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City of South Amboy Prepares For Third Annual Irish Festival

Final preparations are underway for The City of South Amboy's Third Annual Irish Festival "Sounds of Ireland - From Classic to Rock" on Saturday, September 9, 2023 from 1-8 pm at Waterfront Park, South Amboy.

The event is held in conjunction with the South Amboy Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee, whose volunteers successfully coordinate the city's annual March parade and will feature South Amboy's own D. B. Kelly Pipes and Drums as well as demonstrations by the students at local schools of Irish dance.

This year's event will feature the "Sounds of Ireland" and will include musical performances spanning songs of Irish culture in a variety of formats. Classical Irish music will be provided by Collegium Musicum as The Willie Lynch Band will keep the traditions of Ireland alive with songs from The Emerald Isle. Formed in 1981, the Bantry Boys are an Irish Folk Band who equate their music to "storytelling." The Snakes, who hail from parts of New Jersey, will put their own unique stamp on some driving rock tunes.

Multiple parking areas will be available throughout the city with free bus transportation from these parking sites to and from the festival. Please check the New Jersey Transit train schedules for routes to and from the South Amboy Train Station for easy access to the city. Additional festival information will also be available on the South Amboy Saint Patrick's Day Committee website www.southamboyparade.com.

Those wishing to become a vendor at the festival are asked to contact Mr. Jay Elliot at Elliotj@southamboynj.gov for information regarding vendor registration and additional vendor information related to the September 9th Irish Festival.



Congratulations!



Lorene Cuesta has been a Crossing Guard for 26 years. The end of the 2022-2023 school year was her last day. She is pictured with her fellow Crossing Guards. Thank you for your service. (Photo/info Submitted)



Pictured at the dedication of the pickleball courts are (l-r) Councilman Tom Reilly, Councilwoman Zusette Dato, Mayor Fred J Henry and Councilman At Large Anthony Conrad. (Photos by Jaclyn Keegan-Kelly)

Pickleball Anyone?

In recent years there has been growing interest and demand in Pickleball! Mayor Fred Henry and the City Council are proud to announce the opening of our new pickleball courts at John Zdanewicz Park (Sixth Street). All residents are welcome to use the pickleball courts for fun and recreation.

What is Pickleball?

Pickleball is fun, social and friendly! The rules are simple, and the game is easy for beginners to learn, but can develop into a fast-paced, competitive game. It is a sport that combines many elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong played both indoors or outdoors on a badminton-

sized court and a slightly modified tennis net. Pickleball is played with a paddle and a plastic ball with holes, can be played in single or doubles and enjoyed by all ages and skill levels.



Council 426 Elects Officers

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 has elected its slate of officers for the 2023-24 Columbian year. Grand Knight Jordan Drevelus, Deputy Grand Knight Jan Williams, Chaplain Rev. Stanley Gromadzki, Financial Secretary Jack Mieczkowski, Recorder Bruce Grzankowski, Treasurer

Steve Schmid, Warden Ed Vassallo, Advocate Peter Lucarelli, Lecturer Steve Di Meglio, Inside Guard Brian Bolla, Outside Guard Jay Seyglinski, First Year Trustee Jim Hoehman, Second Year Trustee Ken Smetana, Third Year Trustee Steve Szabo.



Grand Knight Jordan Drevelus (l) presents Past Grand Knight Gary Lattanzi with a plaque in recognition of Gary's tenure as Grand Knight of the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426. The PGK dinner was held at Assaggi Di Roma restaurant in Hazlet. (Photo/Info by Steve Schmid)

4th Degree Assembly Chooses Officers

Monsignor John F. Brady Assembly 676 Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus of South Amboy, have selected their officers for the 2023-24 Columbian year. Faithful Navigator Christopher Duffett, Faithful Comptroller Stephen Agnone, Faithful Friar Msgr. Andrew Szaroleta, Faithful Captain Bruce Grzankowski, Faithful Admiral Jordan Drevelus, Faithful Purser Stephen Schmid, Faithful Scribe Scot Pampaloni, Faithful Inner Sentinel John Anagnostis, Faithful Outer Sentinel Michael Roemer, Faithful First Year Trustee James Smith, Faithful Second Year Trustee Carl Agneta, Faithful Three Year Trustee Jan Williams, Color Corps Commander Michael Donahue.

StayNJ Bill Receiving Final Legislative Approval

Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin said, "I'm so pleased to see my StayNJ bill pass both houses of the legislature. Seniors all over our state will receive historic property tax relief. I introduced this legislation because it's time to help seniors stay in our state, in their homes. I've heard from so many families about the difficult decisions faced by older residents. Now, they'll be able to plan for the future, secure in the knowledge that over 90% of seniors will see their property taxes cut in half.

"Thanks to the members of the Assembly and Senate who voted 75-2 and 37-0. I appreciate the partnership of Senate

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Saint Mary Deacon Steve Laikowski speaks to the audience at St Pat's Hall at St. Mary Church. He was guest speaker at the Eucharistic Revival Communion Breakfast. (Photo by Steve Schmid)

Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

Hayes Named To Dean's List

South Amboy resident Amanda Hayes was named to the Spring 2023 Semester Dean's List at Monmouth University. Congratulations!

Singh Bamrah Graduates

Congratulations to Sahib Singh Bamrah for graduating from the 8th grade at South Amboy Middle School. Sahib is the first American Sikh to graduate from the school. He is the son of John Auto Center owner Surjit Singh and mother Poonam Bamrah of South Amboy.

Kokoszka Retires

Congratulations to former South Amboy/Sayreville resident Ken Kokoszka, who recently retired as Board Secretary/Business Administrator for the South River Board of Education. Ken served in those positions from 2000-2023. Back in '94, he held the same titles in South Amboy thru 2000, when he went to South River. Best of luck always, Ken!

Ust Selected By Air Force

Brant Ust, son of former South Amboy resident Paul Ust was recently named Senior Associate Athletic Director of Air Force Athletics. In his new position, he will be responsible for sports administration for football, men's and women's cross country, men's and women's track & field, wrestling, men's and women's tennis.

Brant played professional baseball from 1999-2008, and most recently worked at Auburn University since 2018, as Senior Associate Athletic Director. The SA Times wishes Brant continued success in his future at Air Force.

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

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 -RS, AS, LP, HS, LS, EP.

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Pleasant Little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

- This person organized and ran South Amboy's 1st Annual City Wide Yard Sale in 1994?
a.Vince Poulsen b.Jerry Covington c.Rochelle Robinson
- What section of Sayreville was Mike's Hot & Cool located back in '94?
a.Morgan b.Melrose c.Jernee Mill Rd.
- This dentist office was located on Gordon St., South Amboy in 1994?
a.Dr. Roth b.Dr. Farrell c.Dr. Bennett
- Sayreville VFW Post 4699 Ladies Auxiliary President for 1998-99?
a.Liz Robertson b.Carmen Delikat c.Darlene Raymond
- South Amboy Knights of Columbus #426 Grand Knight for 1998-99?
a.Gene Chodkiewicz b.John Mansfield c.Steve Schmid
- What part of Sayreville was the Dutch Boy Tank located?
a.Morgan b.President's Park c.Melrose
- Our Lady of Victories K of C Council's Grand Knight for 1998-99?
a.Alfred Baumann b.John Schnitzer c.James Batissa
- Where was Cagney's Pub located in Sayreville in '98?
a.Washington Rd. b.Rt. 9 South c.South Pine Ave.
- In 2011, she became the first female President elected in Morgan Lions history?
a.Mary Draconi b.Rochelle Simpson c.Rose Pawlik
- Named principal of Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's HS in 2011?
a.John Gloss b.Dr. Karen Juliano c.Frank Ianniruberto

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





Mid Jersey Respiratory Associate, Medical Supplies and Clinical Services, Inc.

By Jorge Gonzalez Gomez



Owners of Mid Jersey Respiratory Associate, Medical Supplies and Clinical Services, Inc., Rosario and Dr. Jorge Gonzalez Gomez. (Photo submitted)

“As Mid Jersey Respiratory Associate, Medical Supplies and Clinical Services, Inc., inches closer to their “Pearl Anniversary” (30 years) and we are once again named Business of the Month, this July 2023, we can’t think but to reminisce on all that has transpired in nearly 30 years.

Our first ad in this great monthly newspaper periodical appeared in November 1994 following our grand opening. The headlines read “Dems Rule South Amboy” (they still do and that’s a great thing).

In April 1995, we were honored to receive our first of a few “Business of the Month” designation. Today we remain honored and still committed to the communities we’ve serviced throughout our years in business.

Throughout the years Mid Jersey has humbly served the patients and customers we’ve serviced. Always used our faith as our True North and never deviated in our journey.

