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South Amboy and Perth Amboy Kickoff Fundraising

For Joint 4th Of July Celebrations

Joined by hundreds of supporters, the Mayors of Perth Amboy and South Amboy along with the Celebrate Our Stars & Stripes Committee launched a key phase of their fundraising for this year's July Fourth weekend celebration. The official fundraising kickoff event, which also recognized businesses that are donating funds to the fireworks spectacular, was held aboard the Cornucopia Yacht's St. Charles paddlewheel vessel, which is docked at 201 River Street in Perth Amboy.

Annually, the magnificent fireworks that mark America's Independence Day brighten the evening sky over Raritan Bay as thousands line the shoreline or view from their boats. Jointly presented by South Amboy, Perth Amboy and the nonprofit Celebrate Our Stars & Stripes Committee, the fireworks are 100 percent privately funded, and everyone is welcome to attend free of charge.

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Election Takes Shape For November

The Borough of Sayreville general election this November, for two council seats will feature Democratic incumbents Mary Novak and Victoria Kilpatrick being challenged by Republicans David Pawski, who ran for Middlesex County Sheriff in 2016, and Paul Campagna, who is running for a political office for the first time.

20th And Final Drawing Of The Franklin D. English Scholarship

A \$1,000 Scholarship will be awarded by lottery to a South Amboy Resident graduating in June 2017. Interested High School seniors can register for the drawing by mailing a copy of their acceptance from an institute of higher learning, college, or technical institute to:

Franklin D. English Scholarship, c/o/ Robert P. Pawlik, 511 Augusta Street, South

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Please submit your acceptance letter by Tuesday, June 13. The drawing will be held on Thursday, June 15 at 3:00 pm at the Dowdell Library. All applicants are welcome to witness the drawing. Past members of the South Amboy Lions Club are also invited to attend the drawing.



The family of the late Roy Dragotta pose in front of the Office Mourning Monument after placing the wreath during the South Amboy Police Memorial Service held on May 15th. See more photos on page 25. (Photo by Brian Stratton)



A group of Sea Cadets watch over (l-r) South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry, American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62 Commander Bob "Zak" Sekerak, Memorial Day Parade Grand Marshal Frank Campbell, Assembly Candidate Yvonne Lopez, and Assemblyman Craig Coughlin just after the Parade and Ceremony. See more photos on page 20. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

Ciak Chosen President Of NSBA

Sayreville Board of Education President Kevin Ciak has been chosen President of the National School Boards Association (NSBA) for 2017-2018. In 1994, when he was 19 years old, he was elected to the Sayreville Board of Education, and has been a member for 23 years. Ciak was recognized by the Borough Council at a meeting on April 24 for his many outstanding achievements. Congratulations, Kevin!

Sayreville Girls Win Gold

Three Sayreville War Memorial HS girls captured gold medals in the GMC Outdoor Track & Field Championships. Senior Dakota Gerges won two gold medals in the 400-meter hurdles and also the 400-meter dash. Kayla Rosario set a school record with a time of 5:10.90 in the 1600-meter race, and Jasmine Vannote picked up her gold for the shot put, by tossing it 38-01.25, which was also a personal best for her.

Gerges also won a gold medal for the 400-hurdles back in 2016.

Sayreville Tax Increase

The Sayreville Board of Education adopted a 2017-18 school budget for \$91.6 million. The budget for the previous year was \$90.3 million. For the new budget, the school tax rate will increase from \$2.73 per \$100 of assessed value of homes, to \$2.79, while the average home is the same at \$144,000. On this averaged amount, the homeowner will see an increase of \$79 over the next year.



Camille Tooker To Retire

Story & Photo By Tom Burkard

South Amboy Business Administrator (BA) Camille Tooker will officially retire on May 31st after serving the city for 10 outstanding years in the position, and 16 overall.

Camille had a diversified career prior to her employment in local government. She worked at several banking institutions, leaving the banking field to raise her beautiful family. She then took a part-time temporary position at the Landmark Tavern in South Amboy (Now RTB), to help with

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Walsh Captures Gold

South Amboy's boys' track & field/cross country standout, Patrick Walsh added another championship to his portfolio by winning the GMC title. However, he wasn't listed at the top of the scoresheet, but at the bottom in the 58th finisher spot, and in front of his winning time of 9:34.82 is an x. The reason was because the recently-formed track & field program was not yet eligible to receive team points for the competition.



Family of the late Sgt. Terry Popowski are pictured by the Police Memorial following the annual Memorial Ceremony in memory of the deceased members of the Sayreville Police Dept. See more photos on page 31. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

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Members of the South Amboy Fire Dept. and Office of Emergency Management traveled to New Mexico Tech in Socorro, New Mexico on April 24- 27 and attended a class on Incident Response to Terrorist Bombing, presented by US Dept. of Homeland Security. Attending were Mark Herdman, Tom Hetzel, Tim Gay, Larry McMahon, Steven Doyle, Phil English, Jamie Norek and John Dragotta. (Photo Submitted)

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Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

Poster Winners Announced

The Diocese of Metuchen Respect For Life Office selected two local students as winners for its "Say Yes To Life!" poster contest. In the 4th Grade category, Oliver Miazga of St. Stanislaus Kostka School, Sayreville captured 1st place, and Megan G. Wisniowski of St. Ambrose School, Old Bridge was the 2nd place winner for 3rd Grade. Congratulations Oliver and Megan!

Trip To The Hudson Valley

The OLV Senior Group will sponsor a trip to the Hudson valley from August 30 – 31, 2017. The price of the trip is \$385 which includes tour and lunch at the Culinary Institute, guided tour of the Vanderbilt Mansion, tour of West Point and lunch at the Hotel Thayer, a narrated cruise on the Hudson River and dinner at a local restaurant the first night and much more. For further information or to make a reservation, contact Finita at 732-721-5081

"Pistol" Pete McIntyre, a '69 St. Mary's HS graduate recently went on a cross country tour, and stopped at the Roger Maris Museum in South Dakota. (Photo submitted)

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OLV Seniors June Meeting

The June meeting of the OLV Seniors will be held on Friday, June 2, 2017 at 1 PM in Monsignor Dalton Hall. After our meeting we will have our end-of-the-year luau luncheon. Anyone who has not signed up for the luncheon is asked to call Mary Bouchard at 732-727-5056.

Deposits of \$20 for a day trip and \$50 for a multi-day trip are due for all OLV Senior trips. For information on our trips call Teri at 732-737-7639.

Non-perishable food items are needed for the St. Vincent de Paul Society food bank. For further information, please contact Teri Yetsko at 732-727-7639.

Prayer to St. Jude

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

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PLEASANT LITTLE TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

- In 2000, this fitness center was located on Raritan St. in Sayreville?
a.Dolphin b.Firm Up c.Gold's
- Pastor of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church in 1979?
a.Rev. James O'Halloran b.Rev. Ladislaus Madura c.Rev. Michael Rusakowski
- In '75, this beauty shop was located at Conrad St. in Sayreville?
a.Joannie's Place b.Agora c.Lottie's
- What year did St. Mary's HS become St. Mary's Regional HS?
A.1970 b.1987 c.2000
- In '83 The Copper Penny was in South Amboy, and located on?
a.John St. b.South Feltus St. c.South Broadway
- What year was the dedication of the new John A. Connors #67 Disabled American Veterans in South Amboy?
A.1945 b.1954 c.1968
- In '84, where in Sayreville was the Main Event located?
a.Ernston Rd. b.Main St. c.Washington Rd.
- What year was the John Zdanewicz Park opened on Sixth & Feltus Streets in South Amboy?
A.1977 b.1981 c.1986
- Where is the Charles Brown Jr./Robert Hughes Memorial Park located in South Amboy?
a.Conlogue Ave. b.Barkalow St. c.Conover St.
- In '76, where was Bennie's Tavern located in Sayreville?
a.Embroidery St. b.Cecelia St. c.Jernee Mill Rd.

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



The 2017 inductees of the Sayreville War Memorial High School Hall of Fame, who were inducted on April 29th. From left: Dr. Daniel Giovenco, Class of 2006; Robert Merski, Class of 1967; Dorian Van Horn, Class of 1982; Dr. Stephen Sun, Class of 1988. (Photo/Info Submitted)



Two South Amboy Public Works employees retired recently. Don Braun (2nd from left) after 35 years, and Rich Johnson (3rd from left) after 34 years. On hand to congratulate them was Retired Superintendent of Public Works Jerry Garnett (left) and current Superintendent of Public Works Len Moffa. (right) The SA Times congratulates and thanks Don and Rich for their hard work and dedication to the City of South Amboy, and wishes them a Happy Retirement! (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Trinity United Methodist Church Thrift Shop Update

Hopefully everyone knows by now about the Thrift Shop nestled in the woods (815 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy) but if you don't, please feel free to stop by any Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday from 9 am - 12 pm. We have multiple buildings with clothing, linens, housewares, toys, and so much more. We also have a drop off available always as well.

Starting in June, the Thrift Shop is also opening their grounds on Saturdays of every month that the shop is open, for any

individuals that would like to bring their items to sell. You can rent a space for \$10 (bring your own tables). If you are interested, please call Lori at 732-763-6232.

The Thrift Shop works with the community to provide clothing and items for individuals in need and all items that do not sell are provided to the Salvation Army or for clothing drives to support Sayreville and South Amboy clubs. This mission has become an integral part of the church and we appreciate everyone's donations and support.

Sacred Heart Yard Sale June 24

Sacred Heart Church will hold a yard sale in conjunction with the South Amboy City-Wide Yard Sale Saturday June 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. rain or shine. Household/kitchen items, lamps, framed pictures, purses, toys, baby items, books, cd's, video games, sports equipment, etc. Donations will be taken on the following days before and after

all Masses: June 3 & 4, June 10 & 11, and June 17 & 18.

Donations can be dropped at Memorial Hall. Clothing, shoes, bedding, food, or furniture will NOT be accepted. If you would like to volunteer to set up, clean up, and man the tables, please call the Parish Office at 732-721-0040.



Sayreville Mayor Kennedy O'Brien's latest quarterly Senior citizen birthday breakfast, was held at the Sayreville Senior Citizen Center, April 27, 2017. The candles are blown out by the oldest & youngest at each breakfast, here accompanied by Michelle Koehl, Director of the new Lightbridge Academy, Mayor Kennedy O'Brien, and Shannon Babb, VP Business Operations of North American Properties. (Photo submitted)

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Yearbook-St. Mary's 1962
By Tom Burkard

St. Mary's first official yearbook, "The Sceptre" came out in 1962, thanks to the all-out efforts of Henry "Henny The DJ" Conroy, who was the Student Council President in 1960. Conroy came up with the idea, and strongly believed that the school should have a yearbook. Mary Louise Nemeth was Editor-In-Chief, and the yearbook was dedicated to Our Lady the Immaculate Mother of God. Msgr. Sullivan was pastor, Sister M. Leonard was principal, and some of her fine staff included: Luke Lenahan, Sr. M. Lorraine, Sr. M. Theodore, Sr. M. Richard, Mary Brennan, Gerald Stefanski, and Elizabeth "Betty" Farrell, school nurse. Joe Jankowski was Student Council President, VP-Robert Suminski, Sec.-Treas.-Annette Paczkowski, Spirit Chairlady Roberta Christensen, Service Committee Bradford Bielak, Athletic Chairman-William Tibbitt. School clubs and Presidents: National Honor Society-Maureen McGuigan; Forensic Club-Kent Fleming; Choir & Glee Club-Mary Soltys; Business Honor Society-Barbara Fabiszewski. Some of the Class of '62: Dorothy Baranowski, Sandra Baranowski, Sharon Batruk, Sandra Cannata, Adrienne Cesare, Angela Charmello, Carole Check, Alice Christina, Marian Conochan, Eugene Creed, Dennis Creed, Richard Day, Richard Dobrzynski, Mary Dohan, Penelope Dohan, Maureen Farrell, Marlene Garnett, John Gallagher, Shirley Gavlik, Mary Gavron, Margaret Gorman, James Hackett, Jean Henry, William Henry, Theodore Janas, Rita Kaboski, George Kolchak, Maxine Kuntne, John Kusic, Dolores Lasko, Kathleen Margaretta, John McCue, Kathleen McCarthy, Gerald McQuade, Robert Monaghan, Madeline Nagy, Elizabeth Norton, Ann O'Donnell, James O'Leary, Joseph Osmanski, Sandra Popowski, Margaret Reese, Edward Smith, Florence Stolte, Susan Sullivan, Carolyn Tabasko, Theresa Toth, Veronica Vail, Patricia Vona, Ronald Waxmunski, Marie Wisneski, Claire Wisniewski. 1962 National News: John Glenn orbited the earth 3 times in Friendship 7; Who could ever forget the nerve-wracking Cuban missile crisis? Social activities at SMHS in '62: The Carol Festival which featured Joseph Bulman singing a superb rendition of "I'll Be Home For Christmas;" the Radio Club; Rocket Club; Retreat; The school play "Good News;" the Junior Classical League; lots of dances, as well as the Prom, which took the theme Chez Paree. Talented senior athletes included: Joe Jankowski, Al Ust, Tom Fitzmorris, Frank Kennedy, Lou Nanna, Frank Murray, Bill Tibbitt, George Keenan, Ray Riddell, Frank Ruzala, Bill Subjack, Joe Sulikowski, Pat Toomey, Richard Welsh. The basketball club was (16-9) under Coach Lenahan, and the baseball club (10-8) under Coach Bill "Smokey" Ryan. St. Mary's High School Class of 1962 was a truly special group of outstanding young Americans!

Trip To Pittsburgh/ Cleveland
The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Pittsburgh/Cleveland from July 10 – 14, 2017. The price of the trip is \$725 which includes the bus transportation, bus driver gratuity, lodging, 4 breakfasts and 4 dinners. Points of interest include: Flight 93 Memorial, Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater, tour of Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and much more. For further information or to reserve a seat please contact Teri at 732-727-7639 or 732-742-1320.

100th Anniversary Dinner June 25
Msgr. John F. Brady Assembly 676 Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree celebrates its 100th anniversary Sunday June 25 with a 12 Noon Mass at Sacred Heart Church followed by dinner at 2 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Cost for dinner is \$30. Reservation deadline is June 9. For more information call Les at 732-721-0812.

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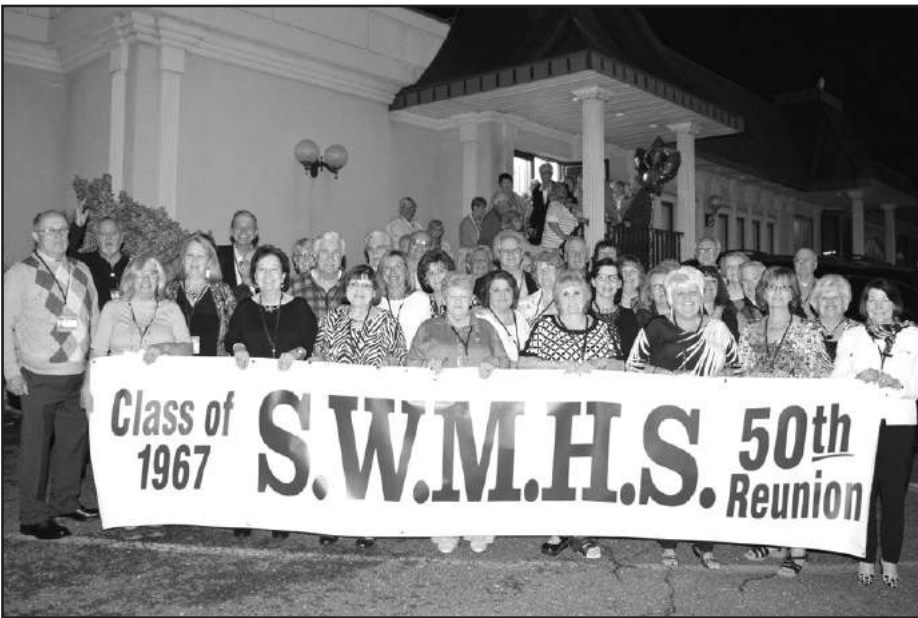
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SWMHS Class Of 1967 50th Reunion



SWMHS class of 1967 pose for a photo outside of the Town & Country Inn in Keyport during their 50th reunion. (Photo courtesy of Steve Kowalski)

50th Reunion A Huge Success!

(Story submitted)

The SWMHS Class of 1967 celebrated their 50th reunion on April 22, at the Town & Country Inn in Keyport. Attendance was 110 classmates, four teachers, and 50 guests totaling 164. Bob Merski, Class Valedictorian, who sent the graduating class of 50 years ago, welcomed them back. The blessing was done by Bob Maher. Classmates traveled from 14 different states to attend.

