McKeon c George Spiecker cf Frank O'Brien rf South 3b Bailey ss Ed Downs p.

Recap-Governors star pitcher Bill Bouchard won a battle of 2-hitters, defeating the Eagles Ed Downs, 2-0. Bouchard scored Hoffman's first run in the 1st inning, on a John Kovalski double to left field. The Guvs got 4 walks from the Saints in the bottom of the 6th, and scored when Bob Munck became the fourth walk for the final 2-0 score. Bouchard struck out 3, while Downs mowed down 9 John Streeters.

Player-of-the-Game-Bill Bouchard, Hoffman

Back In Those College Days

Tom Pristavec, a star athlete for St. Mary's HS Class of '57 played baseball at Villanova University...Dana Feltz (Sayreville) played softball, soccer, and basketball at William Paterson College...Lauren Eberhardt (Sayreville) competed in field hockey at FDU.

Locals Had Tryout With Phillies

1961-The Philadelphia Phillies MLB team held a tryout at Waters Stadium in Perth Amboy. Our local standouts, sophomore Joe Pohl, and Jack Seaman of St. Mary's, and Sayreville stars Lenny Popowski, Bob Carew, Jim Hockenjos, and Jerry Kabara all showcased their talents for the Phillies scouts.

2004-Locals Receive Honors

The Star-Ledger selected the following high school athletes for post-season honors: Softball 2nd Team All-Middlesex-Jessica Nicola, Sayreville; 3rd Team-Kerry Rosenberger, South Amboy. Baseball Group 1 All State-3rd Team-Brian Seres, South Amboy; 3rd Team All-Middlesex-Brian Seres, SA; David Donner, Sayreville.

Little League Champs

Last month we were looking to find out the names of teams that we have no record of, who won Little League/Little Fellas/SAYAA; South Amboy Babe Ruth League baseball championships in South Amboy through the years. Sayreville baseball coach, Mike Novak, who in his youth, starred in the South Amboy league told us that the following teams were league champions: 1984-PBA; 1986-Progressive Fire Co.; 1987-Smiley's

Deli (Mike's team).

We're still trying to find out who won the championships in the following years: South Amboy Little League/Little Fellas/SAYAA-1955, 1958, 1968, 1978, 1981-84, 1986-87, 1989-2019. South Amboy Babe Ruth League-1961-63, 1968, 1971, 1980-2019. If you can help with any of these years, please let us know.

15 Years Ago

2004-Sayreville Wins GMCT

The Sayreville Bombers knocked South Plainfield from the ranks of the unbeaten, by defeating them, 1-0 in the Greater Middlesex Conference Tournament Field Hockey championship. The contest was an unbelievable battle, pitting Sayreville (14-2-2) against the top-seeded Tigers (15-0-1). The Bombers lost 2-1 in overtime earlier in the season. In the championship showdown, Coach Lynn Taylor's charges fought through

regulation, two OT's, and an 11-round shootout, won by the Bombers (4-3). The shootout got underway with goals by Jen Latz and Megan Mazur. Lori Anne Miklaszewski scored in the ninth round, which set the stage for Latz' game winner in the 11th. Following Latz' goal, Jenny Savarese made the final pressure-packed save to give Sayreville its first GMCT crown since 1992. Savarese excelled in goal by stopping 14 shots.

20 Years Ago

Potenski's Big Game

1997-Sayreville Bombers' slugger, Matt Potenski had a dream game, blasting two, 3-run homers and driving in 7 runs while

going 3-for-3 to lead Sayreville to a 10-8 victory over St. Joseph's. John Nuber was the winning pitcher.

25 Years Ago

1994-The Dugout captured the Sayreville "B" Division Softball League championship by defeating the Brew Crew, and went on to win the overall championship by topping P.J.'s. The champs included:

Sponsor/Manager/Player Bill Tarallo, Tony Camporeale, Joe Szaro, Tom Mierzwiak, Anthony Rulo, Brian Schafer, Steve Wilson, Sal Rinaldi, Keith Becker, Gerard Rulo, Bill Leary.

Glory Days In Local Sports

1959-Sayreville's All-State outfielder Jack Jankowski led the Bombers with a fine .462 batting avg., 31 hits, 5 triples, and also added 3 pitching victories. 1961-Jack Seaman fired a brilliant 3-hit shutout and struck out 11 to lead St. Mary's to a 4-0 victory over Perth Amboy St. Mary's. Al Ust had a perfect 2-for-2 game with a 2-run triple, and Jim Heffernan added a three bagger for the South Saints. 1976-Hoffman downed Perth Amboy St. Mary's, 8-5 behind winning pitcher Tom Billich. Jack Conlon ripped an RBI double. 1985-Hoffman girls softball team hammered New Brunswick Vo-Tech,

6-0. Lynn Ust drilled 2 hits and knocked in 2 runs. Kim Schuck notched her 13th win of the season. 1997-Sayreville blasted East Brunswick, 29-17 in football action. John Nuber scored 2 touchdowns on runs of 1 and 3 yards, Omar Joseph raced 60-yards on a punt return to score, and Antoine Simmons broke loose for a 50-yd. TD run. 2003-Cardinal McCarrick defeated Middlesex, 13-7 in an overtime football thriller. Marcus Jones 1-yard won it for the Eagles. Yare Kozlowski also scored on a 1-yard TD jolt and racked up 116 yards in 9 rushing attempts.

15 Years Ago

2004 Final Local Leaders

Baseball-South Amboy (SA) 14-4, Gold Division Champs; Cardinal McCarrick (CM) 6-11; Sayreville 7-14. Batting Avg.-Brian Seres, SA .500 (Tied for 5th in county); Nick Scarillo, SA .491 (7th in county); Joe Bartlinski, SA .421; Joe Magnifico, SA .416; Kyle Babulak, CM .406; Jeff Toth, Sayreville .375; Dan Louis, Sayreville .373; Adam Szatkowski .364; David Donner, Sayreville .362; Matt Paullus, CM .357; Andrew Rios, CM .350. *Sayreville resident, Eric Douglas batted .364 for Bishop Ahr, while South Amboy resident, Mike Bujalkowski hit .354 for St. Joseph's. Hits-Seres 32 (Tied for 7th in county); Scarillo 29; Magnifico 25; Donner 25; Bartlinski 24; Andrew Lieberman 21; Adam Szatkowski 20. *Bujalkowski 26; Douglas 20. Doubles-Bartlinski 8; Magnifico 8; Donner 7. *Bujalkowski 7. Triples-Donner 2; Seres 2. RBI-Scarillo 27 (Tied for 3rd in county); Seres 21; Bartlinski 20; Jared Mundy 19; Donner 16. Home Runs-Louis 4; Seres 3; Scarillo 2; Donner 2. Wins-Seres 5;

Bartlinski 4; Magnifico 4. *Bujalkowski 8. ERA-Brandon Aich, Sayreville 0.93 (Tied for 1st in county); Bartlinski 0.96 (5th in county); Magnifico 2.18; Seres 2.69. *Bujalkowski 1.03 (6th in county). Strikeouts-Seres 54; Bartlinski 29; Aich 22. *Bujalkowski 76.

