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South Amboy Moving Forward

By Steve Schmid

South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry outlined accomplishments of his administration in the last year. At his recent State Of The City speech held at the South Amboy Senior Center, Henry began by quoting Henry Ford. "If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself." Henry followed with "South Amboy is moving forward and is successful in so many different ways. With this movement there are a variety of experiences in which the citizens of South Amboy can participate." He said the city continues with popular programs like the city-wide yard sale, the tree lighting and trolley tour, and Halloween parade. Henry added the free summer arts and crafts program has been extended and a new senior bus will be added in July to take seniors to supermarkets, doctors offices and other destinations within a ten mile radius. Mayor Henry said South Amboy Arts and the city produced a guitar jam in the Park, the Irish Heritage and Seafood fest, a free Irish concert, a Mozart festival with St. Mary's, and Pops in the Park. He praised the South Amboy Parade Committee for sponsoring the St. Patrick's Day Parade. "On July 3rd the City of South Amboy will again partner with Perth Amboy and Mayor Wilda Diaz to put on the Independence Day Fireworks. The Fireworks Committee put in a lot of time to make this a successful event." He added the Middlesex County freeholders are sponsoring free Wednesday night concerts at the County Park. Henry said the Historical Society offers programs about the city's history such as the sports exhibit featuring legends like Allie Clark, the O'Brien twins, Jack McKeon and Tom Kelly. He mentioned various programs at the library. Mayor Henry said four new police officers were hired to provide extra protection and be a street presence. He said the DARE program is back. "We have reinstated the program under the direction of Detective Sergeant Dan

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South Amboy Mayor Fred A. Henry delivers his annual State of the City Address on May 23, 2018. (Photo by Brian Stratton)



South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry (r) cuts the ribbon at the Grand Opening of Woodmont Cove, as local dignitaries, Woodmont Cove employees, and honored guests approvingly look on. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

First Celebrate Stars & Stripes Boat Parade



Navigator and Fleet Leader Bill Schultz (center), who is also the Raritan Riverkeeper, is responsible for charting the course for the flotilla that will cruise along the Perth Amboy and South Amboy waterfronts on July 3rd. To register online and for more details, visit the parade's web page www.Celebratestarsandstripes.com/boatparade or call 732-588-6860. Shown in the from left to right are Celebrate Ours Stars & Stripes Chairman Barry Rosengarten, Mr. Schultz, and Boat Parade Co-Captain Gary Rumpf, who is recruiting boaters along with Co-Captain Jeff Steuber. The co-captains are volunteering their time as representatives of the Perth Amboy Business Improvement District.

New Streets In South Amboy



The grand opening of the Woodmont Cove residential development in South Amboy featured the naming of new streets in the city to honor World War II veterans. Mayor Fred Henry spoke proudly about the three veterans, and introduced members of their families, who also gave beautiful speeches about their loved ones.

The streets were named after World War II veterans Max Nebus, and Lt. Howard Littell, both killed during the war, and Walter "Pete" Casey, who survived the D-Day invasion of Normandy, France, and the liberation of the Dachau concentration camp in Germany.

South Amboy Adopts Budget

The South Amboy City Council unanimously adopted a \$17.8 million budget for 2018, that will be supported by a \$10.82 million tax levy to be collected from residential and commercial property owners. Taxpayers will see a 1-cent increase in municipal taxes, which will result in \$35 for the owner of an average South Amboy home assessed at \$270,680.

The 2017 budget was for \$17.4 million, supported by a \$10.7 million tax levy.

Education Support Professionals Recognized

The Sayreville Board of Education recently honored staff members from the school district. The following were recognized at the May 15th Board of Education meeting as Support Professionals of the Year: Laurie Aich-Emma Arleth Elementary School; Linda Kudrak-Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary School; Donna Marra-Harry S. Truman Elementary School; Marleen Lewandowski-Woodrow Wilson Elementary School; Beth DeMaio and Samantha Attardi-Samsel Upper Elementary School; Marie Basile-Sayreville Middle School; Patricia Woldarczyk-Sayreville War Memorial High School. Congratulations and continued success to all!

Hoffman High School Multi-Year Reunion

All Hoffman HS alumni are invited to a day of laughter, friendship, and nostalgia! Please join us at our multi-year reunion on Sunday, Oct. 7th from 1-5 pm at Mara's on Rt. 35, South Amboy. The cost will be \$65 per person, which includes a buffet, beer, wine, and DJ. Send your check payable to one of the following: Bill Croddick, 130 So. Stevens Ave, So. Amboy; Mimi Woznica Barbieri, 27 Miara St, Parlin, 08859; or Jill Pappa Heckman, 364 Conover St, South Amboy. Questions? Contact Helenmae Stader Bilder at hbilder02@aol.com. The deadline to purchase tickets is Sept. 7th so don't miss out on a chance to create new memories!

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The South Amboy Fire Department held its memorial service in front of City Hall on May 26th. Members lost this past year were: Walter Kozak- Enterprise Hook & Ladder; George Schmitz- Protection Engine Co. Mechanicsville Hose Co.; Robert Leslie- Mechanicsville Hose Co. Thank you for your service and rest in peace. (Photos/story submitted)

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

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Pleasant Little

TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

1.Became principal of St. Mary Regional HS in 1987?

a.Sister Margaret Waldron b.John Gloss Jr. c.Frank Ianniruberto

2.St. Mary's HS Student Council President in 1974-75?

a.Brian Stratton b.Mary Fitzsimmons c.Bernadette Morus

3.In '73 Walter's Auto Body was located in Sayreville. Where?

a.Raritan St. b.Washington Rd. c.Pulaski Ave.

4.South Amboy Business Administrator in '73?

a.Nicholas Smolney b.Frank Minnick c.Edward McLane

5.Owner of Marathon Transit Co. in South Amboy back in 1973?

a.Joseph Bartlinski b.Richard Wilson c.John P. Stevens

6.In 1983, where was Preferred Travel, Inc. located?

a.Rt. 9, Sayreville Plaza b.Bordentown Ave. c.Jernee Mill Rd.

7.Sayreville War Memorial HS Homecoming Queen in '89?

a.Lauren Doyle b.Suzanne Bichette c.Danielle Aziz

8.Sayreville War Memorial HS Student Council President in 1971-72?

a.Bonnie Downs b.Pat Freeman c.Bruno Lavette

9.This legendary nightclub was located on Rt. 35 North in Morgan?

a.Colonel's Garter b.L&M Lounge c.Mel's Lounge

10.This South Amboy pizza place was famous for its thin-crust pizza pies?

a.LaMont's b.Gay 90's c.Hillcrest Inn

Answers

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

Business Of The Month

Central Jersey Starter & Alternator, Inc./Weber's Auto & Tire Center



Owner Joe Gatti (l) and Manager Kevin Golec, are pictured in front of Central Jersey Starter & Alternator, Inc./Weber's Auto & Tire Center, 1809/1815 Rt. 35, South, Morgan. Missing from photo is John Rush, manager of Weber's, and his automotive technicians John Bryant and Robert Swain. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Central Jersey Starter & Alternator, Inc./Weber's Auto & Tire Center located next door to each other at 1809 and 1815 respectively, Route 35 South, Morgan have been proudly serving the local area for 36 years. Owner Joe Gatti acquired the businesses in 1986, and continues to provide outstanding service to all.

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Sayreville Board of Education Recognizes Top Students

The Sayreville Board of Education recently recognized the top 10 students for the year at Sayreville War Memorial HS. They are Kathleen Beben, Michael

George Philip, Ashley Gordon, Hamidul Islam, Harshil Trivedi, Jonathan-Ian Balin, Supriya Iyer, Dylan Lam, Naomi Aziz, Ankur Vijayvargiya. Congratulations!

Golf Outing-July 9th

The 20th Annual Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing will be held Monday July 9th, 2018 at the Glenwood Country Club. Registration begins at 11:00 AM, lunch at 11:30 AM with a Noon tee off. The Tournament will be a Scramble format with a dinner and awards reception to follow. The entry fee of \$160.00 per person includes green fees, golf cart, lunch, dinner, beverages and prizes. Dinner only is \$50.00 per person. There will be a cash bar at dinner.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. To make your reservation please contact the Chamber office at 732-607-6340. To register online please visit our website at WWW.CHAMBEROFCOMMERCEOBSSA.ORG. Golf entries are limited to the first 72 registrants. Soft spikes only, metal spikes will not be permitted. Club Dress Code – Collared Shirts – No cut-off shorts, Jeans, Tee or Tank Tops.

Trip to Nashville

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Nashville, Tennessee from September 20 – 25, 2018. The cost of the trip is \$990.00 which includes accommodations, the Gaylord

in Nashville, bus transportation, bus gratuity, daily breakfast, a luncheon cruise, and much more. For further information or to reserve a seat please contact Carmen at 732-254-9425.

Engaged! Altland - O'Connor

Brad and Patty Altland of Hazlet announce the engagement of their daughter Christine Nichole Altland to Luke Vincent O'Connor. Luke is the son of Ed and Anna Mae O'Connor of South Amboy. Christine graduated from Monmouth University and is employed by Mater Dei Prep High School, Luke graduated from Maryland University and teaches mathematics at Union County Vo-Tech Academy for Performing Arts High School. A July 2019 wedding is planned.



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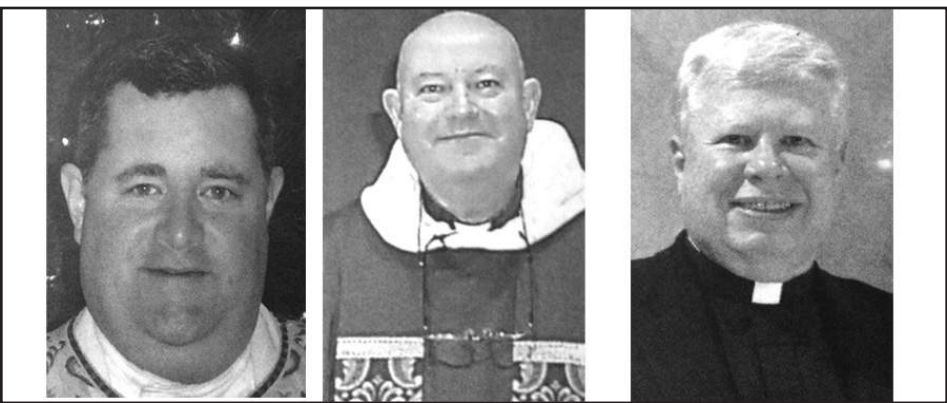
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Priests Celebrate Milestones

Our Lady of Victories Pastor, Father Thomas F. Ryan (l) is celebrating his 25th Ordination Anniversary. Father Maurice T. Carlton (c), who served as Parochial Vicar at St. Mary Parish, is currently celebrating his 50-year anniversary in the priesthood, and is the Pastor at St. Joseph Parish, High Bridge. Father John Gloss (r), Parochial Vicar of St. John Vianney Parish, Colonia celebrates his 15th year of being a priest. Prior to entering the priesthood, he was the popular Principal at St. Mary's High School. Congratulations to these wonderful priests who have certainly served South Amboy and Sayreville very well through the years.

Yearbook- Hoffman 1978

By Tom Burkard

It was autumn '77, and Hoffman High's senior class of 1978 returned to school for its final year, by probably taking orbits around "The Pleasant Little City," before reporting on the first day. "Best Of My Love" by The Emotions was the top hit in the U.S. on that early September day, and it was probably playing on their radios. While at good ol' Harold G., the yearbook was dedicated to Joseph DePasquale. The yearbook editor was Lorene Pugh. Several noteworthy faculty members were: Larry Larsen, Joanne O'Brien, Nancy Smith, Michelle Lopez, Patricia Wieringa, Joseph Enthor, Eileen Yadlosky. The Senior Class President was Margaret Mulligan, Vice President-Barbara Neumann, Secretary-Mary Puccio, Treasurer-Helen Klein. There were 63 seniors including the following random selections: Jimmy & Joann Abbatiello, Edward Dill, Diana Johnson, Lois Wortley, Stephen Lapchuk, Joseph Matarangolo, Barbara Maslowski, Robert Munck, Nancy Przybylski, Joseph Hansell, Ann Marie Rieger, Russell Zuback, Eileen Scully, Guy Rainone, Jeanine Sieber, June Stolte, Nancy Szaro, Darlene Waltz, Norma Wehrle. Margaret Mulligan was president of the National Honor Society, and Mary Puccio the Secretary. Barbara Neumann was secretary of the Student Council. Puccio was also captain of the cheerleaders, and Karen Wyzykowski, co-captain. The Pep Club and Ceramics Club were popular activities as was the Literary Magazine staff. The biggest front page news in the world in '78 was the Jonestown mass suicide; Three different popes; Mickey Rooney married for the 8th time; Mickey Mouse and Shirley Temple both turned 50; President Jimmy Carter gathered Egypt's Anwar Sadat and Israel's Menachem Begin at Camp David to agree on a peace settlement. On the Hoffman sports scene: Bob Clayton cracked the elusive 1,000 point barrier in basketball, to give Coach Ray Tomaszewski a going away present in his final season. The Guvs finished (12-11). Other talented senior athletes were: Carson Bloodgood, Theresa Coyle, Wayne Deak, Bob Kenny, Andrew Hulsart, Patricia Kelly, Donna Medeiros, Barbara Neumann, Ed Petrosky, Marty Ratajczak, Margaret Slocum, Glenn Smith, Peter Toth, Denise Vattelana, Tim Walczak. Coach Reggie Carney's baseball club finished (16-8), and the boys' soccer team went (8-7-1). The Hoffman graduation parties undoubtedly featured songs like, "You're The One That I Want" by John Travolta & Olivia Newton-John, and "Shadow Dancing" by Andy Gibb. Harold G. Hoffman High School Class of '78 was a genuinely classy group of individuals, who went on to really make a difference in the world.

Middlesex County College President Joann La Perla-Morales to Retire

Joann La Perla-Morales, president of Middlesex County College, will retire as president effective June 30, capping a 50-year career in higher education. "Dr. La Perla-Morales has been an integral part of our growth and we wish her well in her retirement," said Dorothy K. Power, chairman of the College Board. "On behalf of the Board and our entire community, we thank her for her many years of service to Middlesex County and its residents." Dr. La Perla-Morales became the sixth president of MCC in January of 2005. Mark Finkelstein, vice chair of the Board, said, "Middlesex County College offers a quality, affordable education for students from our county and state. Building on Dr. La Perla-Morales' work, we are confident that our college will be more equipped than ever to carry out its mission in the years ahead." Among many other achievements, Dr. La Perla-Morales oversaw creation of 55 new academic programs; led efforts for Middle States Self-Study and Reaccreditation; opened three new LEED-certified buildings; led the campus 10-year Master Plan effort that qualified for state bonding money for South Hall; successfully worked to establish strategic plans every three years with numerous accomplishments; wrote the grant to establish and maintain the Veterans Services Center; and responded to community needs by offering college facilities during Superstorm Sandy and the James Monroe school fire. Most notably, she kept tuition increases to less than 2 percent for more than 10 years while increasing support for student success. "My 13 years at Middlesex have been the most professionally rewarding of my life," she said. "To the students, faculty, administration, employees, alumni and Board of this great institution, I offer my sincere gratitude for providing me with the opportunity to lead an institution that will only grow stronger." Dr. La Perla-Morales serves on several boards, including New Brunswick Tomorrow, Raritan Bay Medical Center, United Way, the New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce Development, Making It Possible to End Homelessness and the Edison Arts Society. Prior to joining Middlesex, Dr. La Perla-Morales had been provost at New York College of Technology, dean of instruction at Nassau Community College, and she held positions at Bloomfield College, Union County College and Rockland Community College. Dr. La Perla-Morales holds a doctorate and master's degree from Columbia University, and a bachelor's degree from the State University of New York Oneonta. The Board will announce an interim president in the coming weeks and will begin a national search for a new president shortly.



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2018 Annual Torch Run



Pictured are local police officers at the 2018 Annual Torch Run to support the Special Olympics training funding. South Amboy Police Officer Kurt Miller (c) hold the torch, which was going to be passed to the Sayreville Police. (Photo/story by Joe Lotkowitz)



South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry poses with his wife Linda after delivering his annual State of the City speech. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Wine Tasting September 15

Sacred Heart Church is sponsoring a Wine Tasting Event in Memorial Hall on Saturday September 15 from 7-10 p.m. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be utilized for parish repairs. Tickets will be available in August. For more information call 732-721-0040.