We saw our children Jorge Jr and Sheila grow into teenagers, grownups and finally professionals. They came to work with my wife and best friend, Rosario, of 39 years of marriage, to do their grammar school homework and eventually they blossomed into professionals that were capable of and ran the family business during our vacations. Our son Jorgie Jr. would often tend to customers in the store and/or on the phone and did many medical equipment

deliveries and installation of accessibility products, after building his educational edifice at Rowan University, he saw his calling in law enforcement and now is a seasoned detective in a nearby town. Our daughter Sheila professionally grew into an entrepreneur and launched our Mastectomy Boutique offshoot “Fittings by Sheila” for breast cancer survivors, she is Director of Respiratory at the recently opened HMH LTACH in Perth Amboy, finishing her master’s degree, wife, and mother of our two beloved grandchildren.

Asked if we had to do it again, and we would answer yes. Often life deals you a deck of cards that you don’t choose and often you don’t enjoy it. In our case, South Amboy welcomed us, we have given back in countless ways to the communities we’ve served, and we love what we’ve done along the way and enjoy helping our patients be whole in many ways.

On our lookback, we can honestly see that we’ve contributed to our community’s growth. Many customers from out of the state travel to us for services and ask that we never close as our services and products are greatly needed and appreciated. This is in no way a closing to our chapter but a reinforcement that we’ve had a great trajectory and we will continue forward according to God’s plan.

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On Monday June 27 the Amboy Foundation presented the Camp Dill Foundation with a check for \$5,000 for their ongoing project to modernize their sanitary system and comfort station at their Camp. For almost 100 years Camp Dill has served the youth of southern Middlesex County. Pictured above are Jim Brown and Len Maxfield of the Camp Dill Foundation, Jennifer Fletcher and John Stier of Amboy Bank as well as John Lukie of the Camp Dill Foundation. Chartered in 1888 Amboy Bank presently serves Middlesex and Monmouth counties by offering a wide variety of financial services at their more than 20 branches. Amboy Bank has been voted Best Bank by the readers of the Home News Tribune for over 25 years. Established in 1996 the Amboy Foundation provides grants to community organizations that support education, civic, health, and social services. For more information regarding Amboy Bank please contact Jennifer Fletcher at (732)591-8700 x 5836. Founded in 1937, the Camp Dill Foundation operates an 11-acre Youth Camp that is used to advance camping and outdoor skills and has served as the primary camping venue for Scout Troop 91 of South Amboy since its inception. The Foundation strives to conserve, maintain, and protect the natural resources of that facility. The Camp Dill Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) charity. For more information on the Foundation please contact Brian Dowling at (732)261-8212. (Photo/story submitted)



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FROM THE DESK OF TOM REILLY

Summer is in full swing, and there is plenty to do this year for those in our community both young and old.

For our local kids, the South Amboy summer arts and crafts program has returned after a few years of absence. For those who prefer sports, the City also is hosting youth baseball, softball, and tennis clinics throughout the summer. In addition to helping our local kids pursue their interests in sports or fine arts, these programs help children to develop confidence and social skills. They also provide a nice change of pace for families looking to get outdoors this summer and away from their electronics. Throughout the years, many of our local children -- some of them now adults -- have developed lifelong friendships with the peers they meet through these programs. Whether its meeting new friends, honing skills in a particular sport, or just enjoying the sunshine, there is something for everyone.

For those looking for something for the entire family, our local YMCA offers a variety of programs, most of which are held indoors away from the summer heat, perfect for seniors or others who may be sensitive to the summer climate. Financial assistance is available for those families who qualify. As for those who are looking for something more intense, or just trying to keep up with current trends, our Sixth



Street athletic complex is now home to four new pickleball courts.

And for the whole community, the highlight of this summer will be the National Night Out, which the City will celebrate on August 1 from 5-7 p.m. This event will be held in the parking lot of South Amboy High School, and will feature food, music, games, and many other activities. This is a great way to get together with friends and neighbors to enjoy the summer weather and each other's company.

I hope to see many of you and your families at these events throughout the summer. You will be helping our community and having fun while you do it. As always, do your best to support our first responders, remember our veterans, and, if you can, do something for those in need. Have a great summer.

Respectfully
Tom Reilly
2nd Ward Councilman
City of South Amboy

Yearbook

Cardinal McCarrick 2003

By Tom Burkard

The school Principal was Dr. Frank Ianniruberto; Assistant Principal/Dean of Student Discipline-Deacon Eugene Malhame; Assistant Principal-Jeanne Polinski. Some of the fine teaching staff consisted of Nancy Hastie, Sister Kateri Hawley, Jesse Holovacko, Jess Dehnz, Stanley Drwal, Richard Geisheimer, Krista Kurzawa. The yearbook featured a special thanks to Mr. Reid. Editor-in-Chief of the yearbook was Jen Vicidomini. Extra-curricular activities were plentiful, with the exciting boys and girls basketball teams the hottest tickets in town. The boys under Coach Joe Lewis captured the GMC county championship, and the Parochial B state sectional crown. Coach Don Szatkowski's Lady Eagles won the GMC Blue Division title. Away from the sports scene, things were always happening at Cardinal McCarrick, such as the Back To School Dance, Campus Ministry, Literary Magazine, Music Ministry, Core Team, Youth Group, the Christmas Ball, Pep Rally, Catholic Schools Week, the Variety Show, Teacher Turn Around Day, and the excellent play in November 2002, "Mousetrap." Kevin Woods was President of the National Honor Society... Tricia Lemmerman was Editor-in-Chief of the Eagle Press, school newspaper. Some of the seniors selected randomly: Ana Almeida, Scott Bishop, Meaghan Chandler, LaToya Church, Nicole Cicera, Julie Domanski, Christine Trang Du, Amanda Fortuna, Catherine Halmi, Mario Hernandez, Julie Hmielecki, Kristen Jandola, Ria Ioannides, Lena Kalafor, Megan Kaylor, Frank Kerekes, Stephanie Kjersguard, Sara Kraemer, Korin Lamourt, Deanna Lembo, Nicole Marucci, Jenn Magalski, Jenifer Marrs, Afua Mensah, Marisabel Miranda, Andrew Modzelewski, Megan McGann, Charles Novak, Melanie Rainford, Rachel Rodziewicz, Victoria Schumm, Matthew Simnor, Stephanie Stasiak, Stacie Weisbecker. Cardinal McCarrick had plenty of senior athletes in the Class of '03 including: Israel Velez III, Mike Wilson, Donna Wlodarczyk, Jessica Wojcik, Kevin Woods, Kevin Baptiste-Ousley, Deanna Balili, Matthew Brennan, Theresa Burns, James Bueno, Edmund Cicchi, Joseph DiBernardo, Christopher Ebner, James Farrelly, Ashley Dwyer, Lionel Faura Jr., Jessica Fiore, Nicole Fiorillo, Edward Fulham, Bryan Hoffman, Daniel Kemble, Erin Kilduff, Meghan Langan, Donald Liberty III, Patricia Lemmerman, Patrick McCurdy, Kimberly Michalik, Mark Morris, Jose Morales, Carissa Nadonley, Ariel Nunez, Christopher Owsik, Thomas Parsons, Thomas Pizzillo, Anthony Richards Jr., Manuel Rodriguez, Jose Rosario, Mary Salvaggio, Nicholas Salvatore, Alicia Schaarschmidt, Matt Simnowitz, Caitlin Solli, Jayme Sprague, Heather Stombley, Greg Symber, Lindsay Tone, Christina Torres, Michael Tucker. Cardinal McCarrick's Class of 2003 was most memorable and featured some very talented graduates!



Knights of Columbus Council 426 Grand Knight Jordan Drevelus, presents a \$3000 check to Vanessa Pirillo in assisting with her husband's medical condition. The funds come from the recent Dinner For Dave event at Memorial Hall at Sacred Heart Church. (Photo submitted /Info by Steve Schmid)

Tina James



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The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, BA., MS.

Different areas of our country have unique types of fire hazards that are localized to these specific locations. Firefighters in those various areas train on the type of fire/emergency they would likely respond to and be proficient in the skills necessary for a successful outcome. In the larger metropolitan cities such as New York City and Chicago there are numerous high-rise structures reaching 75 stories or more. Firefighters in those departments must be proficient in all types of emergencies and practice their skills and techniques common to those structures. These types of structures can turn into a towering inferno in a moment's notice. The fire departments in the rural areas of the western section of the country are susceptible to major wildfires which can occur over hundreds of thousands of acres. These firefighters receive special training on handling wildland fires that are common to their response area. They must also train and be proficient in the management of the response of hundreds of firefighting vehicles and the manpower required to handle these fires over a wide-spread area.

