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FED UP! Overdose & Substance Use Awareness

Thursday August 30th 5:00-8:00 PM in the South Amboy Middle/High School Cafeteria, 200 General Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. This is a free, family friendly event to bring awareness to substance use and overdose deaths ravaging families and communities. This event will consist of speakers, resource tables and a memorial vigil. Our speakers will consist of community leaders, parents who have lost children to this devastating disease, individuals in long term recovery and a special guest Regional Director, Office of the Secretary, Region II of the US Department of Health and Human Services, Anthony C. Ferreri. Please join us for an evening of education, awareness and remembrance. This event is supported by the City of South Amboy, the South Amboy Police Department, the South Amboy Board Of Education and the South Amboy Parent Teachers Association. For additional information please contact Kim Sieber at 908-565-4415. We hope to see you there.

Milling And Repaving Bordentown Avenue

The county of Middlesex will be milling and repaving Bordentown Ave. between Kenneth Ave. in Sayreville and Pine Ave. between Aug. 29 and Sept. 13. The city of South Amboy will also be repaving Bordentown Ave. between Pine Ave. and Broadway in roughly the same time period.

Remembering Russell Newcomb

(Photos/info by Tom Burkard)



ABOVE: The family of late South Amboy Firefighter Russell Newcomb, who died on Dec. 29, 1993, as a result of injuries sustained while in the line of duty, are pictured at the dedication of a street sign in his name, that will be on the corner of Raritan & Alpine Streets, near the Mechanicsville Fire House, where Russell was a very dedicated member. Mayor Fred Henry dedicated the sign, and Rev. Stanley Gromadzki, Pastor of Sacred Heart Church gave the blessing and offered prayers.

RIGHT: Pictured is the sign which was dedicated to honor Firefighter Russell Newcomb, who was a great man, respected and loved by all.



The South Amboy Mayor and Council presented James "Doc" Ryan with a street sign, which will be dedicated at Thompson Street, and also a proclamation in honor of his 60 years of serving the community of South Amboy as a member of the First Aid & Safety Squad. Pictured in photo (l-r) Councilman Tom Reilly, Councilwoman Christine Noble, James "Doc" Ryan, Mayor Fred Henry, Councilwoman Zusette Dato, and Council President Michael "Mickey" Gross. Other photos on page 12. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Ryan Honored For 60 Years Of Service

By Tom Burkard

James Ryan, affectionately known as "Doc" was honored by the City of South Amboy for his 60 years of service to the community as an EMT and member of the South Amboy First Aid and Safety Squad. He has answered an estimated 15,000 calls in his illustrious career.

If you currently live in, or have at one time or another resided in South Amboy, there's a good chance that either you, someone in your family, friends or neighbors needed help from the South Amboy First Aid and

Safety Squad. More than likely, when they answered the emergency call, Jim Ryan was there, and ready to help the sick or injured in need. He has such a pleasant personality, and has always been reassuring to those in distress over an issue dealing with their health.

Jim Ryan is a dedicated man, always there to help people, and caring for their well-being during stressful situations in route to hospitals or care facilities. Following his 1958 graduation from St. Mary's High School, he joined the South Amboy First

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The Children's Center For Learning Receives Top Rating

The Children's Center For Learning of South Amboy, owned and operated by Lisa Barbarino, was recently awarded a 4 Star Rating from Grow NJ Kids.

Grow NJ Kids is New Jersey's Quality Rating Improvement System designed to raise the quality of child care and early learning across the state. The Children's Center is setting a high bar for preschools not only in Middlesex County but also in the State of New Jersey. The Children's Center for Learning is only the 2nd center-based school in Middlesex County to receive a Rating higher than a 3 Star. Congratulations!

Sept. 22 Sands Bus Trip

St. Mary's Church is running a bus trip to Sands Casino in Bethlehem, PA on Sat., Sept. 22. Cost is \$35 per person, with a give-back of a \$20 slot voucher and a \$5 food voucher. The bus will leave the school parking lot (Second St.) at 9 a.m. and will return from the Sands around 6 p.m. There will be snacks, 50/50 raffles, Bingo, and lots of fun and laughter! To join in the fun, please call Angel at 732-501-5133.

This bus trip is in memory of Ann Henry (who was a faithful traveler with her companion, Lois on our bus trips). Proceeds will benefit Mercy Center (outreach for the poor) in Asbury Park, NJ. If unable to join us, please consider a free-will donation. Please make checks payable to Mercy Center and you may drop them off in the collection basket or at the parish office. Thank you!



South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry (l) hands the keys to the city's newest bus to driver Pat Longenhagen while members of the South Amboy Senior Citizens look on. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

New Passenger Bus For SA Seniors

The City of South Amboy took delivery of the latest addition to their Senior Citizen transportation fleet this week with the arrival of a new passenger bus. Funded through a Community Development Block Grant the newest addition to the fleet will ensure a safe and comfortable ride to the South Amboy Seniors as they are shuttled to events and appointments.

Mayor Fred Henry said "We are grateful

to Middlesex County for their assistance in obtaining grant money to provide this bus for our valued Seniors. It is a welcome addition to our fleet and will enhance our ongoing efforts to provide assistance to our Senior population where we can. It is our hope that moving forward we can provide even more programming to this valuable segment of our community."

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South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry (r) and his wife Linda enjoyed the recent Classic Car Show presented by Independence Fire Co. (Photo by Brian Stratton)



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Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

Director Nagle Retires

South Amboy resident Lawrence V. Nagle retired on June 30 from his position of Director Diocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection. Nagle became the director in September 2003, after retiring from working in law enforcement for 30 years. Congratulations Larry, and may you have health and happiness as you enjoy your retirement!

College News

Recent Graduates

Loyola University Maryland-Katelyn Allen (Sayreville), bachelor's degree in elementary education.
University of Rhode Island-Colton F. Hurley, bachelor's degree in economics.
University of the Sciences in Philadelphia-Nichols Guzman (Parlin), bachelor's degree in pharmaceutical and healthcare studies; Rudra Patel (South Amboy), bachelor's degree in pharmaceutical and healthcare studies. Drexel University in Philadelphia-Jack O'Connor (South Amboy), bachelor's degree in Entertainment Merchandising,

minor in Business Administration.
Monmouth University in West Long Branch-Courtney Buell (South Amboy), bachelor's degree in Communications, minor in Graphic Design and Computer Graphics.

Spring Dean's List

Kean University-Caitlin Norek (South Amboy).
Rochester Institute of Technology-Stephanie Chan (South Amboy); Kevin Chelchowski (Sayreville).
Muhlenberg College-Rashida Hays (Sayreville).
St. Peter's University-Ara Herrera (South Amboy); Sydney Kurfels (South Amboy), who also won the Joanne Amato Memorial Award in Nursing.
University of the Sciences in Philadelphia-Mai Aly (Parlin).
University of Scranton-Meagan R. Scheider (Parlin); Kelly S. O'Donnell (South Amboy).
Congratulations and continued success in your studies!

Congratulations to all!

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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

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Pleasant little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

1. St. Mary's last Pastor when the high school was run by the parish, served from 1977-1991?
a. Father William Leonard b. Msgr. Francis Sullivan c. Msgr. John Gerety
2. Where is Unique Hair Studio located in Sayreville?
a. Washington Rd. b. MacArthur Ave. c. Pulaski Ave.
3. In 1993, where was Bev's Cozy Corner Bar located in South Amboy?
a. Ridgeway Ave. b. Raritan St. c. South Broadway
4. This '70 St. Mary's graduate has been a successful author and former editor of The National Enquirer?
a. John Anderson b. Christopher Morgan c. Louise Macauley
5. President of Vince's Main St. Rental & Sales, Sayreville back in 1993?
a. Jim Wojcik b. Mike Taylor c. Rasheem Dilorenzo
6. Years ago, English Chevron was located at 401 South Pine Ave., South Amboy. What business was at that spot in '93?
a. Fred's Auto Repairs b. All Car Tech c. Classic Car Center
7. Sayreville VFW Memorial Post 4699 and the Ladies Auxiliary chose her as Poppy Queen for 1993-94?
a. Cara Hohner b. Elizabeth Gowdy c. Josephine Yankovsky
8. In '93, where was Broadway Coiffures located in South Amboy?
a. North Stevens Ave. b. Main St. c. North Broadway
9. Back in 1993, where was Parlin Pizza located?
a. Washington Rd. b. Bordentown Ave. c. Route 9 South
10. Crab Atlantic, a seafood business had its Grand Opening in '93 in Sayreville. Where was it located?
a. Rt. 35, Melrose b. Rt. 35, Morgan c. Rt. 9, Parlin

Answers

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

Business Of The Month The Children Center For Learning Of South Amboy



The Children Center For Learning Of South Amboy has been serving South Amboy and surrounding areas since 2007. Pictured in photo (l-r) Owner/Operator Lisa Barbarino, Corry Romanoff, Chase Szatkowski, Jayden Berry, Jason Portes, Laylah Landin, Alana Portes, and Jennifer Perez. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

The Children's Center For Learning of South Amboy (CCL) has been proudly serving South Amboy and the surrounding Middlesex County area since 2007. The CCL is dedicated to providing our families with a safe, fun, year-round learning environment for children 6 weeks to 13 years of age. CCL is dedicated to cultivating creative, compassionate, and independent children through their Highscope Curriculum and lesson plans. The program is designed to inspire children's love of learning through hands-on experiences and lessons. The CCL enrolled in the rigorous rating program in 2016 and have worked very hard at meeting the high quality standards set forth by the program since then. The CCL is honored to have received the distinguished

rating of 4 stars.

A big reason the school achieved this excellent rating was due to the high quality and professionalism of the teaching staff; Jennifer Perez, Assistant Director, Amy Palmer, Lead Toddler Teacher, Samantha Gomez, Lead Infant Teacher, Brandy Charmello, Lead Early Toddler Teacher, and Corry Romanoff, secretary. CCL's teachers are truly amazing, and you can walk into the CCL at any time and see the love and compassion that each one of them have for the children, and what they do every day. Owner/Operator Lisa Barbarino said, "We have been very fortunate for the last 11 years to have had such dedicated staff members to share the love and joy of education."

City of South Amboy Addresses Complaints

At the August 15th meeting of the Mayor and City Council several residents spoke about sightings of rats in several specific locations in the City. In response to these complaints the City mobilized several key departments including, Health, Zoning, Code Enforcement, and the Department of Public Works to immediately address the problem.

On August 16th Mayor Fred Henry, Council President Mickey Gross along with the City Business Administrator and representatives from the Middlesex County Health Department did a walking tour of the affected areas to determine the best course of action.

"Clearly", said Mayor Henry, "despite the distribution of informational flyers in May to City residents encouraging folks to clean up their yards there are several, who despite the best efforts of our City Health Inspector simply will not maintain their property. Sadly, some of these properties have deteriorated to the extent that they may be harboring rodents. We cannot and will not allow this problem to go unaddressed."

In order to address the complaints, the City dispatched representatives from Health and Code Enforcement to cite property owners who are not maintaining their yards in accordance with City Ordinance.

In the course of these inspections several uninhabited bank owned properties were identified and the responsible parties were also contacted and cited to ensure that immediate corrective actions were taken.

Additionally, the City has arranged for a special bulk pickup schedule City wide in the month of September to afford property owners to dispose of items that may be accumulating in their yards to remove any potential harborages for rodents.

According to Health Officials rodents are attracted to areas by available food and water. This often comes in the form of garbage cans without lids, garbage bags left out of containers, and standing water. In addition, piles of debris, unkept lawns and, and even abandoned vehicles can provide safe haven for all forms of undesirable animals.

"Health, Code Enforcement, and Zoning Officers have been directed by the Business Administrator to engage in a vigorous enforcement campaign to compel negligent homeowners to come in to compliance. On the first day of this stepped-up campaign 21 summonses were issued.", said Henry. In instances where there is continued non-compliance the City will conduct the cleanup and use liens to recover the co



Bob Masterson (l) and Dave Walton (r) were on hand at the Middlesex County Fair to promote the D. B. Kelly Pipes and Drums band who are looking for people to join The Band! (Photo by Brian Stratton)

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Yearbook-St. Mary Regional HS 1988

By Tom Burkard

On June 28, 1987, the school officially became St. Mary Regional High School at a transition ceremony. The Sisters of St. Francis The Martyr St. George combined with the Sisters of Mercy for the first time in South Amboy. Some of the faculty included Father Bob and Father Joe, Janet Gray, Dorothy Holliday, Jeanne Polinski, Diana Panigrosso, Sharon Keshish, Suzanne Burns, Sister Marie Theresa Define, Sister Esther Hernandez, Joyce DeProspro. The St. Mary social scene featured many cool happenings including The Lip Sync, The Christmas Ball, which had "Winter Wonderland" as its theme, The Magic of Mind Power with Flavin, The Christmas Concert on Dec. 14, 1987, Senior-Faculty Picnic in Oct. '87, The Senior Christmas Party, called "The Eskimo Way," the school play, "South Pacific," and the Senior Prom which was held at The Shadowbrook. On the national scene in '88, it was a year of Dukakis nominations; Olympia for an Oscar, cousin Michael for President. She won, he didn't. In November, George H.W. Bush won the presidency, and Dan Quayle was his VP. Mickey Mouse turned 60. Canada's Ben Johnson lost his Olympics gold medal because he took steroids.

randomly included: Patricia Armhold, Kim Borucki, Nancy Corbin, Jennifer Damian, Marleen DeLeon, Danielle DiSomma, Debra Finnegan, Bethann Fleming, Michelle Farrell, John Haber, Marylee Iuzzolino, Katherine Knatz, Amy LaPatriello, Nicole Lucante, Jeanette Malik, Stephen Morgan, Susan Mankowski, Christine Murphy, Traci Nelson, Mariellen McMahon, GERALYN O'CONNELL, Tina Priccaciant, Lisa Reid, Kristen Sarisky, Francine Smith, Ellen Stockton, Richard Walker II, Jodi Yunckes, Ericka Salinas, Barbara Maher, Donna Housman. The talented senior athletes were: Doris Bittar, William Boehler, Dawn Castellano, Gina Catallo, Rosemarie Consiglio, Wendy Corlett, William Dietrich, Tara Dowd, Leeann Durski, Erin Ellsworth, Michelle Gerrity, Mark Hammond, Jennifer Julg, Patrick Kiernan, Natalie Klimaszewski, Donna Kolakowski, Tony Kous, Robert Lozzi, Michelle Mancuso, Kristen McKitish, Cynthia McNerny, Gennaro Nappi Jr., David Nash, Jennifer Noble, Mary Shannon O'Connor, Keith Pearson, Lillian Pulido, Tricia Reagan, Paul Roche, Mary Schnitzer, Lynette Smolinski, Mark Tinitigan, Debbie Zielinski, Heather Pinsky.

At the Eagles' Nest on South Stevens Ave. & Augusta St., Colleen Graham was Editor of the yearbook; Gerri Panigrosso was Editor of the Literary magazine "Reflections;" Mark Hammond was Class President. Some of the seniors selected

Carolyn Rosetti and Colleen Graham were Co-Valedictorians, and on that memorable Graduation Day for St. Mary Regional HS Class of '88, George Michael had the #1 hit in the U.S with "One More Try."