New Members Wanted

South Amboy Senior Citizens Club is seeking new members. Anyone 60 years old that lives in South Amboy or has an 08879 zip code is eligible to join. Meetings are every 2nd Wednesday at 12 noon at the Members Wanted Senior Building on Stevens Ave. Come, have fun and join us for lunch, and see if you are interested and would like to join. Call Gretchen at 732-721-2501 or Sandy at 732-721-6576.


St. Mary's High School Class of 1968 Reunion

St. Mary's High School, South Amboy, class of 1968, is celebrating their 50th class reunion. The celebration will be on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at Doolan's Shore Club, 700 Rt. 71 in Spring Lake Heights, NJ. Beginning at 6:00 pm with a cocktail hour, there will be an open bar for the entire evening, and a buffet dinner and dancing with music provided by a DJ until 11:00 pm. The cost is \$110 per person. Please make checks payable to Kathryn Vitale(Fitzmorris) and send your check to Beth Dempsey, RSM, 22-04 Parsons Blvd., Whitestone, NY 11357. Rooms have been reserved at Doolan's. Call 732-449-3666 to make your reservations. Any questions, email Carolyn Dahl at cdahl113@gmail.com.

Taste Of South Amboy

By Steve Schmid

South Amboy restaurant owners treated local residents to a fabulous and delicious variety of food at the recent State of the City speech delivered by Mayor Fred Henry. The event held at the Senior Center, featured Shrimp Cocktail by Broadway Seafood, Sushi from Hibachi Express, Sandwiches and Juices from Pure & Simple, Bagel Wheel and Crumb Cake from Broadway Bagels, Potato Salad from Colleen's Kitchen, Stuffed Cabbage from South Amboy Deli, Empanadas and Steak Fajitas with Rice from Joe's Pizza, General Tso Chicken from Oriental House, Meatballs and Chicken Francese from Sciortino's, Penne Vodka and Combo Pizza from Amano Pizza, Sicilian Pie from Delio's Pizza, and Pizza and The Works from Don Giovanni. There was plenty of food to go around and the audience was in a good mood to hear the speech by Mayor Henry. South Amboy officials invited the restaurants to demonstrate their food and urged citizens to patronize their establishments.



On Sunday, May 27, the Honor Guard American Legion Lenape Post 211 participated in a Memorial Day Service and Mass at the Messiah Lutheran Church in Parlin. Pictured (l-r) Jamie Ayala, Artie Valentino, Rich Kosmoski, Ed Strek, Don Yetman, Pastor Nancy Nardi, Walt Twardos, Larry Lios, Joe Rudy, Charles Marzano. (Photo/Info Submitted)

Sacred Heart Seniors Trip

Sacred Heart Seniors are sponsoring a trip to the Hunterdon Playhouse Tuesday 24 to see the play "Nunsense." Cost is \$90. They are also running a trip to the Crystal Point Yacht Club Tuesday August 7 to see Vincent Talerico and the Jersey Chix. Cost is \$70. They are also sponsoring an outing to Lakeside Manor Wednesday September 25 to see "Remembering Patti Page. Transportation is on your own. Cost is \$51. For more information on these outings call Judy at 732-727-0154.



This storefront window on South Broadway in South Amboy, proudly features a display of photos for Memorial Day, as a tribute to our locals who served in the armed forces through the years. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

Summer Fun at the Dowdell Library

Summer fun highlights at the Dowdell Library include Summer Clubs, Virtual Reality Fun, Live Farm Animal Program, Family Name That Tune, Bilingual Storytime, Culinary Programs, Nostalgia Night, MIY Jewelry, Video Games & 3D Magic for Adult Beginners, and more!

Take part in the Summer Clubs for kids, teens and adults and have a chance at fun prizes throughout the summer! Kids and teens can have a chance to win free meals from Texas Roadhouse, South Amboy Arena tickets and much more! Adults will have the chance to win 1 of 2 fabulous gift baskets awarded to 2 winners at the end of the summer.

Did you ever want to try out Virtual Reality goggles? Kids, stop in on Monday, July 9 from 2:30-3:30 pm and try it firsthand. The adult program starts at 5 pm.

Adults will have the opportunity to play video games on Tuesdays, July 10 and 31 from 6:30-7:30 pm.

Join us for a live animal program presented by Paws Discovery Farms on Wednesday, July 11 at 1:30-3:00 pm. Don't forget to sign up for the Summer Clubs for a chance to win prizes.

Put your musical knowledge to test on Friday, July 13 from 3-4:30 pm for Family Name That Tune. This fast, paced, musical game has players listening to a sample of music, and then guessing the name of the song and musical artist.

Come in for the Bilingual Storytime and listen to stories in Spanish/English on Monday, July 16 from 3:30-4:30 pm

Coming in August for tweens and teens, an innovative animation workshop which will be held Tuesdays August 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 6-8 pm. Learn how to create your own superhero comic and animation skills. Open to South Amboy residents only. Application is available at the Dowdell Library and online at www.dowdell.org. Limited seating. Registration required.

Teens! Party at the Teen End of Summer BBQ on Friday, August 10 from 3-4:30 pm! Enjoy cool refreshments and look for clues to take part in a scavenger hunt for prizes!

Party with Dowdell Library and Andy the Armadillo from Texas Roadhouse for stories and fun on Monday, August 30 from 1-2 pm. Then, stay for the End of Summer Prize Party from 2-3:30 pm for prizes, refreshments and summer fun for ages 0-100.

To learn more about upcoming library programs, sign up for the monthly eNewsletter at <http://dowdell.org/newslettersignup.html>

The Dowdell Library's hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10 am to 8 pm, Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 5 pm. The library is closed on Saturdays through Labor Day Weekend. For more information, please visit www.dowdell.org, or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org.

Longwood Gardens Christmas Trip

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Brandywine Valley on November 28 - 29, 2018. The price of the trip is \$275.00 which includes hotel accommodations, breakfast and dinner, admission to Longwood both day and evening for their lighted Christmas display and evening at Harrah's

Casino. In addition bus transportation and bus driver gratuity are also included. We will also have a tour of QVC Studios and a shopping stop at Peddler's Village. For further information or to reserve a seat please contact Teri at 732-727-7639.

Honoring Servicemen and Women Who Made the Ultimate Sacrifice

Servicemen and women who were killed while on active duty for our nation were remembered during a somber ceremony May 19. In addition to raising a Killed In Action Flag on the flagpole outside of the Middlesex County Courthouse, the Board of Chosen Freeholders recognized

Barbara and Trent Rhoads, the parents of US Army Specialist Ryan Rhoads, who died in May 2015. The couple also received the County Clerk's first Gold Star Parent ID Card.

Trip to American Music Theater Christmas Show

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to The American Music Theater to see their Christmas Show on Saturday, November 3, 2018. The cost of the trip is \$150 which includes the ticket to the show, bus transportation, bus driver gratuity, lunch at Shady Maple and snacks to and from the show. For further information or to reserve a seat please contact Teri at 732-727-7639.

Congratulations!

Mark Abbatiello (r) and his wife Soonja Abbatiello, are pictured for the last time as owners of Broadway Seafood, which was a popular eatery for locals over the past 8 years. Congratulations, and thank you for the great seafood through the years! (Photo by Tom Burkard)

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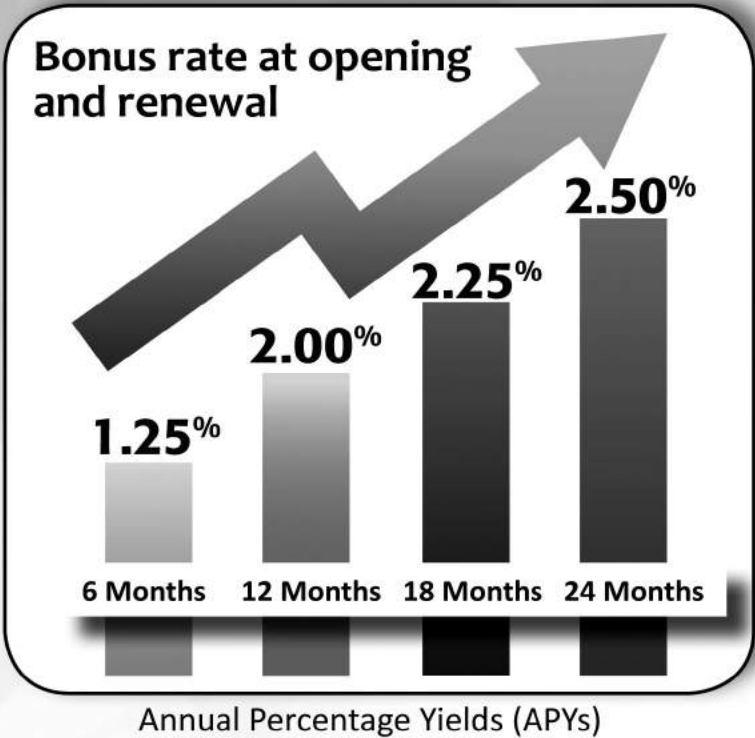
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Members of Sayreville American Legion Lenape Post 211 placed flags on St. Stanislaus Cemetery in observance of Memorial Day. Pictured seated (l-r) Joseph Castellano, Joseph Rudy. Standing (l-r) Walter Twardos, Stanley Drwal, Charles Marzano, Val Leitner, Michael Fischer, John Halasz, Artie Valentino. (Photo/info submitted by Edward Strek, Captain of the Honor Guard)

The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, MS

Every year, Independence Day celebrations across the country include the fiery, colorful displays and explosive pops of consumer-grade fireworks. Though consumer fireworks are as common as cookouts during America's birthday, their use still results in numerous fires and bodily injuries every year. For many years, the state of New Jersey had banned the use of consumer fireworks but recently has changed the law. Sparklers and poppers are now legal to use by consumers. While large fire crackers and displays are still banned in the state, they will be purchased out of state and brought illegally into New Jersey and exploded. These types of devices are worrisome to all emergency responders: the police who respond to the call of an emergency; the fire department that must extinguish a fire caused by the illegal fireworks; and the emergency service who must attempt to treat someone that might have been badly burned or blown off an extremity.

Fireworks laws across the country can vary on a state and local level. Legal fireworks in one state may not be legal in another. Across the state line in Pennsylvania it is legal to purchase most any kind of fireworks display. In states out west, volunteer fire departments and fraternal organizations set up stands along the roadways and sell fireworks during the week leading up to Independence Day as a way of making money and it is all perfectly legal. Do you think that would ever happen in New Jersey? It all depends on the type of communities, rural or suburban, wooded or urban, as to how and where fireworks can be purchased and ignited.

Each July 4th, thousands of people, most often children and teens, are injured while using consumer fireworks. Despite the dangers of fireworks, few people understand the associated risks—devastating burns, other injuries, fires, and even death. Fireworks

start an average of 18,500 fires per year, including 1,300 structure fires, 300 vehicle fires, and 16,900 outside and other fires and an estimated average of \$43 million in direct property damage. In 2015, U.S. hospital emergency rooms treated an estimated 11,900 people for fireworks related injuries; 51% of those injuries were to the extremities and 41% were to the head. Children younger than 15 years of age accounted for 26% of those injuries.

Fireworks also pose fire hazards in areas that have experienced ongoing drought conditions or persistent heat. State and local officials may issue a fireworks ban based on the current weather conditions related to the drought monitor, soil dryness and the amount of precipitation the region has received. Many of these facts are related to the illegally purchased fireworks that some of our neighbors insist on buying year after year. Sometimes it is impossible to instill in them the dangers they cause themselves, their families, and their neighbors. We cannot forget about the pets, some get deathly scared from the constant boom, boom, boom.

The legal sparklers that can be purchased in the grocery stores burn at 1200 degrees Fahrenheit, hot enough to burn the skin off your hand if you inadvertently pick one up before it has a chance to cool. If you are using them, have a bucket of water nearby and drop the finished rod in the water to cool before of disposing it and possibly causing a fire.

The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public display conducted by trained professionals. These types of displays are inspected by the local fire marshal and if all is in compliance with fire regulations, then and only then, are the permits issued. Each year there are a multitude of horrific incidents involving illegal fireworks, don't let there be one in OUR community!

Tomasello Winery Trip

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to the Tomasello Winery on October 24, 2018. The cost of the trip is \$60.00 which includes the wine tasting, a delicious lunch at the winery, stop at Smithville Inn, bus transportation, bus gratuity, and snacks. Please call 732-727-1655. Geri Steiner to reserve a seat at 732-727-1655.

Chelle Martin Wins Writers Competition

Chelle Martin of Sayreville won 1st place in the 2018 Writers-Editors Network International Competition in the Children's Literature Category for her rhyming picture book "What's In Mommy's Kitchen." The judges comments praised Chelle's latest outstanding work, saying, "This fresh alphabet poem introduces young children to the contents of a kitchen, in a kid-friendly way. Each line offers an easy-to-picture image that lifts this timeless topic into the realm of a potentially favorite picture book."

Chelle, a '79 graduate of St. Mary's HS, has had an outstanding writing career, and we congratulate her, and wish her much more continued success!



Connor Leonard, a student at Our Lady of Victories School, shows the medal he received for his outstanding fundraising efforts for JDRF last October. Through everyone's efforts, the school, family, friends and fundraisers, Team Connor raised a huge \$8,120! The medal he received is given to the top 5% of fundraisers for One Walk across the country. Congratulations Connor on a job well-done! (Photo/info submitted by Jill Leonard)

Baseball: 1864 Style

By Tom Burkard

Probably the most unique baseball game in South Amboy history was played at Veterans Park Home of Jack McKeon Field on a very hot pre-summer day. The Historical Society of South Amboy (HSSA) organized this most interesting battle between our home team John Bulls of Radford's Ferry, and the Monmouth Furnace club, which has been playing by rules from way, way back in 1864 with other teams throughout the state for several years.

Monmouth should have been the overwhelming favorite in this fun contest, especially with their experience at this type of play, but hometown fans realized the John Bulls would provide a tough test for the visitors. Player/manager/captain Joe Szaro, hand-picked some of the most talented athletes from town including former All-State, All-Everything, John "Skeets" Skarzynski, Rob Ruskuski, Councilman Tom Reilly, Ken Kokoszka, the Kelly twins, John and Mike, HSSA Vice-President George Fuller, the Pizzillo brothers, Tom and Jerry, and Mayor Fred Henry, who last pitched in a baseball game at this field for St. Mary's HS in 1968, and went on to pitch for Middlesex County College, and later Trenton State College. Also seeing plenty of action was Pete Carroll and Dylan Iorillo.

The John Bulls played a fantastic all-around game, and blasted the Furnace, 17-6, as Henry was dominant on the mound, pitching a complete game for the big "W." He received plenty of hitting support from Szaro who went 4-for-5, and Skarzynski, who also belted the ball, as did the rest of the winners lineup. In addition the defense sparkled, as everyone contributed with smart plays, and all-out hustle.

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Holovacko so we will be back in the schools with a uniformed officer. This program is designed to help instruct students to make informed decisions about drugs and alcohol and to keep them safe" He lauded Kim Seber for her efforts in supplying public information about the drug epidemic problem and her Fed Up program enjoys his full support. Henry said roads and infrastructure are being improved and noted that Bordentown Ave., Stevens Ave., Pine Ave., and O'Leary Blvd. will be paved with the help of a \$580,000 DOT grant. Henry talked about the downtown business district. "We have seen a growth on Broadway with the opening of a barbershop, a juice bar, and the coming of a cake bakery and a coffee house, and a new pizza store has opened on Bordentown Ave." He praised the re-emergence of the Business Association. Mayor Henry talked about development: "Two properties which are moving quite well are Ryan Homes, at the entrance of the County Park, and Woodmont Development next to Venetian Healthcare. It is projects like these, through our redevelopment agreements, that bring in more revenue to the city with minimal impact on our city services and schools." He said plans are continuing to bring back ferry service and said environmental requirements have been met. They are in the design phase of the parking lot and terminal. He added the city is negotiating with engineering firms to work on the bulkhead, waterfront development, and landscape. Henry said business administrator Glen Skarzynski and former business administrator Camille Tooker are working hard on this project.. The mayor said the city council has passed the 2018 budget that includes a tax increase of one cent which equates to approximately 30 dollars for the average South Amboy home. "Our general tax rate of 2.705 is one of the lowest in the county. This past year we realized a \$2.3 million surplus. From that we added \$1.1 million to this year's budget to keep taxes in check. During my term as mayor, my administration has generated surpluses the last 6 years, including the last three years where there has been a significant increase in surpluses from \$1.4 million in 2015, to \$1.7 million in 2016, to \$2.3 million in 2017. Most of this is the result of the smart growth redevelopment which I already laid out." He added city taxpayers benefit from higher bond ratings from Moody's and S and P.