Planning started two years ago when a Facebook site was created and three classmates met for lunch. Immediately, there were Facebook responses that others would have liked to join them. A small cookout was planned two months later in Sayreville, and 39 people attended. Interest sparked in the sunshine state when classmates in Florida then decided not to be outdone. Between the two states, there were eight mini-reunions, and the

planning begun. Classmates immediately volunteered to do specific chores such as name tags, photography, centerpieces, brochures and a memorial for those that left us much too soon. Out of 329 classmates, 51 were confirmed deceased.

The night before the reunion, the local classmates hosted a potluck dinner for the traveling classmates which kicked off the weekend. Sunday morning ended with a breakfast back at the Town & Country for many of the attendees.

We were transported back to 1967 while Clem Skarzynski and Jerry Mekar rocked the house with our favorite tunes and time melted away. Friendships were rekindled and phone numbers exchanged. The hall was still alive at 11:15 as the final song was played. The evening proved that maybe you can go back, if only for one night.



Clem Skarzynski on guitar and Jerry Mekar on Sax. (Photo courtesy of Steve Kowalski)

Celebrate Our Stars & Stripes



South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry (r) presents a proclamation from the mayor and council to Chairman CPA-Stars & Stripes Barry Rosengarten, as Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz applauds at the VIP Sponsors Luncheon & Press Conference for the Celebrate Our Stars & Stripes 4th of July celebration, aboard the Cornucopia Cruise Line in Perth Amboy. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



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American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62, South Amboy Commander Bob “Zak” Sekerak (2nd from left) and Legion members are preparing to replace worn out American flags on the graves at St. Mary’s Cemetery to honor the veterans for Memorial Day. (Photo/caption by Joe Lotkowitz)

Camille Tooker To Retire continued from page 1

their food service. Camille said, “This turned into an 18-year relationship, and when the business was sold, I came to work for the City of South Amboy as NPP Grant Coordinator.” After several years, Mayor John T. O’Leary appointed her to Assistant Business Administrator, and eventually Business Administrator.

While working under Mayor O’Leary, she said that, “It was an exciting time in the city, and you never knew what tasks would be needed that day. When I took the position, he was a seasoned mayor and had a vision of what he wanted to accomplish.”

Tooker added that “It’s been a great experience for me to work with Mayor Fred Henry. He has great ideas about what he’d like to see in South Amboy. His number one priority is the people.”

She has seen a lot and been a part of much of the community’s growth during her tenure as BA, and believes that “The city is experiencing good growth, and has done its best to increase ratables, which help everyone. We see great interest in private investment.

Although the closing of McCormack Sand was a great accomplishment for the City, Camille recalled her proudest moment during her 16-year career, stating that, “On the day of the 911 Memorial Service at Raritan Bay Waterfront Park in 2001, we really saw the fabric of our community where people and Churches of all denominations participated. I remember seeing Jess Winkler trying to sing in her beautiful voice as she was choking back tears because it was such an emotional time. That day made me so proud to be a part of this town, the community put all their differences aside and came together to remember and honor our lost.” I’ve also had many other proud days, like when you see the community appreciates what you work each day to bring to fruition, whether it is a new senior program, a new project for the City, or an innovative “Mom and Baby” swing at Conlogue Park. Everything is important to

someone.”

When asked what she liked most about her job as Business Administrator, she said, “Being able to be a part of planning for the future of the city, and making sure the residents benefit from the programs and initiatives such as the free Summer Recreation Program, new Yoga classes, and the creation of the Arts District. All these are there to benefit the community.”

She is looking forward to her retirement, and says she “Will spend more time with my grandkids, more time with my husband Bob, who has been retired for 2 years already, and take a few trips. Retirement will give me the opportunity to pursue some interests I have always had, and I look forward to being able to pursue new interests.”

Camille said, “I will miss working closely with the people, both my co-workers and City residents. We’re very lucky to have a very competent and caring staff. I will miss them because we are co-workers and work so well together as a team. I’ve met many wonderful residents, people I’ve interacted with, and it’s been a pleasure to help them with whatever they needed.”

In closing, Camille said, “We moved to South Amboy in 1981, and it’s always been a great place for us to raise our family. We presently have no plans to leave South Amboy, and I’m sure I’ll continue to see many people I see in my daily life. Everyone in City Hall will continue to do a fine job, no matter who is sitting in my seat. I would like to thank Mayor O’Leary for the opportunity he gave me 16 years ago, and Mayor Henry for his continued support, and all the council members past and present, as well as the staff of the City of South Amboy.”

Congratulations and Happy Retirement wishes to Business Administrator Camille Tooker, and thank you for your hard work, dedication, sincerity and honesty during your tenure.



South Amboy Business Administrator Camille Tooker (c) gathers with her fine staff, prior to her retirement on May 31. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Car Blessing May 31

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 is sponsoring the annual blessing of the cars on Wednesday May 31 from 6;30 to 7 p.m. in the school parking lot on Second Street. For more information call Steve at 732-727-1707.



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60th Anniversary



George and Marie Giovenco, of Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy, recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on May 26, 2017. George and the former Marie Petermann were married on May 26, 1957 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Newark. George served in the US Navy as a "Tin Can Sailor" and retired in October 1995 as a Training Coordinator for Public Service Electric and Gas Co. Marie retired in 1998 from Associates in Cardiology, Old Bridge. George & Marie have three children Lynda & Don Ferenci of Annandale, Gregory & Mary Arway Giovenco of Edison and George Jr. & Eileen Downs Giovenco of Sayreville. They also have 8 grandchildren, Jake Ferenci of Arlington, VA, Rebecca Ferenci and Hannah Ferenci, both studying at Penn State University, William Giovenco and Thomas Giovenco of Edison, NJ, Danny Giovenco of Jersey City, NJ, Caileigh (and Christian) Fazzini and Bridget Giovenco of Sayreville.

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JULY

5– Mark Heter and His Band– *Great American Music*
12—Sandy Sasso's Swingin' Big Band—*Hits from the Big Band era*
19—*New!* - Greg Giannascoli, Marimba—*Gershwin & More*
26—The Jersey Polka Stars—*Polka & Variety Music*

AUGUST

2 – Rave On Band—*The Hits of Roy Orbison and Buddy Holly*
9- The Broadway Pops Big Band—*Music from the Great White Way*
16— Zydeco-A-Go-Go—*New Orleans style Rhythm Blues and 40's Jazz & Swing*
23—The Perry Brothers—*Irish Favorites and More*
30 - The Garden State Symphonic Band

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Stewart's Root Beer Stand

By John (Flip) Phillips

I have been thinking about writing this story for some time: The Summer of 1956 when I was a car hop at Stewart's in Morgan. I decided to do it when I saw the letter to the editor last month from my old friend Billy Madeline. Billy also worked there that summer, so perhaps this will bring back a memory or two for both of us. It started this way:

On the way back to South Amboy after another tough basketball loss I sat next to Frank Hackett on the St. Mary's team bus. Frank was a senior and was looking forward to graduation and getting a good paying job. I was going into my junior year and wanted something for the summer. He told me he was a car hop at Stewart's the previous summer, and if I wanted to be one he would get me an interview with a lady named Millie who ran the place. Her brother Joe owned the stand but he was never there, he was usually out in Las Vegas. So Millie was the boss, a smart lady. Of course I said yes. So, I had the interview and she hired me. She gave me a few of those white paper hats trimmed in orange and a couple of black bow ties, but I had to wear a white shirt and black pants.... no shorts. And I would start training as soon as the stand opened for the season, which I think was in early or mid-May. So, I had a job but things did not get off to a good start. I had problems adding up the orders and Millie told me if I did not improve she would have to let me go. I paid attention to what she said and my math improved over night. And on my first night at work 8 root beer mugs went



missing. Why was that important? Well, the counter guy counted the mugs before and after your "shift", and if there were any missing it cost you 50 cents per mug. I made \$6 that night in tips, so the net was only \$2. Lesson learned! Always, always make sure you got back the number of mugs you delivered to a car with their order. This was not always easy. When a car pulled in with lots of "happy" kids in the back seat, I knew I had to be "alert" for trouble. And I got to know a few ladies who were always trying to start a collection. It became a game and I always won....well almost always. A few "talented" ladies got away with mugs over the summer.

Enter Billy Madeline. Billy worked behind the counter staging the orders, filling the root beer mugs (there was only root beer, nothing else) and taking the money. Thinking back we had a limited menu, not like today. There were hot dogs (of course) burgers in a couple of styles, pork roll, French fries and root beer, nothing else that I can remember. When my orders were ready he would yell out: Flip your up! Those trays had to go out to the cars quickly because your tips depended on it, cold food equaled no tip. He always appeared to be in a good mood joking and singing. Speaking of money we were given \$13 in bills and change to start our shift. When we were done we would give the counter guy \$13 and the rest was ours. Soon I was

working the best "shift" 7 to midnight on the weekend and Billy was almost always behind the counter. We started to develop a friendship. He had a car (48 or 47 Mercury or Ford?) and sometimes we would ride around town after work and make a stop at the Raritan Diner to check the action. There was always something going on at the diner all hours of the day or night. Sometimes we would head down to Connie's a small hot dog stand across the road from the Kozy Bar for a grilled Schickhaus hot dog. Stewart's deep fried their hot dogs in peanut oil, I liked them grilled. And, the girl behind the counter at Connie's was a looker. It was a fun summer that ended too quickly. I'll always remember the full parking area with cars blinking their lights and the impatient ones sounding the car horn. And, music was being played in almost every car. Elvis came on strong the summer of '56 with the following hits: Don't Be Cruel, Hound Dog, and Heartbreak Hotel. The name of the game was "hustle, hustle, and more hustle". The more cars you had the more tips you got. Between 4 and 7 on Friday it was a real circus. The lot was filled with cars and we had 3 car hops instead of 2. Why? It was fish night! And we did a brisk business with fish sandwiches and platters. I saw a lot of "interesting" things and met new friends that summer, including some of the guys from Sayreville High School. And, after I got out of the Marines a couple of those guys would be close friends. I think the stand closed in October, and I worked up to the end. Billy and I would remain friends except

on the basketball court. He always guarded me when we played Hoffman. I could pump in 24 points against a team like St Peter's from New Brunswick. But when we played Hoffman I was lucky to hit double figures, and I am not sure I did.

I bet he knows.

Millie told me to call her next April to get ready for the 1957 season. I did, but things did not work out. The State changed its labor laws over the winter. Guys/Gals over 21 worked for tips only. They did not get an hourly rate. Those under 21 had to get an hourly rate in addition to getting tips. So, they hired guys (no girls yet) over 21. Millie offered me a job behind the counter at \$1.10/hour. I took it but after a few weeks, decided it was not for me. (Billy I don't how you did it!) So, I looked up my friend Raymond "Spider" Walsh and asked him to get me a job at the ladies garment factory he worked for. He did and I had another fun summer working with him and my good friend Ned Moran. So ends my tale, sort of. The next summer (1958) would find me with another job. I was in the United States Marine Corps, and it surely was not a fun summer going through Boot Camp at Parris Island, South Carolina. It was a long hot summer. Remember May means Memorial Day. Please give a thought to those who left South Amboy and Sayreville as young boys but never came home.



Take your children to work day South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry (center seated) is shown with the children of City workers. The Mayor held an interactive Q&A session with the children prior to lunch being served. A full day was planned for the children that included tours of Police headquarters, the City's Fire Stations, the Public Works Garage, and more. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

Local Veteran Marathoner Competes On Two Coasts

By Clem Skarzynski

This writer is proud to share this story with The SA Times readers. Mechanicsville section of South Amboy resident Jessica Skarzynski Reccoppa, recently completed the “Coast to Coast” Disney sponsored “Star Wars Marathons.”

On Jan. 14th and 15th, Jess ran the “Star Wars Light Side Challenge,” and a 10K half marathon for a total of 19.3 miles of running through Disneyland in Anaheim, California, over 2 days, and then on April 22nd and 23rd, she traveled to Disney World in Florida, and ran the “Dark Side Challenge” (The same 19.3 miles of running), which earned her the Kessel Run Challenge Medal for running both Star Wars half marathons in 1 calendar year, and a Coast to Coast Medal for running a half marathon in each park, for a total of nearly 8,000 miles flown, 38.6 miles run, and 8 medals earned. Jess is currently in intense training for the upcoming 2017 New York Marathon.

Mom, Kathy and Dad, Clem are quite proud of your accomplishments in your running goals. Go get the “Big Apple!”



Jessica Skarzynski Reccoppa of South Amboy proudly displays the 8 medals she received for competing in the Coast to Coast Star Wars Marathons at Anaheim Disney, and Florida Disneyworld.



Jessica Skarzynski Reccoppa crosses the finish line at one of the Star Wars Marathons. (Photos courtesy of Kathy Skarzynski)



Jessica in a frightening pose with two fellow Stormtroopers at Florida Disneyworld.

Church Group Seeks Essays For Scholarship

The Women With Purpose group at Christ Episcopal Church in South Amboy is accepting essays from high school seniors for a scholarship it will award this spring. The group will present a \$500 scholarship to one college-bound student who exemplifies volunteerism and commitment to the community. To be eligible, students must reside in South Amboy and must submit an essay -- no longer than 500 words

-- describing how he or she serves the community and how that service has helped enrich his or her life. Essays should be emailed to christchurchwomenwp@gmail.com no later than May 30. Women With Purpose is a group founded by members of Christ Church which works to “serve God through ministry to our church, our congregation and the community.”

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for I shall not pass this way again."



Catherine Velasquez, SAMHS Class of 2017 received the Middlesex County Secondary Principals Association's Outstanding Student Award at a dinner held on April 25th. Her family and many in the school community were in attendance. Congratulations Catherine! Pictured from (l-r) Mr. Jorge Diaz, South Amboy Public Schools Superintendent, Dr. Patrick McCabe, South Amboy Middle/High School Principal, Mr. Velasquez, Mrs. Velasquez, Catherine Velasquez, Belkis Velasquez, Jared Gonsalves, South Amboy Middle/High School Counselor, and South Amboy Board of Education Members Lynn Kasics, Janet Kern-President, Paula Taggart (Photo/Info Submitted)




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Lucas DiGuilio Memorial Playground

(Photos/article submitted)

On Friday April 28th, 2017 the Lyrics for Lucas Foundation along with the Where Angels Play Foundation broke ground on the LucasAlbert DiGuilio Memorial Playground which was constructed at Garden Friends Early Learning Center located in Sayreville, NJ.

Where Angels Play Foundation, whose mission statement is, “to create joyful places

The groundbreaking ceremony which included naming Kali DiGuilio, Lucas’ twin sister, as Project Foreperson, was also joined by over 40 Angel Army volunteers from all over the State of NJ and were also joined by (2) amazing firefighters that drove over 4 hours from Boston, MA.

“The build went through the weekend and when we thought the project would run behind schedule we were joined by Home Depot’s Tracey Burke and her amazing team to help with completing the playground through Saturday evening but also helped expedite all materials needed from her Home Depot location.

We completed the playground build at

to play. To provide hope, recovery, and to ‘pay it forward’ in supporting projects that reflect a return to family values across the nation,” has proudly partnered with the Lyrics for Lucas Foundation in honor of the incredible young boy, and Foundation’s namesake – Lucas. Where Angels Play, inspired by Lucas, and with the support of both the public and the Home Depot of Old Bridge, has delivered the joyful gift of a playground that will reflect the personality and influence of one incredible little Angel, Lucas. Albert and Maria DiGuilio, parents of Lucas, hopes that “the playground will not only be a place for children present but also for future generations to play, but will also be a place to bring awareness to SUDC and how precious time and our children really are.”


10:15 a.m, on Sunday April 30th and held our Dedication and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 11:00 a.m.”

The ceremony kicked off with Mayor Kennedy O’Brien presenting a Township Proclamation to Lucas’s Parents for the Playground Dedication. The day concluded with Albert, Maria and Kali cutting the ribbon to the Playground so that all children in attendance could be the first to enjoy.