65 Years Ago... St. Mary's Fire

By Tom Burkard

Monday, September 14, 1953. began the second week of the new school year at St. Mary's. No one realized that it would turn out to be one of the most devastating days in the history of South Amboy. At about 3:30 p.m., 40 minutes after St. Mary's 1,300 students were dismissed for the day, a fire was discovered. The catastrophe was battled by Fire Companies from South Amboy, Morgan, and Penh Amboy, and before it was brought under control, the 2nd floor,

and 3rd floor auditorium of the three story building were destroyed. South Amboy Fire Chief at the time, Joseph Carroll, reported that three firemen were injured. One of the firefighters, James Nemeth suffered a back injury in the blaze. The damage to the school was estimated at \$1 million dollars (back in those days an exorbitant amount). St. Mary's students were forced to go on split sessions at Hoffman.

Harold G. Hoffman Was Rescued By Sea Scouts

July 5, 1937-Gov. Harold G. Hoffman and a party of 20 persons were saved by swift and cool-headed action by nine Sea Scouts. The passengers lives were in danger, when a their pleasure yacht was destroyed by a explosion and fire. The Governor was using the vessel to review New Jersey's fishing fleet a half-mile offshore from Asbury Park, NJ. The Sea Scouts were aboard with Hoffman as honor guards. Immediately after the first blast, the Scouts brought out life preservers and quickly made them available to members of the party. Within five minutes of the blast, passing boats arrived at the scene of

the near-tragedy and removed Mrs. Hoffman and her two children. In another few minutes, the Coast Guard from Shark River station removed Hoffman and the others from the ship. Shortly after the last Sea Scout left the flaming craft, it sank. The Sea Scouts were aboard the yacht under direction of Commissioner Maurice Judson. The heroic Scouts were; Wayne DeBow, William Haddock, Ernest Moore, Andrew Murphy, Victor Campy, Ralph Jensen, William Schaffler III, and Bruce Wallace, all of Lakehurst, NJ.



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 to 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."

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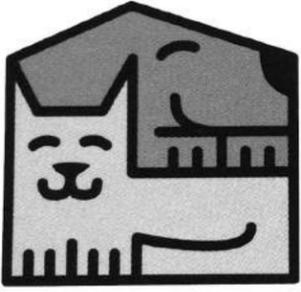
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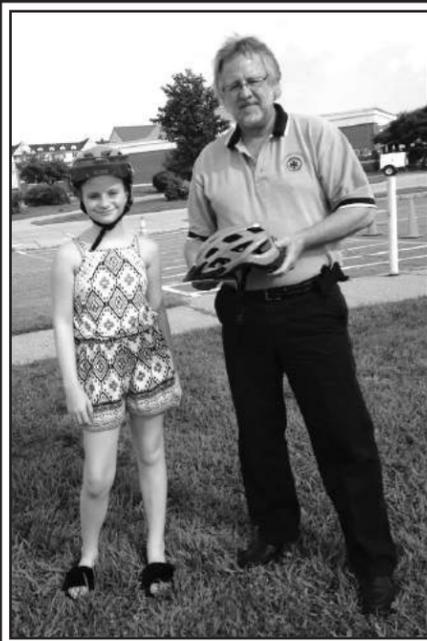
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Greg Wyzykowski, President of the South Amboy-Sayreville Rotary Club is pictured with a youngster after donating two bike helmets from the Rotary Club for National Night Out (NNO). (Photo/Info Submitted)

Thrift Store Open

Christ Church Thrift Store 257 4th St. South Amboy will be opening on Thursday Sept. 6. The store is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00am to 12 noon and will now also be open on Saturdays from 9:00 am to 12 noon. Donations gladly accepted on those days.

Remembering Patti Page September 26

Sacred Heart Seniors are sponsoring an outing Wednesday September 26 to see the entertaining show "Remembering Patti Page" Relive the many songs Patti Page performed over the years. The show will be at the Lakeside Manor on Route 36 in Hazlet. Cost of \$53 includes lunch and show. Transportation is on your own. For more information call Judy at 732-727-0154.

Stuffed Pork Chop Dinner

The South Amboy Elks #784 is holding a Stuffed Pork Chop Dinner on Thurs. Sept. 6 from 6-8 p.m. Dinner includes: stuffed pork chop, mashed potato, string beans, applesauce, dessert & coffee. Advanced tickets only. Lodge hours for tickets are M-F 3-8 p.m. Located at 601 Washington Ave. South Amboy. 732-727-7170.

All proceeds benefit the Peer Leadership Program.

Summer Wine Down September 15

Sacred Heart Church will have their first ever wine tasting fundraiser on Saturday September 15 from 7 to 10 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Memorial Hall. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$40 at the door. Tickets include food, dessert, and over 150 wine, beer, and spirits to sample. Sponsored by the Adelpia Wine Company of East Brunswick. You must be over 21 to attend. For ticket information call the Sacred Heart Parish Office at 732-721-0040.

Speaker Coughlin on Signing School Funding Legislation

Speaker Craig Coughlin (D-Middlesex) issued the following regarding the signing of A-2, which makes changes to the state school funding formula promoting a more equitable distribution of school aid to New Jersey's school districts:

"The current funding formula was simply no longer viable for New Jersey school districts. Basing funding on a formula without taking into account enrollment shifts was antithetical of the formula's original intent. This law restores balance in the state's school funding formula.

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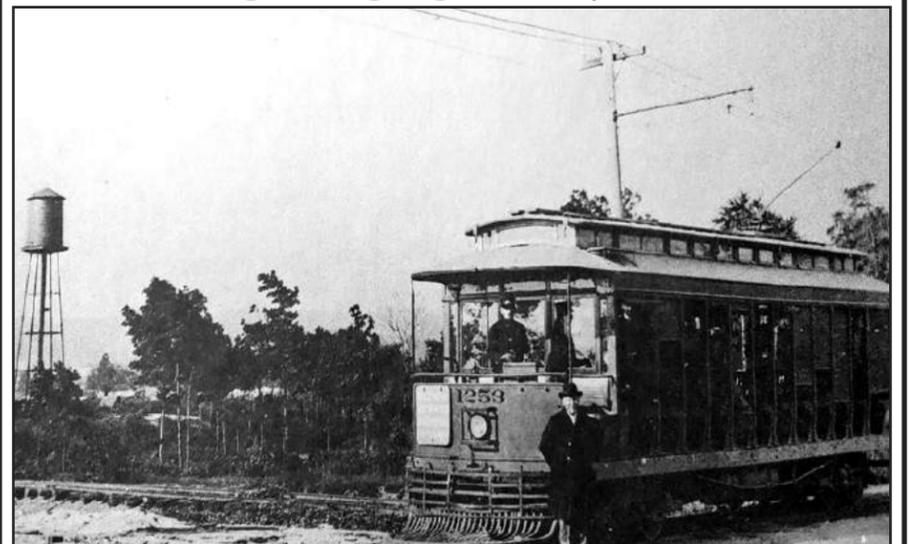
St. Mary's Perth Amboy High School Class of 1958 Reunion

Friday September 28, 2018 from 12 noon to 4pm at the Grand Marquis, Old Bridge N.J. All graduates from St. Mary's Perth Amboy or Perth Amboy High School are invited. Call Betty Pappas 732-236-4479 or Joan Dias 732-634-0239.

OLV September Meeting

The OLV Senior Group will hold their September Meeting on Friday, September 14, 2018 at 1:30PM in Monsignor Dalton Hall. There will be no lunch since it is a later meeting. After our business/organizational meeting dues will be collected for the year. All trips for November and December must be paid at this meeting. New Members are always welcomed. Non-perishable food donations for St. Vincent de Paul will resume at this meeting. For further information contact Teri at 732-727-7639.

Long, Long Ago In Sayreville



Circa 1925-A trolley car is pictured at lower Main Street in Sayreville. The conductor and the man standing next to the trolley are unidentified. (Photo was donated by Dorothy Grover, and shared by Jill Riley.)

**South Amboy Knights of Columbus
Council #426
Installation Of Officers**



South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 selected its officers for the 2018-2019 Columbian year. Pictured is Grand Knight Les Wilson (r) Deputy Grand Knight Jan "The Man" Williams (2nd from right), Treasurer-Steve Schmid (behind Jan). Other officers selected were Financial Secretary Rich O'Brien, Chancellor-Gary Lattanzi, Recorder Kevin Scupp, Advocate-Mike DeJoy, Warden-Jim Koczon, Inside Guard-Ed Vassallo, Outside Guard-Anthony Afryie, 3-Year Trustee-Jack Mieczkowski, 2-Year Trustee-Ken Smetana, 1-Year Trustee-Ray Suchcicki, Lecturer-John Kobiernicki, Chaplain-Rev. Stanley Gromadzki.
(Photo/info by Joe Lotkowitz)



The South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 held its installation of officers for 2018-2019. The new officers are pictured with Rev. Stanley Gromadzki (seated left) who is the council's Chaplain. (Photo courtesy of Ken Smetana)

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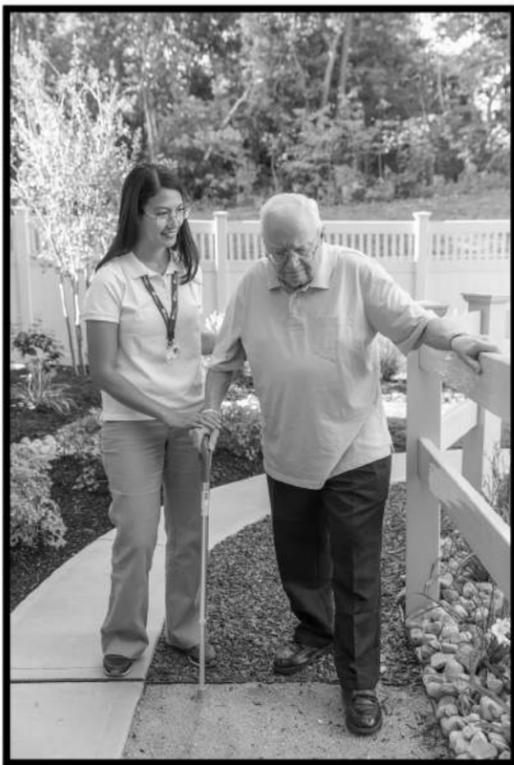
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Ust Named Associate AD At Auburn

Brant Ust, who has served as Assistant Athletics Director and Executive Director of the Monogram Club at the University of Notre Dame, has been named an Associate Athletics Director for Administration at Auburn. Ust's new position will encompass a wide range of responsibilities that contribute to the efficiency and effectiveness of day-to-day operations.

He took over the Monogram program at Notre Dame in 2014, and the club now has over 500 national advocates who are actively assisting current and former student-athletes through the career discernment process in collaboration with Student Welfare and Development and the Career Center.

Prior to his work at Notre Dame, he worked with USA Baseball from 2010-14, where he served as Director of the 18U National Team Program & Alumni Relations. Under his leadership, the 18U National Team won gold medals at the 2011 COPABE 18U Pan American Championships in Cartagena, Colombia, the 2012 IBAF 18U World Championships in Seoul, South Korea, and the 2013 IBAF 18U World Cup in Taichung, Taiwan.

In 1999, after an All-American, multi-award winning collegiate playing career at Notre Dame, he was selected by the Detroit Tigers in the 6th round of the MLB draft, and went on to enjoy a 9-year professional baseball career with the Tigers, Boston Red Sox, Pittsburgh Pirates, and Seattle Mariners organizations.

His superb credentials as a player for Notre Dame include being a three-time BIG EAST 1st Team selection, while starting 179 consecutive games, and finishing his Irish career with a stellar .368 batting average, with 51 doubles, 46 home runs, and 170 RBI.

Brant was a member of USA Baseball's 1998 Collegiate National Team and 2005 IBAF World Cup Team, while also donning the jersey for the Great Britain National Team in 2007 at the CEB European Championships and in 2009 in the IBAF World Cup.

Brant's proud father is former South Amboy resident Paul Ust, who graduated from St. Mary's HS in 1959, and went on to play baseball at Belmont Abbey College.



Brant Ust, was named Associate Athletics Director for Administration at Auburn University. Brant is the son of former South Amboy resident, Paul Ust. (Photo submitted)

Dowdell Library Fall Photo Contest

Share your Photos of South Amboy's Dynamic Businesses!

The Dowdell Library of South Amboy invites avid shutterbugs to enter the library's Fall Photo Contest. Celebrate our community through the art of photography, and contribute to the Library's local history picture collection.

All photo entries must feature a SOUTH AMBOY BUSINESS. The submission should be a clearly identifiable image of an interior or exterior place of business.

Photographs should be taken between September 1 and October 31 and submitted by November 15, 2018. Contestants may submit up to five high resolution DIGITAL images to: comments@dowdell.org; open to amateur photographers only.

Please include the location of the photograph, the date the photograph was taken, your name, and contact information.

Important photo release! Photographs that contain recognizable people must be accompanied by a release form signed by

each person photographed. If individuals are under the age of eighteen, their parent or legal guardian must sign the photo release.

Awards will be based on artistic distinction and historical value. Awards will be presented for the best "South Amboy" photograph, the Runner-up, and one for the best "architectural" photograph. Winners will be announced at the library's HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE on Monday, December 3 at 7:30 pm.

By entering the contest, participants allow the library to use the images in library publications, their website/social media or in future exhibits; photographers will be credited.

For further details, please contact the Dowdell Library of South Amboy at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org. The Library is located off John T. O'Leary Blvd – adjacent to the South Amboy High School.

Color Fun Runners Wanted

The Old Bridge High School AFJROTC Parents Association is sponsoring a Color Fun Run on Saturday, October 20 at Old Bridge High School/Geick Park, Route 516 in Old Bridge (Matawan). The Color Fun Run is a community event, open to all ages. Check-in starts at 9 a.m.

This fundraiser supports the OBHS Air Force JROTC program and cadets, who provide many services to the community. The unit recently earned the Silver Star

Community Service with Excellence Award, given only to the top 5% Air Force JROTC units with the highest "per cadet average" of community service hours.

Pre-registration is \$25 per runner or \$100 for a team of five and includes an official color run T-shirt. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. For more information go to obhsjrotcparents.wixsite.com/colorrn2018 or email obhsjrotccolorrn@gmail.com.

Trip To Atlantic City Resorts

The South Amboy Seniors will be running a bus trip to Resorts in Atlantic City on Wed., October 3. The bus will leave the South Amboy Senior Center at 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$30, and you will get back \$25 from Resorts. There will be free Bingo on the bus. Reserve now by calling Hilda at 732-721-3946.

Cruise Night September 7

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 hold their annual Classic Car Cruise Night Friday September 7 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the K of C parking lot at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Oldies music, food, drinks, and 50-50 drawing will be available. Trophies will be awarded to the best contestants. For more information call 732-553-9060 or 732-721-2025.

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 cdahl13@gmail.com

We would love to hear from you!



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The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, MS

Over this past summer we have seen numerous wildfires occurring throughout the western portions of our country. Many of these fires have caused devastation beyond belief. We to have experienced wildfires in New Jersey throughout the years down in the Pinelands of Ocean, Atlantic, and Burlington counties. These fires have caused destruction to the pines that grow in these remote areas and to a few homes, but nothing on the scale of those in the western states. Every few years New Jersey will suffer from one of these major wildland fires. In California, they may be experiencing a dozen of these major fires all occurring at the same time.

One particular fire is the Carr Fire that started near Redding, California. The cause of this fire is unbelievable. The scenario happens countless times on the roads across America where a vehicle gets a flat tire as it's driving along the road. On California Highway 299 near Redding, a tire failed on a trailer and its rim scraped the asphalt causing sparks to fly everywhere. The sparks from this July 23rd minor incident has been determined to be the cause of this fire, one of the most destructive wildfires in California's history. What started as a small brush fire, ignited mile after mile of dry brush as it worked its way up the hillside into residential areas.