Vintage Baseball Game-June 9, 2018

(Photos/captions by Tom Burkard)



The John Bulls of Radford's Ferry posed for a team shot before their Vintage Baseball game, played by baseball rules of 1864, against the Monmouth Furnace Baseball Club.



American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62 of South Amboy presented the colors for "The Star Spangled Banner."



Radford's Ferry first baseman George Fuller also served as the announcer with a megaphone.



John Bulls player/manager Joe Szaro (c) wins the old-fashioned bat toss, and chooses home team.



Mayor Fred Henry makes his first baseball pitching appearance at Veterans Park/Jack McKeon Field in 50 years, since his senior year with St. Mary's in '68. He pitched a great game for the John Bulls, helping them to a victory over the heavily-favored Monmouth Furnace club.



Jerry Pizzillo was very busy at the refreshment area selling hot dogs for a nickel, and soft drinks as well.



South Amboy is famous for the O'Brien twins, John and Ed, and the John Bulls featured the Kelly twins, John and Mike.



John Bulls batboy, Kenny Kokoszka even got a chance to bat, and really belted the ball.



Radford's Ferry John Bulls proudly lined up on the first base line after their stunning victory.

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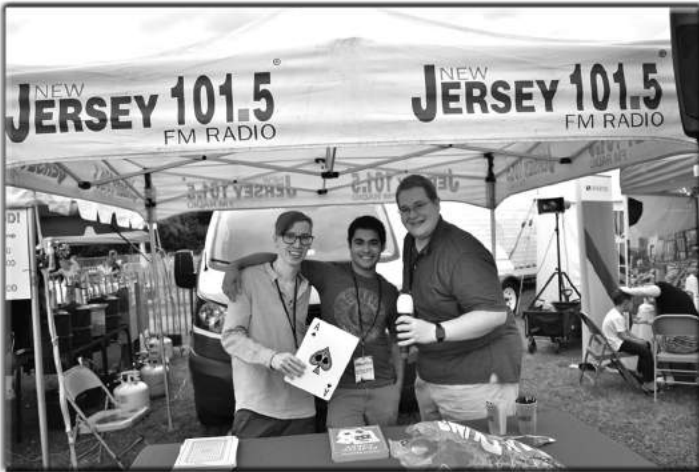


St. Stan's Carnival


(Photos by Tom Burkard)




Rev. Kenneth Murphy, Pastor (l) is pictured with Mayor Kennedy O'Brien (2nd from left) and other clergy members.




N.J. 101.5 FM ran a great trivia contest and gave out some cool prizes to the winners.



Riverton employees ran a face painting stand for the children.




Parents watch youngsters enjoying kiddie ride.





South Amboy City Wide Yard Sale

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



This large sign on Bordentown Ave. catches yard salers eyes as they cruise "The Pleasant Little City."





These ambitious youngsters had a fun day selling items on First St.

Letter to the Editor

I was in attendance for Mayor Henry's recent State of the City address in South Amboy, which I found to be both puzzling and alarming because he began by discussing, and concentrating on, the many parades and festivals that occurred here in South Amboy over the past year. While there is indeed merit in hosting events such as the St. Patrick's Day Parade, Irish Heritage Festival, Halloween Parade, and holiday tree lighting, I was expecting to hear more substantial comments from the mayor about the state of the city.

I was hoping to hear answers about the more pressing issues concerning South Amboy, including why taxes are still so high, why there has been such a delay in creating proper redevelopment opportunities for businesses, what is stifling economic growth, why there haven't been any significant plans to address the city's growing opioid and heroin problem and what innovative ideas the mayor and council have to move South Amboy forward.

While I was happy to see that Mayor Henry brought the meeting directly to the senior members of our community at the South Amboy Senior Center, and provided them with food that looked delicious, I am still confused as to why his state of the city address was held in the middle of the afternoon during business hours when most citizens are busy working. I also noticed that his remarks have not been posted on the South Amboy.com website for those who missed the meeting to read for themselves.

I am running for election against Mayor Henry and while I respect him for his efforts I believe that we need someone to take South

Amboy in a new direction and that we need a new leader who will address the critical issues affecting our citizens each and every day. For decades, the city has languished in underdevelopment, broken promises, and static economic growth. I aim to attract new businesses to South Amboy, in both the waterfront and downtown districts, by creating a strong core economic business development group that will be based on not only input from business leaders but from members of the public as well.

We also need to be innovative in our thinking and work together to find real solutions and not just point out real problems. South Amboy can greatly benefit from a supermarket right here in the city for its residents. We can make this happen by properly identifying the correct location that would be most cost-effective and most accessible for shoppers.

Every resident has a voice which counts and I want this election to be a true commentary on why many voices are stronger than one single voice. Unfortunately, holding a midday state of the city address where the mayor touts the many commemorations and celebrations South Amboy holds lacks transparency. I will be the steward who makes certain that government operating under my watch will be open for all to see.

While parades and festivals are excellent ways to offer fun and enjoyable opportunities for citizens, we need to also remain focused on the core mission of our city's leaders.

Peter Pissar
South Amboy
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Service Professionals Honored

The Sayreville Board of Education recognized the following Education Support Services Professional of the Year at each of the Borough's schools: Emma Arleth Elementary School-Kara Schlaline; Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary School-Regina Howard; Woodrow Wilson Elementary School-Pamela Schleck; Samsel Upper

Elementary School-Alexandra DeCicco; Sayreville Middle School-David Fischer; Sayreville War Memorial High School-Kristin Hartnett. Congratulations!



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DUI Drill At South Amboy High School

Students watched a DUI Drill performed by The South Amboy Police, Fire, First Aid and EMS Squads.



The Police are the first to arrive on the scene and attend to the front seat passenger.



Attempts were made to revive the victim but the victims injuries were too severe.



Rescue workers used the Jaws Of Life to remove the second passenger from the rear seat.

Local Financial Services Professional Earns National Certification

Sylvia Rapoport, Vice President & Marketing Manager, Amboy Bank, was recently awarded the Certified Financial Marketing Professional (CFMP) certification from the American Bankers Association.

“We are proud of her earning the CFMP certification, which reflects her experience and depth of bank marketing knowledge,” said Greg Scharpf, Executive Vice President & Chief Retail Banking Officer.

The CFMP certification is awarded to individuals who demonstrate excellence in the field of financial services marketing. To qualify for the CFMP certification, individuals must have certain levels of experience and education in the financial services marketing profession, pass an exam and agree to abide by a code of ethics. The CFMP exam covers many areas including financial principles, laws and regulations, market research, characteristics of marketing plans, and marketing components.

Rapoport, who joined Amboy Bank in 2007, has over 15 years of business marketing experience. In her role as Vice President, Marketing Manager, she manages the bank's in-house agency and is responsible for advertising, public relations, communications



Sylvia Rapoport

and the bank's marketing research programs. A resident of Holmdel, Rapoport earned a Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science from Rutgers University. She serves as the Chairwoman of The New Jersey Bank Marketing Association and is a member of The NJ Ad Club. She was honored as a Best Marketing and Communications Professional under 40 by the NJ Ad Club and the Jersey Shore Public Relations & Advertising Association.

Financial services professionals, working through ABA, initiated the CFMP certification and seven others in order to establish meaningful standards of knowledge in specialty areas of the financial services industry. ABA Professional Certifications formally recognize those who meet these standards and meet professional continuing education and development requirements.

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Grease, Fat, Lard & Other Good Things

By Elaine Holton Scott

Not many men had lived to the retirement age of 65 when I was growing up, and it wasn't because they had enjoyed working. Since males rarely went to see a doctor, they just never learned if they had "bad" cholesterol, high blood pressure, diabetes, or any other health issues. Most really hadn't even known what those diseases exactly were anyway. Instead, men had just died early. We now know eating habits were a big reason for those medical conditions.

Through the ‘50s, ‘60’s and even well-into the ‘70s, “healthy” meals had included lots of red meat, lots of starch and lots of carbs. Lots of bacon grease had been used for both frying food, and adding flavor to others, while lots of salt was added to all of it. “Lots” was the keyword. Salt and pepper shakers in those years were like sugar bowls, a must have on every table. One of the first things you’d hear when a family sat down to eat together was “please, pass the salt”...with the word, please, being omitted more often than not. When making soup, fat from the meat had rarely been skimmed off the top because the fat had added more flavor, while making fat drippings into gravy, even when it was lumpy, just made everything seem to taste better. As for lard, many housewives were still cooking “the old way” by using it for frying food, and as the shortening for baking cakes and pies...even smearing it on bread instead of more expensive butter.

In those bygone days, when all vitamins came from food and not from pill bottles, kids had loved eating “squoshy” white bread, so soft you almost didn’t have to chew it. Meantime, cereal would just about get “smothered” with sugar; and except for

summertime, vegetables came from the can, while fresh mixed salads usually had never appeared on the table at all. This was before schools started being urged to provide healthy lunches for kids, in fact, there weren't any lunches being served in school at all. Metal lunch boxes and brown paper lunch bags would be filled with sandwiches from home, usually made from processed meat like inexpensive baloney between slices of that squooshy white bread I already mentioned... all of it considered healthy.

No longer can we claim ignorance as to the reasons for high cholesterol and high blood pressure. All of us are well-aware of the fact that fried foods aren't healthy. Bread may still be the staff of life as the Bible claims but only if it's whole grain and not the squooshy white kind. Even the old saying, "worth your weight in salt" isn't heard any longer because we're well-aware that too much salt is a no no. As for sugar, well, all of us born during those years of ignorance had learned firsthand what it can do to teeth. So, I ask you, why in this age of healthy eating awareness, do commercials for fatty fast foods literally abound on TV?

****Not many people know that grease from fat drippings contains glycerin, a major component of nitroglycerin used in the making of dynamite and other explosives. During WWII, the American Salvage Committee was formed to get housewives to save their grease as an important war time effort. Just one pound of donated fat could be made into one pound of explosives. Getting four cents for each pound of that donated fat had been an extra incentive.

*****HAPPY 4TH EVERYONE!*****



Freeholder Kenneth Armwood (from left), Freeholder Deputy Director Charles E. Tomaro, Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios, Freeholder Charles Kenny, Barbara Rhoads, Trent Rhoads and Freeholder Shanti Narra help raise the flag in memory of those KIA.



Pictured (l-r) Middlesex County Deputy County Clerk Zusette Dato, County Clerk Elaine M. Flynn, and Tracy Orr of the Clerk's Office, pose with an oversized replica of the Gold Star Parent ID Card, which is given to a parent, legal guardian or other legal custodian of servicemen or women who died while on active duty for the United States. Many businesses and organizations offer special discounts or other kinds of recognition to those carrying veteran identification cards such as the Gold Star Parent ID Card. Photo/info submitted

Rare Postcard



This popular South Amboy Esso Station on South Stevens Ave., was owned by the late Bill Masterson Sr. The postcard is very rare and from the 1950's. The business later became Wally & Bumps Service Station and was owned by Mr. O'Brien.

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Cruise Night In South Amboy
(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Pictured enjoying Cruise Night in South Amboy is Maynard Nelson, a 1961 Sayreville HS graduate.



Patrolman Steven Clark (l) and Special Officer Patrick Kelly (r) were on patrol on North Broadway during Cruise Night.

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Customer Appreciation Day

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Owner Hershey Patel (3rd from left) and his amazing staff provided an excellent barbecue in appreciation for all of his customers throughout the years.



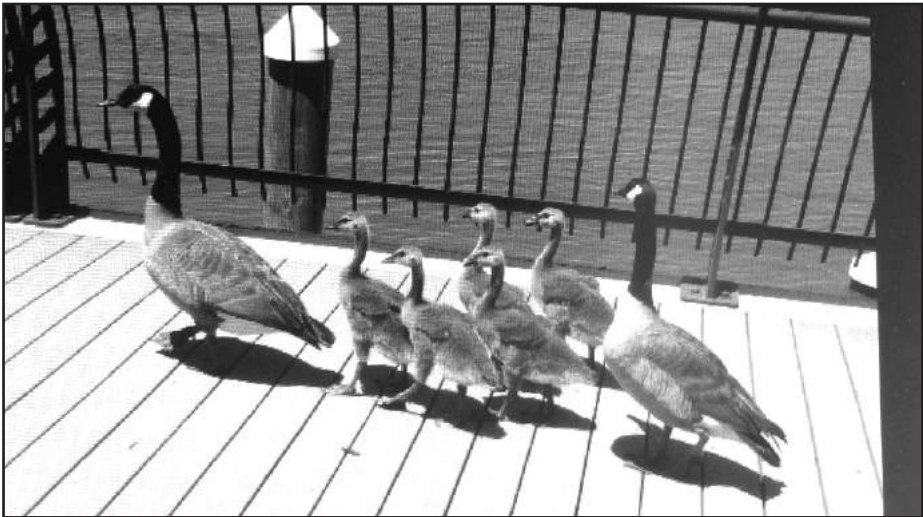
This customer proudly holds his dog, who is all dressed up in patriotic colors for Memorial Day.



Local Wildlife



This baby groundhog may one day see his own shadow. (Photo by Phyllis Stratton)



This family of Geese was spotted as they were out taking a stroll on a sunny day at the boardwalk in Buchanan Park in Sayreville. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



Vinnie of Matawan is pictured shopping at Dollar Tree in Matawan, with two of his favorite feathered friends, Fortune and Robin. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Middlesex County College Dean's List

A total of 1101 students were named to the Middlesex County College Dean's List for spring 2018. By towns:
Sayreville: Emily Trzeciak, Divya Pate, Brandon Chinchilla, Josef Kakish, Meghan Luzetsky, Mariam Barseghyan, Abigail Benko, Thao Phung, Thomas Brewer, Brandon Cenci, Daniel Reeve, Arfys Perez, Samantha Wagner, Emma Denby, Ashley Isip, Damian Truszkowski, Stephanie Ratica, Aldo Aguayo, Cristian Alvarez, Maris Matthews, Justin Lotenberg, Melanie Bisaha, Sydney Gelpke, Mariyah Moore, Jasmine

Urrutia, Claudia Martinez, Christine Desa.
South Amboy: Patricia Cortes, Gary Colfer, McKenzie Coyne, Isabelle Sas, Priya Kumar, Faizaan Siddique, Jake Allen, Michael Mirra, Marena Cleary, Kathleen Schnell, Jensen Fernandez, Skylar Honimar, Daniel Cella, Melissa Hoehman, James Langan, Kevin Samson, Shannon Tran, Cristalle Ruiz, Ian O'Connor, Victoria Reilly, Maureen Matthews, Miranda Miranda, Matthew Michalik, Amanda LaVigne, Alize Caba. Congrats to all!

Oh Chef Of The Future!!!



The Sodexo Food Service Company held a Future Chefs context at the Middle/High School cafeteria. The chefs dazzled those in attendance with their culinary skills with each of them winning a particular category and Mia Pina taking the over prize with her Susi!. Pictured (l-r) front row, Haley McNauty, Jason Perez, Mia McCall, Nelson Adame and Mia Pina, Back row are the judges (l-r) Lynn Kasics, BOE Vice President, Jorge Diaz, Superintendent of Schools, Paula Taggart, BOE and Sean Dunphy, Principal of SA Elementary School. Congratulations to all the chefs, keep cooking! (Photo by Brian Stratton)

Remember When?



Those were the days! When St. Mary's Grammar School students played "Jump-Rope" in the schoolyard on Second St. Does anyone know if kids still jump/skip rope? This picture was probably taken in the 1960's, and submitted by an avid SA Times reader.