Most of our mid-western farming communities lack high-rise structures like the larger cities nor have massive areas for wildland fires; it has its own unique situations. Besides fighting fires in residential structures, these fire departments could fight fires in barns, stables, hay sheds, grain elevators and silos, and may be called to rescue and extricate farmers from farm equipment and machinery accidents. Their types of training would be unique to their expected emergencies. The farmers in the farm-belt areas need to store their harvested product in some type of facility, which is usually a silo or grain elevator. So, what does this have to do with the firefighters? As the grain enters the silo, it is stored at various heights. When it travels through or leaves the silo it produces a fine dust which is highly flammable and can cause a dust explosion. All electrical equipment must be of the explosion-proof type. The slightest spark or heat can cause a massive explosion and destroy the silo and surrounding structures. This was the case on an early December morning in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana. The residents in that area heard a thundering blast and their houses reverberated as debris showered onto their roofs and streets. The blast produced a thousand-foot-high mushroom cloud of grain. A two-hundred-and-fifty-foot-tall main storage tower collapsed burying employees beneath a 120-foot-high pile of rubble. The \$100 million Continental Grain complex contained seventy-three silos, lined up like a battery of gigantic tennis ball containers and could store six million bushels of grain that could be brought to and from the complex on steel conveyors to barges docked alongside the Mississippi River. Forty-five silos had their tops blown off. In total there were thirty-six fatalities from the explosion and fire. Firefighters had to dynamite their way through the rubble to remove the trapped victims. This type of event is more common throughout the midwest than we would think. During the week that this accident occurred in Westwego, Louisiana, there were three other elevator blasts: Wayne City, Illinois; Tupelo, Mississippi; and Galveston, Texas and together produced seventeen more fatalities. There was a common thread among all these accidents. Dust particles suspended in oxygen are highly susceptible to ignition and if it occurs, it is so powerful that it could obliterate all evidence. In the communities where these structures are located, the first responders must be proficient in how they handle these fires or explosions. Unfortunately, most of the time the firefighters are notified after the explosion has occurred and are left with the task of recovering any victims. All across our country, firefighters have unique situations in their response area that are not common in other areas. Therefore, we must train, train, and train on the types of emergencies that we can expect to occur in our response area.





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Dowdell Library News

Feeling a bit nostalgic? Come listen to live **Pop and Blues Music** from the 60s and 70s featuring Carol Selick on Thursday, August 17 from 6:30-8 pm.

Come visit the most magical place on Earth, your local library. Dress up as your favorite Disney characters, play games, and win prizes during the library's **Disney Day Celebration Party** on Thursday, August 24 from 6-8 pm.

Kids who love crafts! Stop by the library Wednesdays from 1-3 pm and see what's going on. Participate in the **Wooden Sea Creature Craft** on August 2. Go crazy during the library's **Pinwheel Craft** and **Lego Mania**. Win prizes at the library's **Bingo and Sun Visor Craft**. Also, check out materials all summer long for a chance to win a backpack filled with school supplies and goodies! Drawing will take place on Thursday, August 24.

Kids and Teens! Choose your Characters during **3D Pens** on Friday, August 18

Kids! The **Teens Mini Golf Competition** is Tuesday, August 8 at 1 pm. The Kids **Mini Golf Competition** is Thursday, August 10 at 1 pm. Snacks and prizes!

The library's **Summer Basketball Competition** continues. Kids and teens can come in every day and shoot five shots for the possibility of winning a new basketball. Drawing is Monday, August 31. The player with the most baskets wins.

Kids! Have you ever wanted to cook a meal all by yourself? Learn how to measure, bake, and cook with Ms. Maryanne during **Food Explorers** on Monday, August 14 at 1 pm. Registration required.

Family Hoopla Read Along, Monday, August 7 at 1 pm. Learn how to sign-up and search for 1000's of Hoopla read-along eBooks.

Parents with toddlers! Join Ms. Maryanne for **Reading Rascals** storytime on August 11 from 1-2 pm for an afternoon of fun stories, games, activities, and crafts.

Teens! Feeling bored on a Tuesday afternoon? Head over to the library and see what fun programs are planned on Tuesdays from 1-3 pm. **DIY Lava Lamps** on August 1. Become a private detective during the library's **Murder Mystery Party** on August 15. If the game is not completed the mystery continues on August 22. Cool down with **Ice**

Cream Nachos on August 29.

Adults and Teens grab your knitting needles and crochet hooks! Drop in for the **Crocheting and Knitting Circle** on Mondays from 3:30-5 pm and 6:30-8 pm.

Existing **Dungeons & Dragons** players will meet on Thursdays, August 10 and August 31 from 6-7:30 pm.

The **Senior Book Club** will meet on Monday, August 28 from 10:30 am – 11:30 am. Stop by the Library to pick up this month's book. Want to join? Just contact the library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org.

Adults! Test your knowledge with **Adults Travel Trivia** on Monday, August 7 at 10:30 am. Start your morning off peacefully with **Adult Mindfulness Zen Morning** on Monday, August 21 at 10:30 am.

Come check out some local art exhibits at the library. Erin Vreeland started building Legos after her 4 year old son became interested in them and was hooked! On display are some of her creations including the Muppets and Lego City scenes.

Lauren Li combines her love for the beach, cats and crafts in her display of Shell Cats. Each shell is found at a beach in New Jersey and the cats and accessories on top are all hand-crafted using Apoxie-sculpt.

J. E. Ma shares her love of Fine Art and painting through her watercolor, oil, and acrylic paintings. She loves to bring Asian influences into her art work and believes that the East and West can melt into each other.

Dowdell Library, in collaboration with Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and RWJ Barnabas Health, offers **online virtual health programs**. Some courses include Stress Reduction through Imagery and Stretch It! Chair exercising, stretching, and flexibility workshop. Please register by emailing Camilla at Camilla.comercarruthers@rwjbh.org. For a complete list of the classes, please visit Dowdell.org.

Comments, queries, compliments? Please visit www.dowdell.org, or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org. The library is located off John O'Leary Blvd, adjacent to South Amboy Middle High School.

Summer Library Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 10am-8pm and Wednesday, Friday from 10am-5pm.

Great Beds: South Amboy's Treasure

By Paul During

For many years, a magnificent lighthouse has stood just one mile off the shoreline of South Amboy. The ocular structure resides in solitude as it rests on a caisson planted in an oyster bed on the NJ side of the channel. In the latter part of the 1800's and the first half of the 1900's, it had served as a navigational guide to boat traffic in the surrounding waters of the Raritan Bay.

The U.S. Coast Guard had maintained the lighthouse from the time it was built in 1880 up until 2011 when it was sold to a private owner. He had subsequently mounted a steel cross atop the lantern house; unfortunately, the gentleman had passed away before he had a chance to see the cross.

The historic structure had sat in limbo for a number of years until it was thankfully acquired by South Amboy residents', Vito and Sharon LoChiatto. – Like myself, Vito and Sharon have a great passion for the lighthouse. Even though it is no longer in use, it has a way of catching one's eye; it's the first thing you see as you look out across the bay. Its ornamental presence will always decorate the foreground of the horizon.

I am honored to be a part of the iconic lighthouse station. Presently, I am in the process of helping Vito get the structure's exterior restored. During the first week of



Paul During

August, I will be displaying some of my photos in the gallery at the South Amboy Arts Alliance. The opening dates of the exhibition are 08/03 and 08/04 from 7:00PM to 9:00PM. Come on down! It would be great to meet you!

Patriots BBQ August 26

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 is sponsoring an outing Saturday August 26, when the Somerset Patriots host the Hartford Yard Goats in a 7:05 p.m. game. Cost of \$45 includes 90 minutes all you can eat barbecue with, hamburgers, hot dogs,

pulled pork, macaroni & cheese, cole slaw, and Epic cookies. Self service fountain drinks are available through the 7th inning. After the final out, a dazzling fireworks show begins. To reserve your seat, call Steve at 732-727-1707 or 732-721-2025 and leave a message.



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The Results are in... Resident of Sayreville 1st Runner up Ms New Jersey Senior America

On June 1, 2023 Parlin resident and former Staten Islander, Lenore Cibelli-Lambert was named 1st Runner Up in the Ms. New Jersey Senior America Pageant, slated for women ages 60 and over known as “The Age of Elegance “.

The pageant consists of Interview, Philosophy of Life, Evening Gown Competition, & talent.

The 12 contestants were from various towns in New Jersey. The event was titled “Let Freedom Ring” and the women wore evening gowns in Red, White, or Blue; Lenore wore red (black at crowning).

Her Philosophy of Life statement was about being kind, believing in yourself, and her most important point was acceptance.

Lenore’s vocal talent was the song, “I Am What I Am” from La Cage aux Folles written by Jerry Herman. This was dedicated to her Transgender son Levi, the LGBTQ Community, and all that feel different and unaccepted.