In its path it consumed over 134,000 acres of wildlands and 1,500 residential homes. The area of this fire is larger than the city of Denver, Colorado. As of this writing, four civilians and six firefighters have been killed in this conflagration. One firefighter was crushed by the bulldozer he was operating to make fire barriers. The other firefighter was killed when a tree fell on him.

Highways and local roads were blocked from the fire itself causing many people unable to evacuate. Many homeowners refused to evacuate as they wanted to stay back to protect their homes. Most of these attempts proved to be fruitless.

The high winds caused by the fire were so strong that trees were uprooted, roof

were torn off homes, and power lines were downed adding to the original fires. Experts described these winds as a "firenado" that occurs when a fire's intense heat causes the air to heat up and rise rapidly. That, combined with nature's strong winds creates a vortex similar to a dust devil that pulls fire in many different directions.

While this Carr Fire is burning, there are 11 other major wildland fires occurring throughout the state including the Ferguson Fire which consumed 60,000 acres and forced the closing of Yosemite National Park. There are over 35,000 firefighters and their equipment battling these wildfires to bring them under control.

There are also many other wildland fires burning across the other western states. Fire suppression resources have been activated from across the nation in support of CalFire in an attempt to quell these fires. The New Jersey Division of Forest Fire Services has sent firefighters and equipment to assist CalFire.

During the summer months the underbrush is dried by the heat of the sun and the high winds. Any spark can be a source of ignition for a massive wildfire. The weather conditions in California are ripe for these major wildland fires to occur and grow rapidly anywhere throughout the state. There are many other wildland fires occurring simultaneously that we never hear about until they become major fires. In recent years, the fire season in California has grown longer and more intense prompting fire officials to declare the fire season to be year-round and not just the summer and fall.

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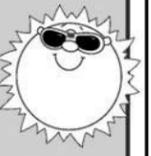
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National Night Out Celebration In South Amboy



Children and their parents enjoying a train ride at the city of South Amboy National Night Out (NNO).



South Amboy Police Captain Joseph Matarangolo (center) and his fine staff of police officers are pictured following their highly-successful National Night Out (NNO). (Photos by Tom Burkard)

South Amboy hosted its first National Night Out (NNO) celebration, Tuesday August 7, on the campus of the South Amboy High/Middle school. Despite the threatening weather, a sizeable crown of residents came out to interact with South Amboy's Finest.

(NNO) is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. (NNO) enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community.

"All of the residents of our City, said Mayor Fred Henry, stand shoulder to shoulder with the members of the South Amboy Police Department in their efforts to ensure the safety of our community. It is our hope that by our participation in this annual National event that we can demonstrate our support in a more tangible way. This is an excellent

opportunity for our residents to meet with our police and learn what a tremendous asset they are to our City."

Despite a lightning strike that was a bit close for comfort there were plenty of activities for both kids and adults. Many local organizations and local businesses were on hand to offer opportunities for local kids to get involved in a myriad of activities.

"All of the members of our governing body, said Henry, are committed to creating an environment where our children can enjoy a wide variety of wholesome activities that provide alternatives to less desirable types of behavior. We will continue to work closely with the South Amboy Police and any community group committed to that same goal."

This event is held annually and preparations are already underway to get ready for the next National Night Out. Mark your calendars for August 7, 2019.

Business Persons Of The Year

The Pete Kenny Association (PKA) will honor its Business Persons of the Year, Tom and Jeanette McCreary, and others on Saturday, Oct. 6 from 2:30-7 p.m. at Murphy's Shamrock Inn, 147 South Pine Ave., South Amboy. Your \$20 donation includes food, refreshments and fun! Contact Pete Kenny for info at 732-881-0317.

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South Amboy Elks #784 will feature a "Fun Filled Night Of Chance" on Sat., Sept. 8, door opens at 7 p.m. There will be light food, desserts, and coffee. Reserve a table and bring your own snacks. Come with your friends and meet some new ones! Donation is \$7 per person. For more info or to reserve a table call 732-727-7170. RL#18-20-18 ID#444629541.

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Karen Lotkowitz Meirose is pictured in her 1976 Pontiac Firebird one of America's great "muscle cars" of its time, and right off the production line. (Photo/info by Joe Lotkowitz)

When Good Intentions Go Bad

By Elaine Holton Scott

Nothing lasts forever... or so the saying goes. People pass away; wood rots; metals rust; bricks and cement eventually crumble; waterways dry up; and even mountains erode. Everything of and on this earth of ours will eventually disappear...but maybe not. There has been something growing in mass and volume every moment of every single day, a product which is seemingly indestructible. This manmade time bomb is garbage from the synthetic material called plastic.

Plastic was developed long ago, but its proliferation in our daily lives really began in the 1970s around the same time a "save the trees" movement started in opposition to the absolute slaughter of America's trees. Having become less accepting and much more cynical with age, I think the higher profit margin for retailers to use cheaper plastic instead of paper based products was the real motive. So, enter the dawning of the age of plastic bags first in grocery stores then in just about every other kind of retail store. Knowing we were helping to save the trees by using those flimsy, aggravating bags instead of the big brown grocery bags had made it seem worthwhile, at least at first. Soon after, the containers used for dairy products, like sour cream, yogurt, cottage cheese, etc., changed from the long in use waxed paper cardboard to plastic too. One by one, paper based containers disappeared off store shelves, replaced by plastic. Soda and milk bottles also all switched from glass to plastic although saving the trees had nothing to do with the switch.

In that much less techno world of years ago, laundry detergents had all come in cardboard boxes. Not a single liquid laundry detergent sold in a plastic bottle could be seen.

Wham...before we all knew it, the years of shaking the detergent flakes into washing machines were no more. Plastic began taking over our lives and it hasn't stopped. Every day it seems another product made from synthetic material is being manufactured, from plastic straws to plastic lawn mowers. Plastic has replaced wood framed television sets, appliance parts, metal clocks, coffee makers, cookware, computer monitors and hard drives, laptops, phones, garbage cans, electric can openers, hair blowers, etc. a million times over. Plastic is cheaper to use than wood and metals...companies get richer...and consumers can purchase items for less, thereby increasing our Gross National Product. That's all great...except there's always a "catch."

Plastic does not biodegrade. It may get crushed and flattened when dumped, but the synthetic material is not biodegradable. One "expert" may state that a plastic bottle could possibly biodegrade in 500 years...another in 250 years...another in 1 million years. Actually, doesn't non-biodegradable mean just that? To state that these plastic products may last forever, though, would scare the heck out of most people who actually care about our environment.

Plastic garbage is already destroying our ecosystem. A "good" example is the non-biodegradable plastic debris floating on the surface of our waterways like huge impenetrable, thick carpets trapping our marine life under it. In the meantime, the use of this non-biodegradable product is increasing daily. It's just insane.

***The U.S. is the 2nd largest exporter of lumber...so much for saving the trees.

Remember When?



Schools used to have Book Fairs. (Wonder if they still do)? Pictured is one which was held at St. Mary's High School, Feb. 20-23, 1961. The books were being sold by members of the National Honor Society. Some students check through the books for a "must read." In photo (l-r) James Griswold, Richard McCloud, Justine Nebus, Pauline Jankowski, John Toscano (Who went on to a highly successful teaching career), Kevin Beebe, and Beverly Sorrentino. (Photo/info submitted)

They're Back



Butterflies have arrived throughout the area once again, and really add a certain beauty to the outdoors during the summer. (Photo by Debbie Carling)



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Back In the 1960's-Frog Hollow Fun

(Photos courtesy of James Tedesco)



Frog Hollow Swim & Tennis Club held its first Water Show, which was directed by John Malinowski, better known as "Mr. Mal." The Frog Hollow "Aquamaniacs" performing their act on the diving board were (l-r) George Stramback, Tom "Tee" O'Connell, ?, Bill Schwarick, and ?. The other "Aquamaniacs" were Os Kennedy, Harry Macholl, and Jerry Steiner.



A huge crowd of Club members has a great time watching the "Novelty races" in the pool.



Frog Hollow members pose for this memorable group photo.

Congratulations

James "Doc" Ryan On 60 Great Years!

Photos by Tom Burkard



James "Doc" Ryan and his proud family are pictured at the 60th Anniversary celebration of "Doc's" outstanding career with the South Amboy First Aid & Safety Squad.



Longtime First Aid members, who were nicknamed "The Silver Squad" by Eileen Ryan, are pictured (l-r) Lee Steiner, James "Doc" Ryan, John "Jack" Mulvey, Elizabeth "Betty" Leveille, and John "Jack" Piskorski.

Ryan Honored - *Continued from page 1*

Aid Squad. Jim has been through all kinds of emergency situations including motor vehicle accidents, people dying, house fires and much more. Through the years he has served in every office of leadership with the squad including captain and president.

Jim is also a very brave man, who has been on the scene, helping people locally, and at the Bayonne train wreck in 1958, St. Mary's second high school fire in 1966, the Hercules plant explosion in 1971, the Durham Woods explosion in Edison in 1994, and in 1998, on Christmas Eve, when a bus headed for Atlantic City flipped over and killed 8 people on the Parkway not far from Bordentown Avenue in Sayreville. His calming effect on people, coupled with his friendly and engaging personality have helped so many, who were facing an emergency health crisis over his 60 outstanding years of volunteering to serve the South Amboy community and others.

Ryan was a first lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War, serving with the 26th Casualty Air Group in 1967-1968

as a registered nurse. He went on to work 32 years as an educator and administrator with the Middlesex County Vocational and Technical School District after receiving a bachelor's degree from Jersey City College and a master's degree in education from Rutgers University.

In 2008 to commemorate his 50 years with the Squad, members painted his nickname "Doc" on the side of one of their ambulances. A few of his many awards and honors include the prestigious "Citizen of the Year," "Irish Man of the Year," Grand Marshal of the South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade in 2005, and "First Aider of the Year."

The City of South Amboy has been blessed to have a man who is so dedicated and caring to help others whenever they are in need. On behalf of The South Amboy-Sayreville Times, I would like to thank Jim for all he has done for everyone through the years! Congratulations, Jim on your outstanding career in caring for and helping others! May God bless you!

ST. MARY'S SOUTH AMBOY WELCOME INQUIRERS

St. Mary's Church in South Amboy is now accepting registration for any adult (age 14 or older) who is interested in preparing for Baptism, First Communion, and/or Confirmation.

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) begins with several weeks of inquiry sessions. Joined by team members and supported by the entire parish community, participants will journey through the scriptures and learn more about the Catholic faith and tradition. This will be the ONLY

preparation available for adults this year. Catholics must have celebrated all three Sacraments in order to serve as godparents or sponsors.

If you or someone you know has ever considered joining the Catholic Church, or if you are a Catholic and have not yet celebrated First Communion and/or Confirmation, RCIA is for you. Please contact Honora DeMaio at (732) 816-8514 to register or for further information.

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.



We want to extend our deepest gratitude and appreciation to Carl Zebrowski for his 16 years of service to the people of Sayreville and South Amboy. His dedication and loyal service to our community will always be remembered by those who came to know him as a friend, neighborhood mechanic, and business owner. We will continue to provide the same exceptional level of service that Carl had established to everyone who comes to B&M Automotive.

Team Connor JDRF Fundraiser

On Friday, September 28, the Tap and Growler Bar will be hosting their 2nd Annual fundraiser for Team Connor and Jdrf. They will be donating \$.25 for every drink sold, along with collecting donations. All donations will go directly to Team Connor- JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) to help to hopefully find a cure one day. Event starts at 6:30pm with food donated from local vendors. They will also be raffling off prizes that 100% profit will be donated to Team Connor/JDRF.

Team Connor is a group that has been walking for a cure for 8 years at the JDRF Walk held annually at Rutgers University every October. The Team Captain is Connor Leonard. Connor was diagnosed at age 2 in 2009 when his pediatrician initially thought it was virus and after 5 visits within 10 days, he was in DKA (diabetic ketoacidosis) and he was rushed to St. Peters. After spending a week at the hospital, Connor's life changed forever. Connor receives 4 shots of insulin a day and tests

his blood multiple times a day! While in the hospital, we contacted our local chapter of JDRF, which sent us so much information and we have been in contact with them since. We walk for a cure!

Connor is 11 years old, a 6th grade student at Our Lady of Victories. He loves basketball, drawing, video games and hanging out with his friends.

Connor's dad, Steve Leonard stated, "My wife and I are so thankful that all of these local businesses and our community

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 which is \$175 includes ticket to the show, bus transportation, bus gratuity, and 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.



are coming together for such a wonderful cause that is dear to our hearts. We are so glad they are supporting our Type 1 Warrior and all of the T1 Warriors out there."

Alicia, one of the Tap and Growler's owners said "We are so happy that can host a fundraiser that can help to research a cure for diabetes. We are so excited to help Connor to reach his goal for fundraising."

So come on and join us on 9/28 as Tap and Growler's Bar to help Connor reach his goal of VIP status and raise money for JDRF!

The actual JDRF Walk is at Rutgers University on 10/21. Our local chapter is New Jersey Metro & Rockland County Chapter.

Back In Those College Days

Jim Smelas (St. Mary's) played basketball for St. Mary's College (MD) in the 1960's...Bob Miller (St. Mary's) played baseball for Middlesex County College (MCC) in the '70's.