Home at Last, Home at Last

By John "Flip" Phillips

In early April 1948, three South Amboy young men killed in action (KIA) in the Pacific during WW2, were finally returned home for re interment. Two were Marines and one was a US Army soldier. All three were members of the Sacred Heart Parish and are buried in the Military Section of the cemetery. They were: SSGT Frank A Kuligowski and PFC Edmund Pupek USMC, and Joseph Schultz US Army. Frank and Edmund were KIA in March 1945 during the battle of Iwo Jima, and Joseph was KIA in July 1944 while in combat fighting in Guam. SSGT Kuligowski was awarded the Silver Star posthumously, the country's third highest bravery award. The award reads in part: The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the Silver Star Medal Posthumously to Staff Sergeant Frank A. Kuligowski, United States Marine Corps. For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Acting Platoon Leader of Company C, Fifth Engineer Battalion Fifth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima from 19 February to 24 March 1945....by his daring tactics, dauntless leadership and indomitable fighting spirit throughout, Staff Sergeant Kuligowski upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. For the President, James Forrestal

While researching the story I found that Edmund Pupek's brother Chester, CPL US Army Air Corps was KIA on December 23, 1944 while on a combat mission over the skies of Belgium. He is also buried in the Sacred Heart Cemetery. (can you imagine the sadness the parents of the Pupek brothers to receive notice of the loss of two sons, one right before Christmas and the other just a couple of months later)

All three were laid to rest in early April 1948 with full military honors which included all night vigils over the casket by the Polish Catholic War Veterans, American Legion and VFW members. A requiem high Mass was held at the Sacred Heart Church for each before burial, with the eulogy delivered by the pastor Rev. Walter Urbanik. The pallbearers included South Amboy friends who shared their youth.

The Parents: S.Sgt. Frank A Kuligowski, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kuligowski of 409 David St.; The Pupek brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Ignatius Pupek of 412 Henry St.; PFC Joseph Schultz,

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schultz, Melrose.

And there is more: With the help of Mary Szaro and former South Amboy resident retired USMCLt. Col Jerry Connors we were able to find information on several other KIA South Amboy boys. They are:

John A Connors, CPL US Army perhaps the first causality from South Amboy in WW2. In June of 1942 his parents received notice that John was missing in action MIA. John was a soldier on Corregidor in the Philippines when the Japanese invaded the country in 1942. He died there and is listed on the "Walls of the Missing" in the American cemetery Manila.

Joseph F Mioduski, CPL USMC Sixth Marine Division FMF (Fleet Marine Force) was KIA during the furious battle for Okinawa in May 1945. Joseph lived at 34 Laurel Street before entering the Marines. He was survived by his grandmother Anne Szafranski. Joseph is buried in the Military Section, Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Howard Inman, SGT USMC 4th Marine Division FMF was KIA on March 5, 1945 during the battle for Iwo Jima. He was a dog handler assigned with his scout dog "Kit" to seek out and identify hidden enemy positions. Howard lived 315 John Street before entering the Marines. Howard was survived by his wife Mrs. Howard B Inman 315 John Street, South Amboy New Jersey. He is buried in the Christ Church Cemetery.

Eugene P Gatz, TSgt United States Army Air Corps was reported missing in action MIA, while on a bombing mission over Hungary, southwest of Budapest. Eugene was a Sacred Heart Grammar School and Hoffman HS graduate (class of 1940). He entered the military in 1942. His unit was the 737th Bomber Squadron (B-24 Liberators) assigned to the 15th Air Force, Mediterranean Theatre of Operations, stationed in Italy. He received the Air Medal for outstanding bravery. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gatz of 514 John Street.

As a former Marine it humbles me to read and then write about the sacrifice made for us by these brave young men. I think, there but for the Grace of God go I. When you are young, and you raise your right hand to take the oath to protect and defend the USA, it does not pass in your mind that the ultimate sacrifice might be asked for. Lest We Forget



Joseph Mioduski
Sacred Heart Cemetery



Howard Inman, Christ
Church Cemetery



Edmund Pupek
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Frank A. Kuligowski
Sacred Heart Cemetery

Both John A Connors and Eugene P Getz were officially listed as MIA so their burial sites are unknown.

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Annual Meeting/Recognition Dinner
(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Alumni President Dorothy Bitetto (l), Lakhwinderpal "Paul" Singh, the 2018 Alumnus of the Year (c) , and MCC President Joann La Perla-Morales (r) are shown following the event.



MCC Alumni Officers are pictured with outgoing College President Joann La Perla-Morales (seated 2nd from left).

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2018 SUMMER ARTS & CRAFTS PROGRAMS/EVENTS

July 2 - August 3rd—Summer Arts and Crafts Program

July 2: 1st day of parks 9:00 AM - Noon

July 4: No Parks in observance of Independence Day

July 6: Roller skating 10AM - 12:30PM

July 11: Face painting (all parks)

July 12: Sports Day—Conlogue Ave Park 9AM - 12PM

July 13: Roller skating 10AM - 12:30PM

July 16: Decorate a t-shirt day (All parks)

July 18: Sports Day - Conlogue Ave Park 9AM - 12PM

July 19: Bingo - Senior Center 10-11AM

July 20: Roller skating 10AM - 12:30PM

July 24: Trip to Museum of Natural History

July 26: Bingo - Senior Center 10-11AM

July 27: Roller skating 10AM - 12:30PM

July 30: Bingo - Senior Center 10-11AM

August 1: Talent show/T-Shirt Contest/Crazy Hat & Hair Contest at Senior Center 10-11:30AM

August 2: Chalk Day - 6th Street Park - 10-11AM

August 3: Roller skating/ Last day pizza party 10AM - 12:30PM

ALL ABOVE EVENTS OPEN TO REGISTERED ARTS & CRAFTS PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS ONLY

July 3 (Rain Date July 5): South Amboy/Perth Amboy Fireworks Display and Boat Parade. (Park opens at 4PM to the public. Fireworks go off at dusk)

July 20: Cruise Night - 6PM-9PM on Broadway

August 5: Independence Engine & Hose Co #1 Car Show - 10AM-4PM on Broadway

August 7: National Night Out - 6PM to dusk at the South Amboy High school parking lot

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(Rain Date: July 5th)



Sayreville American Legion Post 211 Flag Day Ceremonies

(Photos/info submitted)



American Legion Lenape Post 211, Sayreville Commander Larry Bishop (right) and Post Chaplain Joe Myers prepare for the annual flag retirement ceremony.



Past commanders (l-r) Artie Valentino, Ed Strek, and Rich Kosmoski inspect a ceremonial flag in preparation for the annual flag retirement ceremony held at the Sayreville American Legion Post 211 on Flag Day, June 14th.



Sayreville American Legion Post 211 Honor Guard join with the staff of Truman School following Flag Day ceremonies held at the school.



Flag Day

Sayreville American Legion Honor Guard members Jamie Ayala and Artie Valentino lower the American Flag during Flag Day ceremonies held at the Truman School in Parlin.



This collectors item keychain was given out when The Halfway House opened under new ownership, and a new name, Gets' Halfway House. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

WWW.? May Winners

The May Mystery Photo is located at the corner of Ridgeway Ave. & Raritan St. in the Mechanicsville section of South Amboy, and the building had at least 6 different business names through the years. Readers got credit for a correct answer if they named only one. The businesses were: John's Halfway House; The Halfway House; Gets' Halfway House; Anthony's; Jule's; 3rd Base. Two of the most renowned owners were Joe "Whitey" Wojciechowski, and Howard "Howie" Deitche.

The winners were: Estelle Pluskota, Chuck Pickard, Pat & Bill Scully, Jack Piskorski, Keith Piskorski, Lorraine Krause, Nancy Berry, W. Tom Kross, Marlene Letwenski, Dennis Quinlan, Jeffrey Georgiana, Joan Gorczyca, Peggy and Steve Yuhas, Jason Valetutto, Marie English, Ed English, Renee Parsons, Stephen Laskiewicz, Joan Fulham, Maryanne Matarangolo, Mary Agnes Morris, Elizabeth Leveille, Gerry Sherry, Leon Credico, Eleanore Westerholm, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Gary Fere, Mark Moniello, Jim Malkiewicz, Walter Starzec Jr., Dennis

WWW.? Mystery Photo Letters

Tom,
This picture brought back many pleasant memories. Back in the day it was John's Half-Way House located on Ridgeway Ave. in South Amboy. Independence Engine & Hose Co. #1 had many Christmas Parties there, and always had a great time, miss those days. W. Tom Kross



Does this look familiar to you? If you've been around this area for a "long" time, this should be a "no-brainer." Send your answer in to: thesatimes@aol.com by July 16th. Good luck! (Photo submitted)



May-WWW.? The corner of Ridgeway Ave. & Raritan St, which held many names..

& Kathy OLeary, Lynn Loy, Jeanmarie Podolak, Ed Bender, Dane Colburn, Don Zrebiec, Judy Guilfoyle, Lisa Grankowski, Bob Martenak, Michael Deitche.

Hi Tom,
This month's mystery picture is of Johnny's Halfway House in Mechanicsville. It was there I went to my cousin-Jean Ryan Norek's wedding reception. There were many names for this establishment through the years, but I remember it as Johnny's Halfway House. Peggy and Steve Yuhas

FROG HOLLOW SWIM & TENNIS CLUB ANNOUNCES FIVE-MILE ROAD RACE

Portion of Proceeds to Benefit South Amboy First Responder Organizations
Frog Hollow Swim and Tennis Club located on Ferris Street in South Amboy announced today that its annual summer road race will be held on Sunday, September 9, 2018 through the streets of the City of South Amboy with a portion of the proceeds to benefit the City's dedicated first responder organizations.
The race originated as a five-mile trek through the rolling hills of South Amboy and was famous for the dreaded Feltus Street hill. In recent years, however, the run was cut back to a flat, fast 5K race predominantly through the County Waterfront Park.
This year, the Frog Hollow Board of Governors voted to bring the race back to its original glory as a five-mile road race and a one-mile kids fun run that was approved by South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry and City Council earlier this month.

The five-mile race entry fee is \$25 in advance and \$30 at the gate. The kids fun run is free. Race-day registration will open at 6:30am at the Club with the five-mile

race beginning at 8am and the kids fun run starting at 9am.
Once again, all registered five-mile runners will have the opportunity to use the pool facilities for the day and can bring guests for a cost of \$10 per person. This will be the last opportunity to swim for the year.
The course route is still being finalized but the five-mile race plan includes the full length of Broadway and the Feltus Street hill that was a landmark challenge of years past.
"We see this as a great opportunity to highlight the town and its businesses community to Club members and other runners/spectators who might otherwise miss all that South Amboy has to offer," said James Bello, President. "We will be reaching out the business community in hopes that they are interested in participating in some way whether for a water stop, a contribution in the gift bag, special offers or just to cheer on race day."
Online registration is available at <https://register.compuscore.com/froghollow>. Sponsorship opportunities are available by contacting Stacey Kennedy at 732-757-9816.

Korean War Veterans' Advocate To Visit

(Article submitted)

Hannah Y Kim, a Korean War Veterans Advocate will visit the Korean War Memorial, Brighton Park, 124 Park Place, on the Boardwalk in Atlantic City, and present a commemorative wreath at 11 a.m. on July 19. There will also be a brief ceremony presented by Representatives of the Dept. of New Jersey Korean War/Defense Veterans. This will be her 69th stop on a 3-month journey visiting Korean War Memorial in 50 states, to honor and remember those who served in that long ago, far away conflict, 1950-53, and to help promote peace on the Korean Peninsula. Given the alarming level of tensions in the region today, her mission could not be more

timely. She also hopes her mission will raise awareness about the Wall of Remembrance, the long-overdue addition to the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC. The Wall was approved by Congress in 2016, but a lack of funds delayed its construction for 2 years. As a result, the names of the nearly 37,000 Americans who died in Korea are still waiting to be inscribed for posterity.
For more info contact: Gerald Parker, Korean War Memorial Foundation (415) 250-8518; gerardvparker@gmail.com; www.kwmf.org. Or Hannah Y Kim, Remember 727 (202) 674-2934; hannah@remember727.org; www.remember727.org.



The family of World War II veteran Walter "Pete" Casey, proudly posed for this photo under the street sign at Woodmont Cove, which was dedicated to Pete at the recent Grand Opening of Woodmont Cove. Pictured (l-r) Michael Griffin, Pete's grandson, Mary (Casey) Griffin, Pete's daughter, and Stanley Griffin, Mary's husband. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

Where in New Jersey?



This month's Where In NJ will let you take a train ride, and at one time you could take a really SLOW ride! Send your answer by July 16th to satimes@aol.com.

May Information
Where in New Jersey?

By Brian & Phyllis Stratton

The Where in NJ for the month of May was Diggerland USA located in West Berlin, NJ , which opened in June 2014. It is the only construction-themed adventure park in the United States. Kids and adults are able to operate modified construction vehicles in this 14-acre park. Or you can scream away on construction-themed rides. Operate a backhoe or hop on board rides like the Spin Dizzy, a 20-ton excavator with a modified bucket that spins guests around in circles while moving up and down.

“Diggerfest” is held during the month of October and includes hayrides, mazes, a modified stunt show, and costume contests every weekend.

Where In NJ Winners For May

Dennis Quinlan, Jason Valetutto, Stephen Laskiewicz, Pat & Bill Scully, Jack Piskorski, Keith Piskorski, Lorraine Krause, Jim Malkiewicz, Elizabeth Leveille, Gerry Sherry, Leon Credico, Gary Feret, Nancy Jasko, Mark Moniello, Pete McIntyre, Walter Starzec Jr., Chuck Pickard, Ed Bender, Dane Colburn, Judy Guilfoyle,

*Pete McIntyre had the correct answer for April but his name was omitted.

Where In NJ Letters

“That’s a ride from Diggerland in West Berlin, NJ. It’s called the Spin Dizzy. It’s not as scary as it looks and it’s actually quite amazing the centrifugal forces a piece



May- Where in New Jersey?
Diggerland USA, West Berlin



of construction equipment can provide at this amusement park. This ride is a must for my kids, but not right after lunch.”

Jason Valetutto



“I was baffled by the photo.No idea what it is or where. Then I overheard a conversation of parents looking for unusual day trips for the kids and one started talking about a small construction themed park for kids where they can use digging and construction equipment. And for some reason when I heard dig, I thought of the caption under the photo “you will really dig this months”. So I did some digging and found it. Diggerland in Berlin NJ. Which is in the middle of nowhere. Where is my brain? I hear the word and dig and think of the SATimes!!!!”

Pete McIntyre

Local Businesses 30 Years Ago

By Tom Burkard

1988-Thirty years already! Wow! Some of the local businesses that were in operation back then included South Amboy businesses Foodtown (Bordentown Ave.); Flowers & Things Florist of South Amboy (located at 2034 Highway 35); Beauty Plus Hair Salon (108 N. Broadway); Smiley’s Food Store (101 N. Stevens Ave.); South Amboy Florist, Inc. (132 S. Pine Ave.); C-K Family Deli (126 N. Broadway); The Landmark Tavern & Cafe (117-119 North Broadway); Richard Najarian Counsellor at Law (360 Main St.); Olde Towne Deli & Liquors (138 S. Broadway); Tutty Tease Restaurant & Pub (132 S. Broadway); Pine Liquor (103 S. Pine Ave.); Downzie’s (147 S. Pine Ave.); Air Electric, Inc. (125 S. Feltus St.); E & E Construction (Main St.); The Brave Bull Tavern & Restaurant (115 N. Feltus St.); Albern’s Seafoods (109 N. Broadway);

Mason-Wilson Funeral Home (Bordentown Ave.); Sheehan Consulting Group (415 Main St.); La Biga (Rt. 35 & Catherine St.); Mag’s Subs (249 N. Stevens Ave.); Sisters Lunch & Deli (528 Ridgeway Ave.); B & B Market (117 Rosewell St.); Reiner’s Hardware (104 N. Broadway); DSI Designer Shirt Inc. (223 N. Feltus St.); Dot’s Luncheonette (100 S. Broadway);

Sayreville businesses included; Foodtown (Sayreville Plaza, Rt. 9 S.); Carriage House Manor (Ernstson Rd.); Club Bene (Rt. 35 S., Morgan); Morgan Lumber Co., Inc. (Morgan); Morgan Frame Specialist (Rt. 35 S.); Amboy Multiplex Cinemas (Rts. 9 & 35 N.); Razz-Ma-Tazz (Rts. 9 & 35 N.); Rupp’s Sayreville Hardware (347 Washington Rd.); Burlew’s Fishery (Rt. 35 N., Morgan); Gabriel’s Tire Center (Rt. 35, S.);

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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

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Flag Retirement Service

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62, South Amboy Commander Bob “Zak” Sekerak (3rd from right) and Legion members are pictured at the service on the South Amboy Beach.



South Amboy Firefighter Louis Kwiatek is pictured immediately after lighting the fire to retire the worn and used American flags.



Ed Peterson, Committee Chairperson of Sacred Heart Boy Scout Troop 95, proudly holds the American flag, while Eddie Williams does an excellent reading about our flag.

Way Back When?