Lenore had lived in the South Amboy/ Sayreville area since 2007 and was happy to call this town home.

“The other contestants were all wonderful ladies and now new friends,” says Lenore. All contestants become part of the “Cameo Club”, which will perform throughout the state of New Jersey at various events. Other talent’s consisted of musical interpretation, singers, dancers, and poetry.

Lenore feels so honored to have had so many friends and family from Staten Island and New Jersey supporting her in the last few months and the Staten Island presence at Harrahs was astonishing. “I really am so blessed that so many from my hometown came to support and cheer me on. I am proud

of my accomplishments and all the months of work put into this day.”

When asked what was the best part of the pageant, her stand out moment was a combination of having the opportunity just to be invited to enter Ms. New Jersey Senior America, and making new friends, but to be able to walk and perform on the Harrah's Concert Venue stage that seats 5000 was a special moment for her and to have had this opportunity. “You never know what life will bring your way, so enjoy every moment.”

If any Organization would like the Cameo Club to entertain them, please reach out to Terry Meade, Pageant Director at (908) 216-8534. (Photo/story courtesy of Lenore Lambert)



10 Years Ago

Bon Jovi Donated \$1M To New Jersey
(Photos/story by Tom Burkard)



July 8, 2013-Superstar rocker/philanthropist Jon Bon Jovi (l) hands an envelope with a \$1 million check to New Jersey first lady, Mary Pat Christie, wife of Chris Christie, who was Governor at the time, for the Hurricane Sandy New Jersey Relief Fund. Jon visited his hometown of Sayreville, and is pictured here at a special ceremony in front of Borough Hall.



Jon Bon Jovi speaks to Sayreville residents prior to presenting a \$1 million check to Mary Pat Christie.



Venetian Care & Rehabilitation Center staff (l-r) Else Lawrence-Compassus Healthcare, Luda Gutiy-Marketing Director, Dan Rosenfield-Dietary, Dolly Boodhu-Food Service Director, and Ashley Graham-Admissions Director, are ready to serve South Amboy seniors at the center's annual 4th of July barbecue and bingo. (Photo/info by Steve Schmid)

Local Landmarks In 2004 (Photos by Tom Burkard)



Disabled American Veterans-Benyei-Connors Chapter 67, Lower George St., South Amboy



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Kimberly Burnett

Kimberly Burnett, Middlesex County native and resident, has joined Middlesex College as Executive Director of Marketing and Communications, a new role at the college. She most recently served as senior manager in the Office of Communications under the Administration at Middlesex County local government. “Having spent the past four years working for the County, and growing up in Old Bridge, I am well aware of the incredible education and opportunities that Middlesex College offers our community. I am eager to work with College leadership to expand on the Marketing and Communications efforts already underway and look forward to taking both to new heights together with the team,” said Burnett. “I am excited to have Kim join the Middlesex College team. Her experience working in both higher education and government and her strong background in communications complement the talents of our Marketing and Communications team. I look forward to working with Kim and the entire Marketing and Communications team to continue to promote the College and tell the Middlesex College story,” said Middlesex College President Mark McCormick. Learn More Here: <https://www.middlesexcollege.edu/2023/07/kimberly-burnett-named-executive-director-of-marketing-and-communications/>

WWW.?



Does this local business look familiar to you? Send your answers in to: satimes@aol.com by August 14th. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Lastmonth's WWW.? was Sayreville Borough Hall. The following got it right: Jay Seyglinski, hael Greenhaus, Dee Ujobagy, Raymond Tyska, Pat Scully, Joan Fulham, Pete McIntyre, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Lynn Loy, Mary Agnes Morris, Sonia Iglesia, Barb Bockus, Lisa Grankowski, Mark Moniello, Joan Gorczyca, Betty Leveille, Michael Greenhaus, Dane Colburn, Gary Feret, Ed English, Walter Starzec Jr, Stephen Laskiewicz, Ralph Jurkiewicz, Nanci Deverin, Pam and Mark DePazza, Edna Pilch, Bruno and Anne Szatkowsk, Thomas Harrigan, Adele O'Hara, Dennis Quinlan, Lee Szatkowski, JoAnn & John French, Dermot Scales, Dee Ujobagy, Patti Tengelijks.



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The Vintage Car Contest

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Can you identify this vehicle? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by August 14th.

June Vintage Car

Last month’s vehicle was a Chrysler Imperial. The following knew it: Pat Scully, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Mark Moniello, Betty Leveille, Dane Colburn, Gary Feret, Ed English, Walter Starzec Jr, Stephen Laskiewicz, Jeff Deverin, Edna Pilch, Thomas Harrigan,JoAnn & John French, Dermot Scales.



Chrysler Imperial.

Who is it?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



June Who is it?

Last month’s mystery person was Jim Nabors, he was pictured as Gomer Pyle. The following Got it right: James Sorrentino, Jay Seyglinski, Marlene Letwenski, Anne & John Erbetta, Pat Scully, Pete McIntyre, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Lynn Loy, Betty Leveille, Dan Owens, Bruce Richardson, Dane Colburn, Gary Feret, Ed English, Walter Starzec Jr, Nanci Deverin, John Gelsinon, Pam & Mark DePazza, Edna Pilch, Bruno and Anne Szatkowsk, Thomas Harrigan, Dee Ujobagy, Kenneth Oleskin, Pat Sullivan, Ralph Jurkiewicz, Bob Siebert, Bridget Bourke, Sonia Iglesias, JoAnn & John French, Dermot Scales, Patti Tengelics, Eleanore Westerholm.

Ok, mixing this up a bit. Can you identify this famous person from their childhood photo? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by August 14th.



Jim Nabors



WHAT IS IT?????

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Do you know what this is? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by August 14th.

Last month’s mystery item was an Ab Flex exercise equipment. The following got it right:Paul A. During, Pat Scully, Pete McIntyre, Lynn Loy,Mark Moniello, Mark Moniello, Betty Leveille, Dane Colburn, Gary Feret, Ed English, Walter

Starzec Jr, Edna Pilch, Thomas Harrigan, Lee Szatkowsk.,

Thank you to Laurie & Gary Loftus for submitting last month’s challenging What Is It? Thank you!



Ab Flex exercise equipment

LETTERS

Letter to Editor:

Tom/Brian
Enjoying your outstanding local newspaper and especially John “Flip” Phillips’ baseball/ basketball articles who was a neighbor of mine when he, brothers Joe (Pinger) and Jimmy (original “flip”) lived on lower David St. We used to play “cork ball” in their backyard where a shed was painted with a scoreboard replicated that which appeared above or near the Polo Grounds center field clubhouse. They were great NY Giants baseball fans. A cork ball hit over the shed roof was a home run.
See you in late July on my return to N.J. to visit family and get my Jersey Shore annual beach exposure.
All the best,
Paul J. Ust, Jr
CDR USN (Ret.)
(Formerly of South Amboy)
Seattle, WA



TV Trivia



What is the address of the house behind Beaver and Wally?
The answer was 1313 Mockingbird Lane (Home of the Munsters)
The following know their TV!
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Incorrect Answer-The Bates Motel.



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50th Wedding Anniversary



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ARTSFEST'23: A Day of Celebrating Community, Heritage, and our Cultural traits through the Arts

South Amboy Arts Alliance is hosting an Artsfest'23, A Celebration of Culture through the Arts on September 24th with a rain date of October 1st. There will be a wide variety of fun activities for all ages. Calling all artists to participate in the varieties of activities planned to include murals and competitions with prizes included. There will also be a raffle at the end of the festival! If you wish to add your special art to the list of festivities, then contact Joan Conway at the SA Arts Alliance at SAarts141@gmail.com or call 732-727-4600x5971. We are looking for businesses to participate in and make donations of any type. If you have an arts-related business, you can also be a vendor and sell your products. We are going to have a variety of activities that include painting, drawing, temporary tattoos, and face painting. We need your help to bring this together, so please, volunteer your artistic skills for face painting and all the stations we are planning for all to experience. WE NEED YOUR HELP! (Article written by Neikella Teresa Sandy & Abiola Elizabeth Ajilowura, SAAA interns)

RIP Tony Bennett



Tony Bennett, one of the most beloved voices in the history of American music, died on July 21, 2023 he was 96. Probably best known for his song "I Left My Heart In San Francisco" he won 20 grammy awards, emmy awards and a Kennedy Center Honor. Recently he recorded albums with Lady Gaga. He will truly be missed. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

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Kenny Kurczeski of Sayreville, who is the leader of the popular band Kenny K & The Way, stopped by Java Dave's Coffee, 110 North Broadway, South Amboy recently. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Kenny K & The Way
Upcoming Shows

Kenny K & The Way band have announced their upcoming show schedule. Kenny better known as Kenny Kurczeski of Sayreville and his talented group will be performing: July 29-Albert Music Hall-Waretown, NJ; July 30-Chubby Pickle-Highlands; Aug. 4-Freehold Gazebo for "Funky Fridays" 7-9 p.m.; Aug. 26-Blue Moon-South Amboy; Sept. 2-Albert Music Hall-Waretown, NJ. For more info go to: kennyktheway.com. Be sure to catch this talented singer/songwriter and "The Way" in action!