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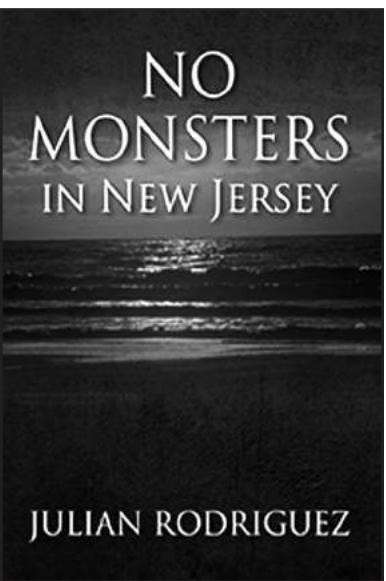
Honored for Service to Others



Matthew Schnell of South Amboy High School was presented a 2017 Caring Award by the Middlesex County Guidance Council. The Caring Award, given to one student from each high school in the county, is for outstanding volunteer community service. It was presented at a dinner held at Middlesex County College in April. At left is Shirlie Camp, chairperson of the Caring Award, and at right is Jennifer Powers, co-president of the guidance council. (Photo/Info Submitted)

New Book Release

(Photo/info submitted)



Author Julian Rodriguez of Parlin recently had his new book, No Monsters In New Jersey released. The book is available worldwide on Websites such as Amazon, and Barnes & Noble. For more info on how to purchase your copy and more, go to: www.outskirtspress.com/nomonsters.

About the Book

In 19th-century Sea Girt, New Jersey, everyone knows the most powerful citizen: wealthy Samuel Johnson. And yet at the same time, nobody really knows him—especially not his own son, Joseph, who arrives from England to meet Elizabeth Edwards, the young woman his father has arranged for him to marry. It seems sensible enough that Joseph should marry the daughter of his father’s good friend, Dr. Edwards, but when he arrives in Sea Girt, an unexpected temptation crosses his path: the servant girl Isabel, banished to a small beach cottage to protect others from the tuberculosis that has given her a death sentence. As Joseph tries to win Isabel’s trust, he begins to learn that all is not as it seems—and with dawning rebellion, he senses the cold horrors that lie just behind Samuel Johnson’s hard surface. Sweeping from a beachfront estate in New Jersey to the sultry streets of Cartagena, from high society to the desperate lives of the poor, No Monsters in New Jersey is a compelling story of abuses of power...and the power of love.



Amboy Bank Cheesequake branch manager, Donna Ostrowski (r), congratulates Mary Giessuebel as the grand prize winner of Amboy Bank's month-long grand opening sweepstakes. Giessuebel won a 55" LG Smart LED television. The sweepstakes celebrated Amboy's new branch at 95 Matawan Road in Matawan. The bank is continuing to welcome new clients with special deposit offers. (Photo/Info Submitted)

St. Stan's Carnival

(Article submitted)

St. Stan's Annual Carnival will be held at the parish carnival grounds on Main St. & MacArthur Ave. in Sayreville. Dates are Wed, Jun 21 & Thu, Jun 22 from 6-10 pm and Fri, Jun 23 & Sat, Jun 24 from 5-11 pm.

There will be at least 14 rides for kiddies through adults. Pre-sale ride tickets and Super 50/50 raffle tickets will be sold prior to the carnival at the following locations: Sat, Jun 3 Behind Sayreville Boro Hall 8-1pm, Sat, Jun 10 in front of St. Stan's School at the Knights of Columbus Flag Day Ceremony from 10-11:30 am; Fri, Jun 16 in front of Sayreville Seafood & Deli, 141 Main St., from 4-7 pm; Sat Jun 17, 10 am-12 pm in front of St. Stan's School; before Bingo at St. Stan's School from 6-7:30 pm on Thu, Jun 1, 8 & 15; before Bingo at St. Stan's School from 12-1:30 pm on Sun, Jun 4, 11 & 18 and at the parish office (Mon-Fri, 9 am-3 pm and Tue evenings, 6-9 pm). Tickets are available in the church lobby before and after all Sun Masses.

The Carnival will feature games of chance with fabulous prizes for all ages. Some of the games – Las Vegas "Money" Wheel for adults; nightly 50/50s, our Super 50/50 and a special eight grade parent's fundraiser.

FOOD: Fabulous food tent, featuring a wide variety of Polish-ethnic and American homemade foods, including a mouth-watering seafood area; Spezzi's Main Street Cafe; B&T's Barbecue Ribs; Friday fish fry; scrumptious desserts and our beer garden, featuring domestic and imported beers, along with wine.

ENTERTAINMENT: Wed, Jun 21 – Thunder 106.3 FM Country Radio Station from 6-8 pm followed by Magic 98.3 Radio Station from 8-10 pm; Thu, Jun 22 – DJ Bob Cherney from 6-10 pm; Fri, Jun 23 – "Alumni Night", East Brunswick School of Rock, live music from 6-8 pm followed by All in One, live music from 8-11 p.m.; Sat, Jun 24 – Time After Time, live music from 6-8 pm followed by The FOG, live music from 8-11 pm.

YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy

Programming keeps kids moving, exploring and learning (Article submitted)

The “best summer ever” is right around the corner and the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy has 11 camps to choose from to fit every child’s and family’s needs. Camp locations include Edison, Metuchen, Woodbridge, South Amboy, Avenel, Piscataway, Colonia and Fords. The YMCA of MEWSA offers camp activities to make sure kids and teens in our community are adventurous, active and healthy this summer, in both body and mind. YMCA camp programs offer youth fun and unique experiences with an opportunity to explore the outdoors, meet new friends, discover new interests and create memories that last a lifetime.

Summer is the ideal time for kids to get up, get out and explore. But, for some kids summer means no access to recreational and educational activities to help them learn, grow and thrive during out-of-school time. As a result, some kids can experience learning loss and gain weight twice as fast than during the school year. Attending a YMCA summer camp is a wonderful opportunity for kids to keep their minds and bodies active.

YMCA camps offer traditional, specialty and extended care camps, and offers enrichment, junior enrichment, and S.T.R.E.A.M. programs. The Oakcrest Camp & Swim Club, located on 14 acres of land in Edison, offers a full camp experience by providing outdoor swimming, tennis courts, basketball courts, volleyball courts and more. They also provide extended day camp for children participating in the Edison Public Schools Summer Enrichment and Activities Programs at J.P. Stevens High School.

“Summer camp is an excellent way to ensure kids stay engaged socially, physically, and academically throughout the summer,” says Rose Cushing, President & CEO. “In all of our camps, kids are in a welcoming environment where they can belong, they’re building relationships, developing character and discovering their potential. We really encourage parents to give their kids the gift of camp to keep them active and engaged all summer long.”

Chrissy Tolley, Camp Director for Oakcrest Camp and Camp Munsee, says

there are five reasons why children and teens should attend summer camp:

ADVENTURE: Summer camp is all about a wide variety of new experiences and exploring the outdoors. YMCA camps have a new adventure for every child and teen. Visit www.ymcaofmewsa.org/camp for details.

HEALTHY FUN: Day and resident camps offer fun, stimulating activities that engage the body and mind, and also help children and teens learn the importance of nutrition to help improve their healthy eating habits.

PERSONAL GROWTH: While in the welcoming environment of camp, youth have a chance to learn new skills, and develop confidence and independence by taking on new responsibilities and challenges. Camps offer cognitive learning and social-emotional development opportunities for achievement.

FRIENDSHIPS: Amidst the fun of camp games, songs, swimming, canoeing and talent shows, campers meet new friends and strengthen existing friendships. The bonds formed at camp are important and lasting for many youth.

MEMORIES: Summer camp is an unforgettable experience that will give each camper memories (and camp traditions) that will last a lifetime. Youth return to school with plenty of camp stories to share!

To ensure that all youth have the chance to experience camp, the YMCA of MEWSA also offers financial assistance to those in need. If you’re interested in helping send kids to camp this summer, you can donate to the Y at <http://www.ymcaofmewsa.org/giving/give>.

A leading nonprofit committed to nurturing the potential of youth, the Y has been a leader in providing summer camp for over 131 years. The YMCA of MEWSA continues to give youth an enriching, safe experience with caring staff and volunteers who model positive values that help build their kids’ character.

Most YMCA camps are offering a weekly discount for families that register before June 1st. For more information, or to register for camp, visit <http://www.ymcaofmewsa.org/camp>.

St. Mary’s Class of 1957 60th Reunion



St. Mary’s High School class of 1957 celebrated their 60th year reunion on May 12 at Seasons II Restaurant in Freehold. A lovely walk down memory lane was had by all. Thanks to Pat (Jancola) Albany and Anita (Marshall) Nixon-Sirnack for their dedicated planning. Pictured Standing (l-r) Ethel Vota Sproul, Pat Jancola Albany, Tom Pristavec, Maureen Shea Malik, Ray Dombrowski, Irene Halmi Kolodziej, Tom Potts, Ernest Donnelly, Joe Viggiano, Deacon Tom Dominiecki, Lucian Golaszewski, John Graber. Sitting (l-r) Judy McCue Utter, Edwin (Cubby) Corvino, Janet Schachel Piscatelli, Mary Judith Innes Kuc, Ann Marie Bader Vona, Barbara Luichinger, Anita Marshall Nixon-Sirnack. (Photo/Info Submitted)

Flea Market

The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville will be holding their Annual Flea Market on Saturday, June 3rd, 2017 in the Church parking lot. We are located at 172 Main Street, directly across from Borough Hall. The hours are 8am-2pm. Come join us for bargains and good food. You never know what treasures you may find.

There are still spaces available for vendors, for more information please contact the Church at 732-257-6353 or churchoffice172@optimum.net.

Flag Day Ceremony

(Article submitted)

OLV Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly 0670 will be celebrating Flag Day with a ceremony at St. Stan’s Parish, Sayreville, located at MacArthur Ave., on Sat., June 10 at 10:30 a.m. Please come and join the K of C and many other organizations to pay tribute to our flag, our country, and our freedom. The ceremony will be held at the flagpole. Refreshments immediately after the ceremony will be served in the school cafeteria.

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Autism Awareness Benefit Game

Pictured are the Central Jersey Savages prior to a charity game held on Sunday April 30th for Autism Awareness. A total of \$2000.00 was raised to give back to the community. Back row (l-r) Nick Paganelli, Thomas Burke, Kyle Paganelli, Nicholas Paganelli, Nick Clausen, Anthony Nocera Front row (l-r) Shawn Paganelli, Trevor Yelencsics and Getulio Perez. (Photo/Info Submitted)

The Smoke Column

**By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, M.S.
Emergency Service Management**

It is easy to forget the true meaning Memorial Day while you are shopping, or down the beach, or hosting the first barbecue of the season. But there is much more to this holiday than just a three-day weekend.

As we prepare to observe Memorial Day 2017, let us not forget the true meaning of this patriotic holiday. Memorial Day is a solemn day of remembrance for everyone who has died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. It is a day to remember and pay tribute to those who have served this country and gave their lives so that we may enjoy the freedoms that this country represents. Although it is unclear in which town the holiday originated and it doesn't really matter. What does matter is that we never forget our American heroes who gave their lives defending our country.

Originally this holiday was called Decoration Day due to decorating of the graves of our military men and women killed during the Civil War in both the North and the South. As time passed and World War I, World War II occurred, the holiday took on a different meaning and received its own national identity. Because of all the war dead in the Wars following the Civil War, the name of the holiday changed to Memorial Day in 1967 and it is now the time when we decorate the graves of all those who had served in the United States Armed Forces. In 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Holiday Act, designating Memorial Day as the last Monday in May rather than May 30th, as it had previously been observed. This Congressional ruling ensured a three-day weekend and gave the day its current status as the unofficial beginning of summer.

On this Holiday weekend, we need take a moment to reflect on those brave men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives and not let their sacrifice be taken for granted.

Along those lines, our first responders follow a para-military type of structure in their organizational procedures. In similar ways to the military, first responders also risk their lives in battle, battling the enemy of fire. Though their enemies may be different, the risk of dying is always present.

During this Memorial Day weekend, our local fire departments will be conducting services for the men and women of their departments who answered their final alarm.

The South Amboy Fire Department has lost the following members since last Memorial Day:

Ex-Captain Walter Kijowski, Independence; Firefighter Rick Wyzkowski, Protection; Ex-Chief "78" John "Ace", Donnelly, Progressive; Firefighter Berthold Kurtz Mechanicsville; Dominic Barlow, Mechanicsville.

The Sayreville Fire Department will be conducting their services at 8:00am on the morning of Memorial Day. The services will be held at the Sayreville Exempt Firefighters Monument located at the corner of Main Street and MacArthur Avenue. Memorial pavers and flowers will be placed by the family members of those firefighters who have answered their final alarm since last Memorial Day.

The Sayreville Fire Department has lost the following members since last Memorial Day:

Ex-Captain Danny DiPoalo, Morgan Hose & Chemical; Firefighter John Quirke, Morgan Hose & Chemical; Ex-Captain John Ryniec, Melrose Hose; Firefighter Michael Reilly, President Park Fire Co.; Ex-Chief Paul Bulla, Melrose Hose; Ex-Captain Kevin Connors Sr. Engine Co. #1. These services are open to the public and everyone is invited to attend.

On this special day, please take a moment and say a prayer for all our military personnel, both living and deceased for they are the ones who gave us this day.

Amish Country

A horse and carriage ride with daily traffic flow on a typical day in Lancaster, PA. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

YMCA Announces Appointment of Board Member Alka Aneja

(Article submitted)

The YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy is pleased to announce the appointment of Board member, Alka Aneja. Alka joined the Board in January and already has proven to be a great asset to the YMCA and the Board of Directors. Alka is a long-time resident of Edison, and brings with her extensive real estate experience as a full-time licensed realtor with On Track Realty in Edison. She is one of the top producers in Middlesex County and attributes her success to putting people first. Alka received her bachelor's degree in Psychology from Douglass College and a bachelor's degree in Management from Rutgers School of Business. She recently achieved the top ranking as the Circle of Excellence Platinum Producer from the New Jersey Association of Realtors (NJAR) for the fourth year in a row.

YMCA Board members are responsible for establishing policy and strategic direction

for the Y, as well as creating opportunities and establishing relationships that advance the YMCA's mission and cause. "Alka joins our Board which I am proud to say is comprised of strong community leaders working together to effectively and efficiently strengthen the Y and enhance its community impact," say Bruce Peragallo, Chairman of the Board. "We know that her addition will be a positive one."

Alka has already become very involved in recruiting individuals to serve on the Edison Y's Branch Committee and is very excited about giving back to the community. "The role of Board member is a very important one", said Rose Cushing, President & CEO of the YMCA of MEWSA. "We welcome Alka to the Board and know that her knowledge, business experience and passion will be an asset to the Y to help create communities where everyone can learn, grow and thrive."



Alka Aneja

Honored for Service to Others



Veronica Torres of Sayreville War Memorial was presented a 2017 Caring Award by the Middlesex County Guidance Council. The Caring Award, given to one student from each high school in the county, is for outstanding volunteer community service. It was presented at a dinner held at Middlesex County College in April. At left is Shirlee Camp, chairperson of the Caring Award, and at right is Jennifer Powers, co-president of the guidance council. (Photo/Info Submitted)

Passing of the Torch



The South Amboy High School History Club had it's first meeting in 1992. It was begun by Mr.G. who was inspired by a friend, Frank Yusko, Spotswood High School History teacher who had begun a chapter in his school. Here you have Mr. G. passing the banner, created by Paula Taggart, to Ms. Spinapont the new advisor. (Photo Submitted)



Don Rzepka, owner of Al's Auto Body, 2072 Rt. 35 North, South Amboy, is pictured hanging a pink ribbon at his business, as part of the Paint The Town Pink program, which encourages women to get their annual mammogram, and include overall wellness in their lives. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

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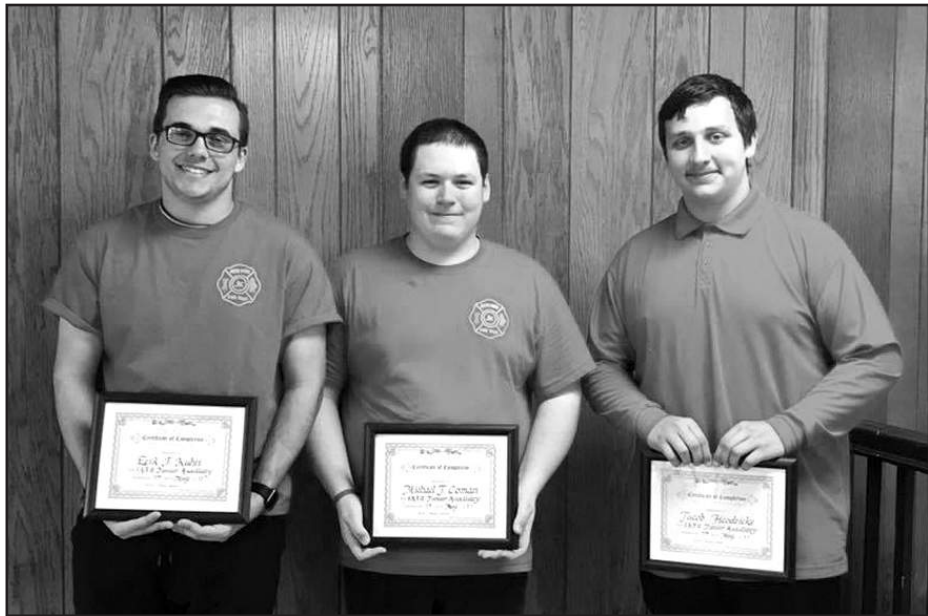
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FREE Pest Inspection



South Amboy Arts recently held a breakfast for local business owners in the city, to introduce the Arts District plans and how it will impact the city and their businesses. Arts Committee Chairman Jack O'Leary (r) is seen addressing the business owners, Arts Director Diana St. John (l) and Mayor Fred Henry (c), who also addressed the owners. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

SA Junior Firefighters



On Sunday, May 7, 2017 the SA Junior Firefighters Auxiliary Program, after 8 months of training, have successfully completed the program. Pictured from left to right are Erik Kuhn, Michael Coman, & Jacob Hendricks. Missing from photo are Nicholas Gay and Matthew Coyle. (Photo/info Submitted)

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Pat Walsh and his son rock the crowd at the Sayreville Police Auxiliary Carnival. (Photo by Amy Jones)



The Rockdaddys perform live at the carnival. (Photo by Amy Jones)



Split Decision is one of the top local bands that has been rockin’ the houses wherever they perform. Pictured (l-r) Jack Mieczkowski, Joe Durnya, Ami Hornbaker, John Fitzgerald, Ray Suchicki. The group will be headlining on May 27-Tim Kerwin’s, Middlesex; June 2-General Saloon, Old Bridge; June 30-Ryan’s Pub, Monroe. (Photo/info submitted)



Gary Puckett is pictured live at the PNC Bank Arts Center singing his #2 hit from 1968, “Young Girl.” The concert attracted several thousand fans on a very hot day on May 18. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

#1 Pop Hits May 27

2003-Get Busy-Sean Paul

1998-My All-Mariah Carey

1985-Everything She Wants-Wham!