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



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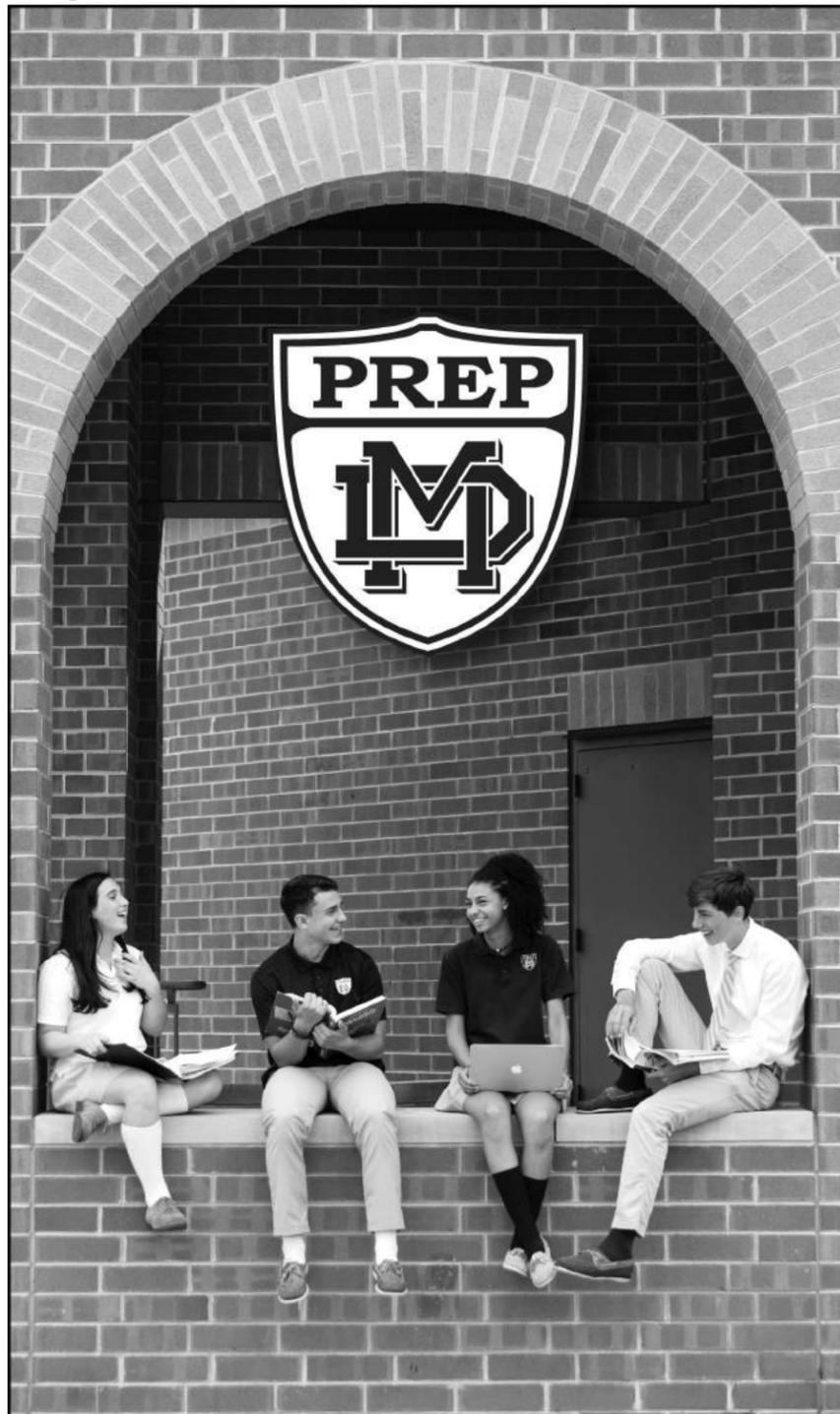
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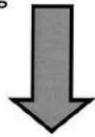
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| If your weekly garbage pickup is on Friday | September 26, 2018 |
| The regular monthly Bulk Garbage drop off will be as usual on Saturday, September 15 from 7am-11am at the DPW Facility. | |

#SouthAmboylsOnTheMove

Reptile Show At Hamburg, PA
(Photos/info by Tom Burkard)



Frogs of all shapes and sizes were seen at the show.



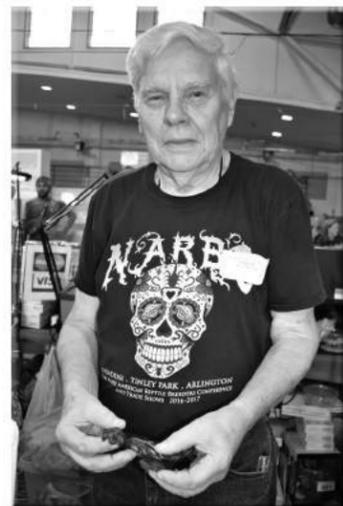
Once again, snakes from all over were well-represented.



Young tortoises were also a popular item.



There were plenty of lizards and other reptiles, in addition to supplies for hobbyists to purchase.



One of the show's most popular vendors, Harold from Ohio, proudly shows a few of his fine turtles.



This young girl had the opportunity to hold her first live turtle, a Peninsula Cooter.

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2002-Dilemma-Nelly with Kelly Rowland
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 1983-Every Breath You Take-The Police
 1975-Get Down Tonight-K.C. & The Sunshine Band
 1960-It's Now Or Never-Elvis Presley
 1958-Bird Dog-The Everly Brothers

#1 Country Hits Aug. 31

2003-It's Five O'Clock Somewhere Alan Jackson/Jimmy Buffett
 1991-You Know Me Better Than That George Strait
 1988-The Wanderer-Eddie Rabbitt
 1979-The Devil Went Down To Georgia The Charlie Daniels Band
 1963-Ring Of Fire-Johnny Cash
 1959-The Three Bells-The Browns

One Hit Wonders 30 Years Ago

1988-I Want To Be Your Man-Roger; Pump Up The Volume-M/A/R/R/S; She's Like The Wind-Patrick Swayze featuring Wendy Fraser; My Girl-Suave; Two Occasions-Deele; Beds Are Burning-Midnight Oil; Nite And Day-Al B. Sure!; Rush Hour-Jane Wiedlin; Don't Worry Be Happy-Bobby McFerrin; Another Lover-Giant Step; The Promise-When In Rome. How many of these one hit gems do you recall from 30 years ago? The SA Times staff remembered hearing only 3! Wow!

Rumbles from the Rock and Roll Reunion

By Clem Skarzynski

Hey, hey kiddies, get to your calendars, and mark off Saturday September 15th and Sunday September 16th. Yup, the annual Sayreville Day Celebration has been switched to a Saturday this year, the 15th, scheduled from 12 pm to 4 pm at Kennedy Park, and the "Blast from the Past" Car Show, will be Sunday the 16th, and now will be a "daytime show", from 1pm to 4pm, again at Kennedy Park..and yes, "Central Jersey's #1 Classic Rock Band," Clem and Friends" will be playing your favorite "Rock n Roll" faves from the 50's to the 70's..Do-Wops to all the rockers, you remember..played by the best musicians from Central Jersey...AND..an added attraction to this year's, 10th annual, "Blast from the Past" Car Show, will be a "Chili Cook off Contest", open to the first 30 registrants, with prizes of 1st place-\$300.00, 2nd place-\$200.00, and 3rd place- \$100.00, with all proceeds going to "The Sayreville Association of Brain Injured Children"!

Gettin' The Band Back Together - The New Original Broadway Musical

Review by Mike Lefton

Sometimes when a band gets back together, it can be disappointing and lackluster. But at the Belasco Theatre, when the lights go down and the curtain goes up, the band gets back together and we are treated to two hours of non-stop fun, laughter and music. This is a musical that's filled from beginning to end with colorful characters with equally interesting subplots, decorative sets with references and jokes hidden in the small details, and a title song that will stay in your head long after you've left the theatre. What makes this show even more special to me is that it takes place in my hometown of Sayreville, a "hell of a place to call home." The show is filled with homages that any Sayreville resident would understand, and anyone else would simply find amusing because of the context and delivery of the jokes. These include references to our very own Exit 124, the now-demolished Peterpank Diner, Prime Time Lounge, Sayreville High School (my alma mater), and many more. Even with all these very specific attributes, Gettin' The Band Back Together can be enjoyed by virtually anyone, mainly because it includes so many ideas we can either relate to or wish would happen in our everyday lives.

The story concerns Mitch Papadopolous who's just turned 40 and was just fired from a job he didn't even like. He returns home after being many years away and decides to get his old high school band back together to enter the annual Battle of the Bands. In its own way, the musical conjures up our own

You Tube-In

None of the following songs hit the #1 spot on Billboard's chart, but in our opinion, all of them should have made it to the top spot through the years. Here we go... "Sitting In The Park" by Billy Stewart only went to #24 in 1965. "Walk Away Renee" by The Left Banke hit #5 in 1966, and in the 80's, Jersey's own Southside Johnny & The Asbury Jukes did a super cover of it, and did not break the Top 40. Also, in 1966, The Beach Boys released one of the greatest songs ever written, "God Only Knows," and it rose to only #39, and that's hard to believe! In '67 "Come On Down To My Boat Baby," by Every Mother's Son landed at #6, and "Let's Live For Today," by The Grass Roots peaked at #8. "Love Is All Around by The Troggs went to #7 and a tremendous song, "Can't Find The Time" by Orpheus amazingly didn't crack the Top 40 in '68. In '72, a band called Malo, featuring Jorge Santana, brother of legendary Carlos Santana, peaked at #18 with their beautiful summer sounding tune "Suavecito."

Open Mic Sept. 28

South Amboy Knights of Columbus resume their Open Mic series for the fall on Friday September 28 at 8 p.m. at the K of C Hall on 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Anyone who plays or sings as a solo act or in a group is encouraged to come. No cover charge. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 732-721-2025.

The "entry fee" to sample the chili and vote for the winner is \$5.00 per person, with children under 12 free, BUT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO VOTE! To enter, you must supply Pre-cooked 10lbs. of Chili, served in 2 oz. samplers to all "testers" with wristbands, and supply your own tables, serving trays, sternos, spoons, and napkins. Contact the Rec. Dept. for more info. Also on hand for the Car Show will be DJ Richie "The Flash" Hart, and the Just Us Cruisers Car Club, who are Hosting the event!" Clem and Friends" will be onstage at Sayreville Day from 2:30 to 4 pm, and from 1 to 4 pm, and from 1 to 4 pm at the Car Show! So, lookin' forward to seein' our dedicated following at both shows. Sayreville Days' schedule for events will be posted soon, so be on the lookout..entrants for the Car Show will need 2 non-perishable food items to be registered. Customs, Cruisers, HotRods, you name it, you'll see it here at "The Blast from the Past"! See you all there!

memories of high school, and it did so for me during and after the show. We all remember going to our friends rock shows, or being in a band ourselves, or having rivalries on and even off stage. Without giving away spoilers, some of the best moments of the show include the ensemble song "Jersey," the solo performance of "Second Chance," and the final Battle of the Bands scene.

I wish I could describe all the colorful characters and the great comedic moments that had the audience in laughter, but all I can say is go see Gettin' The Band Back Together. The cast is wonderful, the band is spot on, (there's so many cues that have to be timed perfectly with the actors, it's amazing) great sets and of course terrific music and lyrics by Mark Allen. This is the kind of original musical we've been waiting for that everyone should go see, because you will have a great time the entire time. And I have to express how grateful I am that Gettin' The Band Back Together is forever linked to Sayreville, the only place I call home.

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



By Tom Burkard

River

1. __ Take Me To The River
2. __ Green River
3. __ Moon River
4. __ Cry Me A River
5. __ The River Is Wide
6. __ River Of Dreams
7. __ River Deep-Mountain High
8. __ Down By The River
9. __ Ol' Man River
10. __ Don't Cross The River



- a. Frank Sinatra
- b. Neil Young
- c. America
- d. The Supremes & The Four Tops
- e. The Grass Roots
- f. Justin Timberlake
- g. Talking Heads
- h. Andy Williams
- i. Creedence Clearwater Revival
- j. Billy Joel

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



Movie Reviews

By Mike Lefton



Ocean's 8: ★★★★★

This is one of those heist films where everything goes exactly to plan and no one changes in the end because of their crime, which is the major fault of Ocean's 8. But where the film lacks in edge-of-your-seat suspense, it delivers in witty dialogue, strong characters, and enough lavish outfits to make you wish you were in on the heist too.

The First Purge: ★★★★★

Although not as effective as some of the previous installments, The First Purge still manages to be better than the original by providing more believable characters and conflicts to offset the unbelievable notion that an insane law like this would actually be passed. The melodrama can drag at times, but the film delivers enough thrills and shocks to be mostly entertaining.

Ant Man and The Wasp: ★★★★★

A fun ride that doesn't take itself too seriously and makes for exciting escapism for 2 hours, even if you haven't seen any other Marvel films. Paul Rudd is exceptional as always and will get most of the credit, but Hannah John-Kamen as Ghost deserves just as much praise and recognition and shouldn't be overlooked.

Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom: ★★★★★

Exciting and adventurous, but also dark and melancholy, Fallen Kingdom delivers the thrills, but ultimately leaves the audience with less awe and wonder than we expect from a Jurassic Park film. Be warned that this film is more violent than the previous films, and in this case it is not because of the dinosaurs, but the humans that constantly come into contact with them.

Skyscraper: ★★★★★

When a skinny 30-something year old man is able to utterly beat up Dwayne Johnson, you know Skyscraper is not operating in the realm of reality. Nevertheless, this completely improbable and ridiculous plot did manage to entertain and hold a decent amount of suspense. It raises several questions and plot holes not worth answering, but this mildly derivative action thriller is totally worth it for the futuristic tower, Dwayne Johnson hanging from it by his fingertips, and Neve Campbell getting her chance to fight back and be the unsung hero of the film.

The Meg: ★★★★★

For a film about the biggest shark on planet Earth, much of The Meg film is surprisingly dull as the story doesn't develop its human characters as worthy adversaries to the behemoth. The best moments are when the shark is on screen and it does provide some effective tension. I almost wish the film had relied more on its obvious Jaws homages and played up the horror-comedy angle, but it never fully realizes its tone, so THE MEG ends up being more like THE REG... regular.

Frog Hollow Swim Team Supports Local Community Group



At the last meet of the season the Frog Hollow Swim Team celebrated Christmas in July, complete with Christmas music and a tree.

The idea began when the younger swim group called The Mermaids wanted to decorate a tree and hang goggles and ornaments. With Head Coach Georgann Tice's encouragement the swimmers turned the idea into a fundraising event to benefit the local Brain Brain Injured Children's (BIC), group who rent the pool.

What started as a simple idea grew into a



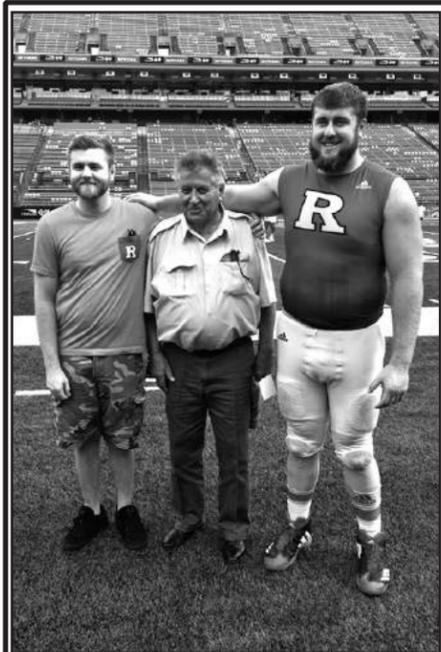
project called Because I Care. The swimmers and parents alike donated to decorate the Xmas tree and were able to raise \$400 for the BIC group.

Coach Tice said, "I saw this fun idea as an opportunity to teach children about giving back. The support from the entire Frog Hollow family was amazing." (Photos/Story Submitted)

Sayreville Little League Falls In State Tourney

The amazing Sayreville 13-14 year old Little League baseball team, who had won its third consecutive District 10 championship, and also for the first time in history, captured the Section 3 crown, saw its incredible season come to an end in the New Jersey Junior League State Championship, as they lost to Ridgewood, 10-2. A victory would have sent the talented Sayreville contingent to the Northeast Regional.

Our locals won their first 2 games in the tournament, and needed to win one out of 2 against Ridgewood, but fell, 13-10 in the first contest, and were eliminated, 10-2 in the final, just falling short of their big goal. It was an exciting season for these youngsters, who gave 200% all the time, and put the word out throughout the state that the Sayreville Little League is a force to be reckoned with in the future. Congratulations Sayreville coaches, and players for making the Borough very proud of your tremendous accomplishments!



Nick Krimin (r) of South Amboy with his brother Bobby and grandfather Jan Was at Rutgers football fan appreciation day on August 18. Nick, a 2016 graduate from St Joseph's in Metuchen, plays left guard in his 3rd season with the Scarlet Knights. (Photo Submitted)

Bielak Looking Good At Double-A

Sayreville's Brandon Bielak continues to impress in the Houston Astros baseball organization. Since being promoted to Corpus Christi in the Texas League, AA Level, the talented pitcher is (2-3) with a fine 2.18 ERA, and 38 strikeouts in 45.1 innings pitched. He has held opposing batters to a .252 overall avg.