Richie Santa of Sayreville, one of the top Elvis Tribute Artists (ETA) in the United States is pictured during his recent sold-out performance at St. Peter & Paul Auditorium in South River. The show was sponsored by the Russian Orthodox Men's Club of South River, and was a huge success. (Photo/story by Tom Burkard)

- #1 Pop Hits-July 29
2007-Hey There Delilah-The Plain White T's
1994-I Swear-All-4-One
1980-It's Still Rock And Roll To Me
-Billy Joel
1972-Alone Again (Naturally)
-Gilbert O'Sullivan
1967-Light My Fire-The Doors

- #1 Country Hits
July 29
2002-The Good Stuff-Kenny Chesney
1997-Carrying Your Love With Me
-George Strait
1985-Love Don't Care-Earl Thomas Conley
1976-Teddy Bear-Red Sovine
1964-Dang Me-Roger Miller

- One Hit Wonders
35 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; My Girl-
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The Promise-When In Rome.

Acoustic Friday
August 25
(Article submitted)

South Amboy Arts Alliance welcomes Juilliard-trained violinist Diane Perry and the award-winning singer songwriter Avi Wisnia to its Acoustic Friday showcase on August 25, 2023.
Diane Perry splits her time between Northeast New Jersey and Nashville, Tennessee. Her music is a stunning blend of the classical, jazz, and folk traditions. Her voice? Well, don't be surprised if the audience is moved to tears. Visit Diane Perry at dianeperryfolk.com

Avi Wisnia finds inspiration in 1950's west-coast jazz, acoustic American folk, Brazilian bossa nova, and contemporary piano pop. Avi tours in support of his newest studio album, Catching Leaves, performing in prestigious venues around the world – from the Hammerstein Ballroom in NYC to The Kennedy Center in DC to concert tours in Japan, Poland, and Brazil. In addition to being a performing songwriter, he has given a TED Talk and performed with The Moth storytellers and organizes the Philly Songwriters Circle. Visit Avi Wisnia at https://aviwisnia.com.

SA Arts is located at 141 N. Broadway, South Amboy, NJ. Doors open at 6:30 pm, and the show runs from 7 to 9 pm. Admission is \$5.00, and complementary light refreshments will be offered.

The Alliance seeks interested acoustic-oriented performers of any genre for future shows. If you've contacted SA Arts about playing and haven't heard back, you will. For additional information, contact SA Arts at 732-727-4600, extension 5971 or by email at SAarts141@gmail.com. Watch for updates on the South Amboy Arts Alliance Facebook page.

Garden State Arts Foundation Concert
(Photos/info by Tom Burkard)



Herman's Hermits starring Peter Noone were the headlining act at the concert.



Peter Noone had the huge crowd up and singing to "I'm Henry VIII, I Am."



Rock n Roll
Bruce "Cousin Brucie" Morrow (l) congratulates Peter Noone of Herman's Hermits following his outstanding performance July 13th during The Garden State Arts Foundation Cousin Brucie Presents show, which also featured Jay Siegel's Tokens, and The Soundtrack Of Our Lives with Deborah Rennard & Al Sapienza.



This group called The Soundtrack of Our Lives featured Deborah Rennard (l) and Al Sapienza (r) singing Neil Diamond hits and classic Broadway songs. Rennard acted in prime TV's "Dallas," while Sapienza was a regular on "The Sopranos," and also "House of Cards."



Jay Siegel's Tokens featuring Jay (2nd from right) are pictured singing their hit "The Lion Sleeps Tonight."

MUSIC TRIVIA By Tom Burkard

1.Nadine
2.Amanda
3.Walk Away Renee
4.Cecilia
5.Aubrey
6.Think Of Laura
7.Hey There Delilah
8.Angie
9.Eleanor Rigby
10.Linda
11.Heather Honey
12.Sweet Caroline
13.Sylvia's Mother

Female Names

a.The Rolling Stones
b.Bread
c.Neil Diamond
d.The Beatles
e.Tommy Roe
f.The Left Banke
g.Simon & Garfunkel
h.Chuck Berry
i.Christopher Cross
j.Jan & Dean
k.Boston
l.Plain White T's
m.Dr. Hook/Medicine Show

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

Audience members dance to the doo-wop music by "Sounds Of The Street" at a recent performance at Raritan Bay Waterfront Park. The free Wednesday night concert series continues through the end of August. (Photo/info by Steve Schmid)

Sayreville Independence Day Celebration
(Photos by Tom Burkard)



The band “Simple Groove” rocked Kennedy Park during the Borough of Sayreville’s Independence Day Celebration. One of Sayreville’s all-time greatest drummers in history, Phil Quigley (2nd from left) was simply outstanding in his farewell performance at the Borough.



Sayreville Recreation Director Brian Van Dongen (r) is pictured with members of the Sayreville Recreation Committee, as they display one of the most popular items at the event.



There were plenty of vendors with delicious food and more for the celebration.



Sayreville Police Lieutenant James Novak (r) and Police Officer Charlie Teator did an excellent job throughout the festivities.



The fireworks display was great as usual, with approximately 10,000 people enjoying the event. (Photo by Kim Carling)

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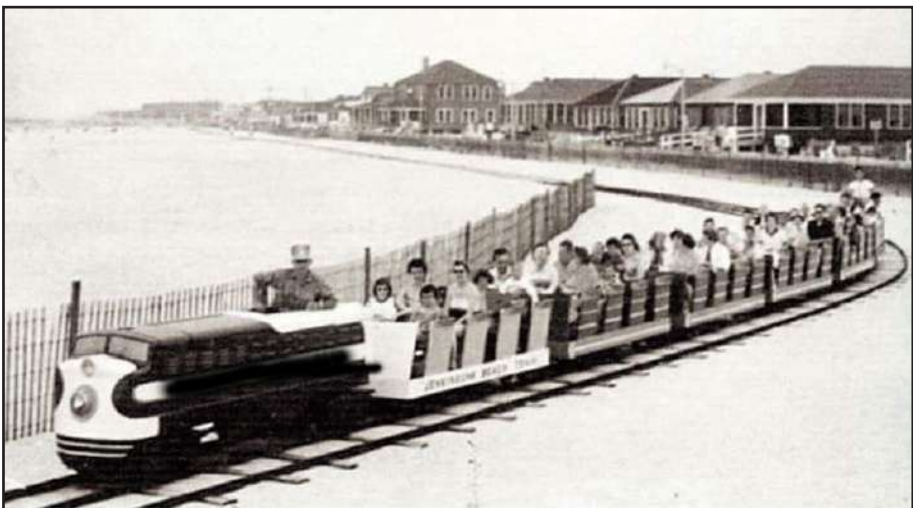
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Where in NJ?
By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Come ride the little train...Did you ever ride this train? Let us know where it was located. Send your answer to satumes@ail.com by August 14th.

Last month we chose a very out of the way place; it was the Dockside Cafe located in Tuckerton NJ. The following got it right: Pat Scully, Mark Moniello, Betty

Leveille, Gary Feret, Walter Starzec Jr, Edna Pilch, Thomas Harrigan, George Kierst, JoAnn & John French.



June Where in NJ?
Dockside Cafe located in Tuckerton NJ

What Exit?



This month's exit will have you traveling south on the GSP from our area and take you to the Where In NJ. Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by August 14th.

What Exit?

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June What Exit:

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By Teo "Weebles" Weber



Salt Water
The new Striped Bass slot limit, which was revised at first, now went into effect. You can keep 1 Bass from 28 inches to 31 inches all under or over must be released. There are some Stripers in the Shrewsbury River, Monmouth Beach and at LBI surf. Most of them have moved up north. In Raritan Bay it's mostly Bluefish at Keansburg and Ideal Beach. I checked Cliffwood and Lawrence Harbor a few times but I didn't see anything caught. I talked to a few people but they didn't catch anything. Party boats are catching Bluefish on jigs along with a few Bonito and plentiful Chub Mackerel. Surf Fishing for Fluke is good at Island Beach and LBI and so is party boat fishing for Fluke. July is a good month for the bigger Fluke. I heard of several that went from 5 to 8 pounds. Some Sea Bass are around but for now you can keep only one 12 1/2 inches.