Softball-South Amboy (SA) 11-5; Sayreville 5-13; Cardinal McCarrick 3-13. Batting Avg. Keryn Rosenberger, SA .489 (4th in county); Sarah O'Connor, SA .462 (8th in county); Jessica Nicola, Sayreville .444; Nicole Scarillo, SA .408; Jen Riehl, SA .373; Shauna Zdanewicz, SA .368. Hits-Nicola 24; Rosenberger 22; Riehl 19; O'Connor 18; Scarillo 17; Zdanewicz 14. Doubles-Scarillo 5; Nicola 3; Rosenberger 3. Triples-Nicola 3; Rosenberger 2; Scarillo 2. RBI-Rosenberger 18; O'Connor 14; Scarillo 11; Nicola 10. Home Runs-Nicola 3 (Tied for 2nd in county); Rosenberger 1. Wins-Rosenberger 11 ERA-0.98 Strikeouts-Rosenberger 131 (7th in county).

Champions



1966-The Sayreville Senior Little League All-Stars championship team is pictured front row (l-r) Joe Gabel, Bob Rodziewicz, Bob Keister, Mike Smith, Pete Diffin, Tom Anghelone. Back row (l-r) Mgr. Bob Keister, Bill Coyle, Doug Fallon, Loren Lang, Fred Poli, Butch Hager, Ken Lyon, Reggie Carney, Gary George, Coach Frank Hager. (Photo/info courtesy of Joe Gabel)

Sayreville Won District Title

1966-The Sayreville Senior Little League All-Stars captured the District 10 Section 3 championship by blasting Shore Tri-Boro, 10-1. Reggie Carney turned in a brilliant all-around performance by firing a 4-hitter, and striking out 12 for the victory. He also drilled 2 singles, and received offensive support from Bob Rodziewicz, who unloaded a home run and single, while Butch Hager belted a double.

On its way to the title, Sayreville had to defeat talented teams, and blasted Hillsborough 16-0 in the opening round, Kenilworth 10-2 in the quarterfinals, and North Edison 9-7 in the semis before going to the title contest.

The Sayreville teens went on and advanced to the state semifinals before bowing to a powerful Deptford team.

Diamond Dust

1975 South Amboy Girls Softball League Senators 8 A's 2-Mary Cooper hammered 2 singles and a triple.

Dodgers 19 Rangers 2-Judy Neuman blasted a home run and scored 4 runs.

Indians 12 Orioles 11-Laurie Astarita was the winning pitcher and had 3 hits. Mary Beth Bowlby unloaded a homer and triple.

1969 South Amboy Little Fellas League Weiss 14 Modern Trans 0-Winning pitcher was Kevin Homan, and George Bongiorno drilled 2 doubles.

First Aid 12 Modern Trans 0-Winning pitcher

Tom Diem fired a 1-hitter, and Mike Downs blasted 3 doubles and drove in 4 runs.

1969 South Amboy Babe Ruth League South Amboy Trust Co. 9 Independence 3-Winning pitcher Tom Boychuk struck out 8. Gary Lange smashed 2 doubles and drove in 2 runs, while Alan Pasztornyicky ripped a single and double for 3 RBI.

Komars 13 Independence 6-Charlie Steuber was the winning pitcher and got lots of offensive support from Bernie "Toby" Tabasko who stroked 3 singles and had 2 RBI, and Dave Keenan who laced 3 singles.

Yogi-isms

The great baseball player, Yogi Berra had many unique, interesting, and funny sayings including: "When you come to a fork in the

road, take it"... "We made too many wrong mistakes"... "Love is the most important thing in the world, but baseball is pretty good too."

Bill "Biff" McKeon LB Scout

Part 3
By John "Flip" Phillips

In 1963 Tom Giordano the Kansas City A's Eastern Scouting Supervisor asked me if I would consider scouting for the A's. I said yes! I knew Tommy from being a former Boston Braves minor league manager. With the A's I signed my first professional player, a pitcher from Keyport NJ, I forget his name. The A's also gave me my first experience covering professional minor league baseball. I scouted the AA Southern League where in Birmingham, Alabama, I met future good friends, Oakland and Boston Red Sox manager John McNamara and Reggie Jackson. During the June Free Agent Drafts, Tommy and I sat in a New York City hotel room with the A's Scouting Director deciding on who would be the A's Major League draft pick when the phone rang. It was the A's owner Charles Finley. He told the Scouting Director to draft a pitcher his son in law recommended. The A's drafted him, but the players father said no, he was going to go to college. After college he was drafted by the Oakland A's. The Kansas City A's team became the Oakland A's when they moved to Oakland California.

During the 1967 World Series between the Boston Red Sox and the St Louis Cardinals, brother Jack McKeon and I went to Boston to possibly change organizations. The A's were becoming a team lacking desire. The owner Charlie Finley said he could do a better job of scouting; he did not need scouts. At the World Series Hospitality Event, brother Jack spoke to Lou Gorman, the Baltimore Farm Director. He asked Jack if he was interested in joining the new expansion Kansas City Royals that would become a major league franchise in January 1968. Jack told me that Lou had included me within the invite as a scout. I said yes! But Tommy Giordano and

I had to honor our contracts with the Oakland A's until after the June 1968 Major League Draft. After the Draft Tommy and I, along with many others, said good-bye to Mr. Finley and the Oakland A's.

Tommy Kelly

Whatever scouting reports I gave to Oakland during the 1968 draft, I also gave to my new boss Lou Gorman of the KC Royals. Tom Giordano (like me still employed by the Oakland A's until after the draft) passed my scouting reports to the Seattle Mariners. As I sat in a hotel room where the June draft was being conducted, I asked Lou to draft Tommy Kelly. He said he would on the next Royals selection. However, Seattle drafted ahead of the Royals and selected Tommy. We did draft several of my selections: a shortstop from Neptune NJ, a pitcher from Rider College, and Steve Panepinto a shortstop from Old Bridge NJ. The pitcher would pitch for the Royals Omaha AAA team managed by brother Jack McKeon. The Old Bridge shortstop would suffer a broken leg that ended his short career.