College Notebook

Alissa Bikowski (South Amboy) was honored at the end of the softball season at Middlesex County College (MCC) with the Hustle Award. The team missed the playoffs by only one game and should do much better in '19. Congratulations Alissa and continued success!

Champions



1998- The South Amboy Youth Association 10-year old All-Stars baseball team won the South Amboy Tournament, defeating a stubborn Millstone team, who had defeated them earlier. SA finished 4-1 in the tourney. First row, left to right: Eric Barchowski, Brian Seres, Adam Szatkowski, Thomas Szatkowski, Jared Mundy, Joe Magnifico; 2nd row, left to right Joe Bartlinski, Jonathan Keesing, Tim Riley, Ricky McCutcheon, Samantha Salato; Back row (l-r) Coaches Jay Salato, Joe Bartlinski, Randy Neumann, Mgr. Steve Szatkowski. Missing from photo is Mike Ostrander. (Photo/story by Tom Burkard)

1976-Summer League Champs

The South Amboy Summer Basketball Little Fellas Division champions were the 76ers. Charles Walters was the coach, and his fine roster included Tony Camporeale, John

Kennedy, Darryl Munck, Ray Durski, Paul Klimek, Rich Doubt, Tom Murphy, "Buddy" Walters, Mark Matarangolo, Ron Smith.



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Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

Glory Days In Local Sports

1959-Sayreville defeated Woodbridge, 8-4 in baseball play. Lenny Popowski was the winning pitcher and struck out 7, and also stroked 2 hits. Charlie Skwira added a single and double, and Bill Mandy had 2 hits for the Bombers. 1968-St. Mary's baseball team pounded St. Peter's, 9-6, as Joe Noble picked up the victory. Nick Charmello blasted a 2-run triple, John Clark belted a single and double, and Dennis Nardone stroked 2 hits and scored 3 runs. 1970-Hoffman nipped Henry Hudson, 2-1 in the CJ Group 1 semis. Ron Croddick tripled in Mark Abbatiello in the 5th inning with what proved to be the game-winner. Gary Lange was outstanding as he picked up the victory, firing a 3-hitter

and striking out 6. 1985-The Eagles plastered Piscataway Tech, 15-4, as Joe Blaha led the hitting attack with a single, double, triple and 4 RBI. His brother Matt Blaha ripped a single, and double to drive in 3, and Jim Vellanti smashed a single and double for 3 RBI. 1997-South Amboy girls softball walloped Woodbridge Tech, 23-5. Freshman Gina Rae Miller had 4 RBI, Kim Peterson ripped a double and triple to drive in 3, in support of winning pitcher Lily Munoz. 2008-Tom Berardi unloaded a 3-run homer in the top of the 12th inning, his final at bat of his high school career, to lead the Sayreville Bombers to a 5-1 victory over North Brunswick.

Diamond Dust

South Amboy Little League-1950's

Hollywood Sales 3 Weiss 1-Tom Rittenhouse blasted a home run to win it for pitcher Jack Seaman. Pat Marotta crashed a home run for Weiss' lone score.

Lions 4 Daylight Bakery 2-Pitcher Joe Pohl notched the victory, and Jack Seaman hit a homer for the Bakers.

1960

South Amboy Little Fellas League

Enterprise 20 Lions 13-Nine year old Tom Kelly (who would go on to manage the Minnesota Twins to 2 World Series

championships) ripped 4 hits in support of winning pitcher Don Wernett. Mike Keller homered for the Lions.

Weiss 11 Lions 10-Dave Parsons blasted a double in the bottom of the 6th to win it for pitcher John Lazarowicz.

South Amboy Babe Ruth League

Sacred Heart 10 Komars 7-Jimmy Vida was the winning pitcher. Art O'Donnell stroked a single and double for Sacred Heart, while Frank Keenan laced 2 singles for Komars.

1966-Frog Hollow Tennis Champs

In the Frog Hollow Swim & Tennis Club tennis championships, the team of Jack Banfield and Joe Pittel defeated Jack Kreiger and Leo Kedzierski, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3 to capture the doubles title.

Vince Cannata was chief umpire and caller, Ron Croddick-ball boy, and line callers and judges were Ray Maher, Jack Huff, Pat McDonough, Jack McDonough, Paul Harrigan, John Coan Jr., and Jim Harkins.

There were 300 people in the stands and on the sloping hills of Frog Hollow to see an outstanding performance by Leo Kedzierski in the Men's Singles championship contest, as

he downed Joe Pittel, 11-9, 6-3 in an action packed finale.

Pat McDonough captured the Boys Singles title in a hard-fought battle with Marty O'Connor, 2-6, 6-2, 6-1. Later that summer, McDonough went on to cop the Middlesex County Boys Singles championship.

Karen Kreiger was crowned the Ladies Singles champion.

Remember When?

1984-Sayreville Bomber great, Chuck Frobosilo fired a brilliant no-hitter to lead Sayreville to a 7-0 romp over St. Joseph's.

T.H.E. Game

Sport-Softball
Year-2003

Teams-South Amboy vs. Cardinal McCarrick-Opening Day (City Series)
Recap-South Amboy (SA) jumped off to a 2-0 lead in the top of the 2nd inning, and made it 4-0 in the 3rd, but the Lady Eagles got 2 in the bottom of the 3rd, and another run in the 5th frame to make it 4-3 South Amboy. With 2 outs in the bottom of the 7th, Caitlin Solli ripped the biggest hit of her career to drive in the game winning run, and give rookie Coach Evan Abramson a huge victory in his first game at the helm, 5-4. Jessica Wojcik, and Jessica Fiore each hit a single and triple for Cardinal McCarrick (CM), while Lindsay Tone unloaded a triple, and Kate Kurzawa connected for a two-base hit. Mallory Kirchner was the winning pitcher. **Co-Players-of-the-Game-Solli, Kirchner, Wojcik, Fiore, Kurzawa, Tone.**

Unforgettable Performance

10 Years Ago

2008-South Amboy HS baseball slugger Kyle Ravaioli had a "dream" game by going an awesome 4-for-4, with 2 doubles and 7 RBI to lead the Governors to a 20-8 romp over University Academy Charter.

55 Years Ago May 30, 1963

St. Mary's Wins State Baseball Title

The highly-talented St. Mary's Eagles baseball team, who had been denied of a South Jersey Parochial A state baseball crown in 1961 and 1962 finally captured the coveted championship by beating a strong Gloucester Catholic, 6-3 in 9 innings to win the South Jersey Parochial B title.

In an unbelievably tense battle between the baseball powers, St. Mary's erupted in the top of the ninth inning when Jay Derent led off with a single, and went to second on a wild pitch. Vince Wisniewski moved him to third with a single, and Jerry Freeman singled Derent home with what proved to be the winning run. Ray Selover's sacrifice fly to right scored Wisniewski, and sent Freeman to second. Freeman stole third and home for the final run of the game.

Eagles ace pitcher, Joe Pohl worked the entire game and allowed only 5 hits, while striking out 11 and walking 8 to pick up the victory. Tom Vona blasted a single and triple to knock in 1 run, George Stramback hammered 2 doubles and had an RBI, and Freeman belted 2 hits including the biggest one of his career that brought the Saints home with the South Jersey Parochial B state championship. The win helped improve the Eagles record to (14-5) on the year.

St. Mary's Championship Lineup:

Ray Selover 2b Tom Vona 3b Art O'Donnell c Joe Pohl p George Stramback cf Jack Kreiger 1b Jay Derent lf Vince Wisniewski ss Jerry Freeman rf. The legendary Bill "Smokey" Ryan was St. Mary's head coach.

20 Years Ago

Sayreville Cops District Title

1998-The Sayreville Little League All Stars swept a double-header over North Brunswick. 17-5, and 13-3 to capture the District 10 Little League championship. In game one, Sayreville exploded in the 6th inning, as John Nuber drilled a single and double, and drove in 3 runs, and Pat Campbell also doubled in 2. In the 7th. Brian Barrows hit a two-bagger, and scored on a double by Ron Wrobel, for the final count in the 17-5 mismatch. Winning Pitcher, Pat Campbell fired a 3 hitter and struck out 9 in the title clinching 13-3 trouncing. First saeker, Nick Sas blasted a single, double, and 3-run homer (his 5th of the year), Campbell went 3-4, and Ed Zurawski was 2-4 for the champions.

55 Years Ago

1963-Sayreville defeated St. Mary's boys in track & field, 61 ½ to 51 ½. The Saints who set new school records were Jack Kreiger 57.8 in the quarter-mile; Joe Pohl 157 ft.-javelin; Jay Derent 19' 3" jump to tie George Keenan's mark set in 1961-62. Other winners included George Stramback-220 yd. Dash, and Jack Jancola-½ mile run.

70 Years Ago

1948-St. Mary's baseball team battled to a 6-6 tie in 14 innings with Perth Amboy St. Mary's. Jack McKeon and Jerry Connors drilled 2 hits apiece for the Eagles.

50 Years Ago

1968-St. Mary's stunned St. Peter's, 9-6 on the baseball diamond. Joe Noble was the winning pitcher, and got plenty of hitting pop from Nick Charmello with a 2-run triple, Dennis Nardone 2 hits and 3 runs scored, and John Clark who belted a single and double.

20 Years Ago

1998-South Amboy Nips Sayreville
The powerful South Amboy Senior League baseball team nipped Sayreville 10-9. Gary Bigg stroked two hits and knocked in 3. Greg Fay hurled 3 scoreless innings in relief, and fanned 3. Sean Sanders laced two hits and had an RBI for Sayreville.

Big Win For South Amboy

1966-The South Amboy Mid-County League baseball team, managed by Dan Lewis, defeated a strong East Brunswick team, 5-1 to move into a tie for first place in the league, and would eventually capture the championship.

In the East Brunswick victory, winning pitcher Curt Wood fired an outstanding 1-hitter and struck out 12. Tony Ruzsala led the way with a single and RBI double, Vince Zebro blasted a 2-run two bagger, Don Szatkowski and Wood each added doubles to provide the offensive pop. South Amboy's lineup: Szatkowski ss Dan Hansell 1b Zebro c Ruzsala cf Wood p Hal Dennen lf Jack O'Connor rf Rich Duma 2b Joe Crowe 3b.

From The Youth League Archives



1998-Broadway Bagels won the South Amboy Girls Softball Senior Division championship for the second straight year. Pictured Bottom row, (L-R) Kristen Woods, Karen Felice, Melissa Rainone, Tiffany Miller, Carolyn Krutul, Jen Richmond, Standing (L-R) Coach Jim Miller, Denise Cross, Nicole Silva, Gina Rae Miller, Rae Ann Kukulski, Sue Rowley, Kim Peterson, and Manager Mike Felice.

Celebration of the Life of Dan Weinman

Photos by Tom Burkard



Terri Weeks-Weinman (c) wife of the late Dan Weinman, and his children Laura (l) and Kevin (r) are pictured holding a photo of Dan at the "Celebration of the Life of Dan Weinman," which was held at the South Amboy Elks Club in his memory.



St. Mary's High School Class of 1970 members who attended the event honoring their late classmate.



The Celebration of the Life of the late Dan Weinman brought some of his old Middlesex County College baseball teammates together including (l-r) George Banos ('72 team), Carl Sposato ('71 team), Jim Cahill ('71 team) and current Mayor of New Brunswick and John Lynam, longtime popular umpire in the area, ('71 team). (Photo/info courtesy of John Lynam)

1968: The Season Of Daylight

By Patrick Douglas

In 1968 the South Amboy Little Fellas League had more than its share of fabulous young ballplayers. Jeff St. Amour, Glen Gerding, Frank and George Bongiorno, John O'Toole, Mike Kelly, Ray Akerman, Ron Stillwagon, Joe "Moose" McCarthy, Charlie Lange, John Szatkowski, Ray Poulson, Wayne Kreiger, Danny Toye and Mike Klimchak are just a few that come to mind. And so with all that talent around the league, you would never expect any team to be able to go undefeated. But, that's just what Daylight Bakery did. We won every game we played. It was a very special season!

On Saturday August 11th twelve Daylight Bakery alumni got together at Bello's Bar and Restaurant in Sayreville to look back on that amazing season and reminisce about the South Amboy Little Fellas League, its teams, its players and coaches. Those in attendance were Steve Makwinski, Bobby Scupp, Sal Richiusa, Frank Richiusa, Dave Usa, Johnny Ruzsala, Jay Buckiewicz, Rich Garsick and myself. Also joining us was Bill D'Amico and Tom D'Amico who played for Daylight through the 1967 season before being moved up to Babe Ruth where Billy was mowing them down while pitching for South Amboy Trust. Bruce Buckiewicz, who was a standout player for Protection and Komars in the 60's also joined us. "I was the scorekeeper for Daylight that year, keeping score for Steven," Bruce told me.

It wasn't an easy road for us. Most of the contests were pretty tight, as we won some very exciting games by scores of 2-1 and 1-0. There was even a tie game on opening day against a great Protection team of the National League. Down 1-0 in the last inning, second basemen Jay Buckiewicz drove in the tying run with a single off Jeff St. Amour. Jay played for Protection a couple years earlier. The tie game was replayed as the game was not counted, and Daylight Bakery won the replayed game in convincing fashion. We would not take Protection lightly after that. They were an amazing team and they would have won the championship in any other year. They had the aforementioned Jeff St. Amour and Ray Akerman and the Masarik Brothers among others. They were a tough team to beat as the National League knew all too well. They took the NL without much difficulty.

Our main competition in the American League came from First Aid and K of C. Both teams were strong that year. First Aid boasted Glen Gerding, Tom Diem, Fran Norek and Ron Stillwagon, who at 10 years old was already a strong hitter. They also had future standout player Mike Grimley. And many other fine young players. K of C boasted Wayne Krieger, Frank Tripisovsky among others.

Daylight was managed by my 18-year old brother Steve Douglas. When Steven volunteered to manage us he told me and our brother Scott, that we would win every game. He said there wasn't any team that would beat us. And he was right!

What struck me most, was that Steven was only 18-years old. He wasn't more than kid himself" Dr. Jay Buckiewicz explained. "He had such poise and patience and knew how to handle us." Jay continued, "He knew what to say to us, and how to talk to us." "He was a good guy," John Ruzsala said. "Steven knew exactly where to play us, and where we would best help the team." I remember him telling me that Mak would pitch the last game instead of me." Johnny continued, "My arm was tired, and not up to the big game, and if I had pitched, the outcome might have been different. That year we all picked each other up and we all contributed." "Steven played everyone," said Jay. "Everyone contributed."

Steven was also a very good ballplayer in his playing days. He was a teacher as well as a coach. "I had an open stance and Steven convinced me I would be a better hitter if I closed up a bit. And he was right. I went on to become a very good hitter," said Bob Scupp, who now works in the Film industry In Special Effects.

Our number one pitcher going into the season was John Ruzsala. Bill D'Amico, the ace of our staff in 1967 went to the Babe Ruth

League leaving big shoes to fill. My brother turned to Steve Makwinski, and made him into a pitcher and the rest was history. As Mak told me, "I had a strong arm but I was always afraid I would hit someone. I was pretty wild." But, Steven had confidence that Mak could pitch and dominate, and Mak didn't disappoint. He would routinely strike out at least a dozen hitters every game. He was also much taller than most kids in the league. Makwinski would go on to a phenomenal pitching career in high school and was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals. He pitched for Fairleigh Dickinson, and was a freshman starter for them in basketball as well. Mak still holds records at Sayreville War Memorial HS in both baseball and basketball. All that started with Daylight Bakery, and of course Sacred Heart Grammar School.