1972-Oh Girl-The Chi-Lites

1966-Monday, Monday-The Mamas & The Papas

1958-All I Have To Do Is Dream-The Everly Brothers

#1 Country Hits May 27

2004-Mayberry-Rascal Flatts

1995-What Mattered Most-Ty Herndon

1983-Common Man-John Conlee

1970-My Love-Sonny James

1962-She Thinks I Still Care-George Jones

1959-The Battle Of New Orleans-Johnny Horton

Thank You From Jammin For Jaclyn

We want to Thank everyone who in some way supported Jammin for Jaclyn on April 29th. As many of you know the Benefit this year was for Jaclyn Squillace Olsen and Danielle Sozio. We lost Danielle on March 18th, but we know she was in the building enjoying the party along with her family. The evening was surreal, such a beautiful thing to see so many people supporting those in need. Our volunteers did an incredible job, the night would not have been possible without your help. Thank you to the bands who got everyone on their feet dancing the entire afternoon and night! Our Sponsors and eateries came through in a big way as always, the food was delicious and again endless. We are truly humbled by everyone's generosity.

We set out to have a party for two beautiful souls and while we did that, we also made more money and had more people than ever before. There are too many people to thank individually, so please check out the long list of sponsors/supporters on our website to see these amazing people, Jamminforjaclyn.weebly.com

We are already hard at work on the 5th Annual Jammin for Jaclyn Benefit Concert!

We also want to thank all of you for remembering that this is not about us, this event is about helping those in need. If you are in need due to illness and live in our community please reach out, we are here to help.

Music Trivia Cities

By Tom Burkard

1. __ Memphis

2. __ Allentown

3. __ Streets Of Philadelphia

4. __ The Night Chicago Died

5. __ Walking In Memphis

6. __ Please Come To Boston

7. __ Hollywood Nights

8. __ Detroit City

9. __ Last Train To Clarksville

10. __ Next Plane To London

a. The Monkees

b. Bruce Springsteen

c. Bob Seger

d. The Rose Garden

e. Johnny Rivers

f. Paper Lace

g. Tom Jones

h. March Cohn

i. Dave Loggins

j. Billy Joel

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



Sayreville resident Taylor “Hope” Bernosky (l) recently performed at the Annual New Jersey Hall of Fame Inductions held at the Paramount Theater in Asbury Park. While there she got to meet the following New Jersey celebrities Ray Liotta, Kelly Ripa, Connie Chung, Maury Polvich, Wyclef Jean, Chuck Wepner and Little Steven Van Zandt (r). (Photo/Info Submitted)

Summer Fun At Dowdell Library

Summer has arrived at the Dowdell Library with fantastic programs for all ages including the annual Adult International Tea Party, Astronomy Planetarium, Someday Far Rock Band Concert and Summer Clubs.

Adults! Sample delicious international teas on Monday, June 26 from 6:30-8 pm and mingle with your neighbors and library friends, as you drink your way around the world.

Come join us on Monday, July 10 from 6:30-8 pm for a night under the stars and enter our 16’ high planetarium dome as we view constellations and learn facts about the upcoming solar eclipse! Fun for all ages!

Teens! Drop in for live music as we present Someday Far Rock Band on Monday, July 17 from 7-8:30 pm. This pop/punk band consists of Leo, Bryan, Pepi and Matty. Straight Outta Jersey. We’ll also have some BBQ treats for club members, so don’t forget to join before the event!

Our Summer Clubs for Kids, Teens & Adults will start at the end of June. Stop by to sign up and see how you can win weekly prizes. At the end of the summer, club members will have a chance to win a grand prize awarded at our End of Summer Party in August.

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

The Dowdell Library hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 10 am to 8 pm, Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 5 pm and Saturdays from 12-4 pm. For more information, please visit www.dowdell.org, or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org.



Tom Szatkowski (l) and Dean Kenny (r) are shown cleaning the Officer Mourning Statue in front of South Amboy City Hall, and they also cleaned the other statues as well. Great job guys. (Photo submitted by Ray Downs)

The Top 5 Pop Songs 50 Years Ago (Week of May 27)

1-Groovin’-The Young Rascals

2-Respect-Aretha Franklin

3-I Got Rhythm-The Happenings

4-Release Me-Engelbert Humperdinck

5-The Happening-The Supremes

Walsh & Wells Sign Letters Of Intent



South Amboy High School Track/Cross Country standouts Patrick Walsh (l) and Joe Wells (r) recently signed their letters of intent at a ceremony held in the school's Media Center in front of some staff and their track teammates. Patrick will be attending Rutgers University and Joe will be attending DeSales University. Also pictured standing (l-r) Vice Principal/Athletic Director Ken Blekeski, The school's mascot Mr. Governor and Track Coach Anthony Mecca. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

South Amboy HS Boys Tennis



The South Amboy HS boys tennis team, off to its best start ever is challenging for the Blue Division title. As of 5/8/17 they were (8-1) and still had several matches to play. The success of this team can be attributed to the strong singles play of several players. First and foremost is the #1 singles player Vahid Drazanin. The senior has played three seasons and has compiled a record of 35-1 making him the dominant player in the Blue Division. Other seniors who have contributed to the success of the team include Hubert Maslowski, Conrad Grygoriew and Joe Przybylski. Congratulations on this milestone achievement. (Photo/story Submitted)

200 Victories!



Sayreville Bombers baseball Coach Mike Novak recently notched his 200th career victory with a 7-5 triumph over J.P. Stevens. Novak, now in his 16th season as coach after succeeding longtime Coach Steve Gozora, has some amazing credentials at the Washington Road school. Although no other career records are available at present, it is safe to say that Novak is in good company as one of the top 3 winningest coaches in Bomber history, joining the legendary John Wortley and Gozora. In 2012, his Blue & Gray squad broke the school record with 25 victories, a mark that had stood for 36 years. In addition, he has won Conference Coach of the Year on 3 occasions, and also a Home News Tribune Coach of the Year award. His career record currently stands at (200-175-2). This season, Sayreville is (8-10). Congratulations Mike, and keep up the excellent work!

Former Bomber Coach Helwig Dies

Larry Helwig, 72, who worked in the educational field for 36 years, mostly in the Sayreville schools district, was killed in a motor vehicle accident on Rt. 22 and Cokesbury Rd. in Hunterdon county on April 23. Helwig taught physical education, driver's education and behind-the-wheel instruction. In addition, he was the golf coach for many years. Larry will be sadly missed, but always remembered.

Enahoro Commits To NJIT

Sayreville Lady Bombers standout scoring machine, Isi Enahoro has committed to attending NJIT, and continuing her basketball career. As a senior this year, she scored her 1,000th point, was selected Home News Tribune Player of the Year, and was a 1st team All-Area selection, as well as receiving other honors and awards.

School Sports

(As of May 10th)
By Tom Burkard

Softball

Sayreville (13-3) The Lady Bombers recently had a 6-game winning streak snapped by powerful South Plainfield, 7-5. Team leaders throughout the year are pitcher Kelly Duffy, Kayla Stvan and Ryane Brush.

South Amboy (10-5) Jenna Makar, Alissa Bikowski, Samantha Rios and Julie Olivieri have provided lots of hitting, while Kaleigh Keegan is terrific on the pitcher's mound.

Baseball

South Amboy (8-7) After a slow start, Coach Dan Pouslen has his Guvs fired up, and although in a rebuilding year, they are starting to jell. Super sluggers are Kyle Gasiewski, Zach Honimar, and Nick Charmello, while Honimar has notched 4 pitching victories, and Charmello 3.

Sayreville (7-10) Coach Mike Novak's Bombers have been getting big hits from Jayson DeMild, Kyle Richards, Drew Zimmerman and Brian Fernandez. Kyle Lewis has 3 victories, while DeMild leads in strikeouts-32, and Christian Aich has the top ERA with a fine 1.75.

Team Leaders

(As of May 10)

Softball

Sayreville (13-3)

Runs-Kayla Stvan 25 Ryane Brush 24 Kelly Duffy 24.
Hits-Duffy 34 Stvan 26 Brush 25.
RBI-Duffy 21 Brush 18 Stvan 18.
Doubles-Duffy 9 Brush 7.
Triples-Jalyn Dzamba 1 Morgan Wehrle 1.
Home Runs-Duffy 6 Brush 5 Stvan 5.
Batting Avg.-Duffy .576 Brush .472 Stvan .426.
Wins-Duffy 10 Ashley 3.
Innings Pitched-Duffy 90.
Strikeouts-Duffy 100.

South Amboy (10-5)

Runs-Alissa Bikowski 27 Samantha Rios 25 Julie Olivieri 22.
Hits-Jenna Makar 23 Olivieri 20 Rios 20.
RBI-Olivieri 18 Makar 17 Meaghan McCarthy 17.
Doubles-Makar 7 Bikowski 6.
Triples-Makar 2 Rios 2.
Home Runs-Bikowski 2 Makar 2.
Stolen Bases-Bikowski 21 Rios 13.
Batting Avg.-Bikowski .548 Rios .541 Olivieri .513 Makar .511.
Wins-Kaleigh Keegan 7 Jaime Moran 2.
Innings Pitched-Keegan 61.
Strikeouts-Keegan 55.

Baseball

South Amboy (8-7)

Runs-Zach Honimar 14 Justin Lewis 12.
Hits-Kyle Gasiewski 14 Honimar 13.
RBI-Nick Charmello 10 Raymond Perez 10.
Doubles-Charmello 2.
Triples-Jordan Ortiz 1.
Home Runs-Charmello 1.
Stolen Bases-Honimar 8 Lewis 4.
Batting Avg.-Gasiewski .389 Honimar .325 Charmello .306.
Wins-Honimar 4 Charmello 3.
Innings Pitched-Gasiewski 28 Honimar 27.2 Charmello 27.
ERA-Honimar 3.29 Charmello 3.63.

Sayreville (8-10)

Runs-Jayson DeMild 18 Ryan Casano 12 Kyle Richards 12.
Hits-DeMild 25 Richards 16 Bryan Fernandez 15.
RBI-DeMild 15 Drew Zimmerman 14 Fernandez 10.
Doubles-DeMild 9 Zimmerman 7 Richards 5.
Home Runs-DeMild 3 Fernandez 2.
Batting Avg.-DeMild .543 Richards .348 Fernandez .326 Zimmerman .308.
Wins-Kyle Lewis 3.
Innings Pitched-Lewis 28.2 DeMild 26.
Strikeouts-DeMild 32 Lewis 25.
ERA-Christian Aich 1.75 DeMild 2.42.

Eze Wins Silver Medal

Former Sayreville Bomber track and field great Emeka Eze of Rutgers University captured 2nd place in the triple jump at the Penn Relays with a distance of 52 feet, 11.5 inches, increasing his program record by 9 inches. Congratulations Emeka!

College Notebook

Erin Fitzsimmons (Sayreville) standout pitcher for Ramapo College (29-9 overall), (17-1, NJAC), was selected New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC) Pitcher of the Year after posting a 1.17 ERA and keeping opposing batters from the (NJAC) to a miniscule .181 avg. Erin's overall stats as of May 10 show her leading the team with 12 wins, (12-3), also Innings pitched-90. and strikeouts-60, and her ERA is #2, 1.85, while holding opposition to a .220 avg...Christian Campbell (Sayreville) is having a fine senior year at Rutgers U. (19-29). He is batting .288 with 46 hits, 10 doubles, 2 home runs, and 22 RBI. On the pitching mound, he is (2-3), and in 44 innings pitched, he has 32 strikeouts, and holds opponents to a .294 batting avg...Chris Eveigan (Sayreville) has seen limited baseball action with the Ramapo College Roadrunners (25-16). He is 5-for-16, with a 2-bagger and a .375 avg... Amber Edwards (Sayreville) was chosen NJAC Athlete of the Week after leaping 40 feet, 1 inch, to win the triple jump at the ESU All-American Meet. Her mark was the fourth farthest in Division III...Jackie Riley (Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's) was selected to the NJAC All-Conference team by the league's coaches. The talented soph first baseman has helped the team to a (33-7) record, and the NJAC championship. In 40 games, she has led the team with 13 doubles, and is tied for #2 in RBI with 31. Her .372 batting avg., and .504 slugging % are both #3 on Kean. In addition, she made only 2 errors in 271 chances for a fine .993 fielding%. Jackie struck out only 4 times all season in 121 at-bats...Former Sayreville resident Kevin Mulvey (Bishop Ahr) is in his first year as Villanova U. (13-27) baseball coach... Pete Soporowski (Sayreville) is pitching for Rider U. (18-24-1), and in 11 games, is (2-4), with a 7.64 ERA. He has fanned 29 in 53 innings, and opponents have a .340 avg. against him...Pitcher Connor Johnson (Sayreville) tops the East Stroudsburg U. Warriors (26-20-1) in appearances-18, and saves-4. His 4.56 ERA is #2 on the squad, and he has 30 K's in 47.1 innings. His record is (5-4). Opponents are hitting .304 against him...Sayreville resident Brandon Bielak (St. Joseph's) has struck out 63 batters, #2 on the team, in 61.2 innings. He is (2-6) with a 5.25 ERA, and .282 opponents batting avg... On the Rutgers-Newark (24-15-1) baseball scene, Danny Iannaccone, a Parlin resident (St. Joseph's) has seen very little playing time, and has just 1 hit in 12 at-bats...Pitcher Dan Murphy (South Amboy) is tied for #1 in most appearances-14, and is (3-1) with 1 save, 6.08 ERA, and .299 opponents batting avg... Pitcher Vincent Enea has pitched in 9 games, 17.1 innings, has 6 strikeouts, and a 3.12 ERA, while sporting a (1-1) record. Opponents hit .279 when facing him...Anna Agbotse (Sayreville) playing for Rutgers-Neward women's track & field squad finished 16th in the shot put at the NJAC championships.

Gerges Commits To Rutgers

Sayreville track & field phenom, Dakota Gerges has committed to attending Rutgers University in the fall. Gerges was recently crowned GMC champion in the 400-meter hurdle and also the 400-meter dash.

Clark Commits To Temple U.

Elijah Clark, a talented 2-sport star at Sayreville War Memorial HS, has made a non-binding verbal commitment to Temple University. He was the first to commit for the Owls 2018 recruiting class. Elijah has starred in football and basketball for the Bombers.

Walsh Places 2nd In GMC

South Amboy's super runner Patrick Walsh placed 2nd in the 1600-meter race at the GMC Outdoor Track & Field Championships with a time of 4:22.04, finishing behind Rey Rivera of Old Bridge, who clocked in at 4:20.74.



The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

From The Sports Archives



1995-The Hoffman Lady Governors Softball team got off to a quick (6-0) start. Pictured (l-r) Cheryl Christensen, Karen McNerny, Coach Rich Klein, Kristy Parfianowicz, Jessica English. (Photo from The Tom Burkard Archives)

Flashback: 1970

St. Mary's boys tennis team defeated Hoffman, 4-1. Winning singles for the Saints were John Wortley, Bob Moskwa and Bruce Malinowski. Leroy Kurtz and Jim Vaccaro captured a doubles contest, while the Guvs doubles duo of Andy Soltis and Jim Keegan won.