1956-The Hoffman H.S. yearbook, “Notre Livre” staff is pictured. How many students can you identify? We can only guess one of the many who are in the photo. (Photo submitted)

School Sports

By Tom Burkard

2018 South Amboy/Sayreville Final Team Leaders
Baseball

South Amboy (16-4)

Runs-Kyle Gasiewski 22 Stephen McLaughlin 20 Nick Charmello 19; Hits-Gasiewski 23 Charmello 22 John McCleery 19; Doubles-Charmello 7 Zach Honimar 5 Ben Henry 4; Triples-Gasiewski, Henry, Johnny Gonzalez 1 ea.; RBI-Charmello 19 Gonzalez 11; Batting Avg.; Gasiewski .451 Charmello .415 Honimar .389 McCleery .360 Henry .350; Innings Pitched-Gasiewski 50 Honimar 30.1 Charmello 23.1; Strikeouts-Gasiewski 62 Charmello 48 Honimar 38; ERA-Gasiewski 1.40 Honimar 3.00 Charmello 3.30; Won-Lost-Gasiewski 6-3 Charmello 5-0 Honimar 3-1.

Sayreville (14-11)

Runs-Anthony Gambardella 16 Kyle Richards 14 Ethan Calcano 14; Hits-Bryan Fernandez 26 Richards 25 Gambardella 23 Drew Zimmerman 21; Doubles-Zimmerman 6 Richards 5 Fernandez 3; Triples-Richards, Tyler Barreiro 1 ea.; Home Runs-Fernandez 4 Richards, Zimmerman 1 ea.; RBI-Zimmerman 18 Fernandez 18 Richards 14; Batting Avg.-Fernandez .388 Richards .373 Gambardella .359 Zimmerman .323; Innings Pitched-Christian Aich 48 Kyle Lewis 41 Cameron Carey 29.1; Strikeouts-Aich 67 Lewis 44 Carey 29; ERA-Carey 0.72 Aich 2.04 Lewis 4.10; Won-Lost-Aich 7-2 Lewis 4-5.

Softball

South Amboy (9-10)

Runs-Jenna Makar 10 Renee Piazzolla 9 Julie Olivieri 7; Hits-Makar 21 Taylor Russo 16 Angela Valeschi 11; Doubles-Makar 4 Russo 2; Triples-Makar 3 Meaghan McCarthy 1; Batting Avg.-Makar .447 Russo .410.

*All other stats were incomplete and not provided by the team.

Sayreville (5-14)

Runs-Morgan Wehrle 18 Kayla Stvan 17 Kathryn Harrigan 13; Hits-Stvan 32 Emma Herrick 23 Wehrle 19; Doubles-Stvan 8 Harrigan 6 Herrick 5; Triples-Ashley Cannon 1; Home Runs-Stvan 5 Harrigan 1; RBI-Stvan 22 Herrick 10; Batting Avg.-Stvan .552 Herrick .426 Jalyn Dzamba .409 Wehrle .396 Harrigan .386 Cannon .359.

*All other stats were incomplete and not provided by the team.

NJSIAA State Tournament

Baseball

CJ Group 4

1st Round-Sayreville 2 Princeton 0-Winning pitcher Christian Aich struck out 10 in 5 ½ innings allowing only 2 hits. Nick Lodzinski threw 1 ⅔ innings of perfect relief and fanned 3 for the #4 seeded Bombers vs. #13 Princeton. Anthony Gambardella and Tommy Kearns each had an RBI, and James Ryan stroked 2 hits.

¼ Finals-Old Bridge 11 Sayreville 1-Gambardella, Bryan Fernandez, and Kyle Richards each had a hit against #5 seeded O.B. in the Bombers finale for 2018.

CJ Group 1

1st Round-South Amboy 5 Manville 4-Nick Charmello drilled a walk-off RBI single to win it. He finished with 2 hits and 2 RBI, while teammate John McCleery went 3-for-3 with an RBI for the #2 seeded Guvs against #15 Manville.

¼ Finals-Shore 4 South Amboy 1-Kyle Gasiewski lost a heartbreaker for SA, allowing only 3 hits and striking out 6. Zach Honimar walked with the bases loaded for an RBI and the Guvs only run versus #7 seeded Shore.

Softball

CJ Group I

1st Round-New Egypt 18 South Amboy 0 (4 innings)-The #8 seeded New Egypt finished the season for the #9 Lady Guvs.

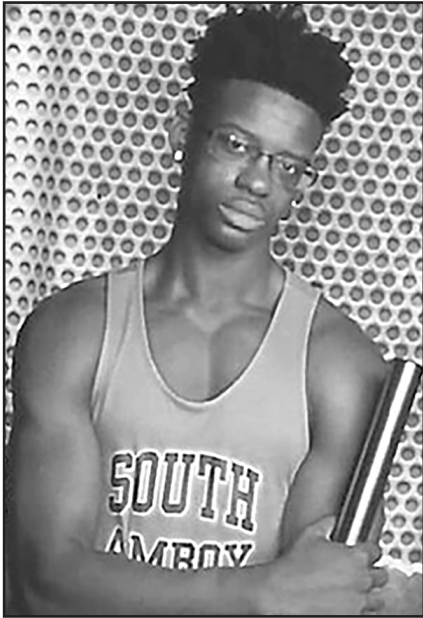
Scholar-Athletes

The Greater Middlesex Conference honored scholar-athletes from each of the high schools throughout the county, at its annual banquet held at The Pines in Edison. Locals honored were: Sayreville-Diana Rodriguez and Michael Philip; South Amboy-Roushmi Akther and Kangi Chen. Congratulations!

Sauls Has Outstanding High School Career

(Story/Photo Submitted)

Over the past four years, Michael Fre’ Sauls, a graduating senior at South Amboy High School (SAHS), has accomplished numerous achievements academically and athletically as a dual varsity performing athlete in both soccer and track and field. During his tenure at SAHS, Michael has taken honors classes since his freshman year. He was a top tier fundraiser for the Mia Hamm Bone Marrow Foundation, a New Jersey Elks Youth Leadership Conference Delegate Peer Representative, and gave back to his community by volunteering his time with young kids during the summer months, helping them to develop a positive self-esteem and increase their team play skillsets during recreational activities. Unfortunately in his junior year, Michael dealt with a major injury obstacle, a broken tibia and fibula sustained during the GMC soccer tournament. Michael never gave up, and in his senior year, as a track team captain, showed his true character of perseverance. He returned, broke and currently holds every school sprint indoor/outdoor record in the 55m, 100m, 200m, 300m, 400m, as well as ran on several school record-breaking relay teams. Recently in 2018, Michael has been awarded the SAHS Athlete of the Year and the Walsh & Wells Track Scholarship. This year he's the only D1 athlete signed from SAHS, the second D1 athlete in the school's track history. In the fall, he'll attend Mount Saint Mary's University in Maryland. At collegiate level, he is attending as a Presidential Academic Scholar, having been accepted into The Mount Honors program as a George Henry Miles Honor Society student. At the athletic level, he joins the rich history of the prestigious Mountaineers sprint track team. Michael is considering pursuing a major in Business Management and minor in Cyber Security.



Michael Sauls



Congratulations!



South Amboy High track standout Michael Sauls (seated) signs his letter of intent to attend Mount St. Mary's University in Maryland. Standing (l-r) Jorge Diaz, Superintendent of Schools, Ken Blekeski, Vice Principal/Athletic Director, Kevin Sauls Sr., Catherine Sauls, Michaels' parents, Kevin Sauls II, Michael's brother, Anthony Mecca, Varsity Track Coach, Dr. Patrick McCabe, Principal. (Photo by Brian Stratton)



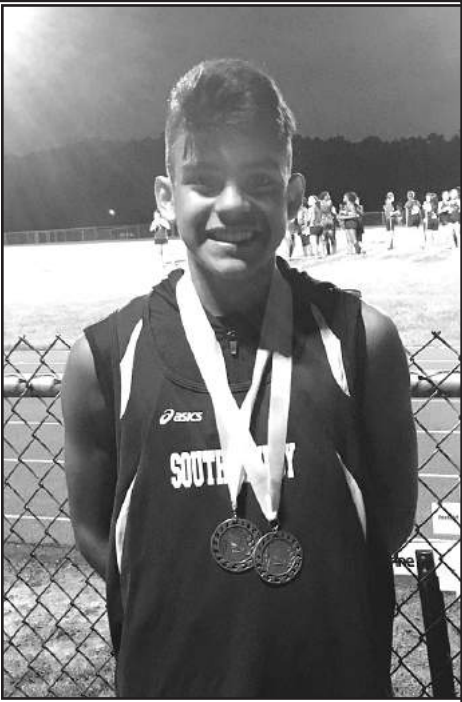
The OLV Varsity Cheer Squad won the U.S. finals in Virginia Beach against 3 other teams. As a result of winning that event they were entered in a virtual challenge against another team. A new set of judges watched both routines and they were rejudged, and they won that challenge. The team will receive a grand champion banner and rings. There are 13 girls on the team 3 of whom are OLV Students- Riley, Hannah, and Morgan are among them. (Photo/info submitted)

Charmello All-GMC

South Amboy junior first baseman Nick Charmello was selected All-GMC in Home News Tribune by the votes of readers. Congratulations, Nick on a job well-done!

Middle School GMC Track Champion

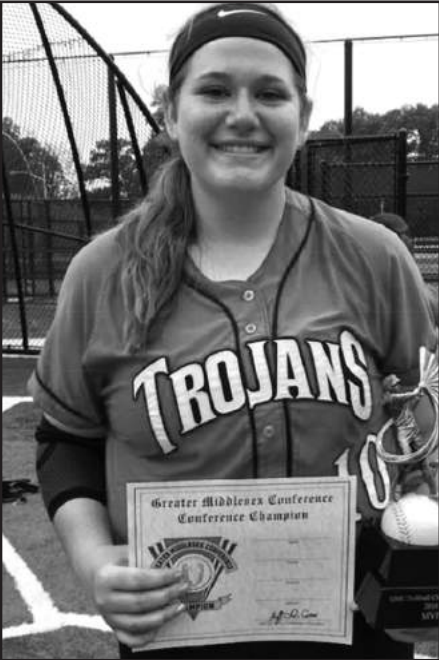
South Amboy school history was made on May 21st at the Middle School GMC Track championships when 8th grader Rafael Albarran became the youngest county champion in school history. Rafael entered the mile race as the number one seed and did not disappoint, leading wire to wire to take home the title of fastest middle school miler in the county. Rafael's blazing fast time of 5:05 not only won him the title but smashed the middle school record by 4 seconds which had stood since 2015. Although he is only in middle school, Rafael is now the 7th fastest miler in South Amboy history behind only 6 former and current high school runners. Rafael followed up his winning performance in the mile by placing second in the 800 meters later in the meet to win his second medal of the day and claim his spot as the best all-around middle school distance runner in Middlesex County. Rafael will look to continue his dominance as he makes his much anticipated move to the high school team next year.



GMC Champions



Katie Eicher: 2018 GMC Softball Tournament MVP (right) and with the Bishop Ahr team and GMC Championship banner (above).(Photos Submitted)



Katie Eicher: 2018 GMC Softball Tournament MVP

Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

Glory Days In Local Sports

1950-Sayreville downed Dunellen, 3-2 for winning pitcher Jack Pietruski. Stan Bonczek belted 2 singles and a double, while Ed Mosakowski contributed 2 hits. 1965-Hoffman’s baseball team crushed Croydon Hall, 14-5, behind winning pitcher Hal Dennen. Pete Ewtushek ripped 3 hits and had 3 RBI. 1975-In the CJ Group IV quarterfinals, Sayreville’s softball team walloped Woodbridge, 7-5, behind a long grand slam home run by Luann Ferenci. Sherry Popowski and winning pitcher Karen DeSiena hammered 4 hits apiece.

80 Years Ago

1938-Hoffman nipped Matawan, 4-3 in the baseball opener, as winning pitcher Vince Wisniewski struck out 12. Art “Archie” Pohl drilled 2 singles and a double, Read and Kelly stroked 2 hits apiece for the Guvs.

True Champions

By Bill “Biff” McKeon

The 1947 St. Mary’s HS Eagle baseball team players Leo Kedzierski, Eddie O’Brien, Jackie O’Brien, Ray Stockton, John Vail, Jack McKeon, Bill McKeon all enjoyed playing professional baseball. These same young, talented baseball players played for some great South Amboy teams that won several championships, including the South Amboy All-Stars who won the N.J. State Amateur title, and played at the nationals in Johnstown, PA; South Amboy Briggs-the

Bielak Excels In Pro Baseball

Sayreville’s Brian Bielak continues to excel in professional baseball with the Buies Creek Astros, an Advanced Class A, Carolina League club, property of the Houston Astros Major League Baseball team. He currently is tied for most wins on the team with a (5-3) record, and leads in strikeouts with 72 in only 52.2 innings pitched. Bielak has also notched 2 saves, sports a 2.22 ERA, and

1981-St. Mary’s girls cross country team won the Central Valley Conference championships, taking the first 5 finishing spots, with Virginia Zaleski winning 1st place, and Allison Carew 2nd. Hoffman finished 2nd as a team, with Barbara McCabe coming in 6th place and Cathy Reagan 7th. 1996-The Lady Guvs softball squad plastered Piscataway Tech, 29-2. Sue Rowley blasted a grand slam homer and drove in 4, while Jessica English pounded 5 hits, and Lyli Munoz added 4.

75 Years Ago

1943-St. Mary’s stopped Sayreville in baseball, 6-3, as winning pitcher Ray Downs struck out 4. Don Czok took the tough setback while fanning 3. Bob Fleming and “Red” Lochs led the Saints with 3 hits each, and Pasterak had 2 singles for the Bombers.

NJ State Semi-Pro champs, and went to the nationals at Wichita, Kansas; Jerome’s Tavern, who captured the South Amboy Senior Baseball League championship. These same talented baseball players also won the Middlesex County Junior Freeholders Baseball Tournament every year from 1946 to ?.

*An amazing group of youngsters with incredible baseball talent, unsurpassed even until this day in South Amboy.

Back In Those College Days

Tom O’Brien, St. Mary’s Class of ‘63 played varsity golf for St. Peter’s College. Tom grew up on lower John St. in South Amboy.

Vintage Bombers Barbecue for Camp Quality of NJ

By Pat Douglas

The team has been supporting the kids since 2015 and we have raised thousands of dollars through the years.

The Vintage Bombers are a team of Sayreville High School Alumni and have been playing in the Senior League since 2014. In 2015 Bill Schnitzerling (Smooth), a member of the Lionsgate team in the Senior

T.H.E. Game

Year-1999

Sport-Baseball

Teams-St. Mary’s (4-4) vs. South Amboy (5-1) in City Series action.

Recap-Dan Poulsen had a huge game for the Guvs, firing a brilliant 5-hitter, while striking out 15, and allowing no walks, as South Amboy romped, 6-1. He also belted a two-bagger. Ed Behnen added a double for the Purple and Gold, while Greg Morris and Ed Foley each doubled for the Eagles.

Player-of-the-Game-Dan Poulsen.

1990 Flashback

The South Amboy Midget League and team managers were: Spinello Construction Co.-Bob “Zak” Sekerak; Landmark Cafe-Tom Lewis; Designer Shirts-Matt Rondeau; McCormack Sand-Herb Sargeant; Pillar’s Auto Repair-David Gonzales.

20 Years Ago

1998-In the Tri-County Softball League Playoffs, 3rd ranked Sacred Heart Recreation Club toppled the undefeated Crusaders form St. Francis, Metuchen in a 15-3 victory to win the league championship. Nine teams competed in the league sponsored by St. Peter's, New Brunswick. The team was managed by Beth Picciatti, with coaches Fran Corridon, Mike Michalik, and Sue Carver. The excellent roster consisted of Caitlin Solli, Kim Michalik,Taryn Ney, T.J. Bogush, Stephanie Carver, Jill Danku, Christine Walczak, Kim Bukowski, Jennifer Corridon, Jamie Sprague and Sara Bogush, Stephanie Maydish.

OLV Senior Group Meet and Greet

The OLV Senior Group will hold two Meet and Greet sessions for new members on Monday, July 30th from 10 AM – 12 noon and August 13 from 9 AM – 11 AM.

50 Years Ago

South Amboy Cops Carleton Crown

1968-The South Amboy Carleton League (16-18 years old) baseball team captured its 2nd consecutive championship, finishing with a (9-2) record. Manager Danny Lewis put together one of the finest baseball squads in the area, featuring highly-talented, local varsity stars. Assisting Danny as coaches were John Lange, and Walt Kozak Jr. Larry Kurzawa was the top offensive player, leading the team with a scorching .485 batting avg., and also was #1 in runs-17, hits-16, doubles-4. Dennis Nardone hit a fine .375, and John Clark .318 to round out the .300 hitters on the club.