John Ruzsala was also a great pitcher, and was a perfect compliment to Mak. The two of them won every game they pitched. I was the team's 10 year old center fielder, and no one was more lonely than a Daylight Bakery outfielder. Very few balls were hit out of the infield if they were hit at all.

Our catcher was my brother Scott Douglas. Scott was indeed the heart and soul of Daylight Bakery.

Mak said "whenever I struggled with control, Scott would call time out and 'mosey' out to the mound and sometimes not say a word". "He'd give me the ball, walk slowly back and I would start throwing strikes again." Scott, Mak and John each hit 5 home runs that season. They were the best 12-year olds in the league. Scott once told me "Every team had great players, but no team had better little guys than we did." Scott always gave the credit to us smaller guys. The supporting cast was Dave Usa, Ray and Bob Scupp, Richie Kurowsky, and of course Jerry Kotula, who would go on to be a terrific pitcher in South Amboy and would later pitch no-hitters for future Daylight Bakery teams. Sal and Frank Richiusa were a huge part of our success as was Richie Garsick and Bob and John Sharkey. Steven found a way to make sure everyone played a role they could be proud of. "It was a team effort," said John Ruzsala.

After winning the American League championship we were pitted against Protection of the National League. Both teams were ready to go. We won the first game 8-1 and felt unstoppable. The games were well-attended. Everyone wanted to know if Daylight could stay undefeated or if Protection would upset our plans to be the first perfect team. A lot of players from around the league were there and of course Allie Clark who once said Daylight Bakery was the best team he ever saw (up to that point). It seemed like the whole town was there to watch the games.

Game two pitted Mak against St. Amour again, and we found ourselves on the short end of a 1-0 score in the fifth inning when Jay Buckiewicz once again sparked a rally. He lined a base hit over second and became the tying run. I was fortunate enough to hit a line drive into the gap to drive Jay home, while I ended up on third base. Mak who followed me in the lineup hit an infield single and I scored the go ahead run. Mak put them away in the next inning making Daylight Bakery the league's first undefeated champions. We did it! We were all so proud. Steven told me and Scott this season was for all the Daylight Bakery teams that came before us. Teams that had talent but never got to the final game. Fran Fee, John Kozak, Ralph Scully, Bo Kurtz, Roy Erickson, Ray Zrebiec, Bob Standowski, Tom and Tony Ruzsala, Les and Andy Wilson, Bill and Tom D'Amico and so many others.

My teammates who came to our reunion all appreciated that special season. All had fond memories of the year and the circumstances. As we all grow older those memories are cherished even more. Personally, I'm happy I'm not the only one who still remembers it, and is still proud of our achievement. Like Johnny said, "It was a team effort." We all had something to do with the success we had. And there is a bond between us that can never be broken, and it all revolves around that perfect season. Another

Little League Champions 50-Year Reunion

Photos by Tom Burkard



"Daylight Bakery Alumni Reunion"

Pictured at the Daylight Bakery Little Fellas League champions 50th Anniversary Reunion are team members of the legendary 1968 Daylight Bakery South Amboy Little Fellas baseball team, that was the first in history to finish unbeaten with a superb (18-0) record, and captured the championship.

(L-R) Bob Scupp, Steve Makwinski, Bill D'Amico, John Ruzsala, Dave Usa, Sal Richiusa, Pat Douglas, Rich Garsick, Bruce Buckiewicz, Jay Buckiewicz, Frank Richiusa, and seated is Tom D'Amico. Missing from photo- Jerry Kotula, Rich Kurowsky, Ray Scupp, Bob and John Sharkey.



Bruce Buckiewicz (l) and Bill D'Amico (r) both starred for Sayreville War Memorial HS back in the '70's, and went on to successful careers in the United States Navy following graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD.



Bill D'Amico (l) and Steve Makwinski (r) were standouts in the South Amboy Little Fellas League, and went on to Sayreville War Memorial HS to form perhaps the greatest lefty-righty pitching duo in the school's history back in 1973. D'Amico, a senior at the time went (7-0) with a 0.16 ERA, 45 strikeouts in 49 innings pitched, while Makwinski, a junior was (5-1) with a 0.43 ERA, 48 strikeouts in 41 innings pitched. They were both fine hitters as D'Amico batted .381, and Makwinski .300.

Daylight Bakery team went undefeated 11 years later and we are proud of them too. But we were the first to do it. No one can take that away from us.

Steven Douglas passed away tragically in 1969 in a one vehicle crash while a passenger in a van. He was 19 years old. It seemed like the entire town of South Amboy came to his funeral. The procession seemed like a mile long. Scott Douglas passed away in 2007 from cancer. He went on to become a great coach in the Sayreville Little League and was the Public Address announcer "The Voice of Sayreville Little League". I still miss them a great deal. Always will.

To my teammates and to all the players from those days. Thanks for the memories. I hope you will continue to cherish that time as much as I do. In a time when the world was exploding all around us, it was still great to be a kid in the 60's. It doesn't get any better than growing up and playing baseball, with your friends in a great town like South Amboy, where tradition means so much and baseball was the game we loved.



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WWW.?



Does this Sayreville or South Amboy business look familiar to you? It's another easy one to identify. Send your answers to: satimes@aol.com. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

WWW.? July Winners

Last month's picture was of the business formerly known as Tastee Sub or Andy's Subs, located on Pulaski Ave. in Sayreville. Also according to some residents who have lived in the area for a long time, it was called Targonski's. An incorrect answer was Mike's Tavern in South Amboy.

The winners who correctly identified it were: Jeffrey Georgiana, Chuck Pickard, Estelle Pluskota, Ed Puchalski Joyce Szatkowski, Judy Guilfoyle, Dennis Quinlan, Bob Nanco, JoAnn & John French, Joan Fulham, Raymond M. Tyska, Jim Malkiewicz, Ed Bender Jr., Bill & Elva Murphy, Dot Wriolie, Mike Moe Mosakowski, Kathy & Dennis O'Leary, Dane Colburn, Dave Krempecki, Marie English, Ed English, Stephen Laskiewicz, Peggy and Steve Yuhas, Edna Mazur Pilch, Jack Piskorski, Keith Piskorski,



July-WWW.? Tastee Sub Andy's Subs.

and Lorraine Krauss, Pat & Bill Scully, Walter Starzec Jr, Richard Fornadel, Vince Farina, Elizabeth Leveille, Ed Majkowski, Lisa Grankowski, Sheila Knudsen, Jill Riley, Jack Skutnik, Joan Gorczyca, Bob Martenak, W. Tom Kross, Mary Agnes Morris, Gary Feret, Mark Moniello, Ed Rappleyea, Leon Credico, Gerry Sherry, Ed Bender.

WWW.? Letters



Hi Tom

That picture is Good Old Andy's Original Tastee Sub Shop but we knew as just Tastee's or Andy's! RIP Andy had many a softball conversation with you over the years gone by! I remember getting all those subs for the Bon Jovi Giant Stadium Concerts!

Bob Nanco



Love the July paper!

This place in the photo is on Pulaski Avenue heading toward the Sayreville Senior Center and it was known as "Andy's Original Tastee Sub Shop" or just "Tastee Subs". It was also called Tastee Subs'n Pizza.

My friend took me there years ago and told me the closing time was when Andy ran out of bread for the day. Good subs.

Best, Kathy & Dennis OLeary



Hi,

This is Tastee Sub Shop on Pulaski Avenue or as we called it " Andy's "sub shop. When I was a kid my mom always said don't be hanging out at that sub shop. I would sneak there with my friend, Ed Rapp, to play the pinball machine and as we became teens it was Pac Man or Knockout. Andy had the best cheeseburger sub. And his pizzas were great too. I miss that sub shop. Thanks for bringing back great memories.

Ed Bender



Tom

The picture isANDY'S or Tastee Sub But if you live in Sayreville you NEVER called it Tastee it was always and will always be ANDY'S!

Jeffrey Georgiana



September Fun At Dowdell Library

Fall into fun programs at the Dowdell Library including fun storytimes, 3D Printer Magic, Alzheimer's Workshop, Mad-Lib Storytime, Adult Culinary Workshops and the Banned Book Week Contest.

Join us for two storytime programs for toddlers. On Mondays at 1:00 pm build with your toddler using magnetic shapes while listening to fun music. On Fridays at 10:30 am hear stories and music in this fun storytime!

Learn how to make 3D printed objects on Mondays, September 10, 17 & 24 during 3D Printer Magic at 3:30. A new project will be printed each week including a Lighthouse, Pokemon Togepi, and a Dinosaur.

Discover techniques and information at Alzheimer's Managing Difficult Behaviors Workshop on Monday, September 17 from 6-7:30 pm. Learn why people with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia experience behavior changes, what those behaviors mean, and how to cope when behaviors are challenging. Register online comments@dowdell.org or call the library at 732-721-6060.

Hear funny stories when we fill in the blanks for Mad-Lib Storytimes on Wednesdays, September 12, 19 and 26 at

3:30 pm. You'll never know how the story will turn out!

Create apple pie waffles, a perfect seasonal dish at the Adult Culinary Workshops on Wednesdays, September 19 and 26 at 11 am. This 3 ingredient marvel will be the highlight of any breakfast or brunch!

Learn about Banned Books during the week of September 24, and participate in the Banned Book Week Contest. Pick up a quiz sheet, and match the name of the book, with the reason why it was banned. Everyone who participates will be entered into a drawing, where a winner will be picked at the end of the week. One entry per person!

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

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Where in New Jersey?



The Where in NJ for August may not actually be in New Jersey since you would be on the very edge of the state to see this view. Send your answers to satimes@aol.com by September 17th.

July Information Where in New Jersey?

By Brian & Phyllis Stratton

The Where in NJ for July was Federici's restaurant located in Freehold. The clues were that there was a tie to the "Boss" and their neighbor was a real "Joker". The E Street Band's original keyboard player the late Danny Federici's family owns the business and the Court Jester restaurant is right next door. Federici's serves a wide variety of items with their thin crust pizza being a favorite, not to mention their homemade creamy Italian salad dressing.

Where In NJ Winners For July

Dennis Quinlan, Jim Malkiewicz, Dane Colburn, Ken Sumski, Marie English, Ed English, Stephen Laskiewicz, Jack Piskorski, Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, Pat & Bill Scully.



July- Where in New Jersey? Federici's, Freehold



Times Letters



In Appreciation For 50-Year Little Fellas League Reunion

I'd like to give a special thank you to teammate Pat Douglas for bringing these memories back for all of us. Anytime a team goes undefeated, I would consider it a very special team. I was fortunate at the time to have played on two special teams. This Daylight Bakery team, and also the Sacred Heart grammar school basketball team which also went undefeated.

Each team had its collection of special players. The year prior to this team, Daylight Bakery had an outstanding team led by Bill D'Amico, who did most of the pitching. Billy was so fundamentally sound at such an early age. After Billy moved up to Babe Ruth, I was asked to fill the role he played as the primary pitcher, certainly not an easy void to fill. The example Billy set helped to launch my pitching career to a high level.

Steven Douglas, who at the age of 18, took over this team and was the brain trust behind all of it's success. He was so dedicated to teaching us the right way to play baseball and instilled in us a tremendous desire to be the best. It was so tragic when he passed away at such an early age. When I was asked to pitch by Steven, I have to be honest... I was scared to death. I was blessed with a strong arm but when I first started pitching I had no idea where the ball was going to end up. With Steven Douglas's guidance and an excellent catcher behind the plate, Scott Douglas, Steve's

young brother, who as so calm, cool and collected, things started to come together. Scott always knew when to call time out if I was struggling with my control. He would take that slow methodical walk to the mound which at times felt like an eternity. But things would always seem to get back to the right focus.

Scott passed away in 2007 after a battle with cancer. May you rest in peace teammate. To all our Daylight teammates, it was an honor to have played together with all of you. The memories will always be cherished. Last but not least, thank you to the very special town of South Amboy and all those associated with it and the qualities that have made it so great.

Very Special Memories.

Steve Makwinski



The 1911 house pictured in the last issue, may have fronted the Minnie Ditch Beach between RR and Bay just on South border (behind last houses on George St) of South Amboy about 1940. Some were granted squatters rights, and about 1960? a guy set up a RR museum there. Also, there were a few houses on East side of Rosewell St. from John St. to George St. with old giant willow trees until storms wiped all away. Per my g-grandmother Bloodgood 111 John St. about 1855-1954....

Skip House (formerly of South Amboy)

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 drive 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.

Vendor Night November 9

South Amoy Columbiettes hold a Fall Vendor Event Friday November 9 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Columbian Club on 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Vendors are wanted. For more information, contact Cheryl at 732-407-3295 or sa426ladies@yahoo.com



Derrick Johnson Named Athletic Director at Middlesex County College

Derrick Johnson, an accomplished athletic and public relations administrator, has been named director of athletics at Middlesex County College. "I am honored and excited to join the Middlesex athletics family in the role of director of athletics," he said. "I want to thank Interim President Mark McCormick and Dean of Student Affairs Marla Brinson for this incredible opportunity. I look forward to bringing my energy, knowledge and skills to MCC and contributing to the department's continued success. Go Blue Colts!"

Mr. Johnson comes to MCC from Elizabeth City State University in North Carolina where he oversaw a 10-sport NCAA program and successfully managed a staff of 40. He was responsible for the growth of partnerships that enriched fundraising, community relations, and stewardship of the athletic department.

Proceeding ECSU, he served as the director of athletics at Riverside City College in Riverside, Calif., where he oversaw a 17-sport program and led the athletic department to three top-10 finishes among two-year colleges in the prestigious Learfield Sports Directors Cup. In 2012, Riverside City College finished second in the nation, recognizing the overall athletic program's

excellence. He also received the National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators Award in 2013.

Among his other accomplishments at RCC, Mr. Johnson hired three coaches who later won Coach of the Year honors. He also created an academic advising program in the athletic department and created the first-ever Student Athlete Advisory Council.

Prior to his stop at RCC, Mr. Johnson served as the associate athletic director at Benedict College in Columbia, S.C. where he was responsible for the daily operations and game day planning of all 16 sports at Benedict College. His other duties included building relationships with the media and implementing marketing and media plans, while overseeing all statistical data for Benedict athletics. Mr. Johnson was also responsible for all editorial work for Benedict's sports publications and official athletic website.

In 2010 Mr. Johnson created and implemented Benedict's inaugural Daniel Burgess Tricycle Relays, an event that honored the untimely death of a co-worker's young child due to asthma complications. The event, held in conjunction with title sponsor Select Health and the South

Carolina Asthma Alliance, was awarded the National NCAA Division II Community Engagement Award of the Year and the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Community Engagement Award of the year.

Mr. Johnson also served as sports information director and head baseball coach for seven years. He was SIAC Coach of the Year in 2009 and led his team to a Divisional Championship in 2006.

He was also assistant director of public relations at Benedict College, and public relations coordinator for the South Carolina Housing Finance and Development Authority.

Mr. Johnson, a Trenton native, holds a Bachelor's Degree from the University of South Carolina-Aiken, and a Master's Degree from the United States Sports Academy.

During his college career Mr. Johnson was both a writer for the school newspaper and a standout baseball player. He was named to the NCAA Division II Peach Belt All-Conference team in back-to-back seasons in 1996 and 1997, and was drafted by the Florida Marlins baseball team. In 2008 he was inducted in to the Ewing High School Athletic Hall of Fame for accomplishments in football and baseball.