30 Years Ago

1987-In a memorable Opening Day, City Series game Hoffman nipped St. Mary's, 1-0, as Dave Gumprecht fired an amazing no-hitter, struck out 15 and walked only 2. Dennis Leonard score the only run of the game on an error. Frank Paczkowski pitched a fine game for the Eagles, allowing only 3 hits.

60 Years Ago

1957-Sayreville's Ed Paprota fired a no-hitter to beat St. Mary's, 2-0. The Bombers scored in the first inning when Tom Michaels and Bill Betzler walked, and an infield error allowed the first run. The Eagles Tom Pristavec allowed only 1 hit, a triple to Ron Kuran in the last inning.

Keister Played Pro Ball

Bob Keister, who starred at Sayreville War Memorial HS, was selected in the 18th round of the 1968 Major League Baseball June Amateur Draft by the Philadelphia Phillies. He played that same year with Huron in the Northern League, Class A ball, pitching in 16 games, 35 innings, with 33 strikeouts, a 4.89 ERA, and had a (1-1) record.

Bob did not play in 1969, and in '70, played for the Pulaski team in the Appalachian Rookie League, going (0-6) with 1 save in 19 games and 38 innings pitched, while striking out 38 with a 4.26 ERA. In '71 he became the property of the Minnesota Twins, and played for their Class A Auburn team in the New York Penn League. In his last season of pro ball, his stats were: games-13; innings pitched-34; strikeouts-33; ERA-7.68.

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. P.S..

Glory Days In Local Sports

1967-Sayreville boys baseball club belted East Brunswick, 5-2 behind winning pitcher Bob Keister, who fired a 3-hitter and struck out 9. Mickey Roberts blasted a single and triple to drive in 3 runs, Ed Jenkins had 2 singles and an RBI, and Nick DeBiase added 2 singles. 1971-St. Mary's baseball team topped St. Patrick's, 3-0 behind a superb 9-strikeout shutout by Mike Luczkow. Dan MacKay singled in Walt Binkowski with the first run. 1986-Winning pitcher Dennis Leonard pitched a 5-hitter, struck out 7, and blasted a solo home run. Joe Samuelson rocketed a 2-run homer, and Dave Gumprecht added a solo HR. 1995-St. Mary's softball team walloped Woodbridge Tech, 19-4. Robyn Palomo blasted a homer and double to support winning pitcher freshman Jackie Demeraski.

2001-Sayreville girls softball squad beat Carteret, 4-1. Kristin Karbowski was the winning pitcher. Justine Robe went 3-for-3, while Julia Switzer and Jessica Small added 2 hits apiece.

T.H.E. Game Sport-Baseball Year-1962

Teams-Hoffman vs. St. Mary's Game #1 of the City Series

Recap-With a crowd of 200 people watching at Veterans Field, the score was tied at 6-6 and went into extra innings. In the eighth inning with one out, Ray Creed walked, Frank Ruszala was hit by a pitch, and junior Art O'Donnell drilled a base hit to score Creed with the game-winner, giving the Eagles a 7-6 thriller over the Guvs. Joe Pohl belted 2 singles and a double, while Lou Nanna hammered 2 doubles for the winners. Ray Riddell was the winning pitcher and Paul Nagy took the setback.

Players-of-the-Game-O'Donnell, Riddell, Pohl, Nanna.

Back In Those College Days

Vince Abbatiello (St. Mary's)-Rutgers U., baseball; Bill Campion (Sayreville)-Concord U., West Virginia, baseball.

*If there is anyone who has played varsity sports in college, and has not been mentioned in this monthly column, please let us know at: satimes@aol.com.



South Amboy Knights of Columbus #426 golf tournament committee members are pictured following their very successful event. On the far left is Kash Kim, owner of Fred's Bait & Tackle on Rt.35 South in Morgan. Kash won the award for having hit the longest drive of the day! (Photo by Tom Burkard)

SAYREVILLE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Summer Programs & Special Events

The Sayreville Recreation Department is currently accepting registration for all of the Summer Programs for 2017. Registration and payment online at SayrevilleRec.com or at the Mickey Sedlak Recreation Center on Dolan Street from 8:30am - 3:30pm Monday thru Friday. Programs begin the week of June 26th.

BURKES PARK SUMMER CAMP:
Ages 4-13

2 Days - \$105.00 and 4 days \$210.00 - additional \$25.00 for out of town residents. Choose either Mon/Wed or Tues/Thurs 9:00am - 12:00pm

LITTLE KIDS PLAYTIME AT KENNEDY PARK:
Ages 3-5

2 Days - \$105.00 and 4 Days \$210.00 - additional \$25.00 for out of town residents. Choose either Mon/Wed or Tues/Thurs 9:00am - 12:00pm

MICKEY SEDLAK RECREATION CENTER

SUMMER FUN - ages 3-5 Mondays 9:00-11:30am - \$50.00
STATIONS OF FUN - ages 18 months & up Fridays 9:15-10:15 or 10:30-11:30am - \$40.00
SNACKS R US - ages 3-5 Wednesdays 9:00-11:30am - \$50.00
CRAFTS GALORE - ages 6-13 Tuesdays 9:00-11:30am - \$50.00
PROJECTS GALORE - ages 6-13 Thursdays 9:00-11:30am - \$50.00
Additional \$25.00 for out of town residents

TRUMAN SCHOOL

GYMNASTICS - ages 6-13 Tues - 9:00am-12:00pm
DANCE - ages 6-13 Wed - 9:00am-12:00pm
CHEER - ages 6-13 Thurs - 9:00am-12:00pm
Fee is \$55.00 per class
Additional \$25.00 for out of town residents

SAYREVILLE RECREATION SPORTS CAMPS: BOYS & GIRLS 2ND-8TH GRADE

VOLLEYBALL CAMP - July 3rd, July 5th - July 7th 9:15am-2:30pm (Borough Hall) - \$85.00
SOCCER CAMP - June 26th - June 30th 9:15am-2:30pm (Borough Hall) - \$105.00
BASKETBALL CAMP - July 10th - July 14th 9:15am-2:30pm (Borough Hall) - \$105.00
SOFTBALL CAMP - July 24th - July 28th 9:15am - 2:30pm (Borough Hall) - \$105.00
FIELD HOCKEY CAMP - July 31st - Aug. 4th 9:15am - 2:30pm (Borough Hall) - \$105.00
GAMES FROM THE STREET! - July 17th - July 21st 9:15am - 2:30pm (Borough Hall) - \$105.00
Additional \$25.00 for out of town residents

Register on-line at Sayrevillerec.com



BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE

Department of Recreation
167 Main Street,
Sayreville, NJ

732-390-7092
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Sayreville Annual Fishing Derby

(Photos by Tom Burkard)

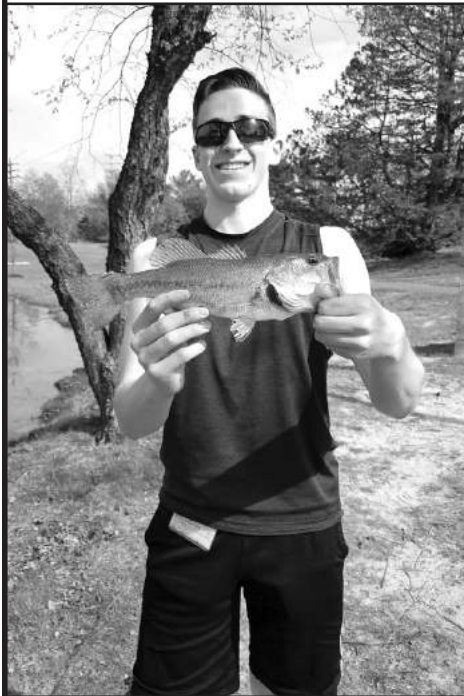


Some of the many winners at the Sayreville Recreation Department's annual Fishing Derby are pictured with their prizes, along with Recreation Director Jerry Ust (Back row left), Sayreville Council members, and others who participated in the event.



Fishin' In The Rain-Sounds like a classic song, but that's just what the participants at the Sayreville Recreation Fishing Derby were doing, as they battled heavy rains throughout the contest. Lots of fish were caught, and everyone managed to have a great time.

Oh Bass!



Joseph Rowan, 16, of Parlin proudly holds a nice-sized bass he caught while fishing at Kennedy Park in Sayreville with his father. (Photo courtesy of Todd Rowan)

Fishing Flashes

By Teo "Weebles" Weber



Salt Water

The big news is the Bluefish invasion in Raritan Bay. They first appeared in bays to our south. The fish are big, from 6 to 15 pounds. They were even catching off docks in Barnegat Bay, Manasquan and Barnegat inlets and now all over the shore in Raritan Bay. One night I saw over 30 Bluefish piled on the shore of Cliffwood Beach ranging from 5 to 13 pounds. Some smaller 2 to 4 pound Blues have also arrived. Cut Bunker is the bait to use. Swimming plugs and poppers work too. Bluefish are also in the surf statewide. Striped Bass are still around. I saw one about 30 inches caught at Laurence Harbor. They are still catching them in the bay and surf with the Bluefish. Some Kingfish have been caught in the south surf areas. A few out of season Fluke have been caught. There is some news on the new regulations for Fluke. A proposed 18 inch size limit with 3 fish and a shortened season of 104 days for this year is on the table.

Fresh Water

Trout stocking has gone very well statewide. Some big ones have come out of the Flatbrook and Musconetcong Rivers. Some of these are from 5 to 7 pounds. My wife and I tried the Pequest in mid week near the end of April in the afternoon. We caught 6, lost at least the same number or more. She got the big one, a nice 18 inch Rainbow. The Shad run in the Delaware River is going full steam ahead and one of the best ever! Many big Shad over 6 pounds have been landed. More Shad are coming up river from the sea.

PRAYER TO ST. JUDE

(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.

Fishing Quiz



A. Sea Robin



B. Blue Fin Tuna



C. Fluke



D. Porgy



E. Striped Bass

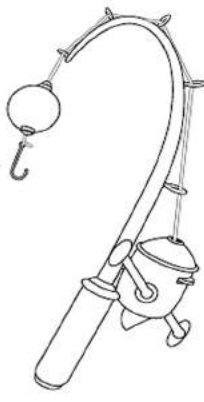
Answers: 1-E, 2-C, 3-A, 4-B, 5-D.

Gone Fishin'

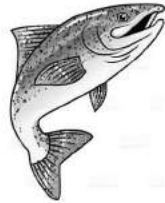
These locals had a fantastic fishing trip to Cobourg, Ontario Canada, landing some huge Rainbow Trout. The largest caught was an 11 pounder. (Photos/info submitted by Leon Letts)



Leon Letts



Jay Ziola



Jim Ziola



Mark Wahler



Tom Jukus

Sayreville Recreation Department
New York Yankee Trips



June 9th

Yankees vs Baltimore Orioles

Seating sect. 104 & 105

July 7th

Yankees vs Milwaukee Brewers

Seating sect. 129

August 25th

Yankees vs Seattle Mariners

Seating sect. 129

All games are Friday night!

Bus leaves Sayreville Rec Center

at 4:15 pm sharp!

Price: \$95.00 ea. Includes ticket, bus,
bus driver tip & parking

All tickets are first come first serve and
can be purchased on Sayrevillerec.com

WWW.?



Does this local structure look familiar to you? If you think you know what it is, send your answer in to: satimes@aol.com. Good luck! (Photo by Tom Burkard)

April Winners

The Mystery Photo for April was a former business that had several names through the years. It was initially Julie’s Beauty Parlor owned by Julia Downs, and later was called Mister Dennis; R. Malik Enterprises; Stella’s. Those who correctly identified it were:

Estelle Pluskota, Dennis Quinlan, Leon Credico, Eileen Coman, Chuck Pickard, W. Tom Kross, Eleanore Westerholm, Pat & Bill Scully, Nancy Berry, Elizabeth Leveille, Marie English, Mike Downs, Peggy Yuhas, Dane Colburn, Mary Agnes Morris, Marie English, Ed English, Don Zrebiec, Maryanne Matarangolo, Joan Gorczyca.

***Contestants Remember!** The answer is incorrect if you only send in the street name and address. You must identify the structure with the actual name that it is or was, not the type of work, or anything vague about it, or your submission is incorrect. Remember, we need the name of the building, not the address or street it’s located on.



April WWW.? Julie Downs Beauty Parlor

WWW Comments

Hi Tom,
For me and my entire family this one is an Easy One! The picture is of our family’s homestead 118 South Stevens Avenue, otherwise known as Julie’s Beauty Parlor! I especially recall this time of year when we were sent down to Grandmom Julie’s for our Summer Buzz Cut!
Thanks for bringing back some great memories and keep up the Great Work!
Mike Downs

The Woods at the Top of the Street

By Elaine Holton Scott

My cousin, Stella Pluskota recently asked me if I ever went blueberry picking as a child. I sure did I told her...in the woods at the top of the street. Unlike Stella who had picked blueberries in the wooded areas along the railroad tracks leading to Melrose, I actually picked the wild huckleberries in the woods, “planted” by the birds as they sat in the trees. The woods, back then, was a big part of our youth, no matter where in South Amboy and Sayreville you had lived. “My” woods had been at the top of Conover Street in Mechanicsville, a place filled with seemingly ancient trees and mystical secrets.

Passing the Creed House adjacent to Monk’s Hill on the left, and the dirt road leading to the playground on the right, the woods had always seemed eager to welcome all of us to “come on in” to visit. Cool and dark from the branches of the trees blocking out most of the sunlight, the woods was a great place to be, especially on hot summer days. Once inside, there was always the tree house to “check out,” doing so very carefully as the boards were all rotted and broken from old age. Going deeper into the woods to the right, we’d take a peek at the Hobo’s campsite, one which he had periodically called home for as long as I could remember. When he was in the area, there would always be clothes hanging from a low branch...most likely being aired since there was no water around to wash them. To the left of the woods, there was the “field” at the top of Wilmont Street where all of us kids at one time or the other had played baseball. At the edge of the field near the drop to the railroad tracks was the

“lover’s lane,” the hot spot for teenagers on dates back then.

Looking upwards towards the umbrella of touching tree limbs, nests abounded. Squirrels seemed to have had a city in the sky as their big nests were everywhere you looked, sharing the trees with the birds and all the smaller nests they, too, had carefully built. This had been the place for them to live and thrive through the centuries. There was another peaceful little soul who had made the woods its home. It was a box turtle with the date, “1926,” written in red paint on the back of its shell. I first saw the turtle at the edge of the woods in the summer of 1955 when I was 8, then every once in a rare while afterwards. When the huckleberries and blueberries were in season, we’d fill our bellies with them. If not, there were the raspberries growing wild, protected by thorns...or stickers, as we had called them.

For everything there is a season, or so it’s said. For the woods at the top of the street its final season of life had ended in the early winter months of 1960 after Walt Rogers purchased the land, including the field, to build homes on it. That was 57 long years ago...yet, every so often, I still wonder what happened to that old turtle.

***Special thanks to my cousin, Stella Pluskota, for the old “blueberry picking” memory.

BLOOPER: In my Trivia last month I stated Martha Mitchell (from Watergate notoriety) had died from getting hit by a car instead of the author, Margaret Mitchell. Mea Culpa.

Yankee Trips

The Sayreville Recreation Department is running bus trips to watch the New York Yankees battle it out in America’s favorite past time. Come join us as we cheer on the New York Yankees for these exciting bus trips:

June 27, 2017 – The NY Yankees vs. the Orioles -\$95.00, July 15, 2016 – The NY Yankees vs. the Brewers -\$95.00, August 26, 2016 – The NY Yankees vs. the Mariners -\$95.00.

Cost for the tickets are \$90.00 for each

Yankee game are on a first come first served basis. All games are 7:05 p.m. games and the bus will leave the Mickey Sedlak Recreation Center at 4:15 p.m. sharp. Price includes bus transportation and ticket to the game. Please contact the Recreation Office at 732-390-7096 for more information. Let’s Go Yankees!

Tickets for these bus trips can be purchased at www.sayrevillerec.com. Sign up early as space is limited.

South Amboy Memorial Day Parade

May 20, 2017

(Photos By Brian Stratton)



American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62 Color Guard lead the parade down Broadway.

The Historical Society of South Amboy marched proudly.



The Melrose Blackhawks sounded great as always.

Col. D.B. Kelly Pipe & Drums thrilled the crowd.