Other members of this memorable club were Dale Kurowsky, Dan Hansell, Tony Ruszala, Tom Ruszala, Jack Bloodgood, Don Szatkowski, George Krzyzanowski, Fred Henry, Joe Jaskowiak, Ken Blaha, Joe Noble, Bruce Buckiewicz, Bernie Mackiel, Nick Charmello, Joe Smith, Ernie Read, Steve Skarzynski.

1970 At Frog Hollow

Frog Hollow Swim Club edged Woodside, 132-129, as Richie Goerke set a new pool record in the 50 meter Butterfly with a 35.5 performance, and also placed first in two other events. Two other records were broken with Noreen Noble setting a record in the girls (15-18), 50 meter Backstroke, 41.4. Carol Goerke broke the girls (13-14) 50 meter Backstroke with a time of 37.7. Others aiding the victory with 2 wins apiece were Norine Croddick, Ellen Wallace, and Carol Goerke.

Any interested senior ages 55 and older is invited to attend and learn about our group. For further information please contact Teri at 732-727-7639.

Sayreville June 30th	Area	South Amboy July 3rd
Kennedy Park	Fireworks	Waterfront Park
Rain Date July 1st		Rain Date July 5th

On May 20th 2018, The Vintage Bombers, a member of the Middlesex County Senior Softball League (Over 50 division) hosted a picnic/barbecue for the charity organization called Camp Quality whose mission it is to help kids with cancer be kids again. And that is exactly what the camp is all about.



Bill "Smooth" Schnitzerling (Kneeling) poses with a few of the kids that attended the barbecue and members of the Vintage Bomber family. (Photo/Info Submitted))



Vintage Bomber teammates (l-r) Gary Aich, Chuck Prusakowski, Dennis McGuire, Dennis Ahearn, Harry Polihrom and Ed Last, await the kids arrival. (Photo/Info Submitted)

League asked the Vintage Bombers if they would play in the Spring Swing Tournament to benefit the kids of Camp Quality. The team has played in the tournament ever since then and has raised money on their own for the camp and have been getting more and more involved with the charity.

The barbecue was coordinated jointly by the Bombers and Camp Quality representatives Kaitlyn DeGennaro, Bridget Sweeney and Lauren DiCairano. It was held at The Friendly Sons Of The Shillelagh in Old Bridge. Our team provided over 160 Hamburgers and 100 hot dogs for over 90 guests that included the children, their families and companion volunteers. Potato and Macaroni salads were also on the menu. Salad mixes and bags of assorted chips, pretzels and popcorn, cupcakes and other desserts were also served. Candies and Bubble Wands were also provided by the Vintage Bombers. Camp Quality enlisted the services of two sketch artists, a cotton candy machine and also provided a spin art device that was run by Jennifer Prusakowski and assisted by her daughters Jordan and Jamie. The kids were also treated to a bounce house and an Ice Cream vendor, and Michael Martino DJ'd the event.

The Vintage Bombers teammates, fans and friends collected \$3,305.00 for Camp Quality and presented their donation to Director Al Passy. All the money donated goes toward the children and the operation of the camp.

We would like to take the time to thank all who assisted in making the Camp Quality barbecue a big success. Kathy Phillips Reardon and Joni Therkelsen who did all the planning and shopping for the event and for all they did to make everything work so smoothly For them it truly was a labor of love.

Tim Reardon and Steve Mahn for doing all the cooking and grilling! Karen Douglas, Mary Ivan and Toni Polihrom (who also ran the cotton candy machine) for all they did to prepare the hall and for helping to make the place so festive. Nancy Schnitzerling, Dennis McGuire and Chris Heil for picking

up the hundreds of balloons and for running errands for the event.

And to our teammates who all gave so generously and helped out so much and put their best foot forward for the kids They truly are a gift to the kids of Camp Quality. Patrick Barney, Chuck Prusakowski, Steve Samra, Eddie Muroski, Ed Last, Gary Aich, Harry Polihrom, Bill D'Amico, Kent McFadden, Rich Osnato, Frank O'Leary, Dennis and Jaquie Ahearn, and Jennifer Ahearn, Tommy Noel and Dave Haltli, and Phil Brennan and Boli Bolivar. And to our dear friend and Vintage Bomber fan Mariko Boganski for the beautiful signs she created. Also helping out during the day was Lionsgate player Brian Clark who helped with much of the heavy lifting.

Special thanks to teammate Frank Bracht for all you do to make this happen. Without your backing and your efforts, this could never happen.

And to all the fans of the Vintage Bombers who donated, thanks so much! The Vintage Bombers want to thank Camp Quality for allowing us to sponsor the barbecue for the kids. We have a deep admiration for all you do for these kids. The love you put into your work is ever so apparent. You truly make a difference in their lives and we are so grateful that you would let us do this for them.

And finally for Bill "Smooth" Schnitzerling. Your devotion to the kids is second to none. You never speak of them without getting emotional and we see the love you have for all of them. It has been through your inspiration that the Vintage Bombers got involved. And we'll be there for you as long as you need us. Thanks so much for all you do!

The operation of Camp Quality comes entirely from donations from people like you. If you would like to donate you can go to their website at <http://www.campqualityusa.org/nj/Ways-to-Give/Donate>. Your donations would truly be appreciated and you can rest assured that every dollar goes to the operation of the camp and to the kids. Thank you so much.



South Amboy High School's top two students pose for a photo just prior to the Graduation ceremony. Grace Gonzalez (l) is the class Valedictorian and will be going to The University of Pennsylvania in the fall. Ben Henry (r) is the class Salutatorian and will be going to Princeton University in the fall. Best of luck to Grace, Ben and the entire class of 2018! (Photo by Brian Stratton)

Sayreville School Nurses Retire

Sayreville School District nurses Edith Braun and Betty Ann Verner have announced their retirements. Braun, served at Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary School for 24 years, and Verner was a registered nurse at the Sayreville Middle School for 17 years. Congratulations!

College Notebook

Hats off and congratulations to Matt Zebrowski of Sayreville, who finished a fantastic swimming career at Seton Hall University, where he was a 3-time Big East 200 Butterfly champion. During his high school days, he starred for the Christian Brothers Academy (CBA) swimming team... Pitcher Pete Soporowski (Sayreville) topped Rider University (12-35) in starts-13, innings pitched-65.2, and strikeouts-48. Opponents hit .318 against him, while he compiled a (3-7) record... Kelly Duffy (Sayreville) hit .265 with 4 doubles and 15 RBI for the Rowan University (39-13-1) softball powerhouse... Kevin Mulvey from Sayreville (Bishop Ahr) finished his second season at the helm of the Villanova University baseball team, compiling a (9-39) mark in a rebuilding year.

Sayreville alum getting ready for fall sports this year are football players Myles Hartsfield (Mississippi U.), Lynwood Crump (Temple U.), and Jahsim Floyd (Sacred Heart, in PA).

Radio City Christmas Spectacular Trip

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip on Saturday, November 17, 2018 to see the Radio City Christmas Spectacular. The price of the trip includes ticket to the show, bus transportation, bus gratuity, snacks on the bus. The show starts at 11 AM. Lunch is on your own with free time in New York. For further information or to reserve a seat please contact Teri at 732-727-7639.

Congratulations!



Octavia Zampella (l) and her husband Deacon Don Zampella, who celebrated his 15th Anniversary as a Deacon at St. Bernadette Church. Congratulations Deacon Don!

Sayreville Memorial Day Parade

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Veterans from American Legion Lenape Post 211, Sayreville, lead off the parade.



State of New Jersey Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin (2nd from left) marches with Borough of Sayreville Council members.



The parade featured almost everything including beautiful horses.



Boy Scouts proudly waved the American flag.



Sayreville dignitaries are pictured on the reviewing stand near Borough Hall, as MC Rich Kosmoski does a fine job announcing parade participants.



The Sayreville Fire Dept. looks sharp as they march along Main St.

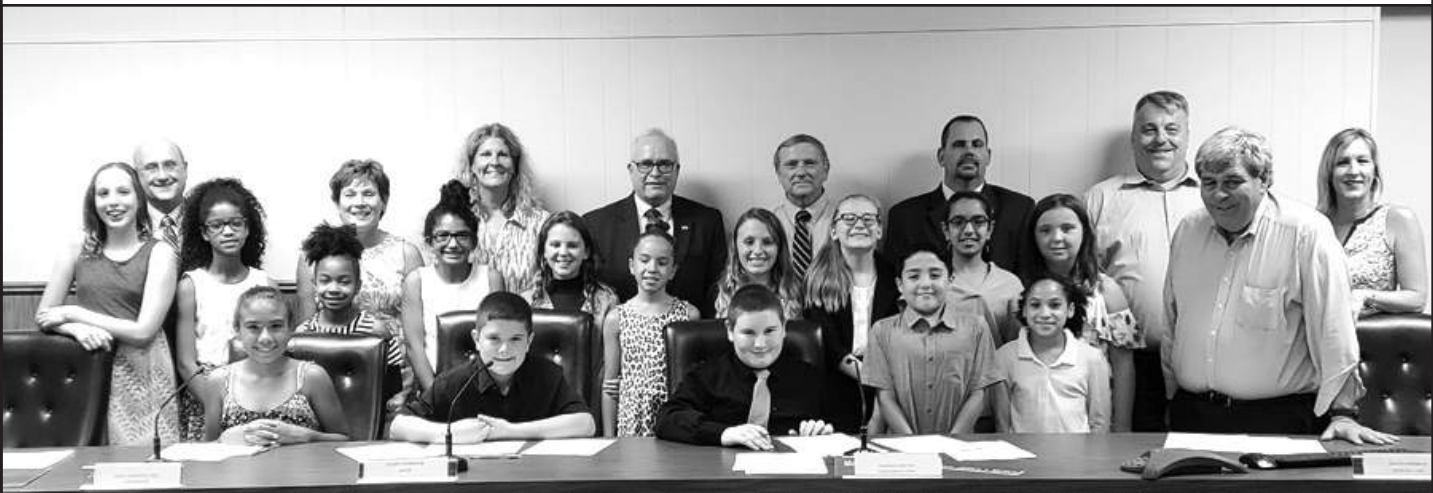


American Legion Lenape Post #211, Sayreville members Ed Strek (r) and Harry Pachkowski salute after placing the memorial wreath.



Memorial Day Parade Grand Marshal Frank Straczynski Jr. of VFW Post #4699 (l), and American Legion Commander Larry Bishop, stand by the memorial wreath following the parade.

Future Politicians



Pictured with South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry and City officials are students who are members of the Government Club at South Amboy Elementary School. They recently had the chance to see first hand how a City Council Meeting is run. The students took over the roles of Mayor, City Council, Business Administrator, Municipal Clerk, City Attorney, CFO, City Engineer and the Public. During the meeting several resolutions were read and voted on including one that the students developed themselves. All did a great job! Special thanks go out to the club's advisor Barbara Falvo. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

St. Stan's School

(Photos/Info Submitted)



The students in the photo are Jasvick Sidhu (8-11 yrs) and Abigail Bera (12-14) who are the winners of the New Jersey State Council of Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest and were awarded by the Our Lady of Victories Council 2061. The students are with their families, representatives from the Knights of Columbus, Rev. Ken Murphy and Mrs. Elena Malinconico, principal.

Abigail Bera was awarded with a \$1000 scholarship to Mater Dei from Kathleen Daly, Director of Advancement and Enrollment. Pictured are her parents and our principal.



Rev. Kenneth Murphy opens the annual Flag Day Ceremony held at St. Stan's School on June 16th with a prayer.

Sixth grade students present cards and posters to Debbie Kubeck who retired from St. Stan's School. Debbie served as the Social Studies, Religion, and Music teacher.



PreK, Kindergarten, and 8th grade graduation classes from St. Stan's.



Class of 2018



The 8th grade class, Valedictorian was Rachel Wu and the Salutatorian was Stephanie Helmy.



1980-Pictured are members of the East Coast Toke team, a fun-loving group of friends, who played hard and really enjoyed the camaraderie in the Sayreville-South Amboy Fall Slow Pitch Softball League, which began in 1980.

Where Have You Gone East Coast Toke Team

By Pat Douglas

In 1980 some friends formed a softball team that will never go down in the annals of local sports history as a great ball team. Or even a mediocre one They got together for one purpose. To play a kids game and have a lot of fun in the process. They called themselves the East Coast Toke Team. And for their purposes, the team was a big success. There was always a lot of beer on hand and a lot of friends around to watch them play. They lost every game they played until the final weekend when they played a double header against one of the better teams in the league and WON BOTH GAMES. It goes to show you that on "Any Given Sunday" everything can come together. But winning and losing didn't matter to these long time pals. They did everything together. Barbecues, Holidays, Parties, Camping, Weddings. And softball! And they have all stayed close through the

decades even if separated by great distances. The team was comprised of infielders Scott Douglas, Dave Griffith, John Letteriello, Dave Kulcsar and Pat Russell. Outfielders Pat Douglas, Bill Burlew, Butch Mancini and Jim Scott. Ken McCarthy and senior team member, Phil Luiz were the pitchers. Phyllis Letteriello was the scorekeeper at every game. Many other friends joined the fun during the season when needed but this was the nucleus of the team. Sadly 3 have since passed away. Phil Luiz (2003), Scott Douglas (2007), and Bill Burlew (2011) left us way too soon but are remembered always as the heart and soul. The remaining East Coast Tokers see each other as often as they can and still remember the good old days roaming those ball fields so long ago. It was a "time of innocence", to quote Paul Simon. What a time it was!

Peczinka Receives Award

Denise Peczinka, daughter of Elizabeth "Betty" Leveille and the late Roland "Ron" Leveille was awarded the Orlando Health Nursing Excellence Award in Orlando, Florida on May 11, 2018. Every year during Nurses week, Orlando Health honors outstanding nurses who demonstrate exemplary caring practice and clinical excellence. Orlando Health is comprised of eight hospitals with over 4,000 nurses in the organization. Denise was one of 45 nurses nominated by her peers and selected to receive this prestigious award. Denise was selected for her leadership skills and her work to improve patient safety and quality at Orlando Regional Medical Center, a level I trauma center in central Florida where she is a member of the nursing administration operations team. Dean Sider MD, Vice Chief of Staff compared the award to the "Nursing Hall of Fame."



Denise Peczinka

Denise graduated from the Charles E. Gregory School of Nursing in 1984 and began working in the cardiac intensive care unit at Perth Amboy General Hospital. She went on to earn her Bachelor's of Science degree with honors in Nursing from Kean University and later her Master of Science in Nursing with honors from the University of Phoenix. Denise was inducted into Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society for Nursing after obtaining her master's degree. Before moving to Florida, Denise worked at St. Peter's University Hospital

and CentraState Medical Center. Recently, Denise was commended by the FBI for her role during the Pulse nightclub tragedy which occurred on June 12, 2016. Shortly after the terror attack Denise was called into work as the planning officer for the hospital's incident command center. Her role was to maintain an accurate patient list and to ensure the hospital had the necessary staff and supplies to provide care to the patients, victims and their families. Denise described this time period as the worst/best time of her career. To witness such a senseless tragedy was unfathomable, however, to see how our healthcare team worked together to save lives was remarkable, this speaks to the level of care we provide to our patients every day.

Denise currently resides in St. Cloud, Florida, with her husband, Ron, her youngest son Jonathan and their four dogs. Her oldest son, Andrew, is studying abroad and currently resides outside of Vienna, Austria. Denise stated, "I am honored and humbled to be recognized by my peers for such a prestigious award. My family has always supported my career and it has been shaped by the nurses and physicians I have worked alongside with. I am honored to have had the privilege to provide care for so many patients who have touched my heart. Although the award is engraved with my name, it belongs to each and every one of you."