Before we leave the 1968 draft, something happened that was "unique," to me anyway. Several scouts and I were sitting in a hotel room and we agreed that each scout would answer any call by turn. On a call when it was my turn, I answered the phone and asked who was calling? I unfortunately misunderstood who the caller was and said, "Humphrey who" and hung up. Later the Baseball Commissioner said that they received a call from Hubert Humphrey the VP of the United States requesting that Major League Baseball call off all games in respect to Bobby Kennedy's funeral the next day. How many people get to hang up on the VP of the USA?

To Be Continued.

Our Lady of Victories - First Day of School (Photos/Info Submitted)



Father Thomas Ryan, Quinlan Grade 4, Michael Grade 2 and Nola Kindergarten



2nd grade students Liam and Robert with Principal Cynthia Kitts



The Football Challenge Game #1 Contest Winner

Former South Amboy resident and currently living in Tennessee, Dennis Quinlan topped a large field of entrants who sent their answers in, by correctly identifying 3 out of the 4 football players to win Game #1. Surprisingly, he missed on Joe Theismann, a former local from South River.

The correct answers to our August contest were: A-Joe Theismann B-Mark Gastineau C-Paul Hornung D-Joe Namath. Congratulations Dennis!

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The Football Challenge Game #2

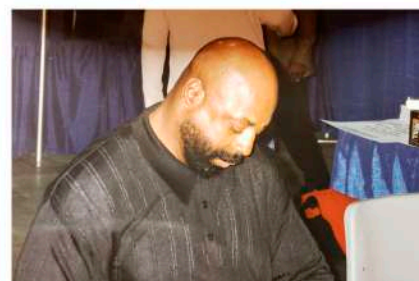
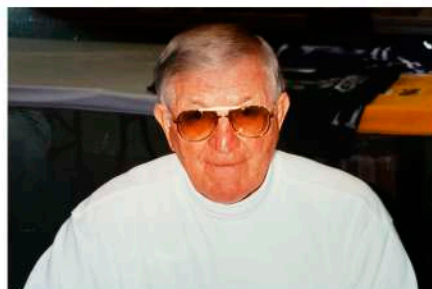
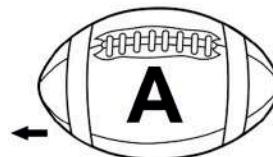
(Photos by Tom Burkard)

Pictured are 3 Football Hall of Famers and 1 that was an excellent player, but not in the Hall. If you think you know who they are,

Send your answers in to:

satimes@aol.com, by Oct. 14th. Winners will be announced in the Oct. issue.

Good luck!



Back to School

**St. Stan's School
First Day of School**

(Photos/Info Submitted)

Back to School



The faculty and staff at St. Stanislaus Kostka School welcome their students back for a new year.



St. Stan's students, Julianna Balagot and Jaxon DeStefano, complete a writing assignment on their first day of first grade. (Photo Credit: Samantha Bellouney)

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 -M.L..



From left: Dorothy K. Power, chairman of the Middlesex County College Board of Trustees; Craig J. Coughlin, speaker of the New Jersey General Assembly; and Mark McCormick, College president.

Speaker Coughlin Receives MCC Award

Craig Coughlin, speaker of the New Jersey General Assembly, received the Paige D. L'Hommedieu Award from Middlesex County College (MCC) at its Fall Convocation Aug. 26. He was presented the award for his leadership in the state and service to the people of Middlesex County.

"Speaker Coughlin has long been a champion of higher education in New Jersey and is helping to reduce the barriers to access and completion for so many residents of our state," said MCC President Mark McCormick. "Among other initiatives, the speaker sponsored the Hunger-Free Campus Act, which requires the New Jersey Secretary of Higher Education to establish a Hunger-Free Campus Grant program to address the issue of food insecurity among students enrolled in public institutions of higher education in the state. He also championed

the continuation this year of the Community College Opportunity Grant program that allows students from families with adjusted gross income of \$65,000 or less who are enrolled in at least six credits at community colleges in New Jersey to attend for free."

The Paige D. L'Hommedieu Award is the highest honor given by the College. It is awarded at the Fall Convocation to a person who embodies the citizenship, leadership and humanity of Paige D. L'Hommedieu, the founding board chair of the College.

"This is a remarkable honor," Speaker Coughlin said. "Thank you for letting me be included in the hall of fame of those people who have made a commitment and have made Middlesex County and Middlesex County College the special places that they are."

He lauded New Jersey community colleges for the work they do in educating 325,000 students each year.

"Community college opens doors to opportunity for people throughout the state of New Jersey," he said. "I believe that county colleges are the foundation of what is the essential nature of education."

He said the Assembly has recently addressed college access and affordability by passing several laws: two that addressed repaying student loans, and others that expanded funding for Tuition Aid Grants (TAG), and standardized the number of credits needed for graduation. The Assembly also worked with the Governor on the Community College Opportunity Grant, which funds tuition for students making less than \$65,000 per year, and addressed food insecurity on college campuses.

Speaker Coughlin cited his sister, an MCC graduate who has gone on to success in the corporate world.

"The work that this college does is remarkable," he said. "It is a place for hope and success for so many students."

A partner in a Woodbridge-based law firm, Rainone, Coughlin Minchello LLC, Speaker Coughlin attended public schools in South Amboy and graduated summa cum laude from St. John's University in 1980 followed by a law degree from St. John's University School of Law in 1983. He was a member of the South Amboy Board of Education, and served as a city councilman for six years. He was also a municipal court judge, prosecutor and public defender.

Speaker Coughlin was elected to the General Assembly in 2009, and is now serving his fifth term, representing the 19th Legislative District. In January 2018, he was selected by his peers to become the chamber's 171st Speaker. His nine-year legislative portfolio consists of a wide range of accomplishments including increasing the state's minimum wage, reforming the state's out-of-network medical billing practices, expanding the state's microbrewing industry, implementing automatic voter registration, and modernizing the state's Brownfield remediation process. His leadership has led to passage of legislation covering a wide range of areas including school funding, library governance, law enforcement safety, criminal code modernization, Motor Vehicle Commission operations, landlord-tenant relations, property maintenance, joint and cooperative purchasing, school board elections, and tax sharing.