Fresh Water
The recent rains and thunderstorms have raised water levels in rivers that hold Trout. This will effectively scatter the fish that are available, which means you have to work hard, finding and catching them. Statewide fishing will be good for Bass, Catfish, Carp and various Panfish. A good sleeper spot for Largemouth Bass is Lake Como near Spring Lake and Belmar. Some big Bass going over 4 pounds and 20 to 22 inches, have come out of there.



Catch Any Fish Lately?

Let The SA Times and its readers share in your good day of fishing. Why not show it to everyone?

Send a photo of you and your catch with a caption including your name and town, type of fish, when and where you caught it, the length and weight if you wish, or any other pertinent information. Please make sure it's a clear picture and we will be glad to publish it in The SA Times for FREE!

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Joseph Albin, of VFW Post 4699, Sayreville, served as one of the Grand Marshals at the Sayreville Memorial Day Parade. (Photo submitted)

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

Champions



Congratulations to the Sure-Hit Home Improvements Men's softball team from South Amboy on winning the Greater Middlesex County Spring/Summer weekly Championship. The Sure-Hit team won the best of 3 series to capture the title. The games were played at the Warren Park complex in Woodbridge on June 20th. The champs are pictured as follows: Top row (l-r) Matt Ryan with son Matthew, Tom Crohan, Ryan Shereyka, Jake Fasano, Dave Matthews, Jared Mundy. Bottom row (l-r) Joel Rodriguez, Joe Sepelak, John Scafidi, Kyle Savoia, James Palazzi, Christian Geant. (Photo/info submitted)

Sayreville Rec Sports Camp



Sayreville Rec Sports Camps are back! Youngsters had a great time at the basketball camp.

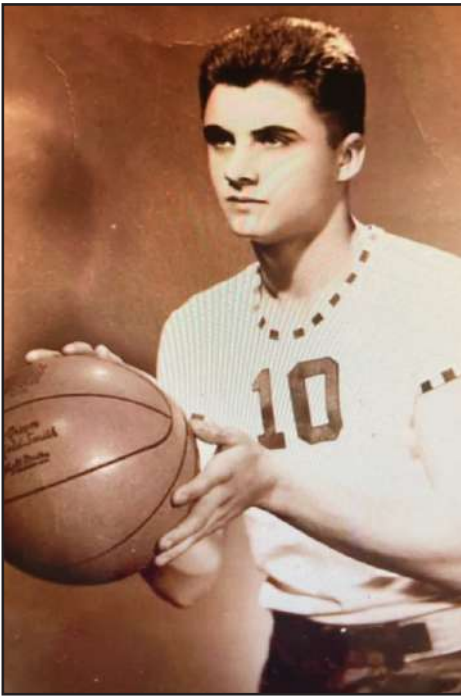


Jackson Cook is pictured dribbling a basketball, as former Sayreville player Janai Negroni gets in position for a rebound. (Photos/info submitted)

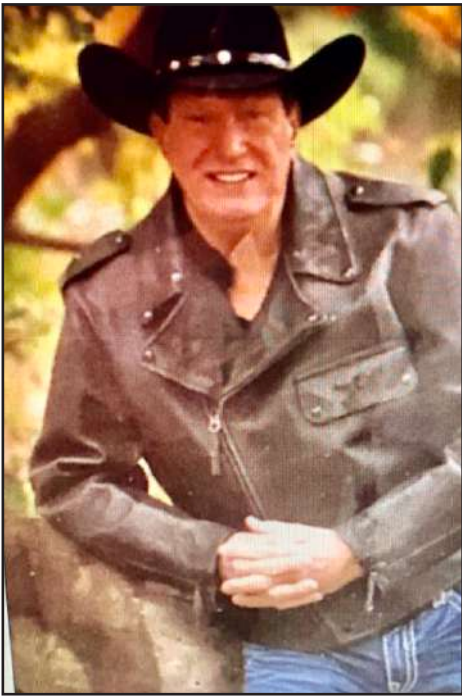
Champions



Congratulations to the SAYAA-Sure-Hit Home Improvements Little League baseball team on winning the 10U baseball championship. This team went undefeated to capture the title. The championship game was played at the South Amboy Rec Complex on June 23rd. The champs are pictured as follows: Top row (l-r) Coaching staff-Dan Astarita, Bill Hauser, Terry Dittmar, Matt Ryan. Middle row (l-r) Braden Dittmar, Billy Hauser, Matthew Serrano, Matthew Ryan. Bottom row (l-r) Daniel Astarita, Colin Clark, Xavier Acevedo, Patrick Russer, Jormani Ceden, Nathan Novak. (Photo/info submitted)



Charlie Koerner



Costy Pawlowski

Remembering Charlie And Costy

By Tom Burkard

Two very well-known and talented athletes from the 1950's and 60's respectively recently passed away. Charlie Koerner, a superb basketball player for Hoffman HS, who graduated in the early 1950's died on July 9 at 90 years old. He was the Governors top scorer during his playing career, totaling approximately 900 points, and ended up as the school's all-time leading point-producer, a feat that lasted for about 13 years after graduation, until Jerry Drill passed him in 1964 with 941 points. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy, and was a Korean War veteran. Before retiring, he was employed by the City of South Amboy Water Dept. Charlie really enjoyed fishing, and was probably the most knowledgeable local Saltwater fishermen around. He kept a journal about his fishing trips, always logging in a notebook, all information on the areas he fished, what he caught, and used as bait, weather conditions, and other pertinent notes to help him on future trips. This all paid off for Charlie, as he was

highly-successful, and regarded by most area anglers as the best- #1 Saltwater Fisherman around. He was a wonderful guy, who was always helpful to everyone, and will be sadly missed, but always remembered for the many lives he touched in such a positive way. Costy Pawlowski was an outstanding pitcher for Sayreville War Memorial HS in the 1960's, and in '66 was an All-County, and All-State selection. As a youngster, he helped the Sayreville Little League All-Stars to the state championship in '61. While pitching for Coach John Wortley's Bombers in high school, he was scouted by Major League teams, but decided to enter the military, and joined the U.S. Marine Corps. He served our country with honor and valor in the Vietnam War, where he was awarded 2 Bronze Stars. After his military years, he had a very successful career in the educational field as a teacher, coach and assistant principal in the state of Georgia.

On Sunday, August 20, 2023, St. Mary's Parish will be hosting a Dinner Celebration & Fundraiser in honor of our Pastor, Rev. Dennis R. Weezorak, on the occasion of his retirement from active priestly ministry. Fr. Dennis has been a part of the local community for nearly 30 years and has been active in many charitable and volunteer efforts. A commemorative ad book will be prepared for the occasion. If you would like to place an ad in the book to wish Fr. Dennis a happy and healthy retirement, please find the form on the parish webpage, www.saintmarysa.org under the "Events & News" tab.

Pro Baseball Report

Brandon Bielak of Sayreville has pitched in 12 games for the 2nd place Houston Astros MLB team, and has won 5 and lost 5 decisions. In 65 innings pitched, he has struck out 50, and sports a 3.46 ERA (3rd best of Astros starting pitcher). The Astros currently own a (53-43) record in the American League West Division.

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Times Poet Laureate
c. 1997

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whispered soft
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The traffic's blaring horns
Crying babies are being born
All around plays
the music of life...
God gives us the good,
but also the bad
He brings happy,
but also allows the sad
He leaves us to decipher
Through hopes and fears
The song each day
we may like to hear
Crashing waves on the shore
Bustling shoppers in a store
A pity, to some,
may be guns of war...
The cheers at a ballgame
The calling out of
someone's name
A chorus of acapella lays claim...
The orchestra plays
To the conductor's wand
The audience entranced
As instruments bond
To hear is a gift
of melodious sounds
If we just listen,
life's music abounds
The snoring begins
The night's quiet hums again
In the concert of the music of life.



The South Amboy Elks Would like to extend our warmest congratulations to Dennis Kopik on becoming The Elks Central District Deputy Designate, Mr. Kopik has a 31-year long history within the Elks Organization. In the East Brunswick Lodge he was Elk of the year for 2009-2010 and in 2014 he was their Exalted Ruler. Mr. Kopik also served as the Districts Vice President from 2017-2018. He was South Amboy Elks Lodge Drug Awareness Chairman eventually becoming the District Drug Awareness Chairperson. Most Recently from 2018-2020 he served as Region 1 Chairperson for Lodge Activities. Mr. Kopik's dedication to charity and service in the Elks is and continues to be exemplary and South Amboy Lodge wishes him great success in continuing his journey through the BPOE.