40 Years Ago



1978-The South Amboy Elementary School Spelling Bee winners were (l-r) Kim Schuck (2nd runner-up), Renata Bodon (1st runner-up), Bernata Warnowicz (3rd runner-up), Frank Lijoi (1st place). The 4 students were also members of the school's Safety Patrol. Warnowicz was the captain. (Photo from the James Tedesco Archives)

BEE HAPPY

Slow Pitch Softball Takes South Amboy/Sayreville By Storm-Part 6

By Tom Burkard

1983 Sayreville/South Amboy Fall League-Teams

Olde Towne Deli had an excellent team, and finished (11-2), 2nd place in the NL West Division. The roster included Joe Noble, Fred Henry, Ray Leonard, Tom Wortley, Drew Newcomb, Frank Jonason, Mark Noble, Jack Conlon, John Kaboski, player/manager Tom Burkard, Jon “Poncho” O’Connor, Rick Ragula, Al Gomolka, Mike Noble, Ed O’Connor, Tom “Mickey” Roberts, Jack O’Connor, Paul Muller, Tom Duffy, Henry Wortley, Chet Wortley.

Sayreville Men’s Slow Pitch Softball League

The Sayreville Men’s Slow Pitch Softball League did not get started until approximately 1975 or ‘76, much later than South Amboy’s League, because of the popularity of Fast Pitch in the Borough, which featured many of the best Fast-Pitch pitchers/players in the state of New Jersey for many years. According to reports, the Borough’s Fast-Pitch League was still going on when Slow Pitch debuted in the town.

1975-Young and talented outfielder John Przybylko, fresh out of Sayreville War Memorial HS was a rookie with Ben’s Tavern. Another fine player for Ben’s was Joe Storrs.

1978 Sayreville Slow Pitch Softball American Division

The American Division featured 16 teams: American Legion, Club Polka, Village Inn, VFW, Giraldi Productions, Sayreville Colts, Steve’s Shell, XXX Bar, One Hour Cleaning, Knights of Columbus, Sayreville Home Improvement, Morgan Lumber, Karris Painting, Sayreville Falcons, Sonny’s Bar, Swanee’s Bar.

1977-78 Teams/Players-Bottle Stop-Jerry Ust, Dan Paone, Mike Lockwood, Benny Rippa, George Krzyzanowski, Gary Lange, Ron Croddick, Keith Magoon.

Other 1970’s Sayreville Slow Pitch Teams/Players

The Group A.C.-John Przybylko, Tom D’Amico, Tom Cassidy, Bob Szkodny, the Choma brothers, Joe and ?, Sam Fallon, Joe Steiner all played on this “fun team” according to Przybylko.

Bill’s Tap Room was also started by Przybylko and featured Wayne Krainski, Otto Johnson, Mike Heil, Gary Cunha, Tony Blaszk, Bobby Small, “Wally O” Ed Pietraszka, Fred Wistuba, John McKenna. Laurel Park-featured Roy Place, Bob Lerche, Marsicano, Marty Hubka, “Pee Wee.”

The Gators-were led by Wally Dusko, Cookie Dusko, Eddie Kultys, Ken Kultys, Mike Jarusiewicz, Brian Bielak.

1980’s

Century Telephone became one of the top clubs, and “won a couple of titles in the ‘80’s” according to Przybylko. They combined many players from Sonny’s and the Tumble Inn powerhouses from the ‘70’s. Many familiar names of standout players were on this club and included John Przybylko, Buddy Brodzinski, John Chrzan, Walt Suchowiecki, Dan Hockenjos, Greg Chierchie, Ed Strek, Don Wisniewski, Don Popowski, Mickey and Ed “Edu” Marcinczyk, Roy Place, John Dusko, Stash Straczynski.

Przybylko said “In the mid-80’s one of the younger clubs, loaded with talent was Bill’s Tap Room. Some of the players were Bob Nanco, Gary Aich, Chuck Prusakowski, and the Cumerford brothers.”

1970’s Sayreville A.A. Men’s Softball League, Inc. (Modified Pitch)

Teams/Players-A.W.T.-Steve Bringhurst, Tommy Smith.

1976 Teams/Players- Connie’s; Bold Ones; Tumble Inn; Mr. Dee’s. Ed Marcinczyk of Tumble Inn, pitched a no-hitter against Mr. Dee’s.

1979 Teams/Players- Falcons; President Park Gulf; Progressive (a South Amboy Fire Co.); Monaghan’s (a South Amboy Bar); D’ Old Man; Standiford Ave.; Teams/Players: Progressive-Rich Gers; Falcons-Larry Jensen; D’ Old Man-Mark Abbatiello. Other teams from the 70’s-Mel’s Lounge-Tom Nagle; Red Top-Tom Nagle. (No information which division they competed in).

Wizards Dynasty

1979-81-The Wizards captured 3 consecutive

league titles, and also had an incredible winning streak in the process. Leo Hart was the player/manager, and through the years the dynasty featured fantastic softball players Steve Toth, Jerry Ust, Ed Tyler, Joe Hart, Al Sorrentino, Dan Paone, George Krzyzanowski, Ray Poulson, Dennis “Jack” Davey, Don Hart, Bob Blumber, Mike Kosmoski, Mike Cumerford, Shawn Coleman.

1982-The Wizards powerful softball dynasty saw its 58-game winning streak halted, and their championship string of 2 consecutive Sayreville League titles ended as well, by Swanee’s Bar, who swept them in the title series, 7-4 and 8-0. Swanee’s first game victory snapped The Wizards unbelievable winning streak. In Game #1, Rick Popowski hammered 3 hits and drove in 3 runs to support winning pitcher Rich Marsicano. In the finale, Gary Fedor and Don Wisniewski both had 2 hits and 2 RBI for the new champions. Swanee’s third baseman John Dusko won the league’s MVP Award. Ed Strek of Swanee’s said, “Before the season started, we realized that the Wizards won so much, so we decided to put a team in, and ended up beating them.”

Young superstar in the making, Bob Nanco was a contributing member of that talented Swanee’s squad, and recalled, “We beat the Wizards with 9 guys, and broke their 2-year undefeated streak.”

*According to another longtime Wizards player, the team won the Sayreville title 5 years in a row from 1977-81, but “The News Tribune” reported in ‘82 that the Wizards reign as champions was over after 2 seasons. This team of standouts also competed and won in tournaments throughout the United States.

1981 Teams/Players-Sayreville Taxi (C Division)-Player/Manager Bob Shotwell, Bob Richardson, Tom Burkard, Vince Mackiel.

Early 80’s-Three young/gifted Slow Pitch players, who would go on to superstar careers, Bob Nanco, Gary Aich, and Chuck Prusakowski joined the Sayreville “A” Division powerhouse, Century Telephone. Their teammates included legendary players including Ed Strek, John Dusko, Buddy Brodzinski, Danny Hockenjos, Stash Straczynski, Walt Rondesko, Mickey Marcinczyk, and according to Nanco, “Edu Marcinczyk, who was one of the nastiest slow pitch pitchers I ever faced.”

1984 Teams/Players- On The Rocks-Randy Miller; Our Place (A South Amboy Bar)-Landmark Tavern (a South Amboy Bar)-Tom Lasko Sr.; Carlisle Texaco; Gashouse Gorillas-Wayne Thorpe; Falcons.

1986 Champions

Century Telephone captured the championship, thanks to the many talents of Buddy Brodzinski, Mickey Marcinczyk, Dan Hockenjos, Ed Strek, Greg Chierchie, Cazzie Marsicano.

1988 Teams/Players- Simko’s Pub-Rich Gers; Cibelli’s; Jessie’s-Joe Crowe; Cavalier Inn; Connie’s-Dave Haltli; Carlisle.

1989 Teams/Players- Simko’s-Tom Viola Sr.; Cibelli’s; Family Gulf-Joe Rinaldi; Parkway Office Products.

Ed Strek, who is a member of the NJ ASA Softball Hall-of-Fame, and played some Slow Pitch softball as well, said that, “The Hall-of-Fame is now taking nominations for Slow Pitch players, and I feel that Steve Toth is a New Jersey ASA Hall-of-Fame player. He is one of the best Slow Pitch players around, even today. He can hit, run and throw. He’s the best all-around player, and is nicknamed “The Snake.”

A Few Additions From The 1970’s

1976-Roddy’s Tavern-Al Gomolka Jr., Bob “Zak” Sekerak, Dave Boyd, Bill Masterson, Bill Bulman, Al Ust, Tim Farrell, Pete Check, Bob “Hossie” Hospidor, Rich DeBlis, Ron Sturgis, John D. O’Toole, Murphy.

1977-Kaveman Construction-Co-Player/managers Jerry Prusakowski, Tom Gorman; Dennis Quinlan, Dennis McCarthy. Dennis Quinlan, a rookie recalled Gary Lange being a teammate.

1978-Ceilings R Us-Player/manager Ed O’Leary, Dennis Quinlan, Mike Kelly, Brian Crowe.

1979 South Amboy Men’s Slow Pitch



1989-The South Amboy Men's Senior Slow Pitch Softball League champions, Neumann's Construction are pictured after capturing the coveted title. Pictured top row (l-r) Mark Herdman, Larry Parsons, Mark Wahler, Dave Gumprecht, Drew Newcomb, Joe Ballo. Middle row (l-r) Rudy Neumann, Frank Wahler, Dean Kenny, Mike Coleman, Billy Parsons. Bottom row (l-r) Tim Walczak, Kevin Nemeth Glenn Smith, player/manager Randy Neumann, Jackie Stratton. (Photo caption courtesy of Barbara Neumann)

Softball League

Teams-There were only 10 teams in the league, including the East Division-Blue Grass Landscaping, L & M Lounge, Mystic Knights, Al's Auto Body, Sunday Soldiers. West Division-K of C #426, Protection Engine, Broadway Social Club, Pine Liquors, My Wife's Place.

*There is no information on who won the league championship.

1979 Blue Grass Landscaping-Tom Reilly, Jeff Wilusz, Al Gomolka, Dan Wilusz, Paul Muller, Frank Jonason, Player/manager Tom Burkard, Drew Newcomb, Tom Kuc, Mike Roman, Brian Burkard, Bill Masterson, Darren LaVigne, Bob “Hossie” Hospidor, Bruce Ramar, Ross Booker.

South Amboy Slow Pitch Teams of the 80’s Olde Towne Deli, Monaghan House, Olde Towne Deli/Monaghan House, Mystic Knights, Downzie’s, American Legion, American Legion/Monaghan House, Shamrock, Main Liquors, Chet’s Gay 90’s, Lions Den, Locos, Demons, Monaghan House, Regal Beagle, Midtown Florist, Pard’s, Sanitary Fuel, Protection, Bottle Stop, Andy Capp’s, Kaveman Construction, Andy Capp’s Gang, Dooling Electric, Pine Liquor, Sin City AC, Protection FC, Mean Machine, Budweiser AC.

1980 Champions-Main Liquors

On Aug. 19, 1980, player/manager Fred Henry’s talented Main Liquors swept the Mystic Knights by scores of 9-6 and 5-1 to capture the South Amboy championship. The players were: 1b-Rick Ragula, 2b-player-manager Fred Henry, ss-Joe Noble, 3b-Mike Krotosek, lf-Joe Donnelly, lcf-Jack Conlon, rcf-Jack O’Connor, rf-Jon O’Connor, p-John Kaboski, c-Bob Paulukiewicz, Tom Conlon.

Early 1980’s

Dennis Quinlan recalled “Bob Kenny and I formed a team called Sin City AC which played together for a couple years. Some of our players were Ray Stockton, John Carroll, Brian Crowe and Mike Kelly.”

Quinlan Picks The Best

Dennis Quinlan said that, “Nick Charmello was one of the best that I played against. Others were Rich Klein, who always seemed to be on base and could cover a lot of ground playing center field. Gary Lange was another who could hit and play the outfield and first base. Larry Kurzawa hit some of the longest balls I have ever seen and played third base. To me the most stand out pitchers were Ed Conroy and Bill Connors.”

*Quinlan was a solid, power-hitting first baseman, who once blasted a huge game-winning, 3-run home run over the centerfield fence at Thomas Edison Park to beat a powerhouse CQ team in the Middlesex County Freeholders Tournament, 8-7.

1981 & 1982 Champions?-Dooling Electric?

Although it is unknown for certain, several people recalled Dooling Electric winning two consecutive championships. No other information is available at present, but we hope to find out more about this fine team

for our next issue.

1982 Teams

Eleven teams competed in the league: Andy Capp’s Gang, Regal Beagle, Locos, Dooling Electric, Pine Liquor, Sin City AC, Pard’s, Protection F.C., Kaveman Construction, Mean Machine, Lions Den.

1983 Teams

The league featured 12 teams: East Division-Lions Den, Locos, Demons, Monaghan House, Regal Beagle, Midtown Florist. West Division-Pard’s, Sanitary Fuel, Protection, Bottle Stop Brewers, Andy Capp’s, Kaveman Construction.

1983 Teams/Players

Monaghan House-Mike Grimley, Bob Clayton, Ed O’Connor, Jim Inman, Jack Conlon, Fred Henry, John Kaboski, Jon “Poncho” O’Connor, Joe Donnelly, Mike Krotosek, Bob Kaboski; Lions Den-Joe Crowe, Jack O’Leary, Billy Doll, Steve Rossi, Mike McCabe, Jerry Prusakowski, Tom Suau, Bobby Thompson, John Dragotta, Jim Ziola, Mark Abbatiello, Ed Diem, Kevin McCarthy, GM/player Jim Heath; Demons-Mark Wahler, Frank Wahler, Ken Wahler, Mgr./player Mark Dehnz, Paul Dehnz, Steve Szatkowski, Andy Pipala, Bob Aucone, Jack Stratton, John Pipala, Tom Misak; Regal Beagle-Tom Reilly, Al Sorrentino, Joe Ambrosio, Bob Richardson, Phil Rainone, Gary Rojek, John Ammon, Frank Norek, Vince Mackiel, Mike Klimchak, Pat DeJoy, Gary Novak, Ron Morgan; Midtown Florist-Randy Neumann, Glenn Smith, Marty Ratajczak, Gary Lange, John Connors, Frank Kuziemski, John McNamara, Keith Dupree; Locos-Greg Gasiewski, Alex MacNeil, Jim Hicks, “Zambo” Zamorski; Kaveman Construction-Ron Croddick, Kevin Nemeth, Ray Downs, George Bongiorno, Tom Diem, Tom Gorman; Sanitary Fuels-player/manager Gene Lopez, Jack Gallagher, Henry “Henny” Conroy, Tom Burkard, Ted Wallace, Jack Brennan, Frank Pauloski, Mike Lopez, Mike Munck, Al Gomolka Jr., Tom Wortley, Mike “Woody” McCarthy, John Kurzawa; Pard’s-Gary Dean, Charlie Dean, Johnny Guiro, Don Heimall; Protection-Larry Parsons, John Szatkowski, Tom Billich, Mike Downs, Drew Newcomb, Craig Burkard, Mike Toris, Dean Kenny, “Buddy” Walters; Bottle Stop Brewers-Keith Lambertson, Bobby Holmes; Andy Capp’s-Darren LaVigne, Bobby Geant.

*Part 7 Next Issue: 1983 and Beyond

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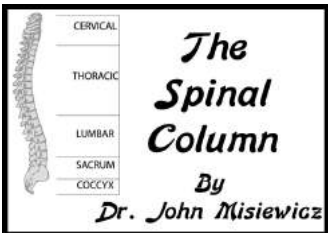




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How to Cope with Heat Emergencies

The summer sun can lift our spirits and warm our bodies. Every year summer also brings heat exhaustion and death when people get too hot, for too long.

“When the heat and humidity both rise above 90 degrees, about four to ten cases of heat-related illness show up each day in the emergency room at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston,” says Stephen Bohan, M.D., clinical director of the department. “That’s as high as any other single complaint.”

Heat exhaustion is the most common syndrome complicating physical exertion in warm or hot weather. Both the degree of outside temperature and the intensity of physical activity play important roles. Intense physical exertion in moderately warm weather may be as dangerous in this regard as moderate exertion in hot weather. Heavy sweating resulting in dehydration, excessive hyperthermia, and failing cardiovascular functions causes symptoms of heat exhaustion.

On average, 371 people die each year in the U.S. of “excessive heat exposure” according to the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention statistics from 1979 through 1997, the most recent available. The death rate among people age 65 and older is three times the average.

The age groups most adversely affected by the heat are small children, the elderly, and those infirmed and bothered by mental illness. Among people who are not elderly or impaired, the most common heat emergencies occur when people exercise at midday, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on hot humid days, and don’t drink enough fluids.

The body’s cooling mechanism depends on evaporating perspiration, but if the humidity is really high that can’t happen and those people become rapidly hypothermic.

As always, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure! Drink plenty of fluids before, during and after exercising; wear lightweight, light-colored clothing. If you feel not only hot, but lightheaded or weak as well, it may be time to seek help.