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20 Years Ago



1999-The movie "Coyote Ugly" filmed some scenes in South Amboy. Pictured is the building located on the corner of South Broadway and David Street which was rented by the movie company and turned into a pizzeria called Sea Side Pizza. Locals initially believed that a new pizza business had come to South Amboy, and were really surprised that a big-time movie was being shot in "The Pleasant Little City." (Photo by Tom Burkard)

20 Years Ago

"Coyote Ugly" Came To South Amboy

By Tom Burkard

It's hard to believe, but it's been 20 years ago since South Amboy was infiltrated with Hollywood types, actors, producers, directors, etc., while parts of the movie, "Coyote Ugly" was being filmed on the corner of South Broadway and David Street. The building which is on the corner, directly across the street from Broadway Computer (Formerly Dot's Luncheonette), and Krauszer's Store, served as the setting for the film's Sea Side Pizza. Producer Jerry Bruckheimer's film featured Jersey girl, Piper Perabo, who emerged as the star of the movie. She portrayed a waitress at the pizzeria, with aspirations to become a superstar singer/songwriter. She chased her dreams to New York City, despite concerns of her father, who was portrayed by the world-renowned actor John Goodman. Perabo, played the role of Violet Sanford, AKA "Jersey," and landed a job at a NYC bar called Coyote Ugly. While working there, the aspiring young woman came out of her shell, and continued to pursue her dream.

Initial reports in the City of South Amboy circulated around town, with people actually thinking there was a new pizza parlor on Broadway. Young and old alike said they were looking forward to trying the pizza at the "new business." Throughout the shoot, local curiosity seekers and stargazers cruised along Broadway in hopes of getting a glimpse of movie stars who had invaded "The Pleasant Little City." Actress Tyra Banks portrayed the role of Zoe, and Johnny Knoxville had a bit part as a College Guy.

Two local businesses were offered large sums of money by the movie company to use their stores/shops during the shooting. In addition to the South Amboy shooting location, scenes were also done at Sea Bright, NJ, Atlantic Beach, NY, and New York City. The Coyote Ugly days were pretty exciting ones for local residents, probably reminiscent of when Woody Allen's "Purple Rose of Cairo" was shot at the old Raritan Diner on Bordentown Ave, and the cast members and crew used the South Amboy Knights of

Columbus Council #426 as their headquarters during the filming. Mia Farrow starred in that movie with Allen.

Update

"Coyote Ugly" wasn't released until the following year, and in the first weekend, box office returns were \$17,319,282, and worldwide to present, the movie has amassed \$113,916,474, overall a big success...Piper Perabo played the role of the singer, but the actual voice on her songs was that of country star LeAnn Rimes, who also appeared in the movie, playing herself. The soundtrack from "Coyote Ugly," with Rimes singing was certified 4 times platinum, selling over 4 million copies....Piper Perabo grew up in Toms River, NJ, and graduated from Toms River North HS in '94....She has had an outstanding career in acting, having appeared in many movies, TV shows, and even some Broadway productions, and has won numerous awards for her acting skills...

Jim Kopystecky, who helped his mother, the late Dot Kopystecky run their business, Dot's Luncheonette at the time, shared his thoughts and memories, saying that "What I remember most was how meticulous the workers were in transforming an empty shell of a building into a Pizza Restaurant." He also mentioned that "The movie company rented our parking lot for 1-day, and also the roof of our store to put up a giant spotlight for the filming. Once the filming began, the section was roped off to the public. In the beginning, they wanted to rent our place, but it was too small for their plans. The filming crew and staff was a nice group of people, and for about a month and a half came in and had breakfast and lunch, which really helped business. I recently heard that actress Tyra Banks was talking about doing a sequel to "Coyote Ugly."

Will they do another movie in South Amboy? Who knows, but stay tuned to The SA Times and we will let you know of any developments or news about Hollywood coming back to town.

Where in New Jersey?



This month's Where In NJ features items that can go right to your table! Send your answers to SATIMES@aol.com by September 28th. (Photo by Phyllis Stratton)

August Information Where in New Jersey?

By Brian & Phyllis Stratton

The correct answer was Samaha's Farm Market, 704 Lloyd Road, Aberdeen Township, NJ. Samaha's Farm Market is evidence of why New Jersey is called the Garden State. From opening day in June till October, the Farm Market provides beautiful in season produce such as sweet corn, squash blossoms and their array of Jersey heirloom and beefsteak tomatoes, as well as local products such as honey, breads and baked goods.. With over 50 years of farming experience, they are always at work preparing and perfecting the land and crops with lead farmer and founder, John Samaha.



Where in NJ? Winners for August

Winners who correctly answered were: Frank Sullivan, Pete McIntyre, Marlene Letwenski, Dennis Quinlan, Dane Colburn, Chelle Martin, Ed Bender.



Summer's Gone

Summer 2019 is now history, but if you think back on those summer days of long ago, do you remember going to the World's Fair in New York? How about Freedomland in the Bronx, which opened in 1960 and was in business until 1964? Others may have enjoyed day trips to Palisades Park (can you recall the great theme song used in TV ads, "Come On Over" or Freddie "Boom-Boom" Cannon's hit record, "Palisades Park?") There was also a safari themed park called Jungle Habitat in West Milford, NJ that opened in

the summer of '72 and closed its gates for the last time in October 1976.

What are your favorite summer places to go on the beach or boardwalks? Atlantic City, Wildwood, Point Pleasant, Seaside Heights, Asbury Park, Long Branch, Keansburg, Sandy Hook. How about in Pennsylvania? The Poconos, Lancaster, Hershey Park, Dorney Park, Dutch Wonderland?

Drop us a note about your great memories and favorite summer day or longer trips. Send to: satimes@aol.com

WWW.?



Here's an easy one to identify for our local WWW.? experts. Send your answers in with your complete name, first and last, so we can identify you as a winner. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

WWW.? Winners For August

The correct answer for the August Mystery Photo contest was the DuPont gatehouse on Cheesequake Rd. in Sayreville. The following are the winners who correctly identified the building: Chuck Pickard, Judy Guilfoyle, Stephen Laskewic, Laurie Loftus, Edna Mazur Pilch, Marlene Letwenski, Tom O'Leary, Joan Fulham, Monica Corrigan, JoAnn & John French, Charlotte Sadowski, Joan Gorczyca, Dawn Roberts, Kevin Kania, Eleanor Westerholm, Dennis Quinlan, Dennis & Kathy O'Leary, George F. Kern III, Marie English, Ed English, Mary Agnes Morris, Elizabeth Leveille, Mark Moniello, Gerry Sherry, Leon Credico, Gary Feret, Maryanne Matarangolo, Dot Wriolie, Mary Agnes Morris, Dane Colburn, Adele

O'Hara, Jack & Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, Lisa Grankowski, Don Zrebiec, Peggy Yuhas.