South Amboy Arts
presents Great Beds
Silhouettes

Paul During, well known to many music lovers, will be exhibiting his stunning photographs of our local landscape. His keen eye for light and color stuns his observers into seeing something they may never have noticed before viewing his photographs. Although this gallery exhibition may be his first, his documenting details of nature's pure color display will not be forgotten. Stay tuned for the opening of his exhibition in early July on our social media outlets and at Facebook: SouthAmboyArtsAlliance or call 732-727-4600x5971.

The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

From The Sports Archives



1959-St. Mary's talented varsity baseball team pictured bottom row (l-r) Tom Leonard, Bob Nappi, Bob Graber, Charlie Schachel, Bob Sullivan, John Spina. Top row (l-r) Walter Lange, Ray Cavanagh, Charlie Nonnemacher, Al Budny, Pat Vona, Pat Mullane, and manager Fred Trotter. Missing from photo: Henry Conroy, Ed Conroy, Jim Heffernan, Jim Zdanewicz, and Head Coach

T.H.E. Game

Year-2003
Sport-Baseball
Teams-Cardinal McCarrick (7-8) vs. South Amboy (7-7)

Recap-Winning pitcher Ed Fulham fired a 3-hit, shutout and struck out 8, as the Eagles topped the Guvs, 9-0. Pat Hackett belted a single and double to drive in 2, while Andrew Rios drilled a 2-run single.

Player-of-the-Game-Ed Fulham.

40 Years Ago

1983-In an exciting season opener, Hoffman blasted crosstown rival St. Mary's, 10-5 on the baseball diamond which was then known as Veterans Field. Scott Gumprecht blasted a 2-run homer in his first varsity at-bat, and Joe Przybylski also hit a 2-run round tripper in his first at-bat of the season, to support winning pitcher John Skarzynski, who ripped a 2-run triple. Pete Smith hammered a 2-run double for the Guvs. Victor Mangome crushed a 3-run homer for the Blue & Gold.

35 Years Ago

1988-Leeann Durski fired a 2-hitter to lead St. Mary's (9-1) to a 6-5 victory over Hoffman (1-8). Kathy O'Toole stroked 2 hits, and Michelle Mancuso laced a 2-run single for the Saints. Tricia Smith belted a two-bagger for the Lady Guvs.

15 Years Ago

2008-Jessica Hartland fired a complete game no-hitter and struck out 16, while walking 3 to lead Cardinal McCarrick girls softball squad to an 8-0 triumph over Highland Park. Jamie Williams belted a single and double, and Rebecca Beshada lace 2 hits and had 2 RBI.

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September 24, 2023 (Rain Date October 2, 2023)

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For this celebration we are inviting

55 Years Ago

1968-Hoffman's legendary pitcher Curt Wood, a senior, won the final game in his illustrious career, by firing a beautiful 7-0 shutout victory over South River. He allowed only 3 hits while striking out 9 and walking 1, and also stroked 2 hits. Curt finished the season with a (7-2) record. Glen White also drilled 2 hits for the Guvs.

35 Years Ago

1988-The Bombers of Sayreville opened their baseball season with a 13-4 romp over Perth Amboy. Jeff Pasewark was the winning pitcher, and got plenty of offensive pop from Jim Haberman who belted a single, double, and a homer to drive in 2 runs, Dave O'Connor added a double and had 3 RBI, and Lonnie Cebulski who unloaded a 3-run homer.

15 Years Ago

2008-On Opening Day, Sayreville downed North Brunswick, 6-3. Winning pitcher Jake Campbell notched 7 strikeouts. Nick Ruszala blasted a long 2-run homer in his first at-bat of the season, and also added a single. Joe Bongiorno picked up the save and also had the game-winning RBI. Kevin O'Connor went a perfect 3-for-3, and Mike McLafferty had a two-base hit for the Bombers.

Diamond Dust

South Amboy Little Fellas League
1966

English Chevron 12 Lions 0-An Opening Day to remember as winning pitcher Tom Boychuk fired a no-hitter, struck out 14, and also got 3 hits to help his own cause.

1975

Enterprise 8 Parkway Fabricators 0-Winning pitcher Ron Morgan fired a brilliant 1-hitter and struck out 12.

1976

Progressive 14 K of C 4-Dave Barclay blasted 3 doubles and drove in 5 runs, while Tom O'Leary also ripped 3 doubles.

1979

Lions 11 Modern Trans 7-Winning pitcher Tom "Tippy" Hessner drilled 3 hits, and Frank Dill also laced 3 hits.

Glory Days In Local Sports

1967-Mater Dei, behind ace pitcher Bill Collins, topped St. Mary's, 8-4. Bill Farrell unloaded a long triple, and Ken Lyons stroked an RBI single... 1980-Hoffman topped East Brunswick Tech, 8-3 behind the exploits of the Mulligan brothers. Tom blasted a 2-run homer and RBI single, and brother John ripped a single and RBI double. Marty Veilleux and Frank Wahler combined for a 6-hitter... 1998-St. Mary's boys baseball club opened the season with a 7-3 victory over East Brunswick Tech. Winning pitcher Joe Velez worked 4 innings and struck out 7.

John Florentino had 2 hits and 2 RBI, while Ed Foley and Greg Morris both went 2-for-2... 2003-Sayreville girls softball team nipped Monroe 3-2 behind winning pitcher Lauren Karbowski. Shantae Dixon ripped a single and RBI double, while Julia Switzer drilled 2 hits for the Bombers... 2011-South Amboy girls softball squad pounded Piscataway Tech, 22-15. Victoria LaVigne hammered 4 hits to drive in 4, Brittany Larkin had 4 hits and 3 RBI, while Carissa Policastro and Melissa McCleery drilled 2 hits apiece.



2013-Middlesex County College superstar Jen Shereyka, a Cardinal McCarrick graduate, is pictured batting during her record breaking 2013 season.



10 Years Ago

Shereyka Sets 4 Records At MCC

2013-Former Cardinal McCarrick softball superstar, Jennifer Shereyka turned in an amazing season while playing for Middlesex County College. She set four new records including most hits in a season (72), most doubles (20), most runs scored (58), and the top batting average in school history, (.571), which was #5 nationally in Division III, while leading MCC to a superb (26-7) record and a trip to the nationals. The talented shortstop also ripped 5 triples, had 28 RBI,

102 total bases, was 6-for-6 in stolen bases, and a slugging pct. Of .810. Jen only struck out 3 times in 134 at-bats, an incredible feat! Shereyka topped the Garden State Conference in runs (40), hits (45), doubles (13), and total bases (68). Jennifer received many awards and accolades including 1st Team All-Region; 1st Team All-Garden State Conference; All Academic Awards for both the Region and Garden State Conference.

All-Time Cardinal McCarrick Girls Softball Team

2013-Coach Rich Geisheimer, who at the time had been coaching at Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's for 10 years, selected his All-Time girls' softball team: Jennifer Shereyka ss Jessica Costa cf Jackie Riley

p Jamie Williams c Brittany Clayton 1b Katelynn Waimer rf Amy Pacansky 3b Brooke Biloholowski lf Kelsey Edwards 2b. Reserves-Amanda Bowsky, Jessica Hartland, Rosaly Diaz, Jessica Nadalin.

Most Career Victories For High School Pitchers

Sayreville

Christian Campbell (23-10); Chuck Frobosilo (22-9); Charlie Kolakowski (21-6); Lenny Popowski (21-8); Tom Lasko (20-2); Bob Witkowski (20-9); Steve Makwinski (19-4-1); Kevin Lynch (19-5); Dennis Dzergoski (17-8-1); Bill D'Amico (15-4); Bill Trzaska (15-6); Walt Rondesco (14-7); Nick Spiewak (14-8); Greg Lyon (13-5); Ed Goodell (13-5); Jim Hockenjos (11-1); Scott Griffin (11-2); David Santiago (10-1); Ed Paprota (10-6); Bob Nelson (10-6).

Hoffman/South Amboy

Brian Seres (25-9); John Skarzynski Jr. (24-5); Dave Gumprecht (22-8); Dan Poulsen (22-9); Mark Thompson (21-3); Curt Wood (20-16); Jason Cross (16-9); Joe Bartlinski (15-6); Scott Gumprecht (15-6); George Bongiorno (15-7-1); Gary Lange (15-7);

Dustin DeVoe (15-13); Jim Inman (13-8); Craig Warzecha (12-7); Ray Poulson (12-10); Marty Veilleux (11-4); Jared Mundy (11-4); Dennis Wood (10-8); Jim Bright (9-2); Dave Inman (9-3); Dennis Leonard (9-3); Jack Conlon (9-10).