Fishing Flashes

By Teo “Weebles” Weber



Salt Water

In Raritan Bay, Striper fishing from the beaches is just about over. Bluefish have taken their place. I saw one Bluefish about 8 pounds caught at Cliffwood Beach. I also saw Blues chasing bait at Ideal Beach. Fluke fishing in the bay is good. It’s better in the bay than the ocean as bay waters are currently warmer. There are plenty of shorts but enough keepers to make it interesting. A few big ones too—one fish at 10 pounds was caught. Sea Bass, now that the season is open, is quite good. Party boat Blue fishing is hit and miss. When they can’t find the Blues they turn to Sea Bass fishing to fill out the day. Surf fishing at IBSP and LBI consists of Fluke and some big Bluefish. There are King Fish in the surf and more than a few Black Drum, making it a fishermen’s holiday! One angler limited with 3 Drum measuring 26-31 inches caught on Clams.

Fresh Water

Trout stocking is over for the Spring season. It ended on Memorial Day Weekend. My wife and I gave the Pequest a try on that weekend, catching 5 Rainbows up to 13 inches. Plenty of fish remain. Freshwater Bass season is now open. Fishing for Panfish, Carp, catfish and anything else you catch in lakes, streams and ponds should be good as it normally is, at this time of year. The Shad run in the Delaware River is over.



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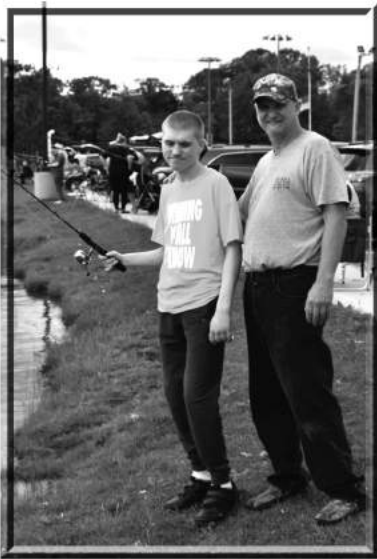
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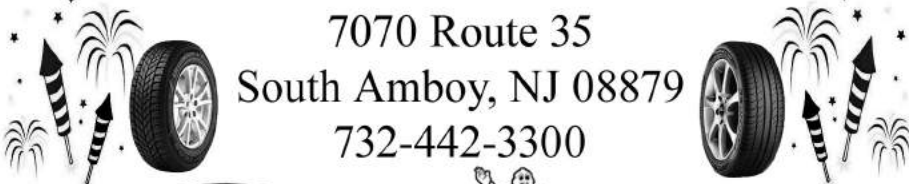
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Briann Ashley Downes
Graduated with Honors from
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She graduated summa cum laude as she held Dean's List status every semester. Briann is a member of multiple Honor Societies including Beta Gamma Sigma, Mu Kappa Tau and NJ Business Administration which solely inducts the top 1% of business students throughout the state. During her time at Rider, she studied Business & Culture for a summer semester in Barcelona, Spain. Briann was a member of the Division 1 Cross Country and Track and Field teams as well.

Congratulations to Briann on her recent success!!

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By Al Gomolka Jr.
Times Poet Laureate
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Or just a contention
To make us all boobs
If the latter is true
Then a boob I must be
Pass the remote to this couch potato
For I Love Lucy,
And I love T.V.!

South Amboy Street Fair

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



South Amboy Councilwoman Zusette Dato and husband Bob Dato are pictured purchasing a delicious lunch from the South Amboy Elks #784 stand.



Sacred Heart Church, South Amboy Troop 95 Boy Scouts of America were on hand to give out information about becoming a member and other interesting facts.



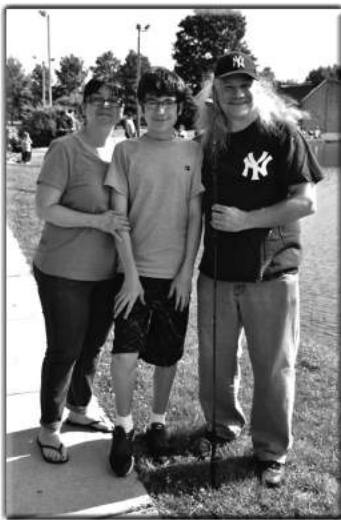
The Brian O'Connor School of Music entertained the crowd with an outstanding assortment of rock 'n' roll music.



Cake on Heels, a new South Amboy business located at 165 North Broadway, opened its doors for the first time, and on hand to greet the new owner Marisol Esteves (l) was Mayor Fred Henry.

Sayreville Recreation Dept. Fishing Derby

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Gone Fishin'-Many youngsters entered the derby, and really enjoyed the beautiful weather, while hoping to pull in a prize-winning fish.



A proud father teaches his young son how to fish.



Thank You!



The family of World War II veteran Max Nebus, who was killed in action, are pictured under the new street sign, which was dedicated in his name at the recent Grand Opening of Woodmont Cove. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

Thank you to all of our sponsors, eateries, bands, venue, anyone who donated and every single person that helped in any way. YOU are the reason why this is possible and YOU are the people that are changing lives. Chris and Katya had a great time and this is also your doing. We are happy to say we have made \$22,600 this year, bringing us over \$100,000 since it's inception in November 2014. Mark your calendars for next years Benefit Concert on April 27th 2019 at the Sayreville Knights of Columbus, 775 Washington Road, Parlin(Sayreville), NJ 08859. Don't forget to LIKE us on Facebook as Jammin for Jaclyn and FOLLOW us on Instagram @ jammin_for_jaclyn. Donations are accepted year-round and can be made out to "RJC Charities Inc." and mailed to "Jammin for Jaclyn, 292 Stevens Avenue South Amboy, NJ 08879." We look forward to seeing you all on April 27th and we thank you all so very much for your continued support! Jamminforjaclyn.weebly.com Pictured (l-r)Co-founders: Ron Morgan,Denise Morgan and Michael Squillace. (Photo by Evolution-Images.com)

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Obituaries
Applegate, Warren E. Jr., 79, formerly of Sayreville died on June 1.
Bartlett, Edward, 69, of South Amboy died on June 14.
Belotti, Antoinette "Toni," 79, of Parlin died on June 6.
Brewer, Wayne, 66, of Sayreville died on June 13.
Chevalier, Vernon F., 93, of Sayreville died on June 20.
Coman, Kimberly, 48, died on June 16.
Conroy, John, 69, formerly of South Amboy died on June 12.
Cross, Anthony John "Smokey," 65, formerly of South Amboy died on March 11.
Dennen, Harold J. Jr., 93, of South Amboy died on June 9.
Fedor, Eugene W., 91, of Sayreville died on June 15.
Fielek, Mary, 98, formerly of Sayreville died on June 8.
Gentile, Lori A., 55, of South Amboy died on June 2.
Godowski, John S., 86, of Sayreville died on May 18.
Grabon, Anna, 81, of South Amboy died on June 4.
Jezewski, Anna J. Ryniec, 99, formerly of South Amboy died on June 11.
Kay, Regina M., 92, of South Amboy died on June 3.
Kosmosk, Daniel, 70, formerly of Sayreville died on June 16.
Krzywdzinski, Frank, 94, of South Amboy died on May 21.
Kurtz, Frances M. Zielinski, 79, of Sayreville died on June 10.
Lenty, Aniela, 87, of South Amboy died on June 17.
Lodato, Pamela J., 68, of Sayreville died on June 5.
Lukie, Antoinette "Nan," 74, of South Amboy died on May 29.
Lytkowski, Robert P., 79, formerly of Sayreville died on June 9.
Makar, Rosemary A., 88, of South Amboy died on May 20.
Marino, Anthony, 70, of Sayreville died on June 16.
Marsch, Josephine P., 88, of Parlin died on May 25.
Miller, Nicole A., 38, of Metuchen died on June 5.
Murphy, Mary A., 87, of Parlin died on May 30.
Mullane, Gail A., 78, formerly of South Amboy died on May 27
O'Keefe, Brian, 45, of South Amboy died on May 26.
Paczkowski, Frances M., 73, of South Amboy died on May 19.
Pajak, Ida, 89, of Sayreville died on June 1.
Pielmeier, Linda, 52, of Sayreville died on June 1.
Price, Donald E., 85, of Parlin died on May 28.
Pryor, Kathleen E., 89, of Parlin died on June 18.
Przybylowski, Donna J., 63, formerly of Sayreville died on June 20.
Razwilavich, Thomas F., 71, of Parlin died on June 17.
Smith, Kathryn E. Bouchard, 66, of South Amboy died on May 27.
Stefanski, Joseph M., 54, formerly of Sayreville died on May 26.
Trafton, Margaret A., 90, of Sayreville died on June 10.
Walters, Charles E., 84, formerly of South Amboy died on June 15.
Yuhasz, Alexander, 86, of South Amboy died on May 18.



Gail A. Mullane
Gail (Braun) Mullane 78 passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 27, 2018, in Oswego, New York at the age of 78. She was born in Perth Amboy, New Jersey to George and Mary (Vary) Braun. She was a class of '57 graduate of Hoffman High School in South Amboy, New Jersey.
Gail was a long-time realtor in central New York. Over the years she assisted hundreds of people in selling and finding their homes. She was also very active in the service of others, volunteering assistance to organizations such as scouting, little league and PTA. She especially enjoyed working to help the less fortunate. For 10 years until she was no longer physically able, she served as a respite provider and caregiver to Families of Children and Adults with Developmental and Physical Disabilities. She took these special people on daily outings and facilitated their interaction with others. Once, she even saved a life by administering the Heimlich maneuver on one who was choking. This job was very dear to her heart. She often regaled her family and friends with humorous and touching stories about her "Dayhab" group and their outings. Gail truly loved her time spent with them.
She is survived by her children, John, Keith, Timothy, Kara, and her granddaughters, Erica, Victoria, Magdalena, and Emily. She is also survived by her sister, Lucille (Braun) Kurtz and her friend and former husband, John.
Honoring Gail's request there will be no service. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be sent to www.arcon.org. (Arc of Onondaga County)



Frances M. Kurtz
Frances M. Kurtz (Nee: Zielinski), 79 of Sayreville, entered into eternal rest on Sunday, June 10, 2018. She is the daughter of the late Francis and Helen. Predeceased her was her husband Manville and her brother-in-law Robert. Frances is survived by her loving sons Mark Kurtz, his wife Cara and Chris Kurtz. Dear sister to Patricia McGowan, caring niece Peggy Bohling and two great nephews Michael and Ryan. A special friend to Donald Peterson. Frances held a seat on the vestry as well as being very active in a lot of the efforts at Trinity Episcopal Church. Her efforts with the soup kitchen made her very respected among the community. Frances was very dedicated to her family and friends. She enjoyed concerts in the park, reading and her trips to Atlantic City, but above all loved to travel abroad. Her spirit will leave a legacy that will not be forgotten. Fran touched so many lives along the way with her bright and sunny smile, and always a kind or cheery word for all. For more information, to send a tribute, or give condolences, please visit www.kurzawafh.com. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Trinity Episcopal Church.



In Memoriam

John Godowski, 86, of Sayreville died on May 18. He was an accomplished musician and founded The Jesters band. John was an active member of St. Stan's, who served on many committees, as Past President and member of the Holy Name Society; Eucharistic Minister; Lector; Church Finance Council & Trustee; Carnival Committee; Boy Scouts Troop 68. He was St. Stanislaus Kostka School PTA Father of the Year, and also a member of Sayreville K of C #2061, and their 4th Degree. Frank Krzywdzinski, 94, of South Amboy died on May 21. Before retiring, he was the GM of Briggs Chevrolet in South Amboy. Frank was a fine gentleman, and always actively involved in his community. He was a member of the South Amboy Business Association (SABA), and also the South Amboy Renaissance & Redevelopment Committee. Kathryn Smith, 66, of South Amboy died on May 27. She was very involved with the youth of our community, as a member of the PTO, and Class Mom, as well as serving as Vice-President of the South Amboy Youth Baseball Women's Auxiliary Club. In addition she was always volunteering at Christ Church, where she ran the Thrift Store, and also baked for the Bread Bakers Group. Antoinette "Nan," Lukie, 74, of South Amboy died on May 29. She worked for the South Amboy Board of Education as Secretary of the Superintendent of Schools for over 25 years, and had an amazing personality, a real "people person" who treated everyone with a smile and kind word. Robert Lytkowski, 79, formerly of Sayreville died on June 9. He retired as Director of Sayreville Public Works. John Conroy, 69, formerly of South Amboy died on June 12. He served with the U.S. Army Reserves for 7 years during the Vietnam War, and also was an avid sports fan, especially basketball. Charles "Charlie" Walters, 84, formerly of South Amboy died on June 15. He worked as an Equities Trader for Goldman Sachs for 35 years, and after retiring, he became an actor and was a member of the Screen Actors Guild. He appeared on "Saturday Night Live," "Conan," multiple Lottery commercials, magazines, and even Alice in Chains videos. He was a volunteer at Webster School in Union City for 17 years, teaching children to read, and bought every child in the school a new book twice a year for a total of 850 books annually. When living in South Amboy, he was always there to help when someone needed it, and also was involved with youth baseball, and fall basketball as a coach. Eugene Fedor, 91, of Sayreville died on June 15. He was a Eucharistic Minister/Lecturer at Our Lady of Victories Church. Daniel Kosmoski, 70, formerly of Sayreville died on June 17. He was a decorated Army soldier and Vietnam War veteran who died from Agent Orange complications. Thomas Razwilavich, 71, of Parlin died on June 17. He was the set director and builder for many performances at South Amboy High School plays. Vernon Chevalier, 93, of Sayreville died on June 20. He was a World War II veteran in the 482nd Tank Ordnance Co., in campaigns in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe. He was a well-respected businessman, and owner/operator of V. Chevalier & Son in Parlin since 1946. May they rest in peace and never be forgotten.



PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

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



Harold Dennen Jr.

Harold Joseph Dennen, Jr., 93, of South Amboy died on Saturday June 9, 2018 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Old Bridge. Born in South Amboy he lived there all his life. Before retiring he was employed as a railroad engineer. A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean War he was a member of the American Legion Post 211, Sayreville and Sayreville VFW Post 4699. A member of St. Mary's R.C. Church, South Amboy he also belonged to the Knights of Columbus Council 426, the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the South Amboy Elks Lodge 784. He was twice honored as Grand Marshal of the South Amboy Memorial Day Parade in 2007 and 2010, was Deputy Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in 2016 and was also named Citizen of the Year by the Elks Lodge in 2016. Harold served on the South Amboy Zoning Board, was a South Amboy Babe Ruth League Manager, Little League Assistant Coach, and also belonged to Independence Engine & Hose Company, having the distinction as oldest fireman in South Amboy. Harold had a terrific personality, and infectious smile, that brightened the days of countless people. Always a kind man, and proud military veteran, he was a friend to all and will be sadly missed.

Son of the late Harold J., Sr. and Daisy Disbrow Dennen he is also predeceased by his wife Irene Kosovich Dennen in 1988; his sister Marion Barry; his stepbrother Doug Hicks and his grandson Kyle Dennen in 2005. He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law Harold Joseph, III and Gail Dennen of Murrels Inlet, South Carolina and Ronald Lee and Sue Dennen of Hampton, Virginia; his daughter Wendy Erickson and Bob Richards of South Amboy; his grandchildren Melissa Ott and her husband Charles, Jason, Stuart and Gregory Dennen, Robert, Heather, Jessica and Meredith Erickson and Ron Dennen and his great-grandchildren Brandon and Jacob Dennen and Kylea Ott.

Funeral services were held on June 14, 2018 from The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy followed by a 9:30 am Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's Church, South Amboy. Cremation was private.

Thomas F. Razwilavich

Thomas F. Razwilavich, 71, of Parlin died on Sunday June 17, 2018 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy. Born in Kingston, Pennsylvania, he grew up in Linden and later lived in Colonia before moving to Parlin in 1998. Before retiring, he was employed as a carpenter for Rutgers University, New Brunswick. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. A talented woodworker, he was the set director and builder for many of the performances at South Amboy High School.

Son of the late Frank and Anna Perkalis Razwilavich, he is survived by his wife June Olendzki Razwilavich, his sister and brother-in-law Karen and Lawrence Lukenda, his niece Kristina Junkroft and her husband Gary, his nephew Robert Lukenda and his wife Christina, and 5 grandnieces.

A private funeral service was held under the direction of The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Tom's Cats, 9 Fielek Terrace, Parlin, NJ 08859.

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