August-WWW.? Dupont Gatehouse Cheesequake Rd. Sayreville

Letters

Hi Tom,
Great August Paper!,
That's the Dupont Plant on Cheesequake Rd. Parlin. We called it the Photo plant in the 70's. Think it's called Chemical Intermediates Plant now. I worked there then, on swing shifts in the dark film tunnels, making the rolls, cutting the film and sending out crates of finished photo and X-ray film. robably did most every job in the place at one time or another in the seven years I was there.

I wonder if any Tunnel Rats are out there that remember working there in the dim red light?

Best,
Dennis & Kathy OLeary
(Sayreville)

Dear Elaine,
Thanks for that Keansburg blast from the past.

John Arden
(Born in So. Amboy, now living in Daytona Beach, Florida)



Hey Elaine,
Really enjoyed your article in The South Amboy-Sayreville Times. It brought such fond memories from our family trips to Keansburg. The excursion was always a huge deal to my siblings and me when our parents took us there. Thanks for taking me back. I had fun reading the entire issue. I really miss my family.

Peg McCarthy
(Formerly of South Amboy)




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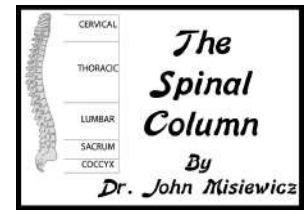
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The Burden of Childhood Backpacks

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After observing the children and speaking to other parents and teachers, I learned that "pack mulling" was not unusual for children in elementary and high school. With over 30 percent of school-aged children reporting frequent backaches, it has become increasingly important to select the correct pack and how to use it. Here are some suggestions when selecting a backpack: 1) Adjustable, wide and padded straps; 2) Think padding in the area that rests against the back; and 3) Several compartments to avoid shifting contents.

The American Chiropractic Association recommends the following:

- 60 lb. person 5 lb. backpack
- 61-75 lb. person 10 lb. backpack
- 100 lb. person 15 lb. backpack

As a general rule, backpacks should not exceed ten percent of your child's body weight, nor should a pack exceed fifteen percent of an adult's weight.

Books should be separated into several compartments and heavy items should be placed closer to the back. Be sure to place pointed or sharp items away from the back.

Backpacks should be worn as close to your child's body as possible, especially when walking to and from school. One strap should be worn on each shoulder so that the weight is balanced evenly across the back. Straps should be adjusted so that the backpack rests on the hips and pelvis with less strain on the back muscles. If the backpack has a waist belt, it should be fastened to ease neck and shoulder stress.

As always, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure! Following these simple steps will ease the stress placed on your child's spine and prevent future problems

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 By Al Gomolka Jr.
 Times Poet Laureate
 c.1998

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Sayreville Day

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Dignitaries and others open the day's festivities.



Republican candidates for the November election (l-r) Art Rittenhouse, Donna Roberts, and Christian Hibinski were on hand for the beautiful day.



The Democratic candidates also attended and greeted the people of the Borough of Sayreville. Pictured (l-r) Michele Cassidy Maher, David McGill, and Vicky Kilpatrick.



Recreation Director Jerry Ust (r) and his assistant Jeff Schnitzer, take a minute for a photo during a very busy day.



There were many fun activities for the youngsters at Sayreville Day.

Blast From The Past Classic Car Show & Concert

(Photos/captions by Tom Burkard)



Remember the early Ford Mustang from the 60's? What a beautiful car, and it inspired Clem & Friends to play the great classic song "Mustang Sally" at the show.



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Jim Kopystecky of South Amboy entered his cool Corvette at the show.



Bob Moglia also of South Amboy stands proudly by his beautiful 'Vette.



Popular local resident, Jay McKeon stands in front of his vintage '48 car, all ready for the beach, with the surfboard sticking out of the backseat.



Pictured (l-r) Phil Quigley, Elyse Barone, and Recreation Director Jerry Ust, who all did a fine job running another successful event.



Former South Amboy Fire Chief Mike Geraltowski and his wife Marykate are ready for a fun day at Woofstock.



Woofstock

Kennedy Park, Sayreville
Photos by Tom Burkard



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Salt Water

Party boat fishing for Blues has improved. It's mostly 2 to 6 pound fish caught on jigs. Bonito and False Albacore are being caught too. More southern fish like Spanish Mackerel, some King Mackerel, Pompano and Cobia are around. A new state record Cobia was taken by a spear fisherman weighing in at 74 pounds plus. Barnegat Bay is loaded with Blow Fish and Snapper Blues and King Fish have been showing up in the surf in good numbers. The Fluke are bunching up for their journey off shore. More keepers are being caught up to 8 pounds. Remember Fluke season closes September 21st. Bottom fishing boats are doing well with the arrival of Porgies and Ling mixed in. Raritan Bay beach fishing, remains slow. I have seen Bluefish chasing bait at Keansburg, but anglers I spoke to said they didn't have much to show. Snapper Blues however, are all over any bay or outlet. If you are interested in a run of Silver or Coho Salmon, it has started on the west coast at Granville Island in Vancouver, BC, Canada. My wife and I saw a seal on the docks eating the fish guts tossed out by a deckhand from freshly caught Salmon. Have your passports ready!!

Fresh Water

The heat of the summer has taken its toll. Bass fishing is only suitable in the early morning or evening. Catfish, Carp and Panfish statewide are still in the lakes and rivers. The entire summer has had great concerns regarding the Algae problems raised at Lake Hopatcong, putting a damper on fishing and bathing. I hope this will not be a future problem next year. Time will tell. You can try your luck at lakes hunting for Pickerel. Fall Trout stocking begins October 7th before Columbus Day.



This Moment

(Author Unknown)

I may never see tomorrow;
there's no written guarantee,
And things that happened
yesterday belong to history.
I cannot predict the future.
I cannot change the past.
I have just the present moment:
I must treat it as my last.
I must use this moment wisely
for it soon will pass away.
And be lost to me forever
as a part of yesterday.
I must exercise compassion,
help the fallen to their feet.
Be a friend unto the friendless,
make an empty life complete.
The unkind things I do today
may never be undone.
And friendships that I fail to win
may nevermore be won.
I may not have another chance
on bended knee to pray,
And thank God with humble heart
for giving me this day.

At The Movies-2019

Rating Scale-0.0 to 10.0.