Derrick Johnson



After School, The Y Helps Kids Reach Their Potential

A new school year is filled with potential—a chance to start new routines and habits, build new friendships and discover new possibilities and interests. It's an exciting time for many kids, however—at the end of the school day, 1 in 5 children kids do not have someone to care for them after school, according to Afterschool Alliance, a nonprofit public awareness organization. As families are transitioning from summer to fall, the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy is offering programs to school-aged children throughout Avenel, Colonia, Edison, Fords, Iselin, Metuchen, Sayreville, Sewaren, South Amboy and Woodbridge to keep youth active, busy and engaged during out-of-school time. Through a well-rounded

approach to youth development, the Y's programs offer activities in a caring and safe environment during the critical hours after school. Whether through sports, mentorship, or academic support, the Y nurture the potential of youth throughout the school year.

"Over 11 million children are unsupervised between 3 and 6pm, an essential time to help increase children's success in school," said Rose Cushing, President & CEO of the YMCA of MEWSA. "Afterschool at the Y is an opportunity for families to ensure their kids are receiving additional support, continued learning and a chance to participate in meaningful activities that can inspire children's motivations and help them reach their potential."

The Y is a leading nonprofit committed to nurturing the potential of every child and teen, supporting their social-emotional, cognitive and physical development from birth to career. In the YMCA of MEWSA's afterschool programs, youth engage in physical activities, learning opportunities and imaginative programs that encourage them to explore who they are and what they can achieve. Students will have the opportunity to begin their homework, participate in STEM activities and join in a variety of programmatic and activity options to explore and develop their interests and talents. HEPA (Healthy Eating and Physical Activity) habits are strongly reinforced and part of our daily

programs. Financial assistance is available to those in need, to ensure every child and teen has the opportunity to learn and grow at the YMCA of MEWSA.

For more information about the YMCA of MEWSA's afterschool programs, please contact Christine Tolley at christine.tolley@ymcaofmewsa.org or call 732-548-2044. You can also visit our website at <https://www.ymcaofmewsa.org/child-care/general-information> for more information.



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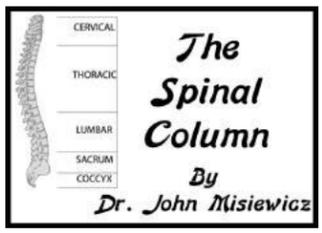
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The Burden of Childhood Backpacks

Some kids may feel they carry the weight of the world on their shoulders. Considering the load many are carrying, that's almost true! They are stuffed with textbooks, notebooks, papers, pencils, CD players and anything else they can think of.

After observing the children and speaking to other parents and teachers, I learned that "pack mulling" was not unusual for children in elementary and high school. With over 30 percent of school-aged children reporting frequent back aches, it has become increasingly important to select the correct pack and how to use it. Here are some suggestions when selecting a backpack:

- 1) Adjustable, wide and padded straps;
- 2) Think padding in the area that rests against the back; and
- 3) Several compartments to avoid shifting contents.

The American Chiropractic Association recommends the following:

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

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

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

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

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

Obsolescence

By Al Gomolka Jr.
Times Poet Laureate
c.2007

- Ah-to grow old and weary
- And to think far less clearly
- The joints ache, the bones shake
- Sleep is restless, and spirit breaks
- Eyes grow dim, and digestion slows
- Wrinkles multiply, while hearing goes
- Our bodies eventually succumb
- To the curse; the scourge of old age
- Or is it a blessing to some
- Who believe in the eternity stage
- When life becomes but problems and pains
- And only memories of happier times remain
- We never desired to be a fuss
- But now others take care of us
- Ah-this natural cycle of life
- Let's forget all these struggles and strife
- Look forward to the true threshold
- Of our new beginning to behold
- Where old becomes young and fresh and whole
- The body may die, but forever lives the soul

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

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 and infinite love for all. Touch my mind with Your wisdom, that my mouth may always proclaim Your praise. Teach me to reach out to You in my need. Help me to lead others to You by my example. Most loving heart of Jesus, bring me health in my body and spirit so that I may serve You with all my strength. Touch gently with this life that you have created. Amen -M.S.



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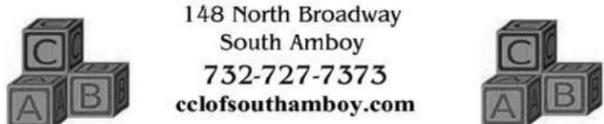


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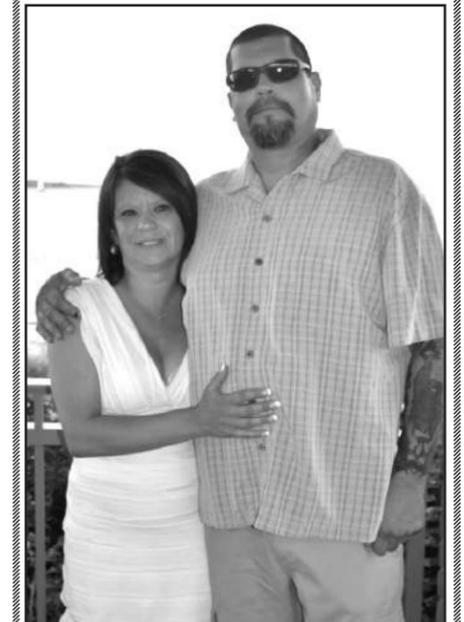


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Fishing Flashes
 By Teo "Weebles" Weber

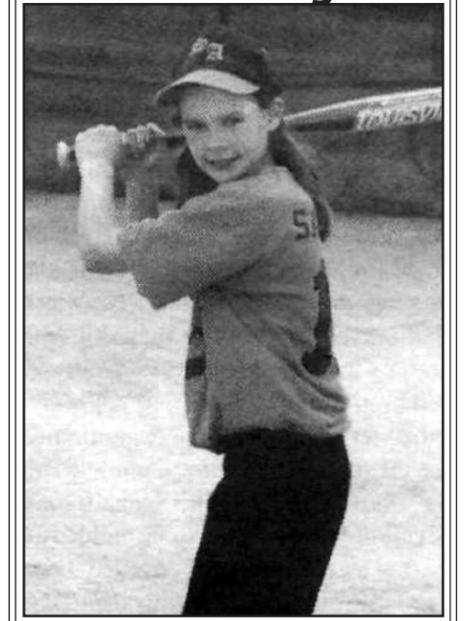
Salt water

The warm waters off shore have brought in Semi Tropical fish usually found further south. Kingfish, Spanish Mackerel, Mahi-Mahi, Skipjack and Yellow fin Tuna, Pilot fish and Jacks are all a short ride a few miles out. Barnegat Ridge is a good area to find these fish. Fluke fishing, especially in the area of Beach Haven, is producing a good number of keeper Fluke up to 8 pounds. Up here in Raritan Bay it's still mostly shorts but there are enough of keepers to make it interesting. Bluefish on the party boats is spotty-only a few shorts of small Blues here and there. Bottom fishing saves the day and when they go a little further out, good catches of Chub Mackerel are made. There are some Kingfish in the surf. Cow Nose Rays are all over the beach areas where the bathers are.

Fresh Water

Hot weather has slowed up everything. Carp and Catfish are biting in the Delaware River. Trout fishing is slow. The recent heavy rains also have affected fishing overall. Bass fishing in lakes is OK. In the early morning and evening Hybrid Striped Bass and Walleyes are hitting baits in the dark hours at Lake Hopatcong and Spruce Run. Round Valley Reservoir is producing some nice Largemouth Bass.

20 Years Ago



1998-SAMANTHA STARS FOR ALL STAR CHAMPS

Power-hitting first baseman Samantha Salato became the first girl in the history of the South Amboy Youth Association to be selected to the boys All-Star baseball team roster. She was not only a member, but a big contributor to the championship club. In an all-star tourney in Morgan she hit two home runs out of the park in two different games! "She's very competitive and a great kid," said Coach Randy Neumann. (Photo/story by Tom Burkard)



Slow Pitch Softball Takes South Amboy/Sayreville By Storm-Part 8

By Tom Burkard

1990 Champions-Neumann Construction

Neumann Construction captured its second consecutive league championship by defeating Bottle Stop II.

1991 Teams/Final Regular Season Records

There were 18 teams in the league. The final regular season records were: Northern Division-Monaghan House II (14-3), Shamrock I (14-3), Neumann Construction (13-4), Landmark Cafe (13-4), Renegades (11-6), Pine Liquors (8-9), Lagoda's AC (7-10), Kelly's Gaslight (3-13-1), Diamond Dogs (3-13-1). Southern Division-Fatso Fogerty's (13-4), Olde Towne Deli-Monaghan House (11-6), Shamrock II (11-6), Lagoda's AC (9-8), Bottle Stop (6-11), East Coast (6-11), S & S Stripping (5-13), SA Pub (3-14), Moran's Misfits (0-17).

The teams/managers: Neumann Construction-Randy Neumann; Shamrock I-Fred Henry; Lagoda's-Tom Mierzwiak; Monaghan House II-Gary Aich, Chuck Prusakowski; Landmark Cafe-Sonny Sabine; Pine Liquors-Mark Kelly; Kelly's Gaslight-Jerry Kelly; Diamond Dogs-Jim Hanvey; Renegades-Packer Kenny; Fatso Fogerty's-Rob Ruskuski; Olde Towne Deli/Monaghan House-Tom Burkard; Lagoda's AC-Tony Januszewski; Shamrock II-Ed Kouchok; Bottle Stop-Bill Schuck; East Coast-Tony Camporeale; SA Pub-Pat Coleman; Moran's Misfits-Mike Moran; S & S Stripping-John Scanlon.

1991 Champions-No information available.

1992 Teams/Managers

The 19 teams and managers were: Monaghan House II-Tom O'Leary; Cardell-Carmen Nesti; Rebels-Vinnie Pucci; American Landscape-Dan Peters; Lagoda's Saloon-Tony Januszewski; Bottle Stop II-John Skarzynski; Bottle Stop I-Roger Young; Monaghan's Locos-Mike Carney; Moran's Misfits-Mike Moran; Shamrock Inn-Fred Henry; Monaghan House I-Tom Burkard; SA Pub-Eric Veit; Neumann Construction-Randy Neumann; Sayreville Bar-Jeff Pasewark; Diamond Dogs-Gary Rojek; Monaghan House III-Tom Mierzwiak; Renegades-Packer Kenny; Mike's Tavern-Ed Kouchok; Nebus Construction-Bob Nebus.

1992 Champions-Shamrock Inn

1992-Shamrock Inn took the best-of-3 championship series from Bottle Stop II, winning the deciding game by an 11-9 margin. Shamrock won Game #1, by a 9-6 count, as Jack Conlon drilled 3 hits, Ed O'Connor and Rick Rysinski drove in 2 runs apiece, winning pitcher John Kaboski, and player/manager Fred Henry also contributed 2 hits each. John "Skeets" Skarzynski had a perfect 3-for-3, Nelson Santiago blasted a long 2-run homer, and Bob Gallery added 2 hits for Bottle Stop II. In Game #2, the much younger Bottle Stoppers bounced back and ripped Shamrock, 9-1 to force the Game #3 showdown. Winning pitcher Ed Halotis had a perfect 3-for-3 game at the plate, Skarzynski unloaded a towering 3-run HR in the 5th inning, and the winners got 2 hits apiece from Frank Paczkowski, Ted Pavlonnis, Bob Gallery and Mike Pozai. Veteran Joe Noble of the Shamrock went 2-for-2, and played like a rookie phenom throughout the title series.

In the championship battle, Bottle Stop jumped out to a 6-0 lead in the top of the 2nd inning, but Shamrock came right back to tie it in the bottom of the inning. Mark Noble ripped a 2-run double in the bottom of the third, to put Shamrock on top 8-6, a lead that would not be relinquished, as the Shamrock Inn won the South Amboy Men's Senior Slow Pitch League championship, by a score of 11-9.

The victory was sweet for the older and talented Shamrock Inn, who started 5 players over 40 years old and the team roster average age was 37.5 years old as compared to the Bottle Stop, whose entire team featured players under 30 years old.

Mark Noble was selected MVP of the Championship Series for his outstanding play, especially in Game #3, when he ripped 3 hits including a huge 2-run double, and drove in 5 runs. Shamrock's speedy leadoff hitter and catalyst, Jack Conlon hit .600 in the series

with a 6-for-10.

The champions lineup was: 1b-Joe Noble, 2b-Jack O'Connor, ss-Rick Rysinski, 3b-Fred Henry, lf-Jack Conlon, lcf-Ed O'Connor, rcf-Mark Noble, rf-Tom O'Connor, p-John Kaboski, c-Jon O'Connor. Other team members were Jack O'Connor, Gary Shereyka, Wally Nebus, Bob Howarth, John Metz.

Bottle Stop II also had other fine players including Ralph Chance, Joe Chrzaszcz, Rob Ruskuski, Mike Attardi, Pete Terese.

Shamrock finished (15-2) regular season, and (5-1) in the playoff for an overall outstanding (20-3) on the year.

Note: Joe Noble played on his 7th South Amboy Slow Pitch Softball League championship team!

1993 Champions-Monaghan House I

Monaghan House I captured the league championship by downing Neumann's Construction 2 games to 1 in the best of 3 series. Monaghan's copped Game #1, 10-7, as Marty Brieghoff pounded a single and triple to drive in 5 runs. Rick Bonis was 3-for-3, and Rick French was the winning pitcher. Neumann's was led by Randy Neumann 3-for-4, Glenn Smith a single, triple and 2 RBI, and Dave Gumprecht a single and triple. In Game #2 Neumann triumphed, 5-1 behind pitcher Larry Parsons. Frank Wahler stroked 2 hits and knocked in a run. Gary Aich hammered a single and triple, and Fred Wistuba got 2 hits for Monaghan's. In Game #3, Player/Sponsor Rich McCutcheon played in his only game, and went 3-for-3 with a double, and scored 3 runs as Monaghan's behind winning pitcher French, copped the crown, 7-3. Mark Herdman had a perfect 3-for-3 game in a losing effort. Surprisingly, no home runs were hit in the championship series. Monaghan's left fielder Marty Brieghoff went 5-for-10 with 5 RBI, and was selected series MVP.

1993 Teams/Players-No further information available.

1994 Champions-Neumann Construction

Neumann Construction swept the championship series over Who's Subs...and More, 8-5 and 7-3. In game #1 Frank Wahler went 3-for-3 with 2 doubles and 2 RBI, Ben Camacho was 3-for-3 with a double and 2 RBI, player/manager Randy Neumann ripped a single and a double for 2 RBI, ace pitcher Larry Parsons stroked 2 hits and was the winner. Tom Reilly and Mike Attardi ripped 3 hits apiece. In the finale, Doug Gumprecht went a perfect 3-for-3 with 2 RBI, Wahler had 2 hits and an RBI, Neumann belted a single and double, Attardi unloaded a 3-run homer, while Parsons notched another big victory. Player/manager Joe Kudelka Jr. had a perfect 3-for-3 game for Who's Subs...and More. Co-MVP's for the finals were Larry Parsons, who won both games, and third baseman Frank Wahler, who went 5-for-6, .825, with 2 doubles and 3 RBI. Neumann Construction finished the year with a superb overall record of (20-1).

1994 Teams/Players

Neumann Construction-Player/manager Randy Neumann, Larry Parsons, Frank Wahler, Ben Camacho, Doug Gumprecht; Who's Subs...and More-Player/manager Joe Kudelka Jr., Tom Reilly, Darren Gorczyca, Kevin Gorczyca, Mike Attardi, Ed Sharp, Mike Carney, Stan Zawacki.