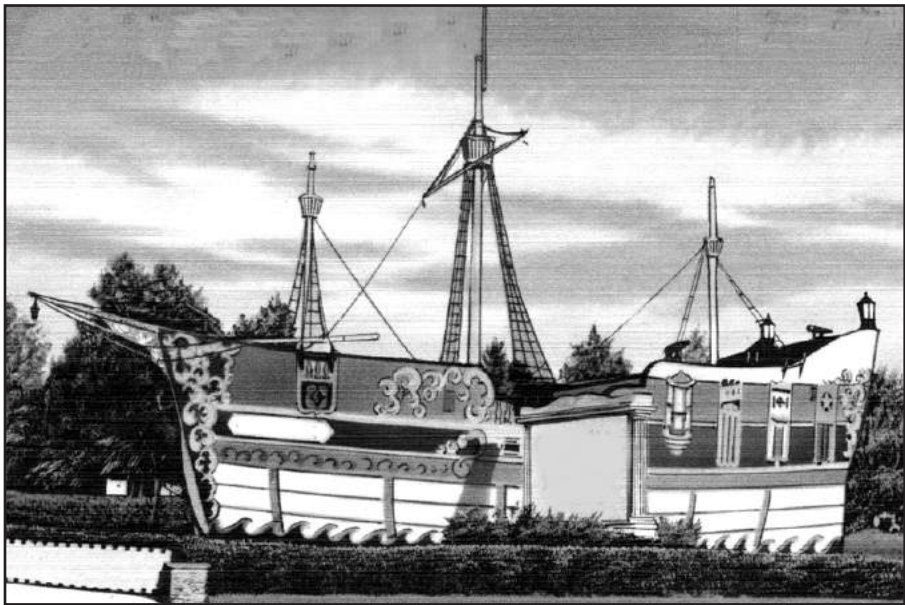


South Amboy Fire Department Chiefs march proudly.

The South Amboy Middle/High School Band entertained the crowd on Broadway.



Where in New Jersey?



May's location is no longer in existence, and was not sea worthy! Send your answer in to: satimes@aol.com or scan below by June 12th.

April Information Where in New Jersey? By Brian & Phyllis Stratton

The correct answer for the April photo is the Liberty Bell reproduction located on Market and High Streets in Perth Amboy. Congratulations to our April Winners: Dennis Quinlan, Leon Credico, Gerry Sherry, Jim Malkiewicz, Chuck Pickard, Jan Williams, Pat & Bill Scully, Elizabeth Leveille, Gary Feret, Adele O'Hara, Dane Colburn, Marie English, Ed English, Mary Agnes Morris, Judy Guilfoyle.

Liberty Bell Reproduction

The April Where In NJ was one of fifty-three Liberty Bell reproductions which were cast in 1950. The reproductions were commissioned by the United States Treasury as part of a savings bond drive, and were cast in France. The bells were given to each of the fifty United States, Washington, D.C. and two United States territories.



This reproduction was displayed throughout New Jersey between May 15 and July 4, 1950, as part of the savings bond drive, before making its permanent home here at Market Square (Market & High Streets) in Perth Amboy, NJ. Each July 4th the Mayor of Perth Amboy rings the bell 13 times in honor of the 13 original colonies.



April Where in New Jersey? Liberty Bell Reproduction Perth Amboy, NJ

Nicole's Heart Foundation Run/Walk

Nicole's Heart Foundation (NHF) will be holding a 5K Run/Walk in Thompson Park, Lincroft, NJ on June 24, 2017. The Foundation hopes to establish this 5K as its signature, largest, and primary annual fundraising event.

The Foundation honors the memory of Nicole Marie Trott, a high school student-athlete, who passed away of cardiac arrest in June 2011 shortly after her eighteenth birthday and graduation from St. John Vianny High School, Holmdel, NJ.

The Foundation dedicates its efforts to the prevention of cardiac arrest in young students and student-athletes throughout Monmouth and Middlesex Counties. In furtherance of this mission, "Nicole's Heart" provides youth cardiac screening events annually through the generosity of Drs. Alpert, Zales & Castro Pediatric Cardiology Group of Brick and Middletown, NJ. To date, more than 300 youths have been screened.

Additionally, NHF sponsors awareness programs, donates defibrillators, and a scholarship program.

The 5K will be held at Thompson Park, 805 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft, NJ on Saturday, June 24, 2017. Sign-in will begin at 8:00 am and the start will go off at 9:00 am. Split Second Racing will professionally conduct the entire event. The Thompson Park

5K course is USATF-NJ Certified; the event itself is USATF-NJ Sanctioned. Finishers will have LIVE results posted as they finish with an immediate detailed email.

All participants will receive an official T-shirt. First, Second, and Third place medals will be awarded to males and females in each age category: under 19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, and 70 & over. Registration is \$25.00 online and \$35.00 "at the door." Entrants may register in advance online at raceforum.com/Nicole.

For further information on becoming a sponsor, making a donation, or for details about the scholarship program, please visit www.nicolesheart.com.

As an all-volunteer organization, NHF dedicates one hundred percent of all funds raised and received toward its mission.

Nicole's Heart Foundation is a New Jersey Nonprofit Corporation and an IRS Section 501(c) 3 Tax Exempt Charity Organization.

Major League Baseball Trivia Test Match Player With His Initials By Tom Burkard

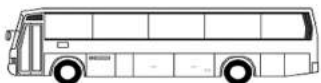
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| 3. __ B.J. | c. Burnett |
| 4. __ A.J. | d. Dickey |
| 5. __ J.R. | e. Surhoff |
| 6. __ J.C. | f. Snow |
| 7. __ R.A. | g. Sabathia |
| 8. __ C.C. | h. Drew |
| 9. __ J.J. | i. Putz |



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

Trip To New York City

The OLV Senior Group will be sponsoring a trip to NYC to visit the Intrepid Sea, Air, and Space Museum on Thursday, September 14, 2017. The trip price is \$150 which includes: admission to the Intrepid, dinner at Carmine's, bus transportation and bus driver gratuity, and taxes and meal gratuity. For reservations contact Teri at 732-727-7639 or 732-742-1320.



St. Mary's/Cardinal McCarrick Faculty/Staff Reunion (Photos by Tom Burkard)



Past faculty and staff members of St. Mary's/Cardinal High School and Grammar schools are pictured at St. Mary's Church following Mass celebrated by Father Dennis Weezorak, Pastor.



Msgr. John F. Brady Assembly 676, Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree members in South Amboy attended the Mass in full regalia.

Sayreville Police Auxiliary Carnival & Fireworks (Photos by Tom Burkard)



Chief Bardsley, officers, carnival committee members and children all had a great time at this year's event.



The carnival featured plenty of rides, games, music and fun for everyone.



50 Year Anniversary: South Amboy Little Fellas and South Amboy Babe Ruth League Champions



Way back in 1967, The Summer of Love, as it was called, along with the Vietnam War, dominated much of the daily news on TV and in newspapers. In South Amboy, young baseball players were having the time of their lives, as their two teams battled to and won championships in both the Little Fellas League and Babe Ruth League.

It's hard to believe, but it's been 50 years since the great English Chevron (EC) baseball team of 1967, captured the South Amboy Little Fellas League title, and Raritan River Railroad (RRR) breezed to the South Amboy Babe Ruth League crown.

English Chevron

English's team under the coaching genius of Fran Thompson, and the power-pitching and hitting of Tom Boychuk won the elusive title in 2 straight games over First Aid, coached by Jim Gray. In the 1966 finals, English's dropped 2 straight games to Progressive, a fine team coached by Jim Campbell. In '67, with the entire team intact, (EC) finished (12-3) during the regular season, and (14-3) overall, as Boychuk went an incredible (14-2) on the mound, and finished his Little Fellas League career with a (30-6) mark, the all-time South Amboy record for victories. EC got off to a flying start on opening day '67 by blasting the Lions, 12-0 on a brilliant no-hitter by Tom Boychuk, who struck out 14, and ripped 3 hits to help his own cause.

Tom recalled another game that year, when he blasted a homer off of First Aid's ace pitcher Jim Keegan, and in the same contest, Keegan belted one off of him. Boychuk said "Bob "Ozzie" Levins once blasted a 400-footer off me." In '67, Boychuk orbited 6 home runs, including the rare feat of hitting 3 in one game, and finished with 9 HR's during his years with English Chevron.

According to Tom, the starting lineup consisted of Boychuk-p, Rich Krzyzanowski-c, Jay Thomas-1b, Ray Poulson-2b, Jerry Dubleski-ss (also pitcher), Larry Parsons-3b, and the outfielders were Steve Boychuk, Henry Wortley and Dennis Poulson. The ready-reserves were Tom Durski, Ray Thompson, Tom Mulcahy, Dan Wilusz, Larry McMahon, Don Braun, and Craig Biesiada.

Tom Boychuk said, "Everybody on the team had a special hit to get a rally going when we needed it. It was a team effort. Coach Fran Thompson was a great coach. With him, we were one of the only teams to have practice between games. When it stayed light later in the season, we also had practice after the regularly played games on the Little Fellas League field." There were a lot of good teams that year, Modern Trans, Daylight Bakery, Rotary, and Enterprise, which was coached by Ray Stockton."

Standout first baseman Jay Thomas said, "I recall that season was fun, especially finishing it off after losing in the championship the prior year to Progressive and Joe Graber. From '67, I remember we had outstanding pitching and defense (actually completing some double plays in our infield). The championship was a battle between two fireballers, our Tom Boychuk and First Aid's Jim Keegan."

Talented third baseman Larry Parsons said, "Winning it was the most exciting part. We just had a lot of fun. Our coach Mr. Thompson was a great guy, and was always positive at practice and games."

Tom Durski recalled, "I remember one game when I was on third, the ball got by the catcher, and the coach told me to go home, and I was safe, and we won the game. It was the only time I ever stole home plate. Also that year, for some reason, they raised the age limit to 13 years old in our league, so at 12, instead of being the oldest, I had to

play against 13-year olds again. I was not in the team photo for some reason, but did get my championship jacket that I loved." According to Tom Boychuk, "They raised the age to 13, because there were so many players on the Babe Ruth League rosters, and with a large number of 12-years old supposed



1967-The South Amboy Little Fellas League baseball championship team is pictured bottom row (l-r) Jack Morrison, Don Braun, Larry McMahon, Tom Mulcahy, Ray Thompson, Craig Biesiada, Dan Wilusz. Center row (l-r) Larry Parsons, Ted Moran, Jerry Dubleski, Ray Poulson, Dennis Poulson, Bill Billich. Top row (l-r) Manager Fran Thompson, Steve Boychuk, Henry Wortley, Tom Boychuk, Jay Thomas, Rich Krzyzanowski. Missing from photo-Tom Durski and Coach Bob Morrison. (Photo courtesy of Jay Thomas)

to move up, the teams would be overloaded with players, and the new players would not get enough playing time, so they changed the Little Fellas League rule to 13 years old, to give them the opportunity to play more, rather than seeing very little if any action in the Babe Ruth League."

In the final game, of that '67 "Dream Season," Boychuk struck out 11 First Aid batters, and did not allow a hit after the first inning, as English Chevron won, 2-1 to sweep the best of 3 finals.

Raritan River Railroad

The Raritan River Railroad (RRR) club snapped the Mechanicsville Fire Company's run of 3 consecutive championship years. Coach Joe McCarthy's teams brought home the pennant and playoff titles in 1964-65-66.

Under the guidance of former minor league great, manager Ray Stockton, and coach Jim Campion Sr., RRR raced to the Babe Ruth League championship.

One of their many stars, John Clark recalled that, "We were the first undefeated team that the league ever had. Mechanicsville was THE team for years before, and everyone tried to play their best game against them." Ed Campbell remembered one game in particular, "We played a game against Morgan, and fastball pitcher Keith Manion was on the mound. I was 2-for-3 that game, but was overshadowed by Bernie Mackiel, who hit a moonshot over the left field wall that won the game."

Pitcher Bill Campion had many wonderful memories to share about the '67 champions. He said, "Here are my thoughts that might be of interest: I believe we were 17-0; 14 regular and 3 playoff wins. Raritan River was a brand new team to the league starting in 1965 (brother Jim's first year). For some strange reason the league decided to allow RRR to have the first 7 or so draft picks from the previous years Little League graduates; essentially the all-star team. This first year team struggled during its first season (I think they won only 1 game, if that), but the potential was there to be an excellent team when they were 15 years old, and that is exactly what happened. Note: if memory serves me correctly, the team's first year was so bad they were called the Raritan River

Railroad "Rockets". 1967 was my second year on the team, however, the league almost didn't let me play my first year because when RR selected me during the draft my name was not on the list. Apparently, I was never signed up, not sure how that happened. It did cause a controversy, but it was resolved in

my favor. That would have been a bummer!! After each season our manager, Ray Stockton, would have a team pizza party to celebrate the season and hand out individual awards. An occasion we all looked forward to, especially after the 1967 season for what we accomplished. Mr. Stockton's favorite line was "if you guys keep eating I'll keep buying". Saying that to 14 and 15 year old teenagers was probably unwise, but he was true to his word. Not sure who had the record number of slices but it was in the high teens. They were the best of times!

As with all truly good teams there were no egos. The 1967 Raritan River championship team was no exception. As talented as our team was we played every game with purpose and never took anything for granted. The 1967 season was one of the most enjoyable and fun experiences of my sporting career.

On a personal note, I believe I had a pitching record of 6-0 for the season and 2-0 for the All-Stars.

After reflecting back 50 years I sort of wish we could get together for a mini reunion....maybe a pizza party."

The championship roster consisted of John Clark, Ed Campbell, Larry Kurzawa, Jim Campion Jr., Joe "Jody" Kelly, Bernie Mackiel, Brian Kreiger, Bill Campion. Also seeing plenty of action was Mike Colucci, Vince Mackiel and Marty Muchanic.

St. Stan's School



St. Stanislaus Kostka 7th grade student, Jessica Sokolowski, was named the recipient of the 2017 John Garbowski Memorial Scholarship. Pictured from left to right: Peggy Garbowski, Jessica Sokolowski, Elena Malinconico, Carol Miara, Lorraine Sokolowski.
(Photo Submitted)



Rev. Kenneth Murphy, pastor of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, watches as Amelia Kawalec crowns the Blessed Mother.
(Photo By Louis Abe)



Eighth grade students, Camryn Brathwaite (left) and Jiya Passey, discuss their findings of their microwave technology with students at the St. Stanislaus Kostka School's Science Fair.
(Photo Submitted)



Carole Leppig helps St. Stanislaus Kostka School's third grade student, Roseyn Gozum string a rosary.
(Photo Submitted)



Second grade St. Stanislaus Kostka student, Max Abe assists a Dental Hygienist from KidZdent and demonstrates how to properly brush teeth.
(Photo Submitted)

Trip To Wheeling Festival Of Lights

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Wheeling, West Virginia for their Christmas Festival of Lights from November 29 to December 1, 2017. The cost of the trip is \$425.00 which includes 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, and 1 Holiday Dinner Show, bus transportation, and bus driver gratuity.

Also included in the cost is the Oglebay Park Festival of Lights tour, Winter Fantasy displays, The Glass Museum and Artisan Center, Kruger Street Toy and Train Museum and much more. For further information or to reserve a seat, please contact Finita at 732-721-5081.

College Scholars Honored



Eleven Middlesex County College students were recently honored for their induction into Alpha Mu Gamma, the national honor society for foreign language study. Seated, from left: Alejandra Carbajal (New Brunswick), Juana Cuarezma (Parlin), Angela Spinetta (Perth Amboy), Imelda Stiles (Fords), Miluska Zimic (Piscataway). Standing: Professor Brenda Cavanaugh, Zachary Jellison (Iselin), Stephan Jules (Fords), Ksenia Khlystova (Sayreville), Luz Mairy Llauger (New Brunswick), Jinali Patel (Old Bridge), Maria V. Solano de la Sala Torres (Perth Amboy), and Gary Abbott, chair of the English as a Second Language Department.(Photo/Info Submitted)



Be sure to checkout the new hanging flower pots on Broadway. The flowers are looking very nice right now and should be spectacular once in full bloom. (Photo by Brian Stratton)



National Day Of Prayer
(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Rev. Jeffrey Carney (c) is pictured with those who attended the event in front of South Amboy City Hall.



Rev. Carney leads prayers, as the people join hands.

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Ride For Life 2017 Washington Or Bust (Photos by Tom Burkard)



Many locals came out to show their support for those battling ALS.

This truck leads the parade, and the sign tells it all.



Mayor Kennedy O'Brien and others greet Chris Pendergast during his 20th Anniversary ALS Ride For Life on May 5th in front of Borough Hall in Sayreville.

Mayor O'Brien and members of the community were out in full force to encourage and support those suffering from ALS.