Blinded By The Light-A good flick about an obsessed Bruce Springsteen fan. 8.2.
Night Hunter-starring Ben Kingsley and Stanley Tucci. 7.5.
The Hustle-starring Anne Hathaway and Rebel Wilson. 5.0

PRAYER TO ST. ANTHONY

O holy St. Anthony, reach down from heaven and take hold of my hand. Assure me that I am not alone. You are known to possess miraculous powers and to be ever ready to speak for those in trouble. Loving and gentle St. Anthony, reach down from heaven I implore you and assist me in my hour of need. Obtain for me (mention request here). Dearest St. Anthony, reach down from heave and guide me with thy strength. Plead for me in my needs. And teach me to be humbly thankful as you were for all the bountiful blessings I am to receive. -M.S.

To St. Jude

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored and glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude gave me hope. -S.S.

Mickey Mantle Visited Laurence Harbor

By Tom Burkard

The date was set for the first week in May, 1986, for one of the greatest New York Yankees, Mickey Mantle to be the main attraction at the opening day of the new Laurence Harbor Little League Field. "The Mick" was on hand to help dedicate the new ballpark, speak to Little Leaguers, and sign autographs for the many people who attended. His appearance undoubtedly left a great lifetime memory for youngsters and adults.

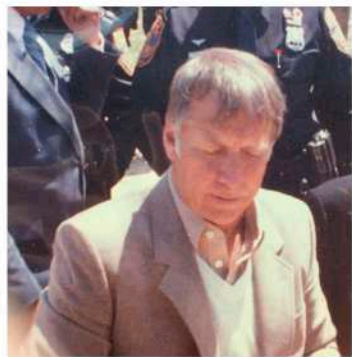
Many South Amboy/Sayreville locals probably attended this big event, but apparently chose not to share their memories with The SA Times readership. The ones who were kind and gracious enough to do so were the following:

Vin Rizzo, Parlin "I recall it being a windy day in May, when Mickey arrived in a limo with an entourage. I remember it like it was yesterday. He had his head down, and went to the pitcher's mound where he made a speech about the dedication of the field. There was a line of people with probably over 100 kids in Little League uniforms up front, and they received a free autographed picture from Mickey. I got in line with my girlfriend Diane Russwurm, and we were about the 30th adults to follow the kids, and the promoter came out and said they were having a cutoff at 12 noon for lunch, and Mantle would not be returning. Diane and I each got an autograph from him. He signed my Mickey Mantle Day program, and a '74 program with Whitey Ford and him on the cover for Diane. Whitey had signed it about 2 weeks earlier on his visit to New Brunswick Savings Bank which was in Parlin. Mickey was very busy signing, so he didn't speak to me, and I just said "Hello, Mr. Mantle." When he did see the program with his buddy Whitey on it, and signed, he said, "Wow, nice picture!"

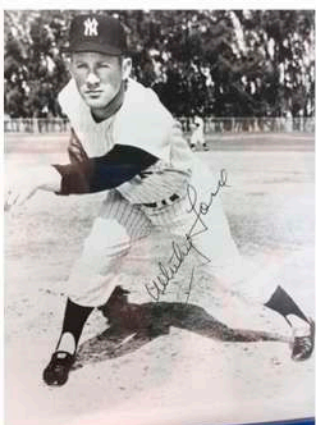
Bob "Zak" Sekerak, South Amboy "My friend Dave Boyd and I went to see him at the opening of the field by Memorial School in Laurence Harbor. We didn't go for autographs, just to see Mickey Mantle, our childhood hero. Surprisingly, we were able to walk right up to the table, and Dave sat next to him, and I stood next to him. He was signing lots of autographs, and at the time Mickey was a sports announcer, so we asked him how he liked it, and he said, "It's a helluva lot easier than playing baseball." Dave had a picture with him of Mickey that he tore out of a book, and Mickey signed it for him. We talked for about a 1/2 hour and he left to go for lunch at the Buttonwood Manor in Matawan. It was unbelievable to see Mickey Mantle in person! He acted like he knew us, and was so down-to-earth."



Bob "Zak" Sekerak



The great Mickey Mantle is pictured in the above photos in early May 1986, at Opening Day of the new Little League Field in Laurence Harbor. (Photos By/Courtesy Of Vin Rizzo)



The Yankees great pitcher Whitey Ford autographed this picture for Vin Rizzo of Parlin on April 26, 1986 at New Brunswick Savings Bank new Parlin office at the Parlin Centre, 777 Washington Rd., where patrons could come and meet Ford, and get his autograph. (Photo/info courtesy of Vin Rizzo)

YMCA Held Welcoming Week

Welcoming Week, took place September 13-22. The YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy (MEWSA) joined Welcoming America and hundreds of YMCAs and other organizations nationwide in hosting events to celebrate immigrants' contributions to communities and bringing together all residents in a spirit of unity. Welcoming Week activities were open to the public and included a multicultural art exhibit, global potluck luncheons, a World flags showcase, music and desserts from around the globe, a citizenship preparedness forum and more.

"At the YMCA of MEWSA, we believe our communities are stronger when everyone in the community feels welcome and we can all work together for the common good," said Rose Cushing, President & CEO. "Welcoming Week is an opportunity for neighbors—both immigrants and U.S.-born—to connect, find common ground and

celebrate our shared values. We are proud to be a part of Welcoming Week, which is demonstrating that in places large and small, rural and urban, people of all backgrounds are coming together to create stronger communities."

"These events are part of a powerful and growing movement in our country and around the world, demonstrating that communities want to be welcoming," said Rachel Peric, Executive Director of Welcoming America. "Welcoming Week is a reminder of the resilient and inclusive spirit of American communities. Thousands of local leaders nationwide are bringing their communities together to bridge divides and build stronger local economies where everyone belongs."

Details on events can be found on the YMCA of MEWSA website at ymcaofmewsa.org.



Title-South Amboy Knights of Columbus #426 Car Show

(Photos/captions by Joe Lotkowitz)



Pictured are some of the many great classic cars that participated in the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 Classic Car/Cruise Night recently.



Brain Injured Children Association of Sayreville members Jim Abbatiello (l) and Joyce Medvar (2nd from left) were presented with a check for \$750 from South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 members Deputy Grand Knight Jan Williams (c), PGK Kenneth E. Smetana, (2nd from right), and PGK Raymond Suchcicki (r). The funds will be utilized for BIC in local areas.



Michael (l) and Justina Grzankowski (r) had a great time trying out a classic car on display.



Deputy Grand Knight Jan Williams (l) and PGK Kenneth E. Smetana (r) co-committee chairmen of the Classic Car Cruise Night, ran another enjoyable and successful event.