St. Mary's/Cardinal McCarrick

Ray Stockton (23-8); Joe Conroy (19-4); Joe Pohl (16-7); John Inman (16-11); Chuck Connery (15-7); Jeff St. Amour (13-7); Ed Fulham (11-3); Jack Seaman (10-5); Ed Carroll (8-1-1); Brian Moy (8-3); Mike Gall (8-6); Ryan Smith (8-9); Joe Velez (7-1); Eric Poltrictzky (7-2); Bill Richardson (7-3); Mike Drahos (7-3); Shane Connors (7-6); Joe Lunger (7-8); Jim Christie (6-0); Ricky McCutcheon Jr. (6-4); Nick Sas (6-4); Doug Pritchard (6-6); Bernie "B.J." Mackiel (6-9).

South Amboy Elks News

Smoked Pork Chop Dinner

Come to the South Amboy Elks on Saturday August 12th for a Smoked Pork Chop Dinner. Your dinner is served with all from scratch sides including macaroni and cheese, baked beans, corn bread and salad. Advance tickets are highly suggested and are \$20.00. Tickets at the door will be \$23. The South Amboy Elks is located at 601 Washington Ave. For tickets call 732-727-7170.

All You Can Eat Buffet Breakfast

Remember on the third Sunday of every month we hold our All You Can Eat Buffet Breakfast from 9-11:30am. The cost is \$12.00 per person and children 7yrs. and under are \$7.00. August's date is the 20th.

We hope to see you there. Thank you in advance for all your support.



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By Robert W. Eginton

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you in heaven
Before you even came.
That beautiful little person
That I never got to know.
Although we have
never met
I will love you so.
But, I still think
about you
Each and every day,
And shed a tear
Because we never
Had a chance to play.
So, when I get
to heaven,
I will ask for you
And we will get to do,
All of the things
We never got to do.
Until that time,
in heaven
May you always share
All that is beautiful....
When I meet you there.*



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Novena Prayer to St. Anthony of Padua

O Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and charity for His creatures, made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers. Miracles waited on your word, which you were ever ready to speak for those in trouble or anxiety. Encouraged by this thought, I import you to obtain for me (request). The answer to my prayer may require a miracle. Even so, you are the Saint of Miracles. O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of Sweet Infant Jesus, who loved to be folded in your arms; and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. Amen. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be. -M.S., S.S., N.P., S.P

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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

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PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

O Holy Spirit, thou who art all knowing - Who brightens every path that I may reach my ideal - Thou givest me the divine gift of forgiving and forgetting wrongs done unto me and who in every instant of my life art with me. I'd like in this short dialogue to affirm my gratitude for all your blessings and reaffirm once again that I never want to part from thee though illusions of material things abound. My desire is to be with thee and all my loved ones in perpetual grace. Thank you for our mercy on me and mine. Persons should pray 3 consecutive days without revealing petition. Within 3 days grace will be obtained regardless of how difficult the petition may be. Publish this prayer once the petition has been attained. Thank you Holy Spirit. -S.S...

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Obituaries

Barbett, Linda A., 65, formerly of Sayreville died on June 27.

Bottomly, Robert “Bob,” 57, of Parlin died on July 13.

Bozan, Julia Sisolak, 89, formerly of Morgan died on June 20.

Condiracci, Stephen, 86, of Sayreville died on July 9.

Cross, Stanley A., 102, of Sayreville died on July 9.

Dudek, John “Jack,” 84, formerly of Parlin died on July 6.

Dunn, Karen P., 68, of Sayreville died on July 13.

English, John A., 74, of South Amboy died on June 21.

Hyslop, Andrew, 94, formerly of Sayreville died on July 3.

Kelly, Ann M., 59, of South Amboy died on June 28.

Koerner, Charles, 90, of South Amboy died on July 9.

Kleinow, Kim “Kimmy,” 65, of South Amboy died on July 15.

Kosakowski, John P., 94, of Sayreville died on July 4.

Langan, Eileen, of Sayreville died on July 4.

McGuire, Thomas E., 86, of Parlin died on July 2.

McMillen, Harry J., 93, of Parlin died on July 16.

O’Leary, Timothy, 66, formerly of South Amboy died on June 15.

Pawlowski, Costy, 74, formerly of Sayreville died on June 18.

Semancik, Vincenza “Fran” DeBlasio, 99, of Sayreville died on July 7.

Silverstein, Susan L., 76, of Sayreville died on July 7.

Van Fossen, Barbara, 69, of South Amboy died on June 30.

Van Wagenen, LeGrande “Van,” 84, of Parlin, died on July 2.

Wands, Joseph, 39, of Sayreville died on June 20.

Weis, Dorothy Betzler, 83, formerly of Sayreville died on July 7.

Yavor, John J. “Jack,” 86, of Morgan died on July 13.

Ziegler, Carol E., 89, of South Amboy died on July 9.

In Memoriam

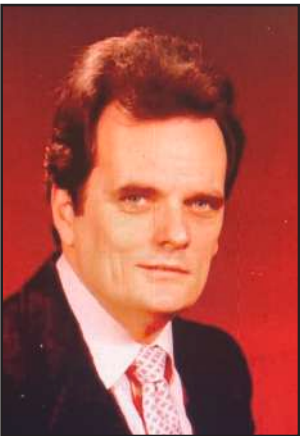
Julia Bozan, 89, formerly of Morgan died on June 20. She was a legal secretary for 40 years for George G. Kress, Esq., of South Amboy and later for Gregory F. Kusic, Esq., also of South Amboy. Dorothy Weis, 83, formerly of Sayreville died on July 7. She was employed by the Borough of Sayreville as a clerk in the Building/Zoning Dept. for 30 years, and also served on the Sayreville Shade Tree Commission. Stephen “Steve” Condiracci, 86, of Sayreville died on July 9. He worked in the front office of Charles Komar & Sons in South Amboy for many

years and later as a Purchasing Agent for Robert Wood Johnson. Steve was one of the really good guys, respected by all. Robert “Bob” Bottomly, 57, of Parlin died on July 13. He was the owner/operator of A-1 Fence Installations/Superior Fence Design, and previously worked as a pressman for The Daily News and The New York Times. Bob was a great guy who will be missed by all who knew him. Karen Dunn, 68, of Sayreville died on July 13. She was a paraprofessional at New Road School in Parlin.

Joseph John Creed

Joseph John Creed, 86, of Whitehall, Pennsylvania died on Saturday July 15, 2023 at St. Luke’s Hospice, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Born and raised in South Amboy he graduated from St. Mary’s High School and attended Belmont Abbey College. He was a member of the Chemical Workers Union and the DuPont 10 and 25 year clubs. An Exempt Fireman and former member of Independence Engine & Hose Company he was also a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 426, South Amboy.

Son of the late Jay and Helen Yanas



Creed he is also predeceased by his siblings Ray, Jim, Doris, Bill, Maryellen, John, Bob and Gene. He is survived by his loving wife Joan Baranowski Creed; his son Joe; his daughters Peggy Stansfield and her husband John and Kathy Garcia and her husband Robert and his grandchildren Jake and Noah Stansfield and Andie and Max Garcia.

Cremation and entombment in St. Mary’s Cemetery Mausoleum were private under the direction of The Gundrum Service “Home For Funerals” 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy.

Charles Koerner

Charles Koerner, 90, of South Amboy died on Sunday July 9, 2023, at JFK Medical Center, Edison, surrounded by his loving family. Born in Long Branch, he lived in South Amboy most of his life. He was employed by the South Amboy Water Department before his retirement. Charles was a Korean War veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was an avid fisherman and loved being out on the water. He also enjoyed playing basketball in his younger years and watching as a fan later in life.

Son of the late Charles Koerner and Margaret Deats Morgan, he is also predeceased by his siblings Margaret Ennis, Doris Parson and John Koerner. He is

survived by his wife of 63 years, Jean Inman Koerner; his daughters Kathleen O’Leary and her husband Jack, Nancy Dieker, and Sharon Thasites and her husband John; his grandchildren Jack, Patrick and Ryan O’Leary, Heidi Dieker, Diana, Kara, and Johnny Thasites and his great-grandson Alexander Acevedo.

Funeral services were under the direction of The Gundrum Service “Home For Funerals” 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy followed by interment in Christ Church Cemetery, South Amboy. Donations may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

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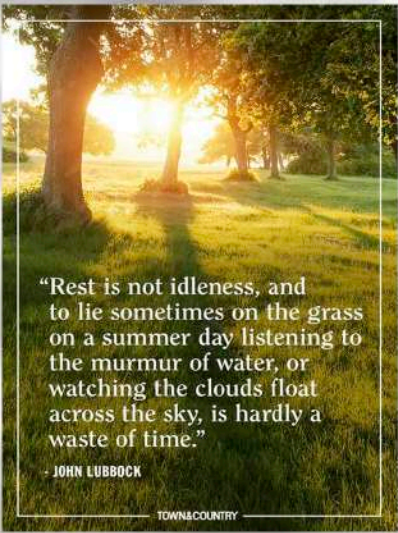
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