YMCA Gives Discount Memberships for Hidden Heroes Caregivers

Caring for the Military and Their Families

The YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge, and South Amboy has announced that they will be offering a 25% membership discount at the Edison YMCA for caregivers of veterans and servicemembers. This benefit is being offered in conjunction with the Elizabeth Dole Foundation's Hidden Heroes Campaign, a national initiative to raise awareness and support for the 5.5 million spouses, parents, siblings, and other loved ones caring for our nation's wounded, ill or injured servicemembers and veterans at home. In 2012, Senator Elizabeth Dole created the Foundation after witnessing firsthand the complex challenges military caregivers face while her husband, Bob, was hospitalized at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

The Township of Edison initially joined the cause, declaring the township by way of a council resolution a "Hidden Heroes City", with the goal of raising public awareness and inspiring people, businesses and civic groups to join in the support of these caregivers. Edison is the first township in Middlesex County and the second in New Jersey to do so. "The YMCA is honored to do our part in this worthy cause," said Rose Cushing, President & CEO of the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy. "We plan to not only open our doors to our Hidden Heroes at the Edison YMCA, but at our Metuchen and

South Amboy branches as well." A military caregiver is defined as a family member, friend or other loved one who provides a broad range of care and assistance for, or manages the care of, a current or former military service member with a disabling physical or mental injury or illness.

The YMCA also offers a discount for veterans and members of the military through their Military Outreach Program. "There are over 3,000 veterans and over 700 disabled veterans in the township of Edison," said Cindy O'Neill, Director of Operations at the Edison YMCA. "Given that one of the tenets of the YMCA is social responsibility, this gives the YMCA the opportunity to give back to these brave men and women, as well as their caregivers". For more information on the YMCA Military Outreach Program, go to <http://www.ymca.net/military-outreach/memberships.html>.

If you feel you are eligible for either program or know someone that may be, please contact Membership and Marketing Director Kristine Rosko at the Edison YMCA at 732-494-3232, ext. 3512. To find out more about the Hidden Heroes campaign, go to www.hiddenheroes.org and register to be eligible for the Hidden Heroes YMCA membership discount.

Sayreville Public Library Children's Summer Programming

Mystery Science - Explore the mysteries of our world with fun, hands-on experiments at the Sayreville Public Library. For children entering grades K-2 at 1:30-2:30 on the following Sundays: July 16, 23, & 30. For children entering grades 3-5 at 6-7 PM on the following Thursdays: July 27, August 3 & 10. Register beginning July 15 by visiting: www.sayrevillelibrary.org or for information call Marie at 732-727-0212 ext. 26. Sayreville Library card holders only please.

Snakes and Scales - Meet giant snakes, tortoises, lizards and even an alligator! Sayreville Public Library, Tuesday, July 18 at 6 PM. Ages 3 and up please. Register online beginning July 1 by visiting: www.sayrevillelibrary.org or for information call Marie at 732-727-0212 ext. 26. Sayreville Library card holders only please.

Yoga and Zumba and Drumming...Oh My - Enjoy a different activity each week.

Please bring a bottle of water and a towel. Sayreville Public Library, Tuesdays at 6 PM for grades K-2 and 6:30 PM for grades 3-6 on the following dates: August 1, 8 & 15. Register online beginning July 15 by visiting: www.sayrevillelibrary.org or for information call Marie at 732-727-0212 ext. 26. Sayreville Library card holders only please.

Summer Reading Club Tricky Tray Finale - For all children who join the summer reading club at the Sayreville Public Library and who log reading hours throughout the summer at the library. We will raffle off over 100 amazing prizes. Event will be held at the Sayreville Senior Center, 423 Main Street, Sayreville on Thursday, August 17 at 6 PM. You must register online beginning August 1 by visiting: www.sayrevillelibrary.org or for information call Marie at 732-727-0212 ext. 26. Sayreville Library card holders only please.

Trip To Vermont And New Hampshire

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Vermont and New Hampshire from October 13 - 17 2017. The cost of the trip is \$790.00 which includes 4 nights lodging, 4 breakfasts, a luncheon at the Trapp Family lodge, and 3 dinners and 2 welcome receptions. Also included are evenings of entertainment, Ben and Jerry factory tour, shopping in Stowe Village, scenic train tour and much more. The cost of bus transportation and bus gratuity, taxes, and meal gratuities is also included. For information on about trip contact Carmen at 732-351-0260.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT
Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can achieve my goal, you who gave me the Divine gift to forgive and to forget all evil against me and that in all instances of my life are with me, I want this short prayer to thank you for all things and to confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you, even in spite of all material illusions. I wish to be with you in eternal joy and thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. Thank you Holy Spirit. M.S.



South Amboy resident Armando Mendoza poses on Broadway after the Memorial Day Parade. Armando had just completed the Brooklyn Half Marathon prior to coming to the parade. The race starts at Prospect Park and finishes at Coney Island. Armando posted a time of one hour and 48 minutes. Great Job!! (Photo by Brian Stratton)

Knights of Columbus Car Show



South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 held a Classic Car Cruise Night featuring antique and classic cars. Pictured (l-r) is 4th Degree member Jan Williams, Grand Knight Jack Mieczkowski, and Past Grand Knight Ken Smetana. All participants and those in attendance had a terrific time. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



There was no shortage of Classic Cars at the Knights of Columbus Council #426 Classic Car Cruise Night. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

Annual Memorial Ceremony in Memory of the Deceased Members of the South Amboy Police Dept.
(Photos by Brian Stratton)



Police Chief Darren LaVigne leads South Amboy's Police Department to the ceremony.



**Celebrate Our Stars & Stripes
VIP Sponsors' Luncheon/Press Conference**
(Photos by Tom Burkard)



South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry and Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz were very happy that both towns will enjoy the 4th of July fireworks extravaganza.



Representing the South Amboy Fire Dept. were 2nd Assistant Chief Brian Tierney (l) and 1st Assistant Chief Mike Toth (r).



Dr. Jorge Gonzalez-Gomez, owner of Mid Jersey Medical Supplies in South Amboy is introduced to the crowd.



The city of South Amboy was well-represented by (l-r) Business Administrator Secretary-Stacey Kennedy, City Engineer-Mark Rasimowicz, Councilman-Mickey Gross, Business Administrator- Camille Tooker, Mayor Fred Henry, Chief Financial Officer-Angel Albanese.

Kickoff Fundraising - continued from page 1

To continue the tradition of a completely free fireworks display – one of the few remaining in New Jersey – many businesses and people generously donate funding. Barry Rosengarten, founder and owner of Rosengarten Realty & Development, is the longtime Chairman of the Committee.

In recognizing all donors, Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz said, “The Independence Day celebration acknowledges our City’s role in shaping the American experience from the colonial era through to the 21st century. This holiday weekend is a time for families to relax together, and reflect on all the liberties we enjoy in this great nation. As a City we are grateful for the generous contributions from our friends that enable us to present this spectacular free fireworks show.”

Mayor Diaz also thanked Perth Amboy Council President William A. Petrick, who is a Co-Chairman of the Celebrate Our Stars & Stripes Committee, and entire City Council for their roles in supporting the fireworks and events during Independence Day weekend.

This year, the fireworks display will be held on Monday, July 3 at 9:00 PM. People can begin to gather along the shoreline in both communities at 5:00 PM to enjoy music, fun activities for children, and picnic suppers before the fireworks begin.

In discussing the fireworks, South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry said, “Once again we are pleased to celebrate this great American Independence Day with our neighbors across the river. We welcome all

South Amboy residents as well as family and friends from near and far to enjoy everything our City on the Rise has to offer, including the beautiful waterfront and park facilities. On behalf of myself and the entire City Council, I offer sincere thanks to all sponsors for their generous donations because without them none of this would be possible. I also would be remiss without thanking Council President Mickey Gross, who goes above and beyond to make this a spectacular event.”

The theme for this year’s Independence Day celebration is Liberty. Also, prior to and during the fireworks, WCTC, 1450-AM and WMGQ, Magic 98.3-FM will simulcast Americana music. The selection includes a full program of American songs that range from the patriotic – the Star-Spangle Banner and America the Beautiful, and the like – to popular hits by the Garden State’s Bruce Springsteen and Jon Bon Jovi.

Before concluding the fundraising launch event, Barry Rosengarten was honored for his yeoman efforts to produce the annual Independence Day fireworks display and events. Mayor Diaz presented him with a plaque of recognition and the key to the City. He also received a certificate of appreciation from Congressman Frank Pallone. He was also recognized by Mayor Henry, Council President Gross and members of the South Amboy City Council, who presented him with a Proclamation.

For many years, Mr. Rosengarten has been the driving force behind this community-

focused project. He organizes, coordinates, and manages the thousands of details that go into to staging the Independence Day fireworks celebration and activities. In that role, he has been the chief advocate for fundraising, speaking about donations with companies and their leaders across the Garden State.

Sharing his deep commitment to serving the community and honoring America’s legacy of liberty, Mr. Rosengarten said, “Our fireworks are a visual representation of this nation’s core beliefs. Each brilliant burst of light and booming sound touch our hearts and resonate with our senses, a way of emphasizing that America’s liberty needs to be protected and continually nurtured. The entire evening – the music, the awe-inspiring sights, and powerful sounds – reminds us why we love, respect and believe in this country.”

In closing the gathering, Mayor Henry, Mayor Diaz and Mr. Rosengarten reminded companies, local businesses, area non-profits and individuals that it’s time to make their annual contributions to the Celebrate Our Stars & Stripes Committee. Also, each sponsor received a specially-designed Celebrate Our Stars & Stripes beach towel, which marks the grand re-opening of Perth Amboy’s beaches for swimming.

Donations can be made online at: <http://celebratestarsandstripes.com/>; or send checks payable to Celebrate Our Stars & Stripes, 211 Front Street, Perth Amboy, N.J. 08861. Call the nonprofit organization at 732.588.6860

for more details.

Following the July 4th weekend events, Celebrate Our Stars & Stripes plans to make a significant donation to the Veterans Memorial Home in Edison, N.J., a facility that provides the very finest health care services to men and women who served in the United States of America’s Armed Forces.

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May you always succeed in whatever you do,
May contentment be with you your whole life through.
May your cup overflow with sunshine and cheer,
May you be a success in your chosen career.
May you forever have friends wherever you are,
May you always be safe when you travel far.
May you stay in God's grace all your life long,
May you tread in His footsteps and never go wrong.
May you have the strength to affliction bear,
May you never know anguish or need to care.
May you always remember your younger years,
May you think back and laugh at your childish fears.
May the sun shine brightly on your Graduation Day,
May happiness and fortune come with each ray.



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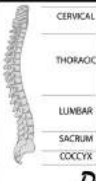


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The Spinal Column
By **Dr. John Misiewicz**

Soccer Risks

Research is inconclusive on whether repeatedly bouncing a soccer ball off young player's head can affect the child's thinking ability.

Some studies have found that players who suffer repeated blows to the head can suffer impaired brain function years later. Players can also suffer head injuries by running into other players or a goal post, or striking their head on the ground in a fall.

Research indicates on crash test dummies that the impact of a ball is powerful enough to warrant head protection.

A study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association in 1999 reported that amateur soccer player scored lower than other amateur athletes on test of memory and planning. The researchers suspected that repeated blow to the head might be the reason. Other studies in Europe, found similar problems in elite players.

Researcher Maricaz Ziejewski of North Dakota State University tested the impact of soccer balls on crash test dummies heads and used computer modeling to estimate what those results could mean in terms of brain injury. The balls struck the heads with 150 – 200 pounds of force, which Ziejewski considered to be less than those which can occur in a goal.

In a properly headed ball, the forehead takes the impact, and bent knees absorb much of the force. But in an improperly headed ball by an inexperienced player who may be caught by surprise, movement of the head creates rotational forces on the brain. Some of the impact would be sufficient to create shearing stresses that could stretch and deform brain tissue, if the ball is not headed properly. If you execute the header properly, the effect on your brain is most likely minimal, however, if you get hit in the head and don't expect it, it could be a different story.

Even though there are few reported cases of concussion, which itself is not always easily to identify on the field. The cumulative effect of repeated head trauma could not be taken too lightly.

Trail of Trials

By Al Gomolka Jr.
Times Poet Laureate
c. 1995

Life is a trail of trials
"We" by nature
Do not envision trials as having value
But trials are "our" ways-to-means
It is in the way "we" handle trials
Not letting trials rule "us"
Attitude, vision, and expression with these trials
That "we" all will experience
Purifies "our" spirit
Which enhances "our" light
Or darkens "our" souls
Storms will always be brewing
Battles are impending
The devil will always attack
Trials, trials, trials
Pray 'til one trial is over
And look forward to living for a new one
Until "our" trail of trials has ended
At heaven.

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.B...

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Middlesex County held its annual service to memorialize the friends, neighbors, colleagues and family members lost through work-related incidents. Over the past 12 months, 45 New Jersey workers have lost their lives while at work and many more here and throughout the nation have suffered debilitating illnesses or injuries while at work. To honor these workers, Workers Memorial Day was established nationally in 1989 and commemorated each year. This day is also a tribute to those who have helped lead the fight to improve conditions and safety practices throughout the nation. (Photo/Info Submitted)

Burzichelli, Coughlin, Schaer & Singleton Bill to Provide Incentives to Improve Hospital Care Now Law

Legislation Assembly Democrats John Burzichelli, Craig Coughlin, Gary Schaer and Troy Singleton sponsored to allow hospitals to provide doctors with performance-based incentive payments to increase quality of care and reduce costs is now law.

“Essentially, this law will allow hospitals and physicians to enter into arrangements to improve the overall health of an individual patient by tracking him or her through the health care delivery system,” said Burzichelli (D-Cumberland/Gloucester/Salem). “Through objective measurements, physicians will have an additional incentive to go above and beyond to improve outcomes for their patients. This is a win for everyone.”

The new law (A-3404) enables New Jersey hospitals to apply the benefits of the previously successful Medicare gainsharing program, which was operational from 2009 through 2016, to the New Jersey commercial patient population by permitting physicians and hospitals to work together to improve patient care while cutting costs.

“This creates an additional incentive for physicians and hospitals to work collaboratively and efficiently to strive for excellence,” said Coughlin (D-Middlesex). “While doctors will receive incentives, it’s ultimately the patients who will win through superior levels of care.”

“Extraordinary increases in the cost of health care demand innovative approaches that simultaneously will result in lower costs and higher quality,” said Schaer (D-Bergen/Passaic), chair of the Assembly Budget Committee. “By boosting the performance of New Jersey’s health care professionals, our state can better promote wellness and ultimately decrease the health care burden on families’ budgets.”

“When doctors in New Jersey do better, everyone in New Jersey does better,” said Singleton (D-Burlington). “Incentivizing physician performance will mean more engaged providers, better outcomes and an overall better health care system.”

A hospital that seeks to implement such a plan would be required to establish a steering committee to: develop institutional and specialty-specific goals related to patient safety, quality of care, and operational

performance; implement an incentive payment methodology that ensures fair and consistent payments that correlate with individual and collective physician performance; and adopt a mechanism to protect the financial health of the hospital. At least half of the members of the committee must be physicians.

The plan additionally may include specific patient management tasks, care redesign initiatives, and patient safety and quality of care objectives.

In developing the goals for a plan, steering committees will be required to ensure that there exist no incentives to reduce the quality or provision of medically-necessary care or to exceed best practice standards. In developing the payment methodology for a plan, steering committees will be required to ensure that physician performances are objectively measured in light of each physician’s own performance, the nature of the care provided, improvements in the physician’s performance over time, and local and regional standards.

Hospital and physician incentive plans will be administered by an independent third party. Except for plans limited to specific clinical specialties or diagnosis related groups, hospital and physician incentive plans will apply to all admissions and all inpatient costs related to those admissions in a given program. Plans will be open to surgeons and attending physicians of record who have been on the medical staff of the hospital for at least one year. Hospitals will have the discretion to additionally open their plans to other physicians involved in the provision of inpatient care. Patients are to be notified of a hospital and physician incentive plan in advance of admission.

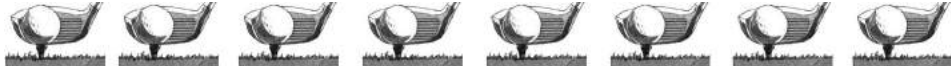
Physicians will be permitted to withdraw from a plan upon reasonable notice to the hospital, and hospitals may terminate a plan upon reasonable notice to DOH and to participating physicians.

DOH would also be required to review hospital and physician incentive plans every six years.

The measure, which received unanimous approval from both houses of the legislature, was signed into law on Monday.