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John Bernosky

John Bernosky, age 63 of Sayreville, passed away Saturday August 31, 2019 at The Venetian in South Amboy after a 3 1/2 year battle with brain cancer. Born in Binghamton, NY, he was raised in Harding, PA until he moved to NJ in 1978. John graduated from Bloomsburg University with his Bachelor's degree in 1977. Before his retirement, John taught biology at South Amboy High School for 38 years. He was named teacher of the year in 1996. John was a member of the Thursday Senior Club as well as the St. Stan's Club. He was a communicant of Our Lady of Victories Church. John was a loving husband, father, brother, uncle, teacher, friend and so much more. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Funeral services were from the Carmen F. Spezzi Funeral Home 15 Cherry Lane, Parlin.

South Amboy resident Mike Parfianowicz who recently earned a trophy for his hot rod, a 1923 Ford "Bucket T" which was one of more than 230 cars on display in the recent City-by-the-Bay Classic Car Show. (Photo/info courtesy of Bob Rinklin)

William F. Bouchard

William F. Bouchard, Jr., 86, of South Amboy died on Tuesday September 3, 2019 at home. Born in Newark he lived in South Amboy all his life. Before retiring in 1994 he was employed by JCP&L, Old Bridge. A U.S. Navy veteran and graduate of H.G. Hoffman High School, he was an avid fisherman and enjoyed trips to Atlantic City. He was a talented carver, especially boats and loved his family above all else.

In 1950, he was the ace pitcher for Hoffman High School with a (4-2) record and was a fine hitter, leading the Guvs with a .417 batting avg., runs-15, hits-20, and 7 doubles. Bill also played varsity basketball for the Purple & Gold.

Funeral services were from The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy.

Trip To Italy

A great trip is planned. We will be visiting the beautiful cities of Rome, Assisi, Siena, Florence - Pisa option, Naples, Padua, Venice, Bologna, Tuscany and the Chianti wine region. We will also visit the amazing city of Pompeii. It also includes 2 hotel dinners with drinks, 2 lunches with drinks, 1 pizza lunch with soft drinks, arrival & departure taxes, half-day guides for Florence, Bologna, Venice and Pompeii; full day guide of Rome, bus service with driver per itinerary and boat transfers in Venice and more. The price is for land is \$3,477.00 and air on Alitalia will be \$916.00 + \$111.00 US taxes. Contact Guisepe Campbellini ((AKA Joey Campbell) @ 646-483-2883 or Ellie @ Main Street Travel 732-828-8800 for a detailed itinerary and application to sign up.

Cash Raffle Sale

The Catholic War Veterans, Post 578, South Amboy is currently conducting their 2020 CWV National Calendar Cash Raffle Sale. The calendar cost \$25.00 and there will be 366 winners. Daily cash amounts \$25.00 weekdays and \$100.00 weekends. There will be 14 additional special amounts \$150.00, \$500.00 and the big one \$1500.00. We are taking orders for the calendar up till October 31, 2019. If interested in purchasing a calendar, you need to contact Commander Frank Sullivan, 732-238-4298 (H) or 440-876-7140 (C). All calendars will be available after November 1, 2019.

Rib Sale

You Spoke we listened. Back by popular demand! St. Stanislaus Kostka Holy Name Society

"Rib Sale", October 5, 2019, 12:00 noon until we sell out. St. Stan's Carnival Grounds, 221 MacArthur Ave. Sayreville, NJ 08872.

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.

100th Anniversary

Our Lady of Victories Sayreville Council 2061, Knights of Columbus which was organized on December 1, 1919 under the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism will be celebrating its 100 Anniversary. In celebration of this landmark achievement the Council is hosting a Dinner/Dance on Saturday, December 7, 2019. The cost of a ticket for our three-course meal with open bar and dancing is Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). For more information and tickets, contact the Knights of Columbus at 732-257-2061

Thank You

My family and I would like to thank the following who were instrumental in assisting us during the recent passing of our husband/father, Deacon Donald Zampella:

The South Amboy First Aid Squad, most notably Jim Ryan, Tim Walczak, Dean Kenny, Matt Ryan and Betty Leveille; The Gundrum Service, especially Ryan Moran and Michael Kurtz; Father James Hagerman and Monsignor Andy Szaroleta; Fr. Dennis Wezorak; and my angels of mercy Jim Ryan and Ellie Boddie. Thank you all for your invaluable support during a most difficult time.

Octavia Zampella and Family.

In Memoriam



Madeline Bulman Pirro, 66, formerly of South Amboy/Sayreville died on Aug. 18. She was a fine lady, St. Mary's Class of '71, who always was helpful and had a kind word for all. Joseph Seminaro, formerly of South Amboy/Sayreville died on Aug. 31. He was the owner of Top Amusement Co. for many years.

Barbara Pozai, 78, of Parlin died on Sept. 1. She was a hairdresser/owner of Sugar 'N Spice Coiffures. Gary Batista, 61, of South Amboy died on Sept. 8. He was an EMT employed by East Brunswick First Aid as Captain, and previously was a Raritan Bay EMS & Firefighter for over 40 years. Marie Grankowski, 89, of Sayreville died on Sept. 16. She had a lifelong career working in the travel industry business until retiring in 1990.

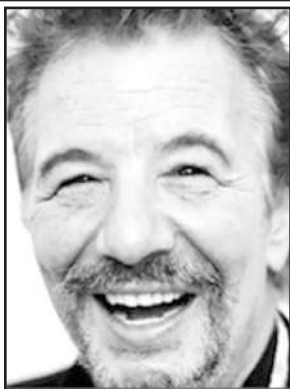


Madeline Pirro

Madeline Bulman Pirro, 66, of Little Egg Harbor, NJ passed away on Sunday August 18, 2019. Born in South Amboy, NJ she lived in Sayreville, NJ before moving to Little Egg Harbor 4 years ago.

She is survived by her loving husband William Pirro, sons Billy and wife Simone, and Tommy and wife Marisa, daughter Jamie and husband Brian, brother Joe Bulman and wife Susan, sister Mary Baker and husband Doug, nephews John, Mark and Thomas as well as 5 grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday September 28, 2019 at 11am at St. Theresa's R.C. Church 450 Radio Road Little Egg Harbor, NJ 08087. For condolences please go to www.maxwellfuneralhome.com.