1995 Teams

There were 12 teams in the league: A-Division-Who's Subs, Neumann Construction, Ultravision, S.A. Pub, Gianna's, Monaghan II; B-Division-Monaghan Misfits, Rebels, Dugout, Partners Pub Raiders, Nebus Construction, Monaghan I.

1995 Champions-The best of 3 championship series between Monaghan I and Gianna's was never completed. In the first and only game, Gianna's pulled a major upset, but due to field unavailability because of high school soccer, the other games were not played.

Jack Ballo, Co-Director of the South Amboy Men's Softball Association later announced that 2 champions were crowned. Larry Parsons was also a Co-Director of the league. Gianna's won the A Division, and



Left: The Ultravision team, under the leadership of player/manager Jack Ballo, competed in the South Amboy Men's Slow Pitch Softball League in the 1990's. (Photo courtesy of Jack Ballo)

Right: This picture is probably from 1982. We were sponsored by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, which Mrs. Birmingham was very involved with. This is from a fundraiser game we played at Laurel Park against a team of Playboy Bunnies from Atlantic City. It was a lot of fun for a great cause! I don't remember all the guys names, maybe you recognize some. My apologies to those guys. Standing second from the left is Pat McGuire, then Steve Birmingham and Dennis McGuire. Kneeling under the word Emergency is Gerard Saccente, Fred Beaudry, Louie Gemo. (Photo/story courtesy of Fred Beaudry). *If anyone knows what local softball league this group played in and the name of its team sponsor, please let us know.



Monaghan I took the B title.

The South Amboy League ended most probably after the 1997, for unknown reasons.

1996 Teams/Players-Monaghan House I-No information available. Monaghan House II-Player/manager Fred Henry, John Kaboski, Jack Conlon, Jack O'Connor, Ray Leonard, Al Gomolka Jr., Ed O'Connor, Bob Howarth, Ron Croddick.

1997

This was the last year known for the South Amboy Men's Slow Pitch Softball League. Co-League Director Larry Parsons said that he felt the league folded because, "There was fighting for the fields available to play on, and the South Amboy League had to ask Sayreville Recreation Director Mickey Sedlak for permission to use a field in Sayreville. St. Mary's High School was using Vets Field for its sports teams, and we couldn't get enough men's softball games in, because they played later."

1997 Teams/Players-No information

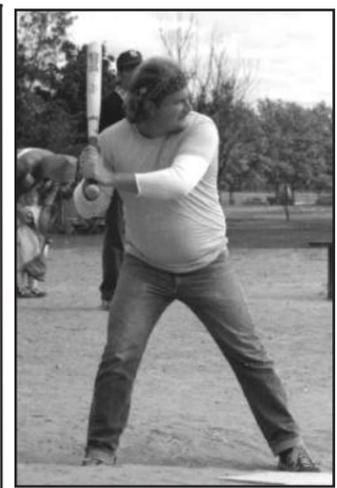
Sayreville Stars Were Honored

Three standout softballers from Sayreville received major honors in the prestigious Trentonian Softball Tournaments. In 1994, Bob Nanco, Gary Aich, and Chris Giordano, who played for the ERTS/Dugout Sports team were selected to the Class C All-Tourney Team. In the '98 tourney, Nanco, who played for Cioffi's, was chosen for the Class Super D All-Tourney Team, and once again in 2002 to the Super E All-Tourney Team while playing for Cioffi's/Lincoln Electric.

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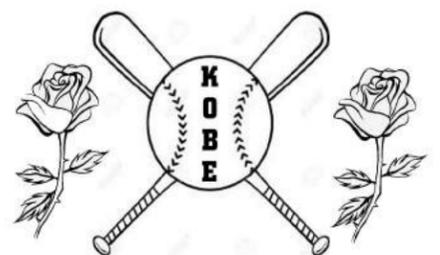
Aug. 23, 1996-This photo of the Monaghan House II softball squad was taken 1-hour prior to what became the saddest day in South Amboy Slow Pitch Softball history. The players, umpire and fans were shocked and saddened when ace pitcher John Kaboski, suffered a fatal heart attack while pitching against the Monaghan House I team on a very hot and humid summer day. Pictured in photo (l-r) Jack O'Connor, Ray Leonard, Fred Henry, Al Gomolka Jr., Ed O'Connor, Bob Howarth, John Kaboski, Ron Croddick. Kneeling is Jack Conlon. (Photo from Tom Burkard Archives)



Left: 1981- The late Bill Burlew of the East Coast Toke team awaits a pitch in an action-packed Sayreville-South Amboy Fall League softball game. (Photo courtesy of Pat Douglas)

The Saddest Day In South Amboy Slow Pitch Softball

August 23, 1996-John Kaboski, one of the all-time greatest pitchers in the South Amboy Men's League died of a fatal heart attack on the pitcher's mound at Veterans Field. "Kobe," as he was affectionately called, was a friend to all, and will always be remembered.



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Following the Grand Opening ribbon-cutting ceremony at Cake on Heels located in South Amboy, Mrs. New Jersey Ann Pennington (r) appeared as a special guest. Also pictured is Mayor Fred Henry (l), and Owner Marisol Esteves (c). (Photo by Tom Burkard)



Jaclyn Squillace
 APRIL 10, 1988 ~ AUGUST 24, 2018

Jaclyn Squillace, 30, passed away August 24, 2018 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick after a long, hard fought battle with breast cancer that inspired so many.

Born in Rahway, Jaclyn was raised in Sayreville. She was a 2006 graduate of Sayreville War Memorial High School. She graduated from Middlesex County College with an A.A. in liberal arts and Kean University with a B.A. in psychology.

Jaclyn possessed a smile that would light up any room she entered. She was a smart and determined young woman who fought her illness as a brave fierce warrior with an iron fist. Jaclyn was full of life and was ever present to help others also sick or in need. To that end, Jaclyn was the instrumental force in the birth of a charitable organization, not only to provide her with some much needed assistance, but as a way to give to others similarly situated. "Jammin for Jaclyn" is her legacy. Since its inception, her charity has immeasurably assisted those afflicted with illness and in need.

Above all, Jaclyn loved being a Mommy. Spending quality time with little Nicholas was always her number one priority. A loving mother, daughter, sister and friend, Jaclyn will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Jaclyn is survived by her son, Nicholas, her parents, Denise and Ron Morgan, her brothers Michael and Mark, her sister Amber, and countless dear friends.

Visitation was held Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at Whiteley Funeral Home, 241 Bordentown Ave., South Amboy. Cremation was private.

The family requests in keeping with Jaclyn's legacy, contributions be made payable to RJC charities and mailed to Jammin for Jaclyn, 292 Stevens Avenue, South Amboy, N.J. 08879.

Car Show On Broadway

(Photos by Tom Burkard)

Gary Poland (c) and his wife Cindy (r) with their friend Linda Schuler (l).

Rich Braun with his beautiful car.

All the way from the state of Washington, Paul Ust really enjoyed the show.

Members of the Historical Society of South Amboy, Ken and Joyce Elyea checked out the vintage vehicles on display.



In Memoriam



Kenneth Mundy, 91, of South Amboy died on July 26. He served as Chief of the South Amboy Fire Dept. in 1962, and was a member of Independence Engine & Hose Co., and also the Exempt Firemen's Association. Sandra Ciszewski Fogler, 69, of Parlin died on July 28. She was Plant Maintenance Scheduler for 48 years at DuPont in Parlin. Peggy Woods, 74, of Parlin died on July 29. She was owner/operator of Artistic Flowers in Sayreville with her daughter Peggy. Margaret Connors, 85, of Sayreville died on July 30. Before retiring she worked 25 years

for St. Mary's School in South Amboy. Shirley Meirose, 83, of Sayreville died on July 31. Prior to her retirement, she was employed by DuPont in Parlin as Head of Human Resources for 30 years. Robert "Bob" Matthews, 69, of South Amboy died on Aug. 7. Prior to his retirement, he worked for Middlesex County Parks Dept., and also operated the Cliffwood Farm Market, a family business. Dorothy "Dot" Kopystecky, 89, of South Amboy died on Aug. 24. She and her husband John ran the popular Dot's Luncheonette on South Broadway from 1965-1999. They will always be remembered.

Obituaries

Bielak, Lottie, 96, of Sayreville died on Aug. 14.
 Bodak, Helen M., 92, formerly of Sayreville died on Aug. 2.
 Conlon, Francis P., 76, formerly of Parlin died on July 30.
 Connors, Margaret, 85, of Sayreville died on July 30.
 Dunn, Cecelia, 83, of Sayreville died on July 25.
 Fogler, Sandra Ciszewski, 69, of Parlin died on July 28.
 Galante, Kayleigh M. Cesare, 32, formerly of Sayreville died on Aug. 10.
 Giordani, Joan T., 85, of South Amboy died on Aug. 9.
 Greaves, Rose M. Fallon, 79, formerly of Sayreville died on July 31.
 Hardy, Mary Ellen, 71, formerly of Sayreville died on Aug. 13.
 Kolodziej, Edwin A., 93, of Sayreville died on Aug. 17.
 Kopystecky, Dorothy M. "Dot," 89, of South Amboy died on Aug. 24.
 Maresca, Domenick, 70, of Parlin died on Aug. 3.
 Matthews, Robert "Bob," 69, of South Amboy died on Aug. 7.
 McGrath, Patrick, 58, of Parlin died on Aug. 17.
 Meirose, Shirley A., 83, of Sayreville

died on July 31.
 Metz, Philip A. "Phil," 41, of South Amboy died on July 29.
 Mundy, Kenneth W., 91, of South Amboy died on July 26.
 Nahai, Rose Sekman, 93, of Sayreville died on Aug. 12.
 Quast, Heather A., 19, of Parlin died on Aug. 3.
 Sakowski, Alice K., 91, formerly of South Amboy died on July 24.
 Sapp, Cindy L. McKeon, formerly of South Amboy/Sayreville died on July 17.
 Scharff, Lorraine A., 93, of Parlin died on Aug. 19.
 Skarzynski, Robert F., 66, formerly of South Amboy died on July 10.
 Squillace, Jaclyn, 30, of Sayreville, died on August 24.
 Steinfeld, Howard, 76, of Sayreville died on Aug. 8.
 Suchorski, Gertrude, 98, of South Amboy died on July 31.
 Szot, Tadeusz, 88, of Morgan died on Aug. 3.
 Weissman, Isabelle, 94, of South Amboy died on July 24.
 Woods, Peggy E., 74, of Parlin died on July 29.
 Woronowicz, Carl "Oscar," 92, formerly of Sayreville died on Aug. 5.

Kolodziej Remembered

Edwin A. Kolodziej, of Sayreville, passed away on August 17, 2018, at the age of 93. God blessed him with a long life, and he blessed us with a long life of service. A lifelong resident in Sayreville, he was born in 1924 to the late Anton and Mamie Kolodziej. A graduate of Sayreville War Memorial High School, he was inducted to its Hall of Fame in 2005. He received his bachelor's degree and law doctorate from Rutgers University; in 2006, he was bestowed the honor of Loyal Son of Rutgers. He is well-known for his heroic service during World War II, where he was a Staff Sergeant in the 95th Infantry Division in the European Theatre. He is the holder of the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, the Combat Infantry Badge, and the NJ Distinguished Service Medal. He was decorated on the front lines by Gen. George Patton, which was the featured story on the History Channel's Patton 360: Siege Warfare; the History Channel also highlighted Edwin's WWII heroism in Shootout: The Battle of France. His record of law practice and statesmanship includes heading a law office in Sayreville, acting as an assistant prosecutor for Middlesex County, being part of the NJ State Lottery Commission, and serving as Assemblyman-at-Large in the NJ State Legislature. Edwin was a

member of numerous state, county, veteran and community societies, associations, and organizations. He is predeceased by his first wife, Joan Barbara Washburn Kolodziej, with whom he had four children. He is also predeceased by his beloved son David A. Kolodziej. Surviving are his devoted wife Irene "Renee" Halmi Kolodziej; his sister, Rita Kolodziej; and his children and their spouses: Christine & Paul Willumstad of Colorado; Kathryn Pinto & R.D. Smith of Sayreville; Lawrence Kolodziej & Jane Griffith of Ohio; and daughter-in-law Linda Kolodziej of Delaware. Surviving also are his nephew and godson Bernard J. Bailey of Sayreville, and Bernie's fiancée Susan Disbrow. Surviving also are his eight grandchildren, and great grandchildren. "Ed Kolodziej was not just a Sergeant, a town lawyer, and a politician; he was a brave patriot, a wise counselor, and a statesman. His service to his community was not just a career, it was his calling. He fought his battles on every front -- military, legal, personal, health -- with compassion, perspicacity, and courage. He now follows the command from above: "At ease, soldier." The family has requested that donations in Edwin's name be made to Our Lady of Victories School or Saint Jude's Children's Hospital.

Cindy L. McKeon Sapp 60

Formerly of South Amboy/Sayreville Cindy L. McKeon Sapp, 60, of Elberfeld, IN passed away Thursday, July 19, 2018 in Ohio. She was born in South Amboy, NJ, on March 19, 1958, and later resided in Sayreville. Cindy was an outstanding athlete, playing softball and field hockey. She played on a state-championship softball team. She was a member of the National Honor Society. Cindy was an organ donor. She was a Parishioner of St. John Catholic Church in Daylight. She was a very devoted wife and friend. She is survived by her husband of

34 years, Jason Sapp; parents, Elizabeth "Betty" and Bill McKeon; brothers, Michael McKeon, Tim McKeon, David McKeon (Dawn) and Jeff McKeon (Liz); sisters, Mary Ann Parisi (Danny) and Debbie Muller (Ron); mother-in-law, Agnes; sister-in-law, Stephanie Walkowski; brother-in-law, Edward Sapp; 15 nieces and nephews; Sadie, niece-in-law and mother of one great niece and one great nephew. A private family service will be held. Memorial contributions may be made to Chron's & Collitis Foundation. Condolences may be offered at www.AlexanderNorthChapel.com

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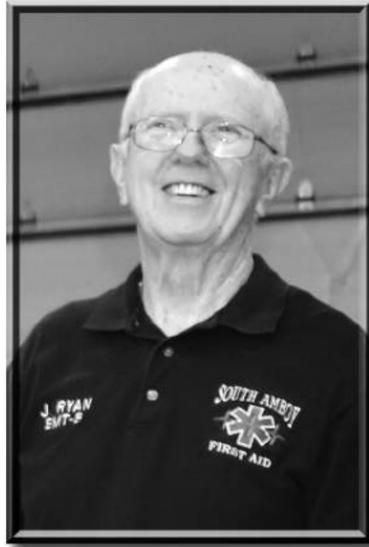
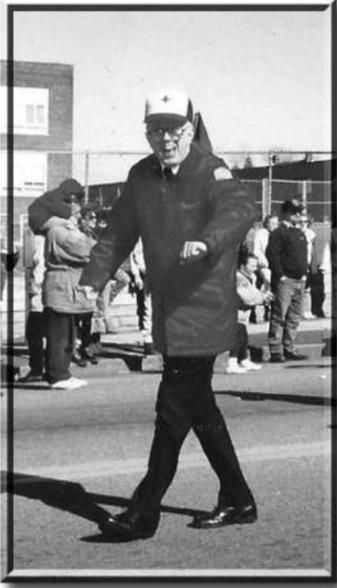
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