Golf Outing

The 19th Annual Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing will be held Monday July 10, 2017 at the Glenwood Country Club. Registration begins at 11:00 AM, lunch at 11:30 AM with a Noon tee off. The Tournament will be a Scramble format with a dinner and awards reception to follow. The entry fee of \$160.00 per person includes green fees, golf cart, lunch, dinner, beverages and prizes. Dinner only is \$50.00 per person.



There will be a cash bar at dinner.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. To make your reservation please contact the Chamber office at 732- 607- 6340. To register online please visit our website at www.chamberofcommerceobssa.org. Golf entries are limited to the first 72 registrants.

Soft spikes only, metal spikes will not be permitted. Club Dress Code— Collared Shirts – No cut-off shorts, Jeans, Tee or Tank Tops

Riley's Touch A Truck May 21, 2017 (Photos By Brian Stratton)



The Family of Hugh Riley Rone organized an amazing event! Fire Trucks, Construction Vehicles, Hot Rods and more were on hand for everyone to look at and TOUCH. A live band performed and the DB Kelly Pipes and Drums gave a special performance. Proceeds will go to a scholarship in Riley's name.





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Sayreville Public Library Children's Summer Programming

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Artsy Smartsy Club - For children entering grades 1-5 at the Sayreville Public Library. Children are invited to learn about the artistic styles of great artists and create their own masterpieces. Thursdays at 1 PM or 6 PM on the following dates: June 29, July 6, 13, & 20. Register online beginning June 17 by visiting: www.sayrevillelibrary.org or for information call Marie at 732-727-0212 ext. 26. Sayreville Library card holders only please.

Crazy 8's Math Club - Crazy 8's will help children appreciate the magic of math in everyday life. It's fun for children of ALL math abilities. For children entering grades 3-5 at the Sayreville Public Library. Fridays at 1 PM on the following dates: June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28, August 4, & 11. Register online beginning June 17 by visiting: www.sayrevillelibrary.org or for information call Marie at 732-727-0212 ext. 26. Sayreville Library card holders only please.

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The students at St. Ambrose School in Old Bridge displayed their S.T.E.M science projects on Tuesday, May 9, 2017. The event showcased the connection between science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. It was an opportunity for our students to explore the natural world and apply scientific skills. Top photo Hailey Cosentino, Bottom photo Patrick Grospin. (Photos/info courtesy of Kathy Mohin)

Happy Anniversary Alameda Center
– And Many More! (Photo/story submitted)



Indeed, Platinum Health of New Jersey acquired this renowned facility back in 2016 and has worked steadfastly to elevate every aspect of the rehab and skilled nursing services, honoring its commitment to the Perth Amboy community, and its mission to provide Progressive Rehab – And An Impressive Experience to the communities of Middlesex County and its commitment to the Perth Amboy community.

“It has been a year of exceptional teamwork and great accomplishments”, says Jay Berger, LNHA, Administrator at Alameda Center. Among these accomplishments, “to be chosen as a collaborator by Raritan Bay Medical Center to manage the post-surgery care of patients undergoing hip and knee replacement is a true testament to the excellent in rehab and skilled nursing care—something my team and I are very proud of”.

Starting at 8 am on April 21, the staff members were treated to an all-day raffle of gift cards – a generous way of expressing appreciation to a staff that has grown together throughout this year the way a family does: facing challenges together – and celebrating success together.

Looking forward to sustained growth, the 250-bed subacute rehabilitation and nursing care facility will soon launch a Best Evidence

Based Medicine Sepsis Protocol aimed at early identification of infection markers that will enable their specialized staff to identify, communicate with physicians, diagnose, treat, and improve the overall quality of life of patients.

“Thank you for everything you do every day, especially to those of you who have worked with me through the transition; your dedication to our residents and our Center is extremely appreciated” read a communication sent by Jay Berger early in the morning of April 21. Delighted to celebrate the milestone, Berger’s message to the staff at Alameda could not be more heartfelt – and proud!

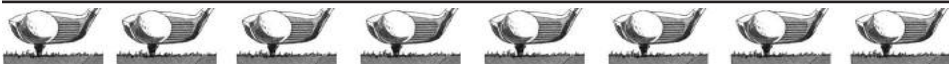
Voted “Best of The Best” three years in a row in Middlesex County by Home News Tribune, Alameda Center is charting new frontiers in patient care with an impressive suite of specialized programs that include state-of-the-art Orthopedic Rehabilitation, Pulmonary Care, Cardiac Telemetry, Peritoneal Dialysis and unique Hispanic and Indian Cultural Programs.

For more information about Alameda Center please contact Junel Hutchinson Executive Director of Admissions & Marketing at 732-638-7280 and visit <http://alamedacenter.com>.

20 Years Ago In The Times



1997-Enjoying the St. Mary Golf outing were the following alumni: (L-R) Tom Suchowski '49, Tom Tatlow '50, Alfie O'Connor '50, Armond Stolte '47, Ray Scupp '50.



Punk Rock Pink Night In South Amboy

May 19, 2017
(Photos By Brian Stratton)



South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry (l) and Police Chief Darren LaVigne (r) point to the banner on City Hall for this worthy cause.



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Special and Reserve Police Officers, Past and Present Remembered

By Joseph Lotkowitz

The South Amboy Police Special and Reserve Units were organized in approximately 1942 as a civil defense unit when World War II broke out. Their mission was to supplement the regular South Amboy Police force. These men and women were a dedicated and loyal group of citizens wanting to help the public whenever and wherever it was necessary. They provided their time to perform all sorts of functions which were not always covered by the regular officers of the South Amboy Police Department. Some of the volunteer's duties consisted of Halloween patrol, parades, traffic control, church functions, and other duties in conjunction with the regular force.

These men and women received training from State, County and Local Police officers in order to perform their duties in a professional manner. The training lasted 12 to 16 weeks and included firearms instruction and practice. Additional training was held weekly at a pistol range for hands on training with weapons. They had to serve a 6-month period of probation before being fully accepted into the department.

All the men and women listed are from the South Amboy Police archives records. They were Special and or Reserve police officers of the South Amboy Police Department.

Listed are the past Officers according to rank:

Capt. Applegate, Capt. Parrish, Lt. Houlthan, Lt. Herrmann, Lt. Thorpe, Sgt. Powell, Sgt. Russell, Sgt. Boychuk, Ptl. Dragotta, Ptl. Luke Lyons, Ptl. Christina, Ptl. Gray, Ptl. Patricia Attardi Kanecke, Ptl.G.Brown, Ptl. R.Brown, and Ptl. Kress, Ptl. Joseph Lotkowitz, Ptl. Parks, Ptl. Pekrepinski, Ptl. Zakrzewski, Ptl. Osmanski, Ptl. Diane Damion, Ptl. Julie Arose, Ptl. Gerald Arose, Ptl. Richard Arose, Ptl. William Housman, Ptl. Thomas Repecki, Ptl. James Holovacko Sr., Ptl. James Holovacko Jr., Ptl. Michael Holovacko, Ptl. Diane Damion, Ptl. Vattelana.

Present Officers are: Ptl. J. Kelly, Ptl. P. Kelly, Ptl. Martin Ruszala (Recently retired).



Sayreville Public Library Children's Storytime and Crafts

Little Lapsit – Children ages 6-23 months can join us for stories, songs, fingerplays and lapsit songs. Mondays at 10 AM, beginning June 26 at the Sayreville Public Library. For more information call Marie at 732-727-0212 ext. 26.

Dino Fun – Dino stories, games and activities for children ages 3-6 accompanied by a parent. Tuesdays at 11 AM, beginning June 27 at the Sayreville Public Library. For more information call Marie at 732-727-0212 ext. 26.

Creative Kids – Children ages 3-9 are invited to join us for variety of craft projects, Children may need the help of an adult to complete the craft. Wednesdays at 6:30 PM, beginning June 28 at the Sayreville Public Library. For more information call Marie at 732-727-0212 ext. 26.

MASST – (Math and Science Storytime) A math and science themed story time series that presents stories and activities designed to introduce important science and math concepts to 3-5 year olds. Please arrive early to get a spot. Thursdays 10-11 AM at the Sayreville Public Library beginning June 29. For more information call Marie at 732-727-0212 ext. 26.

Storytime Surprise – Children ages 2-6 are invited to join us for a different format each week. Will we do a craft, have a dance party or make a delicious snack? Fridays at 11 AM, beginning June 30 at the Sayreville Public Library. For more information call Marie at 732-727-0212 ext. 26.

Obituaries

Bates, Phyllis, 65, of Sayreville died on May 16.

Billings, Ruth M., 69, of South Amboy died on April 24.

Brocato, Joseph J., 89, of South Amboy died on May 7.

Bruhn, Daniel, 31, of Parlin died on May 12.

Buckalew, Lois J., 84, of Morgan died on May 14.

Catapano, Vincent, 92, of Parlin died on May 2.

Dunich, Michael “Mike,” 87, of South Amboy died on May 8.

Ford, James, 69, of Sayreville died on May 7.

Fredricks, Richard E., 74, of Parlin died on May 2.

Friberg, Anna Louisa Harris, 97, of South Amboy died on May 4.

Gabel, Patricia, 83, of Parlin died on May 1.

Gall, Carol Ann, 76, of South Amboy died on April 20.

Gillette, James J. Sr., 73, of Sayreville died on April 21.

Herrighty, Jill, 48, of Sayreville died on April 29.

Hill, Debra Stefanski, 51, of Parlin died on May 12.

Horvath, Paul Jr., 78, of Parlin died on May 12.

Laskiewicz, Carol A., 72, of Sayreville died on May 4.

Osterberg, Helen P., 102, formerly of Sayreville died on May 14.

Pachkowski, John, 80, of Sayreville died on May 3.

Quast, Rose M. 82, of Parlin died recently.

Quinlan, David W. III, 89, formerly of South Amboy died on April 28.

Spencer, Ronald “Bugman,” 58, formerly of South Amboy died on May 4.

Stoddard, Joan A., 68, of Sayreville died on May 14.

Stramback, George, 98, of South Amboy died on May 4.

Szumowski, Thomas M., 50, of Sayreville died on May 12.

Targonski, Clara, 89, of Sayreville died on April 25.

Vargo, Joan, 71, of Sayreville died on April 20.

In Memoriam

James “Jimmy” Gillette Sr., 73, of Sayreville died on April 21. A highly-successful businessman, he was a most-generous philanthropist for our local communities through the years, and was president of the Sayreville Brain Injured Children, in addition to being an honorary lifetime member of the South Amboy Elks Lodge #784. Retired Detective Sgt. John Pachkowski, 80, of Sayreville died on May 3. He was a 35-year veteran of the Sayreville Police Dept., and retired in 2001 with the rank of Detective Sergeant. He served as President of PBA Local #98 from 1968-69, and PBA State Delegate from 1984-87. George Stramback, 98, of South Amboy died on May 4. Before retiring in 1981, he was employed by U.S. Metals, Carteret, and East Brunswick Vo-Tech HS. He proudly held a patent for making train pullman brakes quieter. George was an extensive traveler, and made 144 trips around the country. Joseph Brocato, 89, of South Amboy died on May 7. Before retiring he was a manager in the Purchasing Dept. for DuPont in Newark for 30 years. Joseph was a member of Sayreville VFW Post #4699 and K of C Council #8478. James Ford, 69, of Sayreville died on May 7. Before retiring 15 years ago, he was a supervisor for the NJ Turnpike Authority. Ronald “Bugman” Spencer 58, formerly of South Amboy died on May 4. He was employed by E & G Exterminators in South Amboy. Lois Buckalew, 84, of Morgan died on May 14. She retired in 1997 after 32 years as co-owner of Fred’s Sunoco Station in South Amboy/Sayreville. Joan Stoddard, 68, of Sayreville died on May 14. She sang in the OLV Church Choir and was a member of Prayer Shawl Ministry, as well as the OLV Senior Club. Debra Hill, 51, of Parlin died on May 8. She served in the U.S. Navy for 10 years during the Gulf War.

May they rest in peace and always be remembered.



Remembering Anna Harris Friberg

The South Amboy-Sayreville Times feature writer/researcher, and much more, Anna Harris Friberg, 97, of South Amboy died on May 4th. Anna, better known as “Annie” to her good friends had a truly amazing, storybook-like life.

Born and raised in South Amboy, she graduated from Hoffman HS in 1938, studied to be a hairdresser, and at her first job in Princeton, had the opportunity to cut the hair of the wife of former U.S. President Grover Cleveland! Anna continued her successful career as a beautician/hairstylist, eventually opening her own business, Anna’s Beauty Shop at her home in South Amboy back in 1957. She retired when she was 85 years old in 2005 after 67 years in an occupation that she truly loved. Former South Amboy resident Mary Kay Carter said, “Anna was a fine lady who used to cut my hair back in the day. She lived around the corner from my family home.”

Anna went on to marry Nels Friberg, a U.S. Marine, who fought in World War II, and she remained a faithful supporter of the Marines, even after Nels’ death in 2001. Anna was a wealth of knowledge in so many things, with her specialty being in the history of South Amboy. She not only possessed photos dating back to the 1800’s of her family members and others, but also owned artifacts and antiques, that made her home seem like a local historical museum to anyone who was privileged to visit.

She was recognized for her expertise in local history by the Historical Society of South Amboy, who selected her as its 2016 Historian of the Year. Annie was an active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and a communicant of Trinity United Methodist Church of South Amboy, where many years ago, she and husband Nels served as Sunday School teachers.

She had many talents, and they weren’t limited to just hairstyling and history. Annie was a very talented photographer, and won many blue ribbons at the Middlesex County Fair for her great photos. Also highly creative, she meticulously made and framed Christmas trees, in which she used costume jewelry, and other small medals and decorations. She

put a lot of effort into these “projects” as she called them, and always gave them away to family and friends as a beautiful gift.

Amost hospitable and generous woman, she would offer anyone who visited her, a helping or two of her delicious, award-winning, homemade chocolate pudding. Annie loved to travel and visit her daughters with their families in Mississippi and New Hampshire, and always talked about her great trip to Australia many years ago, with her beloved Nels.

She loved to attend the H.G. Hoffman High School Annual Multi-Class Reunions, where she always had a wonderful time, and having graduated way back in 1938, she won many special awards. Co-Chairperson of the event, Susan Mattsson said, “Anna was one of our most beloved HHS alumni, and we were blessed to have enjoyed many reunions with her. She will be missed very much. May she rest in peace.”



Anna Harris Friberg

Anna had a very active life, and amazingly, she drove her car until she was 96 years old! Anna Louisa Friberg was such a positive and uplifting influence to so many people, bringing happiness to all with her kindness and genuine caring. She was a friend to all.

I will remember her as a wonderful friend, always there with open ears and good advice, always smiling, and someone who loved living each and every day of her life. Thank you Annie and may God Bless you!

Anna Harris Friberg is survived by her loving family: daughters and sons-in-law Linnea and Charles Stevenson of Greenfield, NH, Ethel and David Babcock of Hightstown, and Anna Louisa “Babe” and Robert Mamrak of Weir, MS; her beloved cousin Annemarie McCormack Ganz of Freehold; 7 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great grandchild, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were under the direction of The Gundrum Service “Home For Funerals” 237 Bordentown Ave., South Amboy. Interment was at Cloverleaf Memorial Park, Woodbridge.

Annual Memorial Ceremony in Memory of the Deceased Members of the Sayreville Police Dept. (Photos by Tom Burkard)



Members of the Sayreville Police Department salute during the playing of “Taps.”



Ptl. Douglas Gumprecht, President of PBA Local 98 speaks to the crowd at the annual Memorial Ceremony.



Borough of Sayreville Police Chief John Zebrowski addresses the crowd, and recalls fond memories and stories of deceased Sayreville Police Officers.



On June 6, 2016 we accompanied our father, Peter Morphy, to his final resting place at Arlington National Cemetery. It had been a long journey. Dad’s service in WWII began when he enlisted in the Army Air Corps on December 2, 1942. He reached the rank of Sergeant serving as a radio operator on B-17 bombers in 30 missions over France, Germany, the former Czech Republic and Poland. On D-Day, June 6, 1944, at the young age of 20, Dad flew missions from England over France. Interesting that his funeral service was scheduled exactly 72 years later. How fitting. After the war, Dad was employed at Singer’s in Elizabeth, New Jersey where he fell in love with our mother, Carmen Torres, married and moved to Avenel, New Jersey. Both our parents were active for decades in the Avenel VFW Post 7164 supporting VFW causes and events. Dad died last January just short of his 92nd birthday and we were fortunate to receive approval for an Arlington National Cemetery funeral ceremony which was handled with ultimate respect and precision. We think of you fondly each day, Dad, and know you are in a better place. (Photos/story submitted by Councilwoman Zusette Dato)

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