Michael "Mickey" Mauro Sr

Michael "Mickey" Mauro Sr., age 68, passed away peacefully Friday, September 6, 2019, surrounded by his loving family. Born in Hoboken, Mickey had lived in Perth Amboy before living in the Parlin section of Sayreville for 40 years and then moving to Orlando, FL. Mickey was a performer who entertained for generations. As a graduate of Fairleigh Dickinson University with a B.S. Degree, he was also a proud business owner for many years. Mickey lived for his family. He represented their hearts, he was their shelter, and will forever remain their foundation.

Surviving are his beloved wife of 46 years Donna Spezzi Maruo, his adored children Charlene, Michael Jr., Anthony, his mother Roslyn Mauro Auricchio, his mother-in-law Gertrude Spezzi, 7 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, brothers, sisters, many in-laws, and countless other relatives, friends, and music fans who admired him throughout his outstanding entertainment career.

A private cremation was entrusted to the Carmen F. Spezzi Funeral Home. A memorial service will take place November 29, 2019 from 12-2pm at the Carmen F. Spezzi Funeral Home. Letters of condolence may be left for the family at www.spezzifuneralhome.com

Obituaries

Batista, Gary W., 61, of South Amboy died on Sept. 8

Bernosky, John, 63, of Sayreville died on Aug. 31..

Bogdan, Cecelia B. "Ceal," Dominick, 94, of Sayreville died on Sept. 4.

Bouchard, William Jr., 86, of South Amboy died on Sept. 3.

Chaplin, Joseph E., 89, of Parlin died on Sept. 18.

David, Cynthia Wargo, 69, formerly of Sayreville died on Aug. 22.

Eppinger, Francis "Marie," 61, of Sayreville died on Aug. 27.

Grankowski, Marie, 89, of Sayreville died on Sept. 16.

Henke, Lawrence W. III, 30, of South Amboy died on Aug. 25.

Horbak, Stephen "Shooter," 66, of the Parlin section of Old Bridge died on Aug. 27.

Hunter, Gladys, 80, of Sayreville died on Aug. 26.

Kurtz, LeRoy W. "Red," 93, of South Amboy died on Aug. 30.

Kutcher, Doreen, 74, of Parlin died on Sept. 7.

Mauro, Michael, "Mickey" Sr., 68, formerly of Sayreville died on Sept. 6

Pirro, Madeline Bulman, 66, formerly of South Amboy/Sayreville died on Aug. 18.

Plocic, Corinne Ryan, 92, formerly of South Amboy/Sayreville died on Sept. 15.

Pozai, Barbara Balon, 78, of Parlin died on Sept. 1.

Seminaro, Joseph L., formerly of South Amboy/Sayreville died on Aug. 31.

Whitcomb, Nathalee, 90, of South Amboy died on Sept. 10.

Nathalee Whitcomb

South Amboy

Nathalee Whitcomb, 90, of South Amboy died peacefully on Tuesday September 10, 2019 at home with her family by her side. Born in Brooklyn, New York she lived in Newark before settling in South Amboy in 1958. Nathalee enjoyed trips to Atlantic City and playing the lottery, especially scratch-offs. She loved animals and babies and enjoyed vacations with her daughters Joyce, Carol and Debra.

She is predeceased by her loving husband Wilbur F. Whitcomb in 1990; 10 brothers and sisters and her best friend Theresa Farrell. She is survived by her daughters Emily Carol Gecek and her husband Thomas of Surfside Beach, South Carolina, Joyce Susan Whitcomb of South Amboy, Debra Ann Whitcomb-Rued of New Providence, New Jersey and Diane Raya of Florida; her sisters Dolores Vignera and Beatrice Garrison; her loving grandchildren Jeffrey Gecek, Thomas Gecek, Jr. and his wife Betony and Kelly D'Amore and her husband Nicholas and her great-grandchildren Christian, Collin, Kay-Leigh and Coleby D'Amore and Aiden and Dove Gecek.

Funeral services were held on Monday, September 16, 2019 at The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy, followed by interment in Clover Leaf Cemetery, Woodbridge, New Jersey.

Corinne Ryan Plocic

Corinne Ryan Plocic, 92, of Manchester died on Sunday September 15, 2019 at AristaCare at Whiting. Born in Boston, Massachusetts she lived in South Amboy and was previously employed by South Amboy Trust Company.

Daughter of the late William and Corinne Kelly Ryan she is also predeceased by her husband Marco T. "Mark" Plocic in 2004. She is survived by her sister Jean Anselmi of Langhorne, Pennsylvania and many nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be offered on Friday October 4, 2019 at 11am at Sacred Heart Church, South Amboy followed by interment in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Parlin. Arrangements are under the direction of The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy.

There is truly only one thing that can be done once.....your loved one deserves the best!



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Even if something is left undone, everyone must take time to sit still and watch the leaves turn.

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The City of South Amboy



Knock out Opioid Abuse Day October 6, 2019

"GETS YOUR STEPS IN" while Knocking Out Opioid Abuse in our community. Come join us as we distribute opioid fact door hangers throughout our community. We will meet at the South Amboy YMCA between the hours of 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Each volunteer will be given door hangers to distribute. Homeowners please look out for your informational fact sheet.

If you wish to volunteer, please contact 908-565-4415 or email kudelkak@southamboynj.gov. Volunteers must be 18 years or old unless accompanied by an adult. Please remember to wear comfortable shoes.

TRACK YOUR STEPS - MOST RECORDED STEPS WILL WIN A PRIZE.

Coordinated by the South Amboy Municipal Alliance and the South Amboy YMCA



South Amboy Municipal Alliance will be hosting these upcoming presentations.

Technology Dependence and the Impact of technology on
Substance abuse, anxiety, depression and suicide

October 9, 2019 @ 6:30pm-8:00pm
South Amboy Senior Resource Center

Current Adolescent Trends- Opiates and Extractions

October 23, 2019 @ 6:30pm-8:00pm
South Amboy Senior Resource Center



The **South Amboy Youth Organization (SAYO)** is back and better than ever!

Save the dates for our upcoming pre-teen dances.
Dances are held at the South Amboy Senior Resource Center.
DJ, pizza and refreshments will be provided.
Admission is \$20/child.

Chaperone and your child will get in **FREE** of charge! – please email kellyj@southamboynj.gov

Halloween Dance Party	October 25, 2019	7:00pm-10:00pm
80's Flashback Dance Party	November 25, 2019	7:00pm-10:00pm

For children of South Amboy residents and South Amboy City employees. Proof of residency and child's grade will be required.



South Amboy City Wide Yard Sale

**October 5 & 6, 2019
8am - 4pm**

**South Amboy residents register by October 1st
To register or for more information
contact Jaclyn at 732-525-5960 or
email kellyj@southamboynj.